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## US Denounces 'Nuclear Blackmail' as Iran Plans to Breach Uranium Limit



A display featuring missiles and a portrait of Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei Sept. 27, 2017. Photo: Nazanin Tabatabaee Yazdi / TIMA via Reuters.

**BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF**

Iran announced on Monday it would soon breach limits on the amount of enriched uranium it can stockpile under a 2015 international agreement, in a new point of contention with the United States, which accused Tehran of "nuclear blackmail."

Tensions between Iran and

the United States are rising more than a year after President Donald Trump announced Washington was withdrawing from the nuclear deal. Fears of a confrontation increased last week when oil tankers in the Gulf were attacked.

The accord, which Iran and the other signatories have maintained following Trump's decision, caps Iran's stock of low-enriched uranium at 300 kg enriched to 3.67 percent.

But Iran's Atomic Energy Organization spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi said on Monday: "We have quadrupled the rate of enrichment (of uranium) and even increased it more recently, so that in 10 days it will bypass the 300 kg limit."

"Iran's reserves are every day increasing at a more rapid rate," he told state TV, adding that "the move will be reversed once other

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## Laughter Greets Malaysian PM's Antisemitic Barb at Cambridge

**BY BEN COHEN**

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad — infamous for his antisemitic views across several decades — delivered an anti-Jewish barb that was greeted with laughter during an appearance at the Cambridge University Union in the UK on Sunday night.

The 93-year-old was responding to a respectfully-posed question from the event moderator who asked him, "Why do you say that the Jewish people in general are inclined towards money? There are lots of Jews who care about human rights,



Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad. Photo: Reuters / Lai Seng Sin.

care about social justice, care about democracy."

Mahathir answered: "I have some Jewish friends, very good friends. They are not like the other Jews, that's why they are my friends."

This comment was met with an appreciative peal of laughter that rippled across the audience. This was immediately followed by an awkward silence, during which Mahathir grinned at the moderator and then the audience.

At no point was Mahathir challenged or reprimanded

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## Opinion.

## Iran Is Playing With Fire

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ISRAEL HAYOM/JNS.org

The slew of terrorist attacks perpetrated recently by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), the most recent being directed against oil tankers in the Persian Gulf, are more proof of the pressure that harsh US sanctions are putting on Tehran. Washington is slowly strangling the Iranian economy, and the ayatollahs are finding it difficult to find a way out of the noose they feel tightening around their necks.

The Europeans, as they usually do, are expressing understanding of Tehran's difficulties, but not doing anything to help it. Russia and China, the ayatollah regime's most important allies, are not known for handing out bonbons — and even if they wanted to help Iran, their economic ability to do so is limited.

The Iranians thought they could hold on until the 2020 US elections, in the hope that if a new government were voted in, pressure from Washington would ease up. But the Iranian economy has collapsed faster than officials in Tehran thought it would, and the economic distress has led to increased civil protests within Iran. The budget hardships also forced Iran to slash the generous aid it provided to its various satellites throughout the Middle East, including Hezbollah and the regime of Syrian

President Bashar al-Assad.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and his close associates, who supposedly belong to the moderate camp, have tried in vain to find a diplomatic solution through the friends of Iran in Europe, and even the help of Russia and China. It quickly became clear that both Rouhani and his foreign minister, Javad Zarif, are the tail of the dog, and it's the IRGC that decides on policy in Iran. The IRGC wants to maintain its power and promote terrorism throughout the Middle East, even if Iranian citizens are the ones who have to pay the price.

Therefore, the Iranians have decided to turn up the flames, hoping that the Americans will agree to ease the sanctions as a way of avoiding any escalation that would hurt US allies in the Persian Gulf. On the other hand, leaders in Tehran are hoping that Europe and possibly even some Gulf states will cave in the face of terrorism, and urge Washington to give up its policy or take action themselves to placate Iran.

Iran is a paper tiger. While it is capable of making its neighbors' lives miserable and spreading terrorism throughout the region, when it is confronted directly and red lines are drawn — and when other nations are poised to strike — Iran falls back. That is what happened in Syria, for example, where Israel managed to check Iranian attempts to entrench itself. Besides which, Iran does not have the capabilities to withstand America's military might, should it ever be turned on Tehran with full force.



An oil tanker is seen after it was attacked at the Gulf of Oman, in waters between Gulf Arab states and Iran, June 13, 2019. Photo: ISNA/Handout via REUTERS.

Tehran is hoping that it can keep walking a tightrope and believes that through threats and terrorism, it will achieve its goals and avoid total economic collapse. It appears that the Iranians are being encouraged by the international community's lukewarm response and especially by the US's conduct, which they perceive as weak and hesitant. In the end, the Middle East is like the Wild West — anyone who draws a gun should shoot, or else their threats will carry no weight.

It cannot be denied that the United States is sending mixed signals. On one hand, it is applying harsh sanctions against Iran, but on the other, it is making it clear that it intends to pull out of the Middle East and not get bogged down in the muck of regional disputes. Washington is pointing an accusing finger at Iran as the party responsible for last week's

attack on oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman, and is even threatening to respond if Iran dares to attack American interests.

However, the Americans are also expressing a willingness to enter into dialogue with Tehran. Even more importantly, they are not responding to Iranian terrorist attacks in the region.

Other than Israel, none of the countries in the region — particularly the Gulf states — have the ability to confront Iran on their own. So Washington will be forced to deal Iran a severe blow — not only to deter it but to prevent escalation and war. It would be better if that blow came sooner rather than later.

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## One Sentence From a New York Times Letter Packs In Three Inaccuracies



IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

A front-page *New York Times* article earlier this month about Birthright Israel problematically echoed the "Zionism is racism" myth. Now the *Times* has compounded the error by publishing a letter to the editor that includes a false claim about the program.

The *Times*-published letter to the editor claims, inaccurately, "Birthright is funded mainly by Donald Trump's biggest donor, Sheldon Adelson."

Leave it to The *New York Times* to manage the extraordinary feat of packing three inaccuracies into a single 11-word sentence, but there it is.

First, the reference to "Sheldon Adelson" omits Dr. Miriam Adelson, Sheldon's spouse and his partner in philanthropy. Ignoring a woman is often correctly defined as sexism. When *The Algemeiner* reported last year that Sheldon and Miriam Adelson had announced a \$70 million gift to Birthright in honor of Israel's 70th birthday, bringing their total contributions to Birthright to \$410 million, we correctly identified both of them as the donors.

Second, Adelson is not "Donald Trump's biggest donor." The Adelsons are big political donors, and according to OpenSecrets.org they were the largest federal contributors in

the 2018 campaign cycle. But Trump wasn't on the ballot in 2018. In any case, giving money to Republicans or conservatives or to independent expenditure operations is not the exact same thing as giving to Donald Trump or to Trump's campaign. For the 2016 cycle, in which Trump ran, OpenSecrets refers to "Trump's top campaign donor, Robert Mercer, the billionaire co-CEO of the hedge fund Renaissance Technologies." The Adelsons gave more political money overall, but the Mercers gave more specifically to Trump, at least by the Open Secrets count.

Third, Birthright is not "funded mainly" by Adelson. The Adelsons have been generous and major supporters, but many other philanthropists and the government of Israel are also significant funders of the program. At one point Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced \$100 million in Israeli govern-

ment funding for Birthright over three years.

The *Times* letter to the editor came from Rose Asaf, identified by the newspaper as "co-founder and former president of New York University's Jewish Voice for Peace chapter."

A *Times* defender might take the position that it is Asaf, rather than the *Times* itself, that is to blame for the inaccuracy. But surely the *Times* has at least some responsibility for the letters it chooses to publish. It receives many more letters than it prints, and it easily could have chosen not to publish this particular letter, or at least to edit it so that it is accurate. If the *Times* isn't going to police the letters column at all, there'll be no end to people sneaking false claims into the newspaper by that method — as seems to have happened here.

Ira Stoll was managing editor of *The Forward* and North American editor of *The Jerusalem Post*.



Birthright Israel. Photo: "20120614\_034802" by ransonjd

## World News.

# Spanish Court Rules Valencia City Council Violated Constitution by Affiliating With BDS Group

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A Spanish court has ruled that the City Council of Valencia violated the law when it voted to affiliate itself with an anti-Israel BDS group.

On May 31, 2018, the Council voted in favor of affiliating with the group ELAI, or "Space Free of Israeli Apartheid." The resolution further stipulated that the council, its institutions and civil servants must refrain from any contact or cooperation with Israel.

The motion was supported by far-left and socialist parties on the Council, while the minority conservative and liberal parties opposed it.

After lawsuits filed by the Spanish pro-Israel

group ACOM, which fights BDS and antisemitism in the country, Valencia's Court Number 9 ruled on June 5 that the Council's decision violated Article 14 of the constitution by subjecting potential contractors to ideological criteria.

"It is obvious that its aim was precisely to exclude from hiring persons and organizations in any way linked with or rooted in the State of Israel," the court stated.

Angel Mas, the president of ACOM, said of the situation in the city, "The Valencian community is in a serious institutional situation due to the strong link of certain political parties with antisemitic movements that are promoting from the institutions the hatred and discrimination against Jews."

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by the moderator. There were no audible protests from the audience.

Mahathir also found an opportunity at the event to demonize the LGBTQ+ community with a rant against gay marriage that was approvingly reported in the Malaysian media.

"I don't understand gay marriage. Marriage is about producing children. Do you get children in a gay marriage? What do they do? They adopt children and things like that," said Mahathir, who was re-elected as Malaysia's prime minister in 2018.

Mahathir's long-held beliefs about Jewish domination of global politics and finance have become one of his defining characteristics as a world leader. Career highlights have included invoking the Nazi stereotype of Jews as "hooknosed" financiers, questioning the extent of the Holocaust during an interview with the BBC, and telling a Muslim solidarity conference with the Palestinians that the September 11, 2001 Al Qaeda terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, DC, "were staged... as an excuse to mount attacks against the Muslim world."

In that same speech, in 2010, Mahathir added pointedly: "[Y]ou know, there are forces in the United States which prevent the president from doing some things. One of the

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parties fulfil their commitments."

The move further undermines the nuclear pact also signed by Russia, Britain, Germany, China and the European Union, but Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said the collapse of the deal would not be in the interests of the region or the world.

A White House National Security Council spokesman said Iran's plan amounted to "nuclear blackmail" and must be met with increased international pressure.

The nuclear deal seeks to head off any pathway to an Iranian nuclear bomb in return for the removal of most international sanctions.

Britain said if Iran breached agreed limits then London would look at "all options."

Israel, Iran's arch foe, urged world powers to step up sanctions against Tehran swiftly should it exceed the enriched uranium limit.

However, European Union foreign policy

forces is the Jewish lobby, AIPAC."

Several protests were made to the Cambridge Union — Britain's oldest debating society — in the lead-up to Mahathir's appearance on Sunday.

Adam Cannon, a former Union president, took to Twitter last week to express his discontent regarding the invitation. "As a former President of the [Cambridge Union]," he wrote, "I'm appalled that they have invited [...] an overt antisemite to speak."

"Free speech does not mean the Union should be giving him a platform to spout his vile views."

Peter Sugarman, who was a Cambridge Union president in 1981, told The Jewish Chronicle newspaper: "Just because the Union has the right to invite someone, doesn't mean that it's sensible to do so.

"I endorse free speech. However, given Mr. Mohamad's known antisemitic views, it is sad that the Cambridge Union gave him a platform to express such sentiments. Sadly, it appears that he lived down to expectations."

Among the student organizations condemning Mahathir's appearance was the Labour Party's student branch at Cambridge University. In a tweet, the Cambridge University Labour Club denounced the Malaysian leader as a "vicious antisemite" and declared its "solidarity with British Jews."

chief Federica Mogherini said the EU would only react to any breach if the International Atomic Energy Agency formally identified one.

Gulf tankers

US-Iran tensions are growing again following attacks last Thursday on two oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman, a vital oil shipping route. Trump's administration has accused Iran of being behind the incidents. Iran denies having any role.

Iran's armed forces chief of staff, Major General Mohammad Baqeri, on Monday denied Tehran was behind the attacks and said if the Islamic Republic decided to block the strategic Strait of Hormuz shipping lane it would do so publicly.

The secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, Ali Shamkhani, said Tehran was responsible for security in the Gulf and urged US forces to leave the region, state TV said.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has spoken to officials from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, China, Kuwait, South

# Top Officials Gather in Bucharest to Coordinate Global Fight Against Antisemitism



Graves desecrated with swastikas are seen in the Jewish cemetery in Quatzenheim, near Strasbourg, France, Feb. 19, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Vincent Kessler.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Several dozen top officials from around the world involved in combating antisemitism kicked off a first-of-its-kind conference in the Romanian capital of Bucharest on Monday.

The two-day event was organized by the World Jewish Congress (WJC) and the Romanian government. The purpose of the gathering, the WJC said, was to bring together "global Jewish leaders and global counter-antisemitism coordinators to discuss the key issues facing Jewish communities today and deliberate best practices going forward."

Addressing the conference on Monday,

Korea, Britain and other countries to share evidence of Iran's involvement in the attacks on the Norwegian and Japanese tankers, a senior State Department official said.

Iran on Monday accused its main regional rival Saudi Arabia — a close US ally — of adopting a "militaristic, crisis-based approach" for accusing Tehran of carrying out the tanker attacks.

In May, Tehran said it would reduce compliance with the nuclear pact in protest at the US decision to unilaterally pull out of the agreement and reimpose sanctions.

The accord requires Iran to curb its uranium enrichment capacity, capping Iran's stock of low-enriched uranium at 300 kg of uranium hexafluoride enriched to 3.67 percent or its equivalent for 15 years. That is far below the 90 percent needed for weapons grade uranium and also below the 20 percent level to which Iran enriched uranium before the deal.

A series of UN inspections under the deal have verified that Iran has been meeting its commitments.

Iran's Rouhani said on Monday that European nations still had time to save the accord.

"It's a crucial moment, and France can still work with other signatories of the deal and play an historic role to save the deal in this very short time," Rouhani was quoted as saying during a meeting with France's new ambassador in Iran.

French President Emmanuel Macron said he regretted Iran's announcement but that Paris would hold talks with Iran and its partners to avoid any further escalation in the region.

European Commission Coordinator for Combating Antisemitism Katharina von Schnurbein, said, "There is a need in all EU member states to step up efforts [against antisemitism], see where the gaps are, and make sure they are being filled and implemented. The big challenge will be to push back against antisemitism — not just contain it."

Prominent figures set to speak at the conference included Romanian Prime Minister Viorica Dancila, US Special Envoy for Combating Antisemitism Elan Carr and Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight Against Antisemitism Felix Klein, among others.

Nuclear reactor

Kamalvandi, in a news conference at Iran's Arak heavy-water nuclear reactor which has been reconfigured under the deal, said Tehran could rebuild the underground facility to make it functional. Heavy water can be employed in reactors to produce plutonium, a fuel used in nuclear warheads.

In January, Iran's nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi told state TV that "despite pouring concrete in pipes within the core of the Arak reactor... Iran had purchased pipes for replacement in case the West violated the deal."

Mojtaba Zolnour, head of parliament's nuclear committee, said Iran would quit the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty against the spread of nuclear weapons unless European powers saved the 2015 agreement.

The western European signatories to the deal — France, Britain and Germany — have defended it as the best way to limit Iran's enrichment of uranium.

But Iran has repeatedly criticized delays in setting up a European mechanism that would shield trade with Iran from US sanctions in an effort to save the nuclear deal.

The United States and the IAEA believe Iran had a nuclear weapons program that it abandoned. Tehran denies ever having had one.

Pompeo said on Sunday the United States did not want to go to war with Iran but would take every action necessary, including diplomacy, to guarantee safe navigation through Middle East shipping lanes.

Iran said on Monday it had exposed a cyber espionage network, accused the CIA of running it and that several US spies had been arrested in different countries as a result.

## World News.



The Chernobyl reactor #4 building as of 2006, including the later-built sarcophagus and elements of the maximum-security perimeter. Photo: Carl Montgomery via Wikimedia Commons.

## As 'Chernobyl' HBO Miniseries Becomes Global Hit, Israeli Doctor Recalls a Reality That Was 'Much Worse'

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

As the HBO miniseries "Chernobyl" has become a global hit, one Israeli doctor knows especially well how accurate it is: "Everything you see in the series is true, except in reality it was much worse," he said.

Doctor Michael Fishkin, who is currently a leading member of the staff at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, was a young man of 26 when he was sent from his home in Russia to the Ukraine to aid soldiers and cleanup crews at the site of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant after its reactor exploded.

"We ate and breathed radiation," Fishkin recalled for the Israeli news site Mako. "The soldiers would ask me, 'Tell me doctor, will it really kill us?' I couldn't lie to them."

Even after the passage of decades, Fishkin is bitter about his experience, saying, "I was angry at the system that send us without protection and without a trace of humanity, and because of this we absorbed excessive radiation without a good reason. Only because we were there and the state wanted to display power and control."

Fishkin said he was even more upset by the fact that, he believes, the majority of doctors sent to Chernobyl were Jews.

In one terrifying moment, Fishkin drove to the site of the destroyed reactor with a scientist and their vehicle broke down at the site of the disaster, which was highly irradiated.

"At that moment I thought — that's it, I'm going to die," he said. "Our radiation detector spun around in all directions and everything flew toward us."

After ten minutes, the car started again and the two men escaped.

After returning from Chernobyl, Fishkin decided to leave the Soviet Union and made aliyah. Despite his success in his field, he remains scarred by the experience, suffering from several chronic illnesses he attributes to his time in the disaster zone, including asthma, a weakened immune system and liver problems.

"I was a young doctor and I knew I was sent to a place I might not come back from, and if I did, it would be with diseases, but I had no choice. It was the mission," he said.

## Top UK Jewish Group Praises Anglican Church in Wales for Adopting International Antisemitism Definition

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A leading UK Jewish group on Monday praised the Anglican Church in Wales for adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism.

The Bishops of the Church in Wales said in a statement following the adoption of the definition, "We regard antisemitism as abhorrent and recognize that the Christian Church has need of repentance for the ways in which it has contributed in the past to anti-Jewish sentiment."

Pointing out the definition's inclusion of antisemitism directed against Israel, the bishops said, "We note that the IHRA defini-

tion itself does not preclude criticism of the State of Israel, and that legitimately holding the Israeli government to account is not antisemitic."

"In making the decision we recognise the excellent relationships between faith communities in Wales," the statement concluded.

Board of Deputies of British Jews President Marie van der Zyl praised the Church, saying, "We are pleased to see that the international antisemitism definition is gathering pace in the faith communities."

"Following the Church of England's adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism last September, we have been pleased

## Ousted Ex-Egyptian President Morsi Dies After Court Hearing

BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Former Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi, the first democratically-elected head of state in Egypt's modern history, died on Monday aged 67 after collapsing in a Cairo court while on trial on espionage charges, authorities said.

Morsi, a top figure in the now-banned Muslim Brotherhood, had been in jail since being toppled by the military in 2013 after barely a year in power following mass protests against his rule.

The public prosecutor said he had collapsed in a defendants' cage in the courtroom shortly after speaking, and had been pronounced dead in hospital at 4:50 p.m. (14:50 GMT). It said an autopsy had shown no signs of recent injury on his body.

After decades of repression under Egyptian autocrats, the Brotherhood won a parliamentary election after a popular uprising toppled Hosni Mubarak and his military-backed establishment in 2011.

Morsi was elected to power in 2012 in Egypt's first free presidential election, having been thrown into the race at the last moment by the disqualification on a technicality of millionaire businessman Khairat al-Shater, by far the Brotherhood's preferred choice.

His victory marked a radical break with the military men who had provided every Egyptian leader since the overthrow of the monarchy in 1952.

Morsi promised a moderate Islamist agenda to steer Egypt into a new democratic era where autocracy would be replaced by transparent government that respected human rights and revived the fortunes of a powerful Arab state long in decline.

But the euphoria that greeted the end of an era of presidents who ruled like pharaohs did not last long.

The stocky, bespectacled man, born in 1951 in the dying days of the monarchy, told Egyptians he would deliver an "Egyptian renaissance with an Islamic foundation."

Instead, he alienated millions who accused him of usurping unlimited powers, imposing the Brotherhood's conservative



Then-Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi in a meeting with then-US Defense Secretary Panetta, July 31, 2012. Photo: Reuters / Mark Wilson / File.

brand of Islam and mismanaging the economy, all of which he denied.

State of emergency

Security sources said the Interior Ministry had declared a state of alert on Monday, notably in Morsi's home province of Sharqiya in the Nile Delta, where the body was expected to be taken for burial.

Morsi had been in court for a hearing on charges of espionage emanating from suspected contacts with the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, which had close ties to the Brotherhood.

His body was taken to the Tora prison hospital, state television reported.

His lawyer said Morsi's health had been poor in jail. "We had put in several requests for treatment, some were accepted and others were not," the lawyer, Abdel-Menem Abdel-Maqsood, told Reuters.

Morsi was serving a 20-year prison sentence for a conviction arising from the killing of protesters during demonstrations in 2012, and a life sentence for espionage in a case related to the Gulf state of Qatar. He had denied the charges.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan mourned his fellow Islamist as a martyr.

"Putting doubts aside, he has become a martyr today with the fulfillment of God's order ... Our prayers are with him," Erdogan said.

"Condolences to all my brothers who walked the same path as he did. Condolences to the people of Egypt. Condolences to his family and those close to him."

Qatar's emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, a backer of Morsi and his Brotherhood, tweeted his condolences to Morsi's family "and to the brotherly Egyptian people."

## Ben-Gurion Airport Workers Arrested for Smuggling Illegals Into Israel

BY JNS.org

Six people were arrested and eight others detained on Monday by the Israel Police Lahav 433 national crimes unit as part of an investigation into a smuggling ring responsible for bringing hundreds of foreign nationals into Israel.

The smuggling network, which operated out of Rishon Letzion, is believed to have

brought over a thousand Georgian nationals into Israel since 2017.

The suspects include contract workers at the Israel Airports Authority, who are alleged to have bypassed security mechanisms and passport control at Ben-Gurion International Airport. They allegedly received as much as \$10,000 per person to smuggle Georgians into Israel, some of whom came to work in the country.

to see the Church of Scotland and now the Church in Wales follow suit," she continued.

"We would commend the definition and all its examples to all who want to identify, confront and eradicate this poisonous and enduring form of hatred from our society and we thank the Church in Wales for their solidarity," van der Zyl added.



An Anglican cathedral. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

U.S. News.

# 16 House Republicans Urge Twitter CEO to Ban Hamas

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/JNS.org

Sixteen US lawmakers have called on Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey to remove “all content promoting terrorist activity” from the social media platform, and to ban “senior Hamas officials and associates from Twitter who radicalize individuals to incite violence against Israelis.”

In a letter to the San Francisco-based social media giant, the members of Congress warned that if Twitter failed to comply, they would consider legislative measures to ban these accounts.

Signatories include Lee Zeldin (R-NY), Doug Lamborn (R-Colo.), Joe Wilson (R-SC), Bill Johnson (R-Ohio), Scott Desjarlais (R-Tenn.), Randy Weber (R-Tex.), Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.), Ted Budd (R-NC), Doug LaMalfa (R-Calif.), Scott Perry (R-Pa.), Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.), Mark Meadows (R-NC), Louie Gohmert (R-Tex.), Francis Rooney (R-Fla.), Davis Kustoff (R-Tenn.), and John Ratcliffe (R-Tex.).

The lawmakers argued that by not barring these accounts, Twitter may be providing material support to these terrorist groups by allowing them to disseminate their destructive propaganda, which is prohibited under federal law.

“Congress has already determined that providing material support, resources, and intangible assistance to an FTO [Foreign Terrorist Organization] is a federal crime,” the letter read.

“Furthermore, the Supreme Court has upheld that federal law prohibiting individuals and groups from providing material support to FTOs does not violate the First Amendment. It is imperative that Twitter, a United States Company, bans designated FTOs, removing all content promoting terrorist activity.”

Over the past several years, the letter continued, “Twitter has made some progress by removing terrorist content from groups such as ISIS [Islamic State] and Hezbollah. However, more needs to be done to eradicate the spread of all terrorist

activity by designated FTOs.”

“Hamas follows a comprehensive charter that calls for the murder of every Jew and the destruction of the State of Israel through the covenant of Jihad,” the lawmakers wrote. “Hamas is well known for firing rockets and digging terror tunnels into Israel, murdering and kidnapping Israelis, and using women and children as human shields. Every year, Hamas uses Twitter to gather mass participation for its ‘Days of Rage’ against Israel.

“Hamas and other terrorist organizations use Twitter to recruit members, and praise ‘martyrs’ that kill innocent Americans and Israelis,” the letter stated. “Hamas is recognized as a designated terrorist organization by not only the United States but the European Union and Canada as well. That is why we also urge you to ban senior Hamas officials and associates from Twitter who radicalize



Twitter graphic. Photo: edar/Pixabay.

individuals to incite violence against Israelis.”

Twitter, the letter concluded, “has a responsibility to stop the spread of terrorism on its site. We hope Twitter will take action without the need for additional congressional oversight and legislative action.”

# Despite US Trade War, Chinese Money Still Critical to Israeli Tech, Says Venture Capitalist Adam Fisher

BY ADI PICK/CTech

The US-China trade war may have made Chinese money “toxic,” but China is still a critical market for Israeli tech, and too huge to avoid, according to Israeli venture capitalist Adam Fisher, a partner at the Israeli office of venture capital firm Bessemer Venture Partners, headquartered in Menlo-Park, California.

Fisher spoke Tuesday about China, growth opportunities for startups, and the pros and cons of going public at *Calcalist's* investors’ event It Tech Two to Tango, held at the events space of Labs, a coworking space located on the top floors of the Azrieli Sarona Tower in Tel Aviv.

In regards to Chinese money, Fisher said he urges all companies to be extremely cautious. I advise my own companies not to take it, he said. Chinese investors will spend more money, but it will come with several strings attached down the road, he said.

Israel is not the only country caught in the middle of this trade war, Fisher added.

Commenting on raising equity versus going public, Fisher said it may be very tempting to remain private, and that several factors are needed to succeed as a public company, such as having a growth rate of more than 30 percent and a management team that can handle the immense costs of being a public company.

Fisher expects there to be approximately 10 Israeli companies who will seek initial public offerings over the next three years. Bessemer Venture Partners was the first institutional investor in online gig marketplace Fiverr, which began trading on NYSE Thursday.

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## Opinion.

# The DC Dyke March: When the Oppressed Become the Oppressor



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It seems that a segment of the infamous Dyke March has once again exposed itself as being a bastion of hypocrisy and bigotry.

In theory, the group stands for equality, acceptance, and tolerance. After all, is that not the essence of the LGBT movement?

After countless years of oppression, persecution, and harassment, members of the LGBT community finally joined together to fight for a more open-minded and tolerant society. But alas, that is not the case anymore.

As with so many things in today's day and age, anti-Israel fanaticism has seeped into an event that should stand above such things. The organizers of the Washington, DC Dyke March banned Israeli flags and Stars of David from their event, effectively isolating and segregating Israelis and Jews that are either members of the LGBT community or its allies.

So much for tolerance and acceptance.

This constant assault on Israel in some quarters of the LGBT community is both fascinating and quite curious. While it is perfectly acceptable to debate Israeli policy towards the Palestinians, the Jewish state's stance in regards to LGBT rights is something

to be proud of.

While there is still much to do, Israel has continuously advanced in regard to LGBT rights. One only needs to look at the thriving gay community in Tel Aviv and elsewhere in the country to realize this truth.

Israel is the only Middle Eastern country to host annual gay pride parades. Members of its LGBT community are not arrested or molested because of their sexual identity, something that cannot be said of any of Israel's neighbors. And this reality should be celebrated within the global LGBT community.

Israel serves as an island of safety and tolerance in a hostile regional sea. But instead of celebrating Israel's achievements, a vocal segment of the LGBT community has openly sided with the Palestinians on all issues — a curious fact, seeing as how Palestinian society is extremely hostile, violent, and intolerant towards members of the LGBT community.

There have been reports of harassment, intimidation, and assault against members of the LGBT community in the Palestinian territories. And yet, certain LGBT groups overlook this and instead jump on the ever-popular anti-Israel bandwagon.

What made the decision by the organizers of the DC Dyke March even more egregious is the fact that they have allowed Palestinian flags to fly at previous rallies. If they wanted to remain true to the essence of the LGBT struggle, the Dyke March should

have allowed Palestinian and Israeli flags to fly together as a sign of hope.

Palestinian, Israeli, Muslim, and Jewish members of the LGBT community should be able to stand together without letting the wider political conflict pollute the community. But the DC Dyke March organizers do not want unity. Nor do they want diversity. They have betrayed the symbolism of the very rainbow flag they so proudly wave. They have adopted a totalitarian mindset that refuses to allow or accept a diversity of opinions. Instead, the DC Dyke March has become just another anti-Israel mouthpiece.

Due to this hypocrisy, members of the LGBT community have lashed out against the DC Dyke March. And rightfully so.

The LGBT community already deals with issues pertaining to "othering" and exclusion. The actions of the Dyke March have basically "othered" Jewish and Israeli LGBT members, and have effectively pushed them into the metaphorical closet. This is unacceptable and must be continuously challenged.

And so, on the day that the Dyke March took to the streets of Washington earlier this month, a counter protest stood loudly and proudly waving rainbow and Star of David flags, and let themselves be seen and heard. In addition to this, several reports mentioned that a few celebrants managed to get into the Dyke March itself with the aforementioned banned flags.

Welcome news indeed.



A Palestinian flag flies at Chicago's 2017 Dyke March, following the exclusion of Jewish participants. Photo: Screenshot

In recent days, several other branches of the Dyke March have publicly stated that they would allow all flags to be waved at their events — Star of David flags included.

While it is admirable that the decision to ban Jewish pride flags by the Washington, DC branch of the Dyke March has been challenged on several fronts, it is important to realize that the struggle against anti-Israel elements within the LGBT movement is far from over.

As more and more LGBT groups continue to demonize Israel and accuse her of "pinkwashing," it has become clear that a constant and concerted counter-push must be made by the pro-peace and pro-Israeli segments of the LGBT community.

If left unchecked, the toxic mindset that has corrupted several branches of the Dyke March will continue to spread and fester until the once welcoming LGBT community becomes the very oppressor they have spent lifetimes battling against.

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## David Friedman Said Exactly What Carter Did About Israel Retaining Territory



ELDER OF ZION  
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It's time for yet another clarification on David Friedman.

We've already discussed how The New York Times misrepresented the words of Friedman about how Israel would ultimately keep parts of the West Bank, as claiming that he tacitly supports "annexation" of the territories.

This week, Jason Greenblatt, speaking at a Jerusalem Post conference in New York, said, "I will let David's comments stand for themselves. I think he said them elegantly and I support his comments."

The Times of Israel (TOI) reported this as if Greenblatt also supports unilateral annexation, editorializing, "In an interview published by The New York Times last Saturday, Friedman suggested that some degree of annexation of the West Bank would be legitimate."

What TOI didn't bother reporting is that Greenblatt said explicitly to look at Friedman's words, not the New York Times headline — which was a lie.

That article quotes Friedman saying, "Under certain circumstances, I think Israel has the right to retain some, but unlikely all, of the West Bank."

Isn't that exactly what every peace plan since President Clinton has said? No one is



US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman.  
Photo: Screenshot.

talking about annexation; they are saying that under any possible agreement, Israel will hold on to some part of the territories, and there might be some land swaps.

Even Jimmy Carter said the exact same thing. Visiting the "settlement" of Neve Daniel in 2009, he said, "This particular settlement is not one that I envision ever being abandoned, or changed over into a Palestinian territory. This is part of the close settlements to the 1967 line that I think will be here forever."

Did Carter say he supported annexation? Not at all, and neither did Friedman or Greenblatt. All of them are talking about Israel retaining territory under a peace agreement.

The false reporting in The New York Times has already spawned J Street mailings, Palestinian condemnations, and protests at the Gaza border. This is not the first time that The New York Times has ascribed motives to newsmakers that align with the paper's own wishful thinking rather than their actual words.

Elder of Zion has been blogging about Israel and the Arab world for a really long time now. He also controls the world, but deep down, you already knew that.

## Penguin Cleans Up an Antisemitic Book — and Declares It Kosher



HAROLD BRACKMAN  
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"robust" but not "antisemitic." Contrast this to the comments of Niall Ferguson, who has published several scholarly volumes on the Rothschilds, that the power of the Rothschilds was always overblown, and that it collapsed under the Nazis like a house of cards.

Penguin Books was founded in England in 1935 by maverick English publisher Allen Lane, who deserves credit for "democratizing publishing" through marketing low-price, quality paperbacks. Lane was very sensitive to the rising tide of antisemitism in pre-war Europe, as reflected in one of Penguin's early titles — *The Jewish Problem* by novelist Louis Golding, which exposed Jew hatred throughout the ages. Penguin also published Deborah Lipstadt's *Denying the Holocaust* in 1993, for which Holocaust denier David Irving unsuccessfully sued both author and publisher for libel three years later in a London court.

Lane died in 1970. Now, Penguin's management has "put lipstick on a pig" (to use the colloquialism) to obscure the antisemitism of both Pedro Baños and his book. I don't think Lane would be proud.

Historian Harold Brackman is coauthor with Ephraim Isaac of *From Abraham to Obama: A History of Jews, Africans, and African Americans* (Africa World Press, 2015).

Penguin has responded by claiming that its own "thorough" review of the author and book (no details given) shows that what has been said about the Rothschilds is

## Opinion.

# ‘El Poderosísimo Lobby Judío’: A Spanish Obsession



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The veteran Spanish journalist and commentator Iñaki Gabilondo devoted his broadcast slot last week to a dramatic attack on the “powerful Jewish lobby” in the United States. The pretext was the recent decision by *The New York Times* international print edition to stop the publication of political cartoons following the much reported furor over the antisemitic caricature in its pages that showed a blind US President Donald Trump, a black kipah on his head, being pulled along by a haughty-looking guide dog with the face of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

As antisemites often do, Gabilondo couched his attack upon the “powerful Jewish lobby” within a humanist, universalist imperative; in this case, the freedom of the press to engage in satire and lampoonery without fear of censorship. The binary opposites are established in a manner comforting to the liberal open mind: On the one side, an aware, engaged citizenry cognizant of its democratic rights; on the other, the censorious, sinister Jews and their lobby.

Having presented himself as the voice of this silent majority, a solemn Gabilondo then pronounced on the enormous weight carried by the “Jewish lobby,” regretting that the weakness of the print media today was one reason why the international edition had been so easily compelled to banish cartoons from its pages.

For what it’s worth, I’m also not entirely sure either why the *Times*’ management feels that banishing all cartoons from the international edition makes more sense than properly vetting them before publication, but that’s beside the point. The chief observation to be made is that arguments like Gabilondo’s can always find a peg to hang on; when Jews aren’t running the media, they are starting wars in the Middle East, or running the White House, or blasting Zionist propaganda at anyone in their path.

In Spain, as in other European countries, these conspiratorial fantasies about Jewish power have a long pedigree. One of the key locations where they have manifested has been the press, often fueled by the grotesqueries of Spain’s own cartoonists.

In many cases, the vitriol directed against Jews takes special care to aim at the Holocaust. In 2016, for example, the weekly *El Jueves* ran a vicious cartoon of Israeli soldiers with hooked noses urinating on Palestinians, Jesus among them. The accompanying caption read: “But you don’t understand, my parents were in a concentration camp.”

Indeed, as far back as 2001, the Spanish media has delighted in needling Jews by comparing the Holocaust with Israel’s treat-

ment of the Palestinians; in June of that year, a cartoon in the weekly *La Razon* showed (surprise, surprise) two Israeli officers beating an innocent Palestinian as one says to the other, “There’s no time for me to reflect on the Holocaust.”

Unpalatable as it is to admit, these barbs strike a chord with a significant section of the Spanish public. A poll by the Anti-Defamation League in 2014 found that 65 percent of Spanish citizens believed that Jews were more loyal to Israel than their own countries, 50 percent thought Jews had too much power in international financial markets, and 39 percent were convinced that Jews were in control of the government of the United States.

Ironically, these very same antisemitic views coexist with the overriding belief that Spain doesn’t have a problem with Jews. An European Union Eurobarometer poll in December 2018 found that nearly 70 percent of Spanish respondents didn’t think that antisemitism was an issue in their country — a level of denial that far outweighs nearly every other country in the European Union; from Sweden, where only 17 percent said that antisemitism wasn’t a problem, to France, where 24 percent of respondents said the same.

On such favorable terrain, a journalist like Gabilondo — who started his career during General Franco’s regime in the early 1960s — can get away with making outsize claims about the “Jewish lobby” without providing a scintilla of evidence. It was striking that at no point in his three-minute defense of the antisemitic Trump cartoon did he actually show his viewers what caused the offense, much less provide an account (publicly available, easily assembled) of how the *Times* arrived at the decision that it did.

But perhaps there is no need to do any of that when those three words, *poderosísimo lobby Judío* (“powerful Jewish lobby”), provide all the explanation that is required. For Gabilondo and millions like him, it is these words that expose the true nature of power in the world; contrarian “rational” or “scientific” explanations are, by the same token, a ruse to distract us from the ongoing manipulations of the “Jewish lobby.”

That malicious superstition such as this can receive an outing on national television does not reflect well on Spain — all the more so as no one has challenged Gabilondo outside of his Twitter feed, where one user responded by saying “Jews Jews Jews: Don’t you have another argument?” Sadly, that basic realization does not seem to have dawned on Gabilondo’s colleagues in the Spanish media. As is usual in such cases, silence is equivalent to consent: The next generation of Spaniards will grow up with the myth of the “powerful Jewish lobby,” much as their parents’ did, as a direct result.

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in Israel or the Diaspora by the unremitting hostility of those who call themselves children of Abraham yet claim that they, not we, are his true heirs.

Whichever sound the silver instruments make, they call on that duality that makes Jews and Judaism inseparable. However deep the divisions between us, we remain one family in fate and faith. When the trumpet sounds, it sounds for us.

Shabbat Shalom.

# Another Anti-Israel Academic Coming to Campus Near You



MOSHE PHILLIPS  
NEW YORK

Usually by the time we hear about an anti-Israel professor at some university, it’s too late — she or he already has tenure, is chair of the department, or is so deeply entrenched in other ways that there’s simply no way to prevent him or her from turning young minds against Israel for decade after decade.

But once in a while, fate hands us an alert. Take the case of Kyle Stanton of Albany, New York. He hasn’t even finished his PhD yet, but he has already joined the world of academic Israel-haters. So get ready. Pretty soon he could be teaching your sons and daughters at their college.

Stanton is a PhD candidate and a teaching assistant at the State University of New York at Albany. During the past year or so, his articles have begun to appear in a variety of journals. Academic writing is among the prized stepping stones to a full-fledged university teaching position.

Stanton’s first published writings reveal that he has some very strong opinions about the Arab-Israeli conflict — and a profound bias against Israel.

His first book review appeared in the pages of the journal *New Politics*. He reviewed a book called *War Against the People: Israel, the Palestinians, and Global Pacification*. From the title alone, you can guess the theme of the book. Its author is Jeff Halper, a radical-left anthropologist who has publicly compared Israel to Nazi Germany.

But Stanton thought Halper’s book was just great. Most of the review consisted of quotes and paraphrases from the author, but occasionally, Stanton expressed his own views, which are quite similar to Halper’s. “How is Israel able to continually occupy Palestinian territory in contravention of international law?” Stanton asks. And “The Palestinians have become human test subjects for tactics and weapons that will be used in securitizing others across the globe.”

Most disturbingly, Stanton blames Israel for what he calls “the Ferguson [Missouri] Police Department’s violent response to its citizens after the killing of Michael Brown.” According to Stanton, the Ferguson police “became militarized and hyperaggressive” because of their joint training with the Israeli police. “The connections between Israel and American police forces should raise eyebrows,” Stanton darkly warns.

One of Stanton’s published articles similarly bashes Israel. The article is about American Jews and Israel, and it’s co-authored with Barry Trachtenberg, a BDS advocate who teaches at Wake Forest University. Trachtenberg used to teach at the State University of New York at Albany, where Stanton is now enrolled. Perhaps that’s just a coincidence.

Stanton and Trachtenberg chose to publish their article in the *Journal of Palestine Studies*, which is an anti-Israel propaganda machine disguised as a scholarly journal. Its editor is Rashid Khalidi, who for many years was a spokesman for the PLO.

The Stanton-Trachtenberg article is a

rambling screed about the evil behavior of supporters of Israel. Pro-Israel forces conspire to implement a “strategy of instrumentalizing anti-Semitism as a means of countering criticism of Israel,” they write. And “the tangible threats to Jewish safety that stem from white supremacists and their enablers in government are being dismissed or even excused in order to shore up Zionism and the State of Israel.”

Stanton and Trachtenberg even make the ridiculous claim that the antisemitism of black militants in the 1960s was invented by the Jews. “An increasing number of Jews distanced themselves from civil rights work,”



An aerial view of the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

they assert. “To justify their shifting stance, many Jewish leaders argued that civil rights groups were infused with anti-Semites, and they began to equate civil rights work with being anti-Semitic.”

In the identification line at the end of the article, Stanton writes that he is the “author of a forthcoming article on the American Council for Judaism for *Southern Jewish History*.” Actually, the article was already previously published by Academia.edu, so it will be interesting to see if the editors of *Southern Jewish History* are ready to become the only scholarly journal in the world that reprints previously published articles.

The article reveals much about Stanton. The American Council for Judaism was a small anti-Zionist extremist group established in 1942 — at the peak of the Holocaust — to lobby against creation of a Jewish state. Stanton turns out to be a big fan. His article is called “Blacklisting the ACJ.” He depicts the Council’s members as martyrs who were cruelly persecuted by pro-Zionist organizations.

Despite all of Stanton’s huffing and puffing about “blacklisting,” it turns out that his entire case rests on a sole decision by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council to instruct its local chapters to refrain from contact with the American Council for Judaism. That’s not “blacklisting.” That’s called not wanting to have anything to do with those who are actively trying to harm the Jewish people.

But get ready. This is the kind of anti-Israel drivel that you can expect your sons and daughters to be subjected to if you enroll them in the university where Kyle Stanton happens to teach. And you can bet that, thanks to his anti-Israel credentials, Stanton will land a university teaching job all too soon.

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shall serve you to summon the congregation [edah], and cause the camps [machanot] to journey.” Sometimes the clarion call speaks to our sense of faith. We are God’s people, His emissaries and ambassadors, charged with making His presence real in the world by healing deeds and holy lives. At other times the trumpet that sounds and summons us is the call of fate: Jewish lives endangered

## Impressions.

# Lessons From Israel's First US Ambassador

**BY ASAF ROMIROWSKY**

After the slanderous assaults on American Jews and Israel by Congresswomen Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) and Ilhan Omar (D-MN), there was a slew of condemnations from many sectors of America's political establishment and the Jewish community.

Eliot Engel (D-NY), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called on Omar to apologize and said: "I welcome debate in Congress based on the merits of policy, but it's unacceptable and deeply offensive to call into question the loyalty of fellow American citizens because of their political views, including support for the US-Israel relationship. We all take the same oath. Worse, Representative Omar's comments leveled that charge by invoking a vile antisemitic slur."

James McDonald, who was appointed the first US ambassador to Israel in 1951, understood the vulnerability of American Jews to such slurs. He wrote that year:

*Israel, it must be remembered, is not only a nation among the nations but also a Jewish community among Jewish communities. Unique though it is in being a community not scattered but together, not a minority but a majority, not a factor in the State but its author and raison d'être, it is still one Jewish community among others. Because of its special position it has special problems in its relationships with the other communities. ... Against the extreme Zionist (or anti-Zionist) logician who holds that the Jew has a clear-cut choice — complete assimilation or return to Israel — stands the stubborn experience of history, which suggests that here again reality thrives on apparent inconsistency.*

*Every available indication is that the Diaspora will continue to exist and will continue to face many problems in relation to Israel. One of these problems grows out of the old bogy of dual allegiance. Can one be a Jew and an American, a Jew and an Englishman? This problem is inherent, I think, in the very nature of man as a complex being with diverse ends. All men have not single but multiple allegiances. If a Jew has an emotional sympathy for another State because in that State live other Jews, his attitude is no different from that of an American of Irish descent who has an affection for Ireland and interest in its welfare.*

The (mis)perception of Israel is typically filtered today through a colonialist prism: Western powers implanted a Jewish state in the Middle East to control the region. Jews, the true indigenous population, are cast as doubly illegitimate. Not only is their state falsely depicted as a colonial invention, but they are misrepresented as a purely religious community rather than a national group and are therefore thought undeserving of statehood.

From the Jewish side, apathy, religious ignorance, and the deliberate substitution of "social justice" for traditional Jewish liturgy account for the decline in engagement with Israel. These instincts also show the danger of placing antipathy toward the Jewish state of Israel at the center of religious belief. The growth of disdain and guilt within American Jewry is particularly acute on the cultural left, which is trying to grapple with what Zionism means to

them, their children, and their grandchildren in the absence of any strong feelings about Judaism or fellow Jews.

Jews have always had the bad luck to be blamed for political shifts on both the Left and the Right. They do not get a pass in today's narrow worldview of identity politics, which more often than not is limited to minorities, or at least those who claim to be minorities. This is something Jews have a difficult time arguing for, despite their millennial history as a perennial minority, which continues to this date throughout the world (with Israel constituting the salient exception to this rule).

administration:

*After a half decade of tensions, we must begin the process of repair. The greatest single quality in a leader, I have long observed, is clear-sightedness. The foreign relations field is dense with fog, and the ability to see through it is essential. American and Israeli leaders must discern their confluent interests and work to realize them. They must restore those three "no's" — no surprises, no daylight, no public altercations — in their relations. They must revisit the meaning of ally.*

Beyond this, Jews worldwide seek normality, a quest to be accepted in the community of nations



*Photograph of President Truman in the Oval Office, evidently receiving a Menorah as a gift from the Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben-Gurion (center), and Abba Eban, the Ambassador of Israel to the United States.*

With the global normalizing of antisemitism, including in the US, Jews are being forced to question their Zionist values and the role of US-Israel relations to prove their morality and soul, and to avoid allegations of provoking or "using" antisemitism. To be clear, anti-Zionism — rejecting the Jewish right to national self-determination — is by definition antisemitic, no matter how one tries to turn it on its head.

Moreover, for both Jews and non-Jews, Holocaust imagery conjures up the misguided notion that the Jewish state was part of a compensatory deal struck to atone for the attempted genocidal extermination of European Jewry. From that wrong notion, the false conclusion is drawn that the state can be disestablished for the sake of redeeming the Palestinians, another (supposedly) abused people. Never mind that the analogy makes no historical sense; it was Palestinians who repeatedly sought to obliterate their Jewish neighbors. The claim is not made for the sake of clarity, but rather to hint at some hidden correspondence to justify an indictment of Israel as the emblem of evil.

All these stresses have fragmented American Jewry, changing the trajectory of American Jewish identity and its attitude toward Israel.

Former Israeli ambassador to the US, American-born Michael Oren, writes in his memoirs of the challenging years of the Obama

and within their societies. McDonald was cognizant of that as well and cautioned:

*While it is true that to find normality, the Jew needed a place to be himself, the din of propaganda has caused the Jew come to Israel ... to confuse that need with the need to "just like everyone else." He sometimes forgets that, like other people, he has to have his own character; that he has to share with others certain characteristics. The dangerous drive to be so much like other people that he becomes in reality no more than the least common denominator is a growing force in modern Israel. The dominance of this anomalous tendency would be a disaster.*

While these observations were made in the early 1950s in relation to an Israel still in the state-making phase, the quest for normality has shifted from seeking it in Israel to seeking it outside it, which makes McDonald's warning even more powerful. Fighting the antisemitism of today demands recapturing the Zionism that existed before Israel was established.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc. 2006-HE2, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE2, Plaintiff AGAINST Ruby Murray; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 30, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 11, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 268 East 39th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4892 Lot 16. Approximate amount of judgment \$795,294.89 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 4945/2013. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: May 24, 2019 63565  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, series 2006-9, Plaintiff AGAINST Todd Milner; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 31, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 11, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 619 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238-4129. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 1155 Lot 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$822,695.83 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500138/2015. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: May 6, 2019 63116  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Bank of America, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Henry Bell; Valencia E. Bell; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to

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a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 17, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 11, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1604 East 94th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8296 Lot 52. Approximate amount of judgment \$443,152.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 1691/2013. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: April 30, 2019 63071  
AJ; 6/7/14/21/28

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. MOSES FRIEDRICH, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Vacate Disposal and Upon Vacature of Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on November 9, 2018, and an Order Extending Time to Set Sale duly filed on April 1, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 18, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 112 Middleton Street, Unit 3, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Kings, County of Kings and State of New York, Block 2241 and Lot 1303 together with an undivided 25 percent interest in the Common Elements. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 11033/13. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, AS TRUSTEE FOR NORMANDY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2017-1, Plaintiff, vs. DASHA J. ARKLIS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Amending the Caption, Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 20, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 18, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 2964 Brighton 6th Street, Unit 6B, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8665 and Lots 1113 & 1118 together with an undivided 5.03 (Unit) percent and 0.72 (Parking Space) percent interest in the Common Elements. Approximate amount of judgment is \$835,821.29 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511621/2014. Aaron D. Maslow, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.  
AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings US Bank National Association as Trustee for CMALT REMIC Series 2007-A5-REMIC Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-A5, Plaintiff AGAINST Junior Newton, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/17/2019 and entered on 5/28/2019, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 18, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 864 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4505, LOT: 119. Approximate amount of judgment is \$585,352.63 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 522995/2016. Joel E. Abramson, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY PNC BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff against FIVEL SOFER, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered June 8, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on July 18, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 715 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Block 5399 Lot 72. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$428,191.23 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 6496/13. Joel Eliot Abramson, Esq., Referee PNNC039 AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5

Notice of Formation of 228 Autumn Realty LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/22/2019. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 228 Autumn Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Purpose: Any lawful.  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: CITTA YOGA LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 05/28/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: CITTA YOGA LLC 61 Herbert st. #2A Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2008-1, Plaintiff, AGAINST JOSEPH MODICA, THERESA MODICA, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on August 25, 2016. I, the undersigned

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Referee, will sell at public auction at the Room 224, Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 18, 2019 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1739 Ryder Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234-4308. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Section 23, Block 7886 and Lot 23. Approximate amount of judgment \$836,750.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #501344/2013. Moshe Z. Mirsky, Esq, Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747  
AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff, -against- HAROLD ODLE; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; NEW YORK CITY, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; CARL ODLE, Index No. 508218/2017. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, May 16, 2019 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on May 23, 2019, Jacob Gelfand, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 464 East 55th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11203 at public auction at Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on July 25, 2019 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 4765; Lot: 11 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 508218/2017. The approximate amount of judgment is \$281,260.63 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate-holders of the CWABS 2005-06, Plaintiff AGAINST Woodrow Lynch, Albi B. Etoh, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 8/16/2018 and entered on 9/12/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 25, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 883 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1704, LOT: 67. Approximate amount of judgment is \$497,543.45 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 509810/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of MASTR Adjustable Rate Mortgages Trust 2007-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Earline Burnett, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclo-

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## Tradition.

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## Camp and Congregation



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The parsha of Beha'lotecha speaks about the silver trumpets – clarions – Moses was commanded to make:

*The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Make two trumpets of silver; make them of hammered work. They shall serve you to summon the congregation [edah] and cause the camps [machanot] to journey."* (Num. 10:1-2)

This apparently simple passage became a springboard for one of the most profound meditations of the late Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik. It appears



in his great essay *Kol Dodi Dofek*, on the Jewish approach to suffering.

There are, says Rabbi Soloveitchik, two ways in which people become a group – a community, society, or nation. The first is when they face a common enemy. They band together for mutual protection. Like all animals who come together in herds or flocks to defend themselves against predators, we do this for our survival. Such a group is a machaneh – a camp, a defensive formation.

There is another, quite different, form of association. People can come together because they share a vision, an aspiration, a set of ideals. This is the meaning of *edah*, congregation. *Edah* is related to the word *ed*, witness. *Edot* (as opposed to *chukim* and *mishpatim*) are the commands that testify to Jewish belief – as Shabbat testifies to creation, Passover to the Divine involvement in history, and so on. An *edah* is not a defensive formation but a creative one. People join together to do what none could achieve alone. A true congregation is a society built around a shared project, a vision of the common good, an *edah*.

Rabbi Soloveitchik says these are not just two types of group, but in the most profound sense, two different ways of existing and relating to the world. A camp is brought into being by what happens to it from the outside. A congregation comes into existence by internal decision. The former is reactive, the latter proactive. The first is a response to what has happened to the group in the past. The second represents what the group seeks to achieve in the future. Whereas camps exist even in the animal kingdom, congregations are

uniquely human. They flow from the human ability to think, speak, communicate, envision a society different from any that has existed in the past, and to collaborate to bring it about.

Jews are a people in both of these two quite different ways. Our ancestors became a machaneh in Egypt, forged together by a crucible of slavery and suffering. They were different. They were not Egyptians. They were *Hebrews* – a word which probably means "on the other side," "an outsider." Ever since, Jews have known that we are thrown together by circumstance. We share a history all too often written in tears. Rabbi Soloveitchik calls this the *covenant of fate* (*brit goral*).

This is not a purely negative phenomenon. It gives rise to a powerful sense that we are part of a single story – that what we have in common is stronger than the things that separate us:

*Our fate does not distinguish between rich and poor... [or] between the pietist and the assimilationist. Even though we speak a plethora of languages, even though we are inhabitants of different lands...we still share the same fate. If the Jew in the hovel is beaten, then the security of the Jew in the palace is endangered. "Do not think that you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king's palace" (Est. 4:13).[2]*

Our shared community's fate leads also to a sense of *shared suffering*. When we pray for the recovery of a sick person, we do so "among all the sick of Israel." When we comfort a mourner, we do so "among all the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem." We weep together. We celebrate together. This in turn leads to *shared responsibility*: "All Israel are sureties for one another." And this leads to *collective action* in the field of welfare, charity, and deeds of loving kindness. As Maimonides puts it:

*All Israelites ...are like brothers, as it is said, "You are children of the Lord your God" (Deut. 14:1). If brother shows no compassion to brother, who will? ...Their eyes are therefore lifted to their brothers.*

All these are dimensions of the covenant of fate, born in the experience of slavery in Egypt. But there is an additional element of Jewish identity. Soloveitchik calls this the covenant of destiny (*brit ye'ud*) – entered into at Mount Sinai. This defines the people of Israel not as the object of persecution but the subject of a unique vocation, to become "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Ex. 19:6).

Under this covenant, the we became defined not by what others do to us but by the task we have undertaken, the role we have chosen to play in history. In Egypt we did not choose to become slaves, that was a fate thrust upon us by someone else. We did, however, choose to become God's people

at Sinai when we said, "We will do and obey" (Ex. 24:7). Destiny, call, vocation, purpose, task: these create not a *machaneh* but an *edah*, not a camp but a congregation.

Our task as a people of destiny is to bear witness to the presence of God – through the way we lead our lives (Torah) and the path we chart as a people across the centuries (history).

K. Chesterton once wrote that "America is the only nation in the world that is founded on a creed." Chesterton was notoriously antisemitic, and this evidently prevented him from recalling that the reason America was founded on a creed was that its founders, Puritans all, were steeped in what they called the Old Testament. They took as their model the covenant made between God and the Israelites at Sinai, and it was this that linked nationhood and the idea of a specific task or mission. Herman Melville gave this one of its classic expressions in his 1849 novel, *White-Jacket*.

*We Americans are the peculiar, chosen people – the Israel of our time; we bear the ark of the liberties of the world.... God has predestined, mankind expects, great things from our race; and great things we feel in our souls. The rest of the nations must soon be in our rear. We are pioneers of the world; the advance-guard, sent on through the wilderness of untried things, to break a new path in the New World that is ours.*

It is the concept of covenant that gives Jewish (and American) identity this strange dual character. Nations are usually forged through long historical experience, through what happens to them – rather than what they consciously set themselves to do. They fall into the category of *machaneh*. Religions, on the other hand, are defined in terms of beliefs and a sense of mission. Each is constituted as an *edah*. What is unique about Judaism is the way it brings together these separate and quite distinct ideas. *There are nations that contain many religions and there are religions that are spread over many nations, but only in the case of Judaism do religion and nation coincide.*

This has had remarkable consequences. For almost two thousand years Jews were scattered throughout the world, yet they saw themselves and were seen by others as a nation – the world's first global nation. It was a nation held together not by geographical proximity or any other of the normal accompaniments of nationhood. Jews did not speak the same vernacular. Rashi spoke French, Maimonides Arabic. Rashi lived in a Christian culture, Maimonides in a Muslim one. Nor was their fate the same. While the Jews of Spain were enjoying their Golden Age, the Jews of northern Europe were being massacred in the Crusades. In the fifteenth century, when the Jews of Spain were being persecuted and expelled, those of Poland were enjoying a rare spring of tolerance. What held Jews together during these centuries was shared faith. In the trauma that accompanied European Emancipation and the subsequent rise of

racial antisemitism, many Jews lost that faith. Yet the events of the past century – persecution, pogroms, and the Holocaust, followed by the birth of the State of Israel and the constant fight to survive against war and terror – tended to bind Jews together in a covenant of fate in the face of the hostility of the world. So when Jews were divided by fate they were united by faith, and when they were divided by faith they were united again by fate. Such is the irony, or the providential nature, of Jewish history.

Judaism in the past two centuries has fissured and fractured into different *edot*: Orthodox and Reform, religious and secular, and the many subdivisions that continue to atomise Jewish life into non-communicating sects and subcultures. Yet in times of crisis we are still capable of heeding the call of collective responsibility, knowing as we do that Jewish fate tends to be indivisible. No Jew, to paraphrase John Donne, is an island, entire of him- or herself. We are joined by the gossamer strands of collective memory, and these can sometimes lead us back to a sense of shared destiny.

The duality was given its first expression this week in Beha'lotecha, with the command: "Make two trumpets of silver; make them of hammered work. They

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sure and Sale duly dated 10/26/2016 and entered on 11/22/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 25, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 99 4th Avenue, Unit 2L, Brooklyn, NY 11217. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 937, LOT: 1003. Approximate amount of judgment is \$507,599.91 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506959/2014. Bernard Mitchell Alter, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12

REFeree's NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff – against – RIFKY GRUNHUT, A/K/A RIVKY GRUNHUT et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 3, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the room 261, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 25th Day of July, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, County of Kings, State of New York. Premises known as 1139 42nd Street, Brooklyn, (City of New York) New York 11219. (Block: 5592, Lot: 64) Approximate amount of lien \$772,321.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11902/2013. Mark Longo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink

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LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: May 23, 2019  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY EMIGRANT BANK F/K/A NEW YORK PRIVATE BANK AND TRUST F/K/A EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff against ORCHID JOAZARD, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered October 31, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on July 25, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1270 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Block 1567 Lot 19. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$570,846.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 5551/2011. Shmuel D. Taub, Esq., Referee XCHJC350  
AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12

Supreme Court – County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank Plaintiff, vs. Gloria Deblanco, et al, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on July 25, 2019 at 2:30 P.M., the premises described as follows: All that parcel of land, being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York; known as 437 Forbell St.; Block 4290, Lot 12. Approximate amount of lien \$550,398.66, plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the Judgment, Index No. 501627/2016. Aaron Tyk, Referee Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 855-227-5072 63914  
AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, GOSHEN MORTGAGE LLC, AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE FOR GDBT I TRUST 2011-1, Plaintiff, vs. NELFA GUZMAN, ET AL., Defendant (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on November 16, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 25, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 50 Pine Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York, Block 4117 and Lot 42. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,075,461.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 7351/13. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee. Richard Alan Klass, Esq., Referee Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C., 6901 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 240, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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## Social.



Judea Pearl accepted a posthumous 'Warrior for Truth' award on behalf of his late son Daniel Pearl.



Actress Sharon Stone introduced the presentation of the 'Warrior for Truth' award to the late Daniel Pearl.



Algemeiner Chairman Simon Jacobson.



Algemeiner Editor-in-Chief Dovid Efune.



Keren Knoll.



From left: Simon Jacobson, Dina Leeds, Rabbi Pini Dunner and Dovid Efune.

## Algemeiner Hosts Inaugural West Coast Gala Featuring Larry King, Sharon Stone and Judea Pearl

### BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

*The Algemeiner* hosted its inaugural West Coast gala on Wednesday with an array of high-profile participants, including famed actress Sharon Stone and broadcaster Larry King.

The event, held at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles, was attended by close to 300 people, who gathered in support of *The Algemeiner*.

Honorees at the benefit included King, the late journalist Daniel Pearl and Rabbi Pini Dunner of the Beverly Hills Synagogue.

Unable to attend in person due to a recent medical procedure, a letter from King was read at the event. "In my 62 years as a broadcaster, I have always tried to connect,

educate, inform and inspire people through conversation," he said. "I'm proud, honored and humbled to be recognized."

The evening's master of ceremonies was commentator Lisa Daftari and the event chair was fashion icon Joyce Azria. TV host Gabrielle Loren manned the red carpet.

Other prominent attendees at the event included producers Howard Rosenman and Richard Trank, Founder and Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center Rabbi Marvin Hier and screenwriter David Weiss, among many other notable community and industry leaders.

The crowd was captivated by emotional remarks made by Keren Knoll, the granddaughter of Holocaust survivor Mireille Knoll who was brutally murdered in her Paris apartment last year. A powerful rendition of "Jerusalem of Gold" by cantor Levi Coleman also moved

the attendees.

In his speech on Wednesday, Algemeiner Editor-in-Chief Dovid Efune spoke of the publication's commitment to make its voice heard, especially in light of the inability of persecuted Jewish communities to do so in the past. "We will always speak up because they couldn't and we can and therefore we will never cease doing so," he pledged.

Algemeiner publisher Simon Jacobson highlighted the paper's ability to cultivate a broad and disparate readership through its publication of a wide variety of perspectives.

Founded in 1972 as a Yiddish broadsheet by the late veteran journalist Gershon Jacobson, *The Algemeiner* today prints a weekly newspaper in English and runs this website.

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