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## Khamenei: Tehran Will Not Abandon Its Missile Program



Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.  
Photo: Official regime handout via Reuters.

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& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Tuesday that Tehran would not be "deceived" by US President Donald Trump's offer of negotiations and would not give up its missile program.

Iran and the United States have been drawn into starker confrontation in the past month, a year after Washington pulled out of a deal between Iran and global

powers to curb Tehran's nuclear program in return for lifting international sanctions.

Trump has condemned the nuclear deal, signed by his predecessor Barack Obama, as flawed for not being permanent and for not covering Iran's ballistic missile program and its role in conflicts around the Middle East. He has called on Iran to come to negotiating table to reach a new deal.

Trump said last week that Iran "has a chance to be a great country, with the same leadership. We're

not looking for regime change. I just want to make that clear. We're looking for no nuclear weapons."

Reacting to those comments, Khamenei said in a speech broadcast on state television: "The US president recently said Iran can achieve development with its current leaders. That means they do not seek regime change ... But this political trick will not deceive Iranian officials and the Iranian nation."

"In the missile program, they know we have reached a point of

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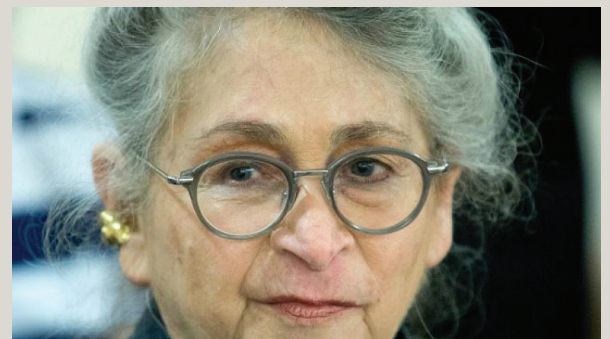
## Nechama Rivlin, Wife of President Reuven Rivlin, Dies at 73

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/JNS.org

Nechama Rivlin, the wife of Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, died at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva on Tuesday, a day before her 74th birthday.

Israel's first lady had suffered from pulmonary fibrosis, a condition in which scar tissue accumulates in the lungs and makes it difficult to breathe.

She was usually seen in public with a portable oxygen



Nechama Rivlin, wife of current Israeli president Reuven Rivlin, June 16, 2016. Photo: Moshe Shai/FLASH90.

tank, including when accompanying her husband at official ceremonies.

She underwent a lung transplant on March 11.

## From Gaza, a Ray of Light

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## Opinion.

## The Grotesque Antisemitism of Lebanon's Nabih Berri



**BEN COHEN**  
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In a puff piece on Nabih Berri, the speaker of the Lebanese parliament, published on the occasion of his 80th birthday last year, the broadcaster France 24 headlined its profile, "The Great Survivor of Lebanese Politics." This wording suggested that Berri is a successful politician in the sense that this image is understood in the Western democracies; someone who negotiates, navigates, cajoles, and compromises his way through his country's legislature and invariably comes out on top.

But if Berri has been the "great survivor," this is due to far more than his acknowledged political skills. Berri has also been a warlord — specifically one of the founders of (and still the head of) the Lebanese Shia Amal militia. While at the helm of a paramilitary whose English name translates as "The Movement of the Disinherited," Berri amassed a fortune of \$78 million — not as much as some other Lebanese politicians, but enough to place him in a "top 10" list. Many of the more gruesome episodes of his career have long been forgotten; for example, Berri's mid-1980s alliance with Syrian dictator Hafez Assad (the late father of current dictator Bashar Assad) against Yasser Arafat's PLO. For three years, Amal militiamen imposed a punishing siege upon three of the main Palestinian refugee camps, during which

thousands of Palestinian civilians were killed, wounded, starved, arrested, and tortured in the ultimately successful bid to drive Yasser Arafat out of Lebanon.

Lebanon's sectarian politics have served Berri well: He has never been held accountable for his war crimes (and probably never will be), and he has served uninterrupted as the speaker of the country's parliament, a position reserved for a Shia Muslim, since 1992. Once an enemy of Hezbollah, Iran's proxy in Lebanon, Berri is now the terror group's political guardian, stating only last year that Hezbollah's "resistance" was one of the three pillars, along with the "people" and the Lebanese regular army, of Lebanon's national security.

That status merely enhances his reputation with foreign leaders, who use Berri, according to France 24, as a conduit for messages to Hezbollah, a proscribed terrorist organization in several countries. As the man with the most institutionalized power in Lebanon alongside the president and the prime minister, Berri is seen as a vital port of call for visiting US politicians and diplomats, including US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who met with him in Beirut two months ago.

Another US politician who met with Berri more recently was Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY), a leading congressional ally of Israel. Among the subjects they reportedly discussed was the maritime border between Lebanon and Israel as it relates to the vast natural-gas deposits in that part of the Mediterranean Sea.

On May 29, Berri gave the Lebanese newspaper *Al-Joumhouriya*, in which he

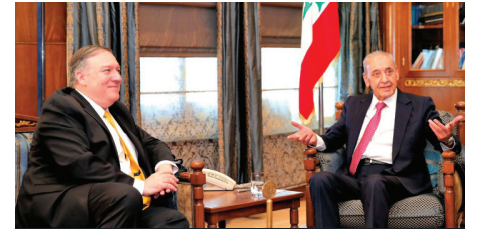
mentioned his talk with Engel, and then reflected that Israel's apparent unease with the present status of the maritime border was rooted in that age-old Jewish characteristic: greed. For those who missed it the first time around, this is how he expressed himself:

"Someone was once asked, 'How can you recognize a Jew?'" posed Berri. "The answer was: 'It's simple. If you see a pregnant woman, get close to her and toss a piece of gold next to her, or at her feet. If the fetus jumps out of his mother's womb and grabs the gold, you know that he is a Jew.'"

This grotesquely antisemitic gag — peppered with a bit of misogyny for good measure — doubtless went down a storm with those who were in the room. But in the 24 hours that followed the publication of *Al-Joumhouriya's* interview with Berri, only Jewish news outlets and the MEMRI think-tank reported on his comments. No politician of note stepped forward to condemn him.

Make no mistake: This sort of anti-Jewish barb belongs naturally to the pages of *Der Stürmer*, the Nazi propaganda sheet that exhibited a similarly pornographic antisemitism. It makes the other antisemitic canards uttered over the years by other Muslim leaders, like the Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed, seem almost mild by comparison. And yet it was met with silence.

Part of the explanation why lies in the bigotry of low expectations. For all the transformations of our culture's sensitivity to race and gender in the last 50 years, we still don't bat an eyelid when Arab or Muslim leaders



Lebanese parliament speaker Nabih Berri (r) meeting in March 2019 with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in Beirut. Photo: Reuters/Jim Young

come out with same antisemitic garbage that has dominated casual discourse about Israel and Jews in the region for at least a century. As Robert Wistrich, the scholar of antisemitism, described it, this has involved a fusion of "traditional Islamic anti-Judaism with Western conspiracy myths, Third Worldist anti-Zionism, and Iranian Shi'ite contempt for Jews as 'ritually impure' and corrupt individuals."

All those strands were represented in Nabih Berri's antisemitic joke. In telling it, Berri sent a message to the next generation of Lebanese politicians that antisemitism is a legitimate instrument of politics, and that violently mocking Jews is a normal component of rhetoric. Meanwhile, the silence of the outside world tells them that because of Lebanon's conflict with Israel, attacks on Jews, even vilely medieval ones, will pass without comment or censure. After all, this is how it's always been.

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## The Secret of Jerusalem's Magic

**REUVEN RIVLIN**  
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Who would have believed that 52 years have passed since that joyous day when we celebrated the unification of Jerusalem, that same city that for years served as a source of yearning and longing for Jews scattered across the Diaspora.

And this year, we have the privilege of celebrating 71 years of the thriving State of Israel's existence in Jerusalem.

For thousands of years, Jerusalem has served as a synonym for home: a historic home, a home both of dreams and reality, a home of prayer for every Jew.

For nearly 80 years, Jerusalem has been my home in every sense of the word.

As a Jerusalemite born and bred, I had the privilege of playing in its streets as a young boy, being filled with excitement at Beitar Jerusalem soccer matches, taking part in the 1967 Six Day War, and witnessing with my own eyes the unification of my city. I found the love of my life, Nehama, in Jerusalem, and grew as a person and an Israeli citizen within the framework of my roles in public service over the years.

As a people, Jerusalem is our capital, but at the same time, each and every one of us also has our own private Jerusalem. It seems that herein lies the magical secret of this city, which after thousands of years succeeds in being both historic and innovative, stately and personal, saturated with tensions, but also a

symbol of cultural diversity and people and religions coming together.

For me, Jerusalem is a city that first and foremost respects the life that exists within it, from the east of the city to the west. It is the same city in which Jews, Muslims, and Christians, people on the left and on the right, secular and haredi, rich and poor, live and work alongside one other.

Jerusalem is also a symbol of the commitment to equal treatment of all the city's residents. This is our test of sovereignty. I am very pleased with the Israeli government's efforts to reduce socio-economic differences and foster economic development in the east of the city. This sends an important message that sovereignty is a responsibility and that if we succeed in Jerusalem — and we will

succeed — we will succeed throughout Israel. Because Jerusalem is a city of both the past and the future, what we are building in it belongs to all of us.

To all of us, Israelis and Jerusalemites alike, I wish for our capital to be the jewel in the crown of cooperation among sectors, generations, and social statuses, and that culture and tolerance continue to thrive in the city alongside faith and hope.

And to you, my dear Jerusalem, I wish for your continued expansion and development, for the roots of your trees to deepen as they aspire to reach the heavens.

Next year in a rebuilt Jerusalem!

*Reuven Rivlin is the President of Israel. This column first appeared in Israel Hayom.*



A general view shows thousands of Jewish worshippers attending the priestly blessing on the Jewish holiday of Sukkot at the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City, September 26, 2018. Photo: REUTERS/Ammar Awad.

## World News.

## Dermer: 2020 Democrats Who Want US to Re-Enter Iran Deal Should 'Reconsider'

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer urged Democrats running for president in 2020 who want the United States to re-enter the 2015 Iran nuclear deal to "reconsider," saying on Monday that getting the United States back into such parameters "would be very dangerous for the State of Israel."

US President Donald Trump withdrew from the deal in May 2018 and soon thereafter reimposed sanctions lifted under its terms.

The candidates involved are Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.); Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.); Kamala Harris (D-Calif.); Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.); Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii); former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro; author and spiritual guru Marianne Williamson; and Wayne Messam, mayor of Miramar, Fla.

"I hope that those candidates will reconsider because it would be very dangerous for the State of Israel," Dermer told an audience at a breakout session at the annual American Jewish Committee Global Forum in Washington, DC.

Elaborating further, he said that "if there were a deal on the table that would actually block Iran's path to a bomb, I would have gone house to house in [the United States] and



Israeli Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer. Photo: YouTube.

convince people to support. The reason why we opposed it was because that is not what the deal does. The statements at the time that this did block Iran's path to a bomb were simply untrue."

"The danger in the deal is all the restraints that were put in place in this deal were automatically removed in 10 to 15 years, which seems like a longtime in a life of politics and it is, but it's a blink of an eye in the life of a country. Our concern is that when this deal is in place, Iran, all they have to do is wait. They don't have to change their behavior. They just wait. And we're already four years beyond it. It's not 10 to 15, now it's 6 to 11, and the time will move very, very quickly."

"Iran is advancing its nuclear weapons program today," he added. "If you think the deal froze it, you're wrong. Because Iran is doing research and development on advanced centrifuges."

## Netanyahu Downplays Widening US Partisan Divide on Israel Support

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday downplayed the growing partisanship in the US surrounding support for Israel.

In a video interview broadcast at the annual American Jewish Committee (AJC) Global Forum in Washington, DC, the longtime Israeli leader — who is now facing re-election again in September — said, "I don't think there's a big difference between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party as I have known it over the years on these issues."

Referring specifically to the Democratic Party, Netanyahu noted, "The people that I know there are staunch supporters of Israel, and I hope it will remain the same. If it changes, that obviously will concern us. I think it should concern everyone."

Netanyahu recalled that despite his disagreements with former Democratic President Barack Obama, "at the same time the two of us signed a memorandum of understanding that enabled Israel to get very generous American military assistance over the next decade."

"And I'm very appreciative of that," the prime minister added.

Regarding a potential future peace deal with the Palestinians, Netanyahu reiterated

that Israel must retain security control over the entire area west of the Jordan River.

Israel, he stated, cannot permit what occurred in the Gaza Strip, where Hamas took over two years after Israel pulled out from the coastal enclave, to "happen in the center of the country in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank)."

"That will spell the end to Israel," Netanyahu warned. "Israel will have to have the overriding security responsibility, both for our sake, the security of Israel, but paradoxically also for the security of the Palestinians. If we don't maintain that responsibility, the Palestinian Authority will be overthrown in two seconds by militant Islam."

Asked about the state of Israel-Diaspora relations, Netanyahu said, "Our whole purpose is to be a home for all the Jews who want to see Israel as their home. Israel should be connected to the Jewish people around the world. It should be a place where they can come and live if they so choose, to be a place that welcomes them in any case because we have a great common history and a common destiny in many ways. The more we can keep this bond, the better it is both for Israel and Diaspora Jews."

"If you want to maintain your Jewish identity, then you have a stake in the State of Israel because Israel is the great guarantor of Jewish identity," Netanyahu went on to say. "If you're interested in Jewish identity, support Israel."

## Pompeo: Mideast Peace Plan Being One-Sided 'Inaccurate,' 'Fundamentally Untrue'



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo addresses the audience at the 36th Annual Jewish Institute for National Security of America Awards Dinner in Washington, DC, on Oct. 10, 2018. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

BY JNS.ORG

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo pushed back on Monday in response to criticism over his remarks last week in a private meeting with Jewish leaders, audio of which was leaked to and reported by The Washington Post on Monday, that the Trump administration's Mideast peace plan may not "gain traction" and is currently "unexecutable."

In Switzerland, where he is holding talks with European leaders, Pompeo told Sinclair TV that he was only "articulating" context in a closed-door meeting with the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, and that the notion the administration's highly anticipated peace proposal to solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will be one-sided

in favor of Israel is "inaccurate" and "fundamentally untrue."

"We have a deep, long relationship with Israel—an important relationship with Israel—and the president has made very clear that that's important to this administration to have that important political, economic and security relationship with Israel," he said. "And we've struggled more with respect to the Palestinians. ... So I can see how someone might be concerned that a plan that this administration put forward might, without knowing the true facts of what is contained in the plan, they might perceive that it was going to be fundamentally one-sided. And I was articulating that there because it's just simply not true."

Pompeo added that he has not yet spoken to US President Donald Trump about the leaked footage.

## Activists Call For The End of Israel at Times Square Quds Day Rally

BY JNS.ORG

A Quds Day rally was held in Times Square, New York last week. Activist Nate Chase of the World Workers Party said that Israel never has and never will exist, and described the "Zionist entity" as the "racist puppet" of U.S. imperialism. He led the chant: "We don't want no two-state [solution]; we

want all of it!" Rokeya Begum from Within Our Lifetime led chants that said "globalize the intifada" and "smash the settler Zionist state." Joe Catron of the Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network led a chant that went: "There is only one solution—intifada, revolution!" The event's MC also led the chant: "Netanyahu, what do you say? How many kids did you kill today?"

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**Missile Program**

deterrence and stability. They want to deprive us from it, but they will never succeed," Khamenei said, speaking at a ceremony marking the 30th anniversary of the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Khamenei said US sanctions have created hardship for Iranians and called on the government to make improving economic

conditions its top priority.

President Hassan Rouhani, who has taken a softer stance, suggested last week that Iran might be willing to hold talks if the United States showed it respect and lifted sanctions.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Sunday the United States was prepared to engage with Iran without pre-conditions about its nuclear program. Iran dismissed the offer as "word-play."

## World News.



Doctors perform a cardiac surgical procedure (illustrative). Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## Israeli Doctors Develop Method of Using 3-D Printers to Simulate Operations

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Israeli doctors have developed a method of using a 3-D printer to facilitate delicate and complex operations.

According to Makor Rishon, physicians at the Galilee Medical Center in the northern Israeli city of Nahariya used the technique to treat a woman whose eye socket was badly damaged in a car accident.

The doctors scanned the patient's face and then used a 3-D printer to produce an exact replica, or "simulation," of her skull.

This allows the physicians to plan the complex restorative operation, practice on the model and create the specific implant to be used to repair the eye socket.

Professor Samer Srouji of the hospital's Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Center said of the technique, "Once you have a complicated case, a very complicated fracture, and you want to know how to approach it and treat it, you can print the broken parts, 'operate,' and connect the parts outside, prepare the plate for transplantation, and then do the surgery in a much more predictable and less complicated way."

In contrast to more cumbersome, invasive procedures used in the past, he said, today "we open a small incision and immediately put the prepared implant in it."

"The new thing is that we control the process in hospital laboratories, which reduces costs and raises the level of accuracy," he noted.

This, Srouji added, gave medical staff "full control before we do the operation."

Srouji is bringing this technique to foreign audiences, having recently attended a conference in Brazil where he gave lectures on using 3-D printers to treat trauma injuries.

Ran Bronstein of 3D Systems said of the technique, "In the past, doctors had no way of practicing for surgery except on animals or dead bodies or, in desperate situations, on the body of the patients themselves. This technology has brought the world of medicine to a place where it is possible to provide doctors, like pilots, with simulators that allow them to practice procedures that are not open surgery."

As a result, he said, "Doctors can practice and improve their skills before surgery, thus reducing the likelihood of error."

In addition, the technique offers the advantage of having an exact model of the patient's anatomy, Bronstein stated.

"When you create a flight simulator you have the technical specifications of an airplane," he said, "but in the simulation of the person, no one has the data on the specific model. The anatomy of everyone is different, and this is not a simple technological task; it's almost like gathering intelligence on the battlefield."

With the new technique, however, the computer "can analyze anatomical models and read MRI and CT scans, understand the anatomy, and print a model of the organ for training — and even implants for the surgery itself."

## German Lawmakers Set to Debate Full Ban on Hezbollah

BY JNS.org

German lawmakers are considering outlawing the Lebanese terror group Hezbollah.

According to a draft resolution sponsored by the AfD Party, the Bundestag will debate a non-binding resolution to "examine whether the conditions exist for a ban on Hezbollah as one organization, and, if necessary, to issue such a prohibition and implement it immediately."

The resolution says that the Iranian proxy group represents a "danger to [Germany's] constitutional order."

Germany, like the European Union,

only considers Hezbollah's so-called military wing as a terrorist organization. Nevertheless, E.U. members the Netherlands and United Kingdom consider all of Hezbollah a terrorist entity, as do the United States, Canada, Israel and even the Arab League.

"Hezbollah's goal is the destruction of Israel and the Jews, and we should not be offering a safe haven for them to hide in Germany and finance their armed struggle in Lebanon against Israel from our territory," senior AfD MP Beatrix von Storch said in a statement.

Last week, German Jewish leaders

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## Veteran Israel-Hater George Galloway Fired From UK Radio Network Over Antisemitic Tweet

BY BEN COHEN

One of Europe's most outspoken anti-Zionists has been dismissed from his weekly radio show with British broadcaster *TalkRadio* after he issued an antisemitic barb on Twitter over the weekend.

George Galloway — a former far-left member of the British Parliament — was sacked by the network on Monday over an antisemitic soccer-related tweet on Saturday.

"*TalkRadio* has terminated George Galloway's weekly show with immediate effect," the network said in a statement on Monday. "As a fair and balanced news provider, *TalkRadio* does not tolerate antisemitic views."

Galloway's outburst followed Saturday evening's UEFA Champions League final between English clubs Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool in Madrid.

After Liverpool won the lackluster contest 2-0, Galloway tweeted his congratulations to the city and the club, crowing that Liverpool's victory over Tottenham meant there would be "no Israel flags on the cup."

Tottenham Hotspur commands a loyal following among the 200,000-strong Jewish community in London, and its owners are Jewish. In a statement to Sky Sports News, the club deemed it "astounding in this day and age to read such blatant antisemitism published on a social platform by someone who is still afforded air time on a radio station on which he has previously broken broadcast impartiality rules."

Galloway was deemed to have broken broadcasting impartiality rules on his show in March, when he introduced a discussion on the issue of rampant antisemitism in the opposition Labour party by remarking that the real scandal was that his friend and ally, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, had been "the victim of a crazed, unhinged assault by the agents of the powerful."

Along with Corbyn and the former London Mayor Ken Livingstone, Galloway emerged as a vocal supporter of the Palestinian



George Galloway (l) alongside Nigel Farage, now the leader of the UK's Brexit Party, at an anti-EU meeting in London in 2016. Photo: Reuters / Peter Nicholls.

cause during the 1970s, loudly advocating for the elimination of the State of Israel and its replacement with a Palestinian Arab state.

His lengthy parliamentary career began in Labour, which eventually expelled him in 2003 — when the party was led by then-Prime Minister Tony Blair — for offenses that included inciting terrorism against British military forces in Iraq.

Galloway cemented his notoriety in the 1990s as a Western champion of the late Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein. The name of his program on *TalkRadio* — "The Mother of All Talk Shows" — was a tribute to Saddam's description of the 1991 Gulf War as the "Mother of All Battles." Other friends of Galloway in the region include the Hamas regime in Gaza, the terrorist organization Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Iranian government, which has employed him in the past as a presenter on his English-language mouthpiece, Press TV.

Galloway has also been a frequent contributor to *Al Mayadeen TV*, an Arabic satellite channel that supports the Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad, as well as Russian state broadcasters *RT* and *Sputnik*.

Resoundingly defeated in the 2015 general election, the public profile of the 64-year-old Galloway has declined since Corbyn took the helm of Labour. On learning that he had been sacked from his *TalkRadio* slot, he responded with a threat of legal action: "See you in court guys ... Long live Palestine."

## Hero of Jewish Uprising at Sobibor Death Camp Passes Away in Israel at Age 96

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The last remaining survivor of the Nazi death camp Sobibor passed away on Monday at the age of 96.

Semyon Rosenfeld died at a medical center in the central Israeli city of Rehovot. Rosenfeld, who remained in the Soviet Union after the end of World War II, made aliyah to the Jewish state in 1990, following the collapse of communism.

Rosenfeld was born in Ukraine in 1922 in the town of Ternovka. Following the outbreak of World War II, he was drafted into the Soviet Red Army. A year later, he was captured by the Germans and sent to set up a labor camp in Minsk, the capital of Belarus, along with 230 other Jewish prisoners.

Rosenfeld was later transferred to an

extermination camp near the railway station of Sobibor near Włodawa in Poland, where some 250,000 Jews were murdered between April 1942 and October 1943.

Rosenfeld escaped the camp along with 300 other prisoners in September 1943 during an uprising — led by Alexander Peckersky — in which 11 SS men were killed. Many of those who took part in the uprising were killed or captured in the days that followed. Rosenfeld, however, hid in the woods with a small group of prisoners until the spring of 1944.

Aged just 21 at the time of the Sobibor revolt, Rosenfeld later reflected, "I was not afraid because I didn't have the time to think about fear. I thought only about life."

He recalled being pointedly asked by Peckersky whether he was capable of killing a man with an ax. "I cannot murder a man," Rosenfeld answered. "But I can kill a Nazi."

U.S. News.

# Arkansas Attorney General Defends Anti-BDS Law in Ongoing Appeal

BY SHIRI MOSHE

An Arkansas law prohibiting the state from contracting with entities that boycott Israel does not violate the First Amendment, but rather protects taxpayers from funding “discriminatory conduct,” the office of the state’s attorney general argued in a brief filed Friday.

The defense followed an appeal issued by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on behalf of the Arkansas Times newspaper, which claimed it “lost numerous government advertising contracts” after it refused to certify that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel, and would not engage in such a boycott for the duration of the contract.

The stipulation is required by Act 710, a law passed in Arkansas in 2017 that is similar to provisions enacted by 26 other states, all of which seek to counter the Palestinian-led boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel. Leaders of the campaign say that it seeks to redefine Israel “as a pariah state” until it recognizes Palestinian rights and rectifies the injustice of its creation, while opponents accuse it of denying the Jewish people’s right to national self-determination and trafficking in historical revisionism and antisemitism.

A lawsuit filed by the ACLU against the constitutionality of Act 710 in district court in 2018 was dismissed this January, with Judge Brian Miller maintaining that boycotts are not protected speech.

In its appeal, the ACLU described boycotts as “a fundamental part of American political discourse,” and said Act 710 was rooted in “the desire to suppress disfavored viewpoints and compel support for the government’s message.”

“If the district court’s decision is upheld, government officials of all political stripes will have a free hand to suppress disfavored boycotts based on nothing more than ideological hostility,” it warned.

The Arkansas Times itself has said that it has not participated in or editorialized on boycotts of Israel, but objected to having potential editorial content limited by the government.

Amicus briefs in support of the appeal have been filed by groups including the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, Council on American Islamic Relations, J Street, T’ruah, National Lawyers Guild, Jewish Voice for Peace and the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel, among others.

In its response, the attorney general’s office said the law upheld a “limited goal” and “does not regulate anyone’s speech or expressive conduct. Contractors remain free to criticize Israel, denounce Arkansas’s law, and even advocate boycotting.”

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**Full Ban**

called on German Chancellor Angela Merkel to fully outlaw Hezbollah.

“The Central Council of Jews in Germany calls for a ban of the Shi’ite militia Hezbollah,” said their leader, Josef Schuster, in the Germany daily Jewish paper Jüdische Allgemeine.

Schuster said that “a full ban of Hezbollah’s organization has already happened in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom,” adding that “Hezbollah is heavily financed by Iran, and Hezbollah poses, in its entirety, a threat to the entire world.”

“A continuation of the distinction between their individual wings would be negligent and should therefore be corrected as soon as possible,” said Schuster.

In a meeting last week with Merkel, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo also urged the German government to fully ban the terror group.

“We’re also hoping to get Germany’s help—and we talked about this today—in recognizing Hezbollah as a unified entity and banning it from Germany as our ally, the United Kingdom, did this year,” said Pompeo.



The Reichstag building in Berlin, where the Bundestag meets.  
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

“Instead, the challenged provision only affects a contractor’s decision not to purchase goods from certain entities” — namely, those that do business in Israel.

The mere act of boycotting goods from Israel-affiliated companies is “not expressive of anything until the purchaser explains that he or she is engaged in a boycott and why,” as the absence of such goods is not itself indicative of a boycott, the brief stated. “[If] conduct needs to be explained to take on expressive meaning, it was never expressive to begin with and it is not protected by the First Amendment.”

The defense also cited previous congressional action on “preventing discrimination against Israel,” as well as measures taken by foreign governments such as Germany, whose parliament declared in a non-binding motion last month that the BDS campaign’s methods are antisemitic and reminiscent of Nazi-era



The Arkansas State Capitol.  
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boycotts against Jews.

Laws barring state bodies from contracting with entities that boycott Israel have previously been blocked in Texas, Kansas and Arizona, following petitions supported by the ACLU. The laws were subsequently amended by each of the states to not apply to individual contractors and contracts of \$100,000 or less, though critics say they remain fundamentally unconstitutional.

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## Opinion.

## Israeli Democracy Is Not in Crisis



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Israelis are rightly infuriated that their politicians couldn't get their act together and form a government after national elections held on April 9. A rerun scheduled for September 17 will be an enormous waste of time and money. But almost as infuriating as the new election is the way this turn of events will serve as an excuse for months of bloviating from Israeli and international pundits about the crisis in Israeli democracy.

That means we're about to be subjected to nearly 100 more days of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's critics claiming that if he wins again, it will sound the death knell for Israeli democracy.

While there are cogent criticisms that can be directed at Israel's method for electing governments, in addition to Netanyahu's policies and conduct in office, like all the previous rounds of "death of democracy" predictions, the apocalyptic jeremiads churned out along these lines will be utterly disingenuous.

Those who make these arguments will sound high-minded and principled. But what they are really whining about are the democratic choices Israelis have made — not the potential demise of liberty in the Jewish state. As they've done before, Netanyahu's critics continue to confuse their disgust at the outcome of Israel's democratic elections with the question of whether the country remains a democracy.

The theme of Israeli democracy in crisis was proclaimed early and often in the months and weeks leading up to April. Those making that argument went on about the law that reaffirmed that Israel is a Jewish state, the tribalism of Israeli politics, the failure to make peace, or the threat to the rule of law from corruption allegations against the prime minister.

But as they had done the previous three times they went to the polls, Israel's voters rejected these arguments. A clear majority voted for right-wing and religious parties pledged to support Netanyahu. They did so not because they are stupid or don't care about democracy. They voted for another Netanyahu-led government because they generally support the prime minister's policies and didn't want him replaced with one of the chorus line of ex-generals leading the new Blue and White Party, which formed the main opposition.

Instead of yet another Netanyahu government, they got the chaos of the last week and what amounts to an attempt at a "do over" in September, even though there's a good chance that the outcome won't differ much from the April results.

There's plenty of blame to go around for this mess.

Avigdor Lieberman's refusal to join Netanyahu had little to do with a dispute about the drafting of ultra-Orthodox yeshiva students and everything to do with his conviction that this was the moment when the prime minister could be toppled, allowing the Yisrael Beiteinu leader to play the kingmaker. Netanyahu's desperate search for another coalition partner and/or a defector from the opposition was a similarly undignified display.

The prime minister's problem was the

corruption charges hanging over his head, coupled with his desire for the new Knesset to pass an immunity law to shield him from his legal woes. The desire for such a law is not, in and of itself, illegitimate. Parliamentary immunity is a feature of many, if not most democracies. But even if you agree with Netanyahu — and arguably, the majority of Israelis who voted for parties pledged to govern with him — that the charges are a thinly disguised politically motivated attack rather than evidence of real corruption, passing an immunity law now purely for the purpose of keeping him in office is unseemly.

Yet even if such a law were passed, Israel would remain a democracy.

Most of those crying for Netanyahu's head to be mounted on a spike have never been terribly worked up about far more serious corruption when it concerned politicians they liked. Moreover, the flimsy nature of most of the charges against the prime minister — amounting to an attempt to criminalize interactions with the media or the acceptance of gifts of cigars and champagne — are not significant enough to justify the eagerness of the legal establishment to overturn the verdict of the electorate.

Nothing the Netanyahu government has done or is likely to do will in any way invalidate the ability of the opposition or the free press to criticize him or stop the voters from throwing him out of office at the next election.

The real problem with Israeli democracy is the system by which the Knesset and government is elected, not Netanyahu. The proportional scheme of electing the Knesset has been a mess since the state was founded. It has empowered minorities, especially religious parties, out of proportion to their



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and then-Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman on July 13, 2016. Photo: Flash90.

numbers. And it gives small parties and their cynical leaders like Lieberman regular opportunities to hold the government hostage, as he has just done.

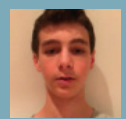
Israel has always needed a constitution with separation of powers between the branches — including the out-of-control Supreme Court that considers itself superior to the elected legislature — that would provide a more rational system for electing a parliament. Term limits for prime ministers who go on forever like the current incumbent wouldn't be a bad idea either.

But given current realities, the kind of systemic change the country needs isn't going to happen. Instead, it will continue to muddle along with a flawed system and sometimes equally flawed leaders. Occasionally, that will produce debacles like the election redo.

Whether or not Netanyahu governs for another few months or another few years, Israel will remain a vibrant and successful democracy. The answer for those who can't stand his continued stay in office is not to eliminate him with a judicial coup or to smear his supporters as dolts or fascists. The only legitimate strategy for his foes is to defeat him at the polls if they can. But until that day arrives, their complaints about the doom of Israeli democracy should be ignored as nothing but cheap partisan invective.

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## How a Top World Soccer Star Hates Israel — and Gets Away With It



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Mohamed Salah is currently on top of the soccer world. Salah, hailing from Nagrig, a small Egyptian village, recently scored the winning goal of a game watched by nearly 200 million people around the world. But behind his famed scraggly-haired, smiling disposition, and unparalleled soccer talent, there is a history of bigotry and antisemitism that many have either ignored or are not aware of.

Salah's public record of antisemitism first emerged in a 2014 match in Israel. In the first of two meetings between the teams, Salah attempted to play off not shaking hands with Israeli players by feigning tying his shoe; however, when the snub happened a second time, Israeli fans recognized the hostile act for what it was and booed him. Initially, Salah had planned to boycott playing in Israel altogether, but he was later persuaded to put politics and bigotry aside for the sake of the game.

Salah's efforts at undermining the validity of Israel's existence were further put

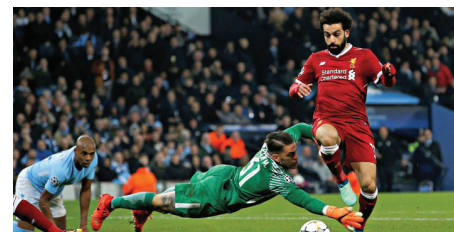
on display when he bashed the Jewish state in a pre-game interview ahead of a match in Netanya.

"In my thoughts I am going to play in Palestine and not Israel, and I am also going to score and win there. The Zionist flag won't be shown in the Champions League," he said.

If his "tying my shoes" facade in 2014 wasn't unsportsmanlike enough, his firebrand anti-Zionist comments and refusal to acknowledge Israel's right to exist display Salah's grotesque views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict — a stark difference from his golden boy public perception in the wake of his recent success.

Then, further brandishing himself as an antisemite and anti-Zionist, Salah used his powerful position and newfound stardom to issue an ultimatum that he would refuse to play alongside Moanes Dabour, a 27-year-old Israeli striker, whom Salah's Liverpool team took an interest in. Dabour was never signed by the team, with widespread speculation that Salah's threats caused management to avoid moving forward with Dabour.

Although Salah is feted for his impressive athletics, his politicization of the conflict and his aggressive anti-Zionist stance should have no place in the international sports arena. Both the UEFA and FIFA — the largest soccer governing bodies globally — constantly state



Liverpool striker Mohamed Salah scores against Manchester City in the UEFA Champions League. Photo: Reuters/Andrew Yates.

their commitment to reject discrimination, racism, and other forms of bigotry. Salah's clout and physical adroitness shouldn't exempt him from accountability for his clearly bigoted and discriminatory actions.

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## New York Times Promotes Palestinian Cookbook With False Refugee Claim



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The New York Times has already devoted not one but two food-section articles to boycott-Israel-promoter Yasmin Khan's book of "recipes and stories from the Palestinian kitchen."

Now, even though the book was published in July 2018, the Times has published yet a third article, this one in its Sunday book review, touting the cookbook as one of "75 of the latest and greatest books to keep you company

as temperatures climb and days grow long." Leave aside the promotional-hype-overkill and questionable news judgment of the Times lavishing more editorial attention on a book that's already been out for a year. The Times Book Review promotes the Yasmin Khan book with three inaccurate claims.

The Times writes, "Israeli food has been celebrated since Yotam Ottolenghi came on the scene over a decade ago. The culinary traditions of Palestine? Not so much."

That's inaccurate. Ottolenghi's "Jerusalem" hit cookbook — well, take it from a 2013 problematic but nonetheless telling report in the Times itself: "Jerusalem: A Cookbook"

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## Opinion.

# Palestinian Stabs Israelis, and Here Come the Excuses



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In what crazy, upside-down world does a Palestinian Arab randomly stab Jews in Jerusalem, get shot dead by Israeli policeman, and then become the focus of an Associated Press article with a headline about Israelis killing Palestinians?

In our crazy, upside-down world, that's where.

The latest craziness began when the terrorist was strolling through the Old City of Jerusalem on Friday morning, where he happened to see a Jewish man. So the Arab stabbed the Jew. The stabber then went a little further along, until he spotted a Jewish child walking along. So, he ran up and stabbed the child in the back.

You can already imagine Excuse #1 bubbling up in the fertile minds of the rationalizers and justifiers: The Old City is "occupied Arab East Jerusalem" — meaning that the Jewish victims actually were "settlers," which makes them "legitimate targets" for "resistance."

Resistance to what? Why, to the existence of Jews, of course.

Israeli policemen approached the terrorist. He was literally caught with the bloody knife in his hand. Instead of surrendering, he ran, which is why the police shot him. It's about as black-and-white a case as one can imagine. Yet, incredibly, the Associated Press characterized him as "an alleged Palestinian attacker."

It seems that as far as the AP is concerned, when it comes to Palestinian terrorists, they're always "alleged" and never "terrorists." Isn't that curious?

The would-be murderer turned out to be 19 years old. Get ready for Excuse #2. Technically, the terrorist was a teenager. And the word "teenager" can be morphed into "child." Which brings us to a pending Congressional resolution about "Palestinian children."

The bill in question, H.R. 4391, was authored by an extremist Congresswoman from Minnesota named Betty McCollum. It's called the "Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act." It calls for slashing US aid to Israel as punishment for arresting "Palestinian children."

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was written by Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi, chefs who grew up on opposite sides of the divided city, Mr. Tamimi in the Arab East, Mr. Ottolenghi in the Jewish West... The book's recipes are traditional in Jerusalem, or loosely inspired by the city, gathering influences from the Christian, Muslim and Jewish cooks who live there." Haaretz describes Tamimi as a "Palestinian-British chef."

In this third article on the Yasmin Khan book, the *Times* writes, "While working on a human rights campaign in Israel's West Bank in 2009, Yasmin Khan found that the difficulty of the days spent in refugee camps relented at night when she was welcomed to local tables to sample bowls of thick hummus and smoky eggplant spiked with peppery olive oil, vibrant herb salads and fresh, sharply flavorful dishes — so flavorful that they lured Khan from her home in London back to Israel and the West

According to McCollum, it is immoral and illegitimate for Israel to ever detain a "Palestinian child." Even if the "child" was caught trying to stone, stab, or shoot Jews to death. Children must never be detained. I guess that includes the "child" with the bloody knife in Jerusalem on Friday.

When McCollum introduced the bill last year, it attracted 30 co-sponsors, all Democrats. One was Massachusetts Congressman Seth Moulton, who is now a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. It will be interesting to see if Moulton again signs on to the reintroduced McCollum resolution.

Elsewhere on Friday, another Palestinian Arab tried to cross into Israel by infiltrating the security perimeter near Bethlehem. When he refused to halt and desist, Israeli soldiers shot him.

Now the folks at the AP had their headline: "2 Palestinians Killed by Israelis in Separate Events." They took a story about a Palestinian Arab terrorist attack and a potential second attack, and turned it into a story about trigger-happy Israelis murdering Palestinians.

And here comes Excuse #3. Why would a Palestinian Arab be trying to penetrate the security perimeter, instead of just applying for a permit to enter Israel? The AP found a way to excuse this obviously suspicious behavior: "Younger Palestinian men must request an entry permit from the military, which are [sic] hard to obtain."

Oh well, that's different, then. If it's "hard" to obtain a permit to enter somebody else's country, then certainly you have a right to break into that country. Or so the AP apparently wants its readers to believe.

The AP interviewed the infiltrator's father, one Louai Ghaith. It's odd how they couldn't manage to find and interview any of the stabbing victims' relatives. Or friends. Or neighbors. Or any other Jew in the Old City of Jerusalem. I guess they were all busy.

The father insisted that his son was just "going to fulfill his religious duty; he was going to worship" at the Al-Aqsa Mosque. What a coincidence — a knife-wielding man entered Jerusalem on a permit to pray at Al-Aqsa. Maybe the Israelis do have a reason to carefully scrutinize and restrict the foreign citizens they allow to enter their capital city after all.

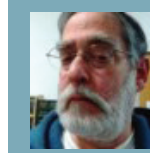
Stephen M. Flatow, an attorney in New Jersey, is the father of Alisa Flatow, who was murdered in an Iranian-sponsored Palestinian terrorist attack in 1995. He is the author of *A Father's Story: My Fight for Justice Against Iranian Terror*.

Bank to learn more about the recipes and realities of life for the millions of Palestinians living there, not to mention the millions who make up the world's largest refugee population."

It's inaccurate and misguided and tendentious to describe a campaign to boycott, divest, and sanction Israel as a "human rights" campaign. What about the human rights of Israelis not to be killed by Palestinian terrorists? What about the human rights of left-wing Israeli academics not to be boycotted? What about human rights in Iran, a country that Khan has touted as if she were a kind of spokeswoman for its tourist ministry?

The most clear-cut and basic inaccuracy in this latest *Times* article, though, is the claim that Palestinians are "the world's largest refugee population." The UN lists 5 million Palestinian refugees, using an expansive definition that includes descendants of the roughly 472,000 Arab refugees that the UN counted in 1948. By comparison, the UN lists

# Israel's Coalition Racket



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Although Likud by itself achieved only a small margin over Blue and White, Netanyahu's big advantage was that he had — or at least thought he had — enough coalition partners to put together a majority in the 120-member Knesset. Gantz was far behind, being unable to get 61 members in a coalition even if he were to ask the non-Zionist Arab parties to join him, something that has never happened in Israel's history.

Israeli coalition negotiations are notoriously ugly, with small parties trying to extort the maximum number of important cabinet positions, promises to support or kill particular legislation, or money for pet projects or specific segments of the population, before they agree to sign on. But usually everyone wants to get on with it, and compromises are made before time runs out.

This time, one of Netanyahu's partners, Avigdor Lieberman, whose Yisrael Beiteinu party is made up mostly of secular Russian immigrants and won five Knesset seats in April, refused to join the coalition unless the government passed a law Lieberman had initiated back when he was defense minister. The law calls for an increasing number of yeshiva students to be drafted, and applies financial penalties to yeshivas that don't meet conscription targets.

The haredi ("ultra-Orthodox") parties would not agree, although they were willing to discuss a compromise. But Lieberman insisted: the law must be passed "without changing a comma." Lieberman's five seats made the difference between a 65-seat majority and the inability to form a government (you can read more of the backstory about this issue here).

Everyone believed that a last-minute compromise would be made, or that Netanyahu would persuade an opposition member to jump ship, or pull some other rabbit out of his hat. But it didn't happen. Netanyahu's only options were to inform President Reuven Rivlin that he could not form a coalition, in which case Rivlin could ask Gantz or any other member of the Knesset to try, or to get the Knesset to pass a bill to dissolve itself and call new elections. Whether anyone else could have succeeded was uncertain, but rather than take the chance, Netanyahu chose new elections. They will be held in September.

Until then, Netanyahu will remain prime minister. The Knesset will not introduce any new bills. Soon the campaigns will start all over again. It's been estimated that the election will cost the Treasury NIS 475 million



Israeli lawmakers stand during the inauguration of the 21st Knesset | Photo: Haim Zach/GPO.

(\$131 million), and the obligatory day off for all workers will cost the country as much as a billion shekels.

The lack of a government capable of making serious commitments will also mean that Donald Trump's "deal of the century" — at least, the political part of it — will be put off until after the election, and after the coalition negotiations that must follow. That won't be until the end of the year, which will be just about when the pre-election frenzy in the United States starts. Various domestic issues of importance will languish — such as the reform of Israel's Supreme Court, which I believe is essential and should be decoupled from any attempt to grant Netanyahu immunity from prosecution on the several corruption charges pending against him.

And it's possible that the whole thing could happen again this September.

It's totally unacceptable that the creation of a new government can be stymied by one stubborn individual, whose party received about 4.2 percent of the vote.

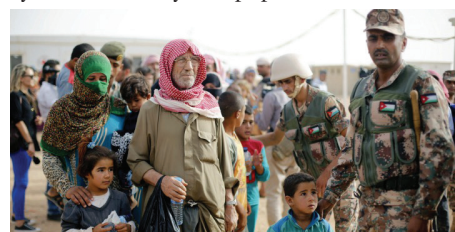
The general problem is the way a small party can exploit its position to gain massive leverage and benefits. The haredi parties, who are prepared to go with either the right or left depending on who offers them the best deal in cabinet positions, money for yeshivas, freedom from military service, and Torah-based legislation, are famous for this, but they are not the only ones that do it. Of course this applies once there is a government as well as at coalition-making time; if they are unhappy, they can vote with the opposition to bring down a government.

The bribes paid to the various prospective coalition partners — and bribes is exactly what they are — are expensive. New ministries and their staffs are created to give jobs to important partners. Institutions are subsidized, welfare benefits for particular segments of society are expanded, and so forth. The negotiators are generous. Why shouldn't they be? It's absolutely vital (they think) that their party gets to lead the nation, and it's taxpayer money anyway.

It was felt that there were too many small parties, so the percentage of the vote needed to get into the Knesset at all was raised. It presently stands at 3.25 percent, which means that if a party doesn't get that many votes

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5,500,586 Syrian refugees and an additional 7 million or so internally displaced persons in Syria, for a total Syrian "population of concern"



Syrian refugees wait to board a Jordanian army vehicle after crossing into Jordanian territory with their families. Photo: REUTERS/Muhammad Hamed/ File Photo.

to UN refugee authorities of 12,643,356.

Anyway, given the large number of books that are published that get zero attention at all from the *Times*, it's strange for the newspaper to lavish all this coverage on a Palestinian cookbook that was originally published nearly a year ago. And it's especially disappointing for the newspaper to do so in a way that includes a factually inaccurate superlative claim. It'll be interesting to see whether the *Times* publishes a correction.

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## Impressions.

### New Survey Compares Israeli, American, French Jewish Opinions on Judaism, Israel

BY JNS.org

A set of surveys conducted by the American Jewish Committee of Israeli, American and French Jews has brought to light significant differences in outlook toward Israel —and toward each other— between the groups.

On the question of the importance of being Jewish to their lives, 51 percent of Israeli Jews said it was “most important,” 29 percent very important and



Thousands wave Israeli flags as they celebrate “Jerusalem Day” by dancing through Damascus Gate on their way to the Western Wall. May 13, 2018. Photo by Yonatan Sindel/Flash90.

just eight percent “not too” or “not at all” important.

Among American and French Jews, 41 percent and 33 percent found it “very important,” respectively, 35 percent and 32 percent “somewhat important” and 24 percent and 32 percent “not too” or “not at all” important.

A significant contrast was also found in the three groups’ outlook on the Jewish nation. While 31 percent of Israeli Jews consider American Jews their siblings and 47 percent their cousins or extended family, just 13 percent of American Jews see Israeli Jews as their siblings, with 58 percent viewing them as cousins or extended family and 28 percent not seeing Israeli Jews as family at all.

Thirty-one percent of French Jews said they consider Israeli Jews their siblings.

While 62 percent of American Jews believe caring about Israel is a “very important part of my being a Jew,” 72 percent agreed that “a thriving State of Israel is vital for the long-term future of the Jewish people.”

Among Israelis, however, while 50 percent said “living in Israel is a very important part of my being a Jew,” a whopping 91 percent said the long-term future

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## Finally, From Gaza, a Ray of Light

BY HILLEL FRISH

It has been painful and frustrating to watch the total dissipation of the effective deterrence Israel managed to achieve in Gaza over the last three major rounds of conflict (especially in 2014).

After three and a half years of quiet, Hamas and Islamic Jihad launched four massive missile strikes in the wake of Israel’s erroneous decision to tolerate the “Campaign of Return” that began at the end of March 2018. To make matters worse, Israel has allowed itself to succumb to an extortion racket.

Any good strategy is inevitably based on maximizing your side’s relative advantage. Israel’s advantage over Hamas and its allies is clear: it possesses massive and exact firepower, and — compared to Gaza, at least — it possesses strategic depth.

This was the basis for the wisdom of engaging Hamas in massive rounds of warfare rather than worthless tit-for-tat rounds. Despite how accurate Hamas’ missiles may be, they cannot compete with the accuracy of the Israeli Air Force (IAF). Hamas is increasingly succeeding at overwhelming the Iron Dome system through multiple launches, but even at their most effective, these missiles can only hit



Palestinians gather near the Israel-Gaza Strip border fence, east of Gaza City, May 15, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Mohammed Salem.

buildings and cause partial damage. Citizens who take refuge in shelters usually come out physically unharmed.

By contrast, Israel succeeds at precisely hitting bad guys on motorcycles — and, when necessary, pulverizing a building (all of it).

The punishment the IAF metes out takes place in a space of 360 square kilometers. Hamas and its allies strike with lesser precision at twice the space when Ashkelon is included, and eight times the area if the strikes include Ashdod and Beersheba.

In the three massive rounds of fighting, the number of Israeli bomb sorties equaled the number of Hamas missile strikes. The difference lies in the accuracy of the payload — almost 100 percent for Israel, less than one percent for Hamas — and in the payload itself, which is 250 kilo bombs vs. missiles carrying a payload of 25 kilos.

Factoring in Gaza’s small area, the difference in payload accuracy, and the difference in payload size, the punishment meted out in Gaza is thousands of times greater than in Israel.

In the last minor round, Hamas boasted of the psychological punishment suffered by Israelis. But the truth is that the psychological punishment suffered by the Gaza population is far greater.

The difference in the magnitude of punishment explains why Hamas and Islamic Jihad launched fewer missiles after each massive round, and why after the third and most punishing round, Israel achieved three and a half years of quiet. The grandchildren of Hamas leaders, like Israeli children, suffer tremendous anxiety and fear — it can hardly be otherwise, considering what they have grown up with.

Temporarily at least, Israel’s strategy is to play to the other side’s advantage. This is not new. The practice of succumbing to extortion plagued the early Zionist pioneers long before their presence was perceived by the local Arab elite as a threat.

To add insult to injury, the Israeli military establishment (and increasingly Netanyahu and other Likud leaders) justifies this extortion model on the basis of averting a “humanitarian” crisis.

To be sure, there is no way of extending humanitarian aid to the Gaza population behind Hamas’ back. Yet no Orwellian claims can negate the simple fact that any concession in importing dual-use materials into Gaza increases the capabilities of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and therefore increases the pain they can inflict on Israel. The last bout of fighting clearly demonstrated this fact.

Allowing aid into Gaza means increased revenue for Hamas, and imports of dual-use materials increase Hamas’ firepower. In 2014, it took 300 missiles to kill one Israeli. In the recent bout, it took 180. The moment that Qatari dollars reach Gaza, Hamas can more easily pay for its regular assaults against the border fence and punish the Israeli population living alongside it.

So where is the glimmer of light?

Hamas’ “return” riots have completely failed to galvanize West Bank Palestinians to strike either Israel or the Palestinian Authority (PA).

Hamas hoped the riots would erase the effects of its takeover of Gaza in 2007, which divided a previously united Palestinian population.

The failure of the recent riots commemorating the Nakba to do either — West Bank Palestinians did not demonstrate against either Israel or the PA — suggests that Hamas remains tarnished with the sin of having divided the Palestinian people, and has weakened the cause.

Extorting Israel also bears a cost for Hamas and Islamic Jihad. The aim of both movements is to “liberate” Palestine. Trading truces for money and increasingly substituting defensive language — “if Israel strikes, we will hit harder” — for the rhetoric of “liberating Palestine from the river to the sea” gives the sense that Hamas is taking the path of Fatah, the movement it denigrates and claims to have succeeded.

There’s always hope that Prime Minister Netanyahu will go back to the right strategy of hitting hard to achieve the accumulated pain that will bring Hamas to end the option of violence, as the Arab states and Fatah did before it.

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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, City and State of New York, Block 4112 and Lot 67. Approximate amount of judgment is \$691,093.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 876/2014. Scott Harris Klein, Esq., Referee GreenspoonMarder, 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff against GOLAM SIKDER MOSTAFA A/K/A GOLAM MOSTAFA A/K/A SIKDER MOSTAFA A/K/A SIKDER G. MOSTAFA A/K/A GOLAM SKIDER MOSTAFA, ET AL, 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 February 16, 2017, 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 June 20, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1907 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Block 1338 Lot 60. 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 \$888,214.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 500958/2015. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee AMIPC001  
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File No. 2018-3288(B) PROBATE CITATION ESTATE OF JOSEF GRILICHES SURROGATE'S COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO SOLOMON ABRAMOWITZ nee ABRAMAVICIUS; BENNO ABRAMOWITZ nee ABRAMAVICIUS; LOUISE ABRAMS nee ABRAMOWITZ if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he/she/they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his/her/their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Josef Griliches, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained and THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF NEW YORK COUNTY A petition having been duly filed by JAY GARREL, who is domiciled at 575 Grant Place, Cedarhurst, New York 11516 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court New York County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007 on July 17th, Room 509, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of JOSEF GRILICHES lately domiciled at 211 E. 79th Street, New York, NY 10075 admitting to probate a Will dated September 1, 1973, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of JOSEF GRILICHES, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to JAY GARREL Dated, Attested

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and Sealed May 10, 2019 HON. Nora S. Anderson, Surrogate Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk MARTIN S. DORFMAN 100 CROSSWAYS PARK W., SUTIE 201, WOODBURY, NY 11797 (516) 802-0878 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by Jaw. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against ROSA ELISA PEREZ A/K/A ROSA E. PEREZ A/K/A ROSA PEREZ, 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 July 25, 2016, 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 June 27, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 239 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, NY. Block 3436 Lot 40. 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 \$205,480.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 512109/14. Julie Ann Clark, Esq., Referee CHJNC328  
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff against RUBY STRACHAN; VERONICA STRACHAN; SAPHIRE STRACHAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 29, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 27th day of June, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: 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 New York, County of Kings and State of New York. Said premises known as 462 East 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11203. (Block: 4939, Lot: 9). Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,145.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506263-13. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344  
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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST Eric D. Ganes, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Delia Curtis, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/2018 and entered on 10/18/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 27, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises

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known as 245 E 46th 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 County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 485L, LOT: 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$780,358.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 505910/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
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ALTERARC ARCHITECTURE, PLLC, a Prof. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/02/2019. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 239 Dekalb Ave., Apt 1, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: To Practice The Profession Of Architecture.  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Josianne Valery; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 1, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 27, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 871 East 46th 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 4980 Lot 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,534.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501049/2014. Joseph Defelice, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: April 10, 2019  
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ACCOUNTING CITATION File No. 2016-2304/A SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY - CITATION - THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, TO: Richard J. Leibowitz; Kara L. Huff; Phyllis Michelle Kalevik; David M. Leibowitz; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of ROBERT GRANT a/k/a ROBERT RAYMOND LEIBOWITZ, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; A Petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 336, Bronx, New York 10451; YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451 on July 16, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the Court should not grant the following relief: (1) that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of ROBERT GRANT a/k/a ROBERT RAYMOND

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LEIBOWITZ, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 3010 Grand Concourse, 3N, Bronx, NY, be judicially settled; (2) that legal fees of \$6,286.67 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$3,143.33 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$3,143.34 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Rodman & Campbell, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; (3) that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); (4) that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106 (1) & (2), in the approximate amount of \$5,191.12, be allowed; (5) that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to NYC Commissioner of Finance f/b/o unknown distributees; (6) that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; (7) that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, May 14, 2019. HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ - Surrogate. Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Petitioner(s): RODMAN AND CAMPBELL, P.C. Address of Attorney: 1428 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, New York 10469 Tel. No. (718) 882-2681 This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.  
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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  
AJ; 6/7/14/21/28

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

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## Tradition.

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## Leading a Nation of Individuals



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

Bamidbar begins with a census of the Israelites. That is why this book is known in English as Numbers. What is the significance of this act of counting? And why here at the beginning of the book? Besides which, there have already been two previous censuses of the people and this is the third within the space of a single year. Surely one would have been sufficient. And does counting have anything to do with leadership?

The place to begin, is to note what appears to be a contradiction. On the one hand Rashi says that the acts of counting in the Torah are gestures of love on the part of God:

*Because they (the children of Israel) are dear to Him, God counts them often. He counted them when they were about to leave Egypt. He counted them after the Golden*

contains many verbs meaning "to count": *limnot, lifkod, lispor, lachshov*. Why does the Torah not use these simple words, choosing instead the roundabout expression, "lift the heads" of the people?

The short answer is this: In any census, count or roll-call there is a tendency to focus on the total: the crowd, the multitude, the mass. Here is a nation of 60 million people, or a company with 100,000 employees or a sports crowd of 60,000. Any total tends to value the group or nation as a whole. The larger the total, the stronger is the army, the more popular the team, and the more successful the company.

Counting devalues the individual, and tends to make him or her replaceable. If one soldier dies in battle, another will take his place. If one person leaves the organisation, someone else can be hired to do his or her job.

Notoriously, too, crowds have the effect of tending to make the individual lose his or her independent judgment and follow what others are doing. We call this "herd

"especially recruited from the ranks of those morbidly nervous excitable half-deranged persons who are bordering on madness," a remarkable anticipation of Hitler. It is no accident that Le Bon's work was published in France at a time of rising antisemitism and the Dreyfus trial.

Hence the significance of one remarkable feature of Judaism: its principled insistence – like no other civilisation before – on the dignity and integrity of the individual. We believe that every human being is in the image and likeness of God. The Sages said that every life is like an entire universe. Maimonides says that each of us should see ourselves as if our next act could change the fate of the world. Every dissenting view is carefully recorded in the Mishnah, even if the law is otherwise. Every verse of the Torah is capable, said the Sages, of seventy interpretations. No voice, no view, is silenced. Judaism never allows us to lose our individuality in the mass.

There is a wonderful blessing mentioned in the Talmud to be said on seeing 600,000 Israelites together in one place. It is: "Blessed are You, Lord ... who discerns secrets." The Talmud explains that every person is different. We each have different attributes. We all think our own thoughts. Only God can enter the minds of each of us and know what we are thinking, and this is what the blessing refers to. In other words, even in a massive crowd where, to human eyes, faces blur into a mass, God still relates to us as individuals, not as members of a crowd.

That is the meaning of the phrase, "lift the head," used in the context of a census. God tells Moses that there is a danger, when counting a nation, that each individual will feel insignificant. "What am I? What difference can I make? I am only one of millions, a mere wave in the ocean, a grain of sand on the sea-shore, dust on the surface of infinity."

Against that, God tells Moses to lift people's heads by showing that they each count; they matter as individuals. Indeed in Jewish law a *davar she-be-minyan*, something that is counted, sold individually rather than by weight, is never nullified even in a mixture of a thousand or a million others. In Judaism taking a census must always be done in such a way as to signal that we are valued as individuals. We each have unique gifts. There is a contribution only I can bring. To lift someone's head means to show them favour, to recognise them. It is a gesture of love.

There is, however, all the difference in the world between individuality and individualism. Individuality means that I am a unique and valued member of a team. Individualism means that I am not a team player at all. I am interested in myself alone, not the group. Harvard sociologist Robert Putnam gave this a famous name, noting that more people than ever in the United States are going ten-pin bowling but fewer than ever are joining teams. He called it "Bowling alone." MIT professor Sherry Turkle calls our age of Twitter, Facebook,

and online (rather than face-to-face) friendships, "Alone together." Judaism values individuality, not individualism. As Hillel said, "If I am only for myself, what am I?"

All this has implications for Jewish leadership. We are not in the business of counting numbers. The Jewish people always was small and yet achieved great things. Judaism has a profound mistrust of demagogic leaders who manipulate the emotions of crowds. Moses at the burning bush spoke of his inability to be eloquent. "I am not a man of words." He thought this was a failing in a leader. In fact it was the opposite. Moses did not sway people by his oratory. Rather, he lifted them by his teaching.

A Jewish leader has to respect individuals. He or she must "lift their heads." However large the group you lead, you must always communicate the value you place on everyone. You must never attempt to sway a crowd by appealing to the primitive emotions of fear or hate. You must never ride roughshod over the opinions of others.

It is hard to lead a nation of individuals, but this is the most challenging, empowering, inspiring leadership of all.

Shabbat Shalom.

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(equivalent to four seats), they get no seats and their votes are lost. This is what happened to my vote this April, when the New Right party of Naftali Bennett and Ayelet Shaked missed the cut-off by a mere thousand votes. Now there aren't numerous one- and two-seat factions in the Knesset, but the extortion problem still exists. And the high cut-off harms the medium-size parties because it impels voters to choose the biggest parties out of fear of having their votes neutralized.

There are some very good things about Israel's system. A citizen makes a clear ideological choice in voting for a party, and Israelis care about ideology. Even if you vote for a party that just makes it over the threshold with four or five seats, your people will have influence in the Knesset, and perhaps in the cabinet if they join the coalition. Unlike the American or British systems in which parliamentary candidates stand for election from geographical districts, there is no problem of gerrymandering (drawing district boundaries to disenfranchise voters of a particular party or particular ethnic groups). Gridlock caused by conflict between the executive and legislative branches, so characteristic of the American government, is far less likely.

I don't have an easy solution. Politics is politics, and it will always involve deals in smoke-filled rooms. But is there anything we can do to clean up the coalition system, without losing the worthwhile parts?

*Victor Rosenthal was born in Brooklyn, NY, lived on a kibbutz through the 1980s, and returned home to Israel in 2014 after 26 years in California. He writes at the Abu Yehuda blog.*

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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 AJ; 6/7/14/21/28

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 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

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**New Survey**

of the Jewish people was linked to the future of the State of Israel.

Regarding a two-state solution to Israel's conflict with the Palestinians, 51 percent of Israelis either "strongly oppose" or "somewhat oppose" a two-state solution, with 39 percent in favor of the idea. Among younger Israelis, 42.4 percent "strongly oppose," along with 56.8 percent of ultra-Orthodox Israelis.

The study also showed that 50 percent of Israelis say not a single Jewish community in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria should be dismantled for the sake of such a solution.

Yet just 26 percent of American Jews oppose a two-state solution, with 64 percent supporting the creation of a Palestinian state on land in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria.

A majority of Israelis, 63.5 percent, said it is "not appropriate for American Jews to attempt to influence Israeli policy on such issues as national security and peace negotiations with the Palestinians," while 57 percent of American Jews felt they should have a say.



*Calf to establish how many were left. And now that He was about to cause His presence to rest on them (with the inauguration of the sanctuary), He counted them again. (Rashi to Bamidbar 1:1)*

So we learn that when God initiates a census of the Israelites, it is to show that He loves them.

In contradiction to this, centuries later King David counted the people, but there was Divine anger and 70,000 people died. How can this be, if counting is an expression of love?

The Torah is explicit in saying that taking a census of the nation is fraught with risk:

*Then God said to Moses, "When you take a census of the Israelites to count them, each must give to God a ransom for his life at the time he is counted. Then no plague will come on them when you number them. (Ex. 30:11-12).*

The answer to this apparent contradiction lies in the phrase the Torah uses to describe the act of counting: *se'u et rosh*, literally, "lift the head." This is a strange, circumlocutory expression. Biblical Hebrew

behaviour," and it sometimes leads to collective madness. In 1841 Charles Mackay published his classic study, *Extraordinary Popular Delusions And The Madness Of Crowds*, which tells of the South Sea Bubble that cost thousands their money in the 1720s, and the tulip mania in Holland when fortunes were spent on single tulip bulbs. The Great Crashes of 1929 and 2008 had the same crowd psychology.

Another great work, Gustav Le Bon's *The Crowd: A Study of the Popular Mind* (1895) showed how crowds exercise a "magnetic influence" that transmutes the behaviour of individuals into a collective "group mind." As he put it, "An individual in a crowd is a grain of sand amid other grains of sand, which the wind stirs up at will." People in a crowd become anonymous. Their conscience is silenced. They lose a sense of personal responsibility. Crowds are peculiarly prone to regressive behaviour, primitive reactions and instinctual behaviour. They are easily led by figures who are demagogues, playing on people's fears and sense of victimhood. Such leaders, he said, are

## Social.



Actors and filming crew members work on the set of Israeli television series 'Fauda' in Tel Aviv, Israel, May 30, 2019.  
Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

## Israeli Thriller Series 'Fauda' Digs in for Darker Third Season

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

"Fauda," an Israeli TV series that has become a Netflix hit for its unsparing portrayal of undercover commandos who pose as Palestinians to pursue Hamas guerrillas, promises to dig deeper into the conflict in its third season.

The first two seasons took place mostly in the West Bank. This time, showrunners Avi Issacharoff and Lior Raz have set much of it in the Gaza Strip, where the armed Islamist faction rules and has fought three wars against Israel.

"This is going to be much more dark, much more emotional," Raz, who also plays Fauda's tortured lead character, told Reuters at a dusty, smoke-wreathed underground Tel Aviv power plant repurposed to look like a Hamas tunnel and bunker network.

The show, which has bilingual scripts in Hebrew and Arabic, has been praised internationally for its gritty realism — The New York Times listed it as one of the best shows of 2017 — while being criticized by pro-Palestinian campaigners who describe it as gung-ho, pro-Israeli war propaganda.

The title means "chaos" in Arabic and is the commandos' codeword for when an operation goes awry.

The creators acknowledge that they come to the

conflict from an Israeli perspective: "At the end of the day, Lior and I — we're both Jews, Israelis, Zionists. We cannot be fair. This is not a joint narrative," Issacharoff told Reuters.

Nevertheless, they say it succeeds because the Palestinian characters are nuanced and complex. Palestinians, they hope, could enjoy it too.

"We want to bring people to watch this story and the plot that we are writing. We are not trying to change the world," Raz said. "We can try to make people to start to talk to each other and to try to understand each other much better."

On the set, Israeli Arab actors playing Palestinian militants milled about in camouflage uniforms wielding replica Kalashnikovs. In between exchanges of dialogue in Arabic, they took instruction in Hebrew from the director.

Some pro-Palestinian activists have called for a boycott of Netflix for broadcasting it.

"The series was not written by Europeans or Americans or Africans. It was written by the aggressors, by the criminals themselves," said a commentary on the Arabic website Vice.

Yet Yasmeen Serhan, a Palestinian writer in London, wrote in *The Atlantic* that she found herself unable to stop watching, even though "it sometimes had me yelling at the screen."

## Maroon 5 Singer Adam Levine Performs at Adam Sandler's Daughter's Bat Mitzvah

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Jewish actor Adam Sandler managed to get Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine to perform at his daughter Sadie's bat mitzvah celebration last weekend, he said Thursday on the ABC late-night show "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

Sandler, 52, explained that he wanted to do something special for his daughter's bat mitzvah and texted his friend Levine, who is also Jewish, to see if he could come and sing "a few tunes" at Sadie's party on Saturday night.

The actor, who stars in the new Netflix movie



Adam Sandler on 'Jimmy Kimmel Live' beside his 'Murder Mystery' co-star, Jennifer Aniston.  
Photo: Screenshot.

"Murder Mystery," continued, "But I don't know why I did it. Then you see the dot dot dot immediately. I'm like, 'He got it and he's about to say something.' And then he writes, 'I can't say no to you. Where?'"

Levine, 40, happened to be familiar with the location of the party and told Sandler he attended several bar mitzvahs at the venue when he was a kid. The singer and fellow Maroon 5 bandmate James Valentine ended up playing three songs at Sadie's party.

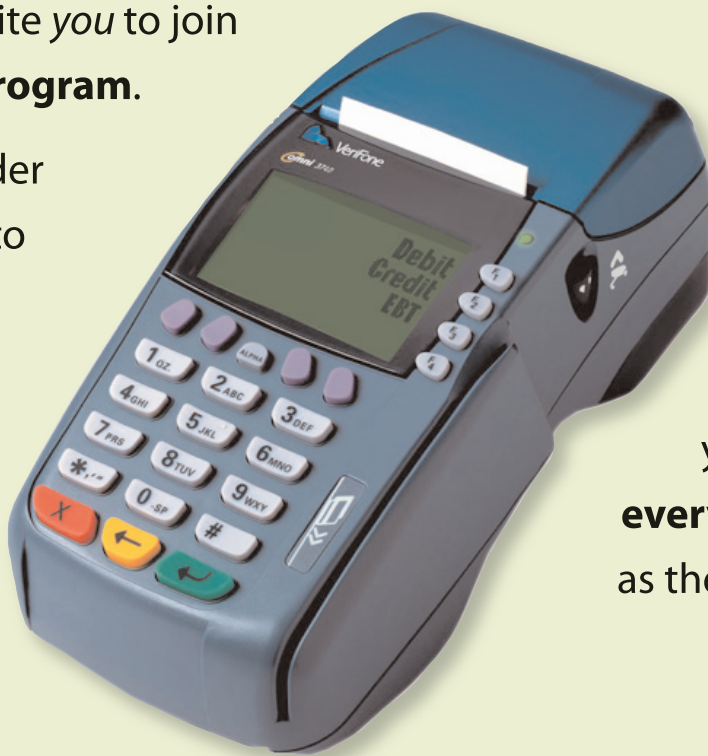
"It was the coolest thing, man," Sandler told Kimmel. "Oh, she hugged me so much, my Sadie, after. The whole bat mitzvah, I mean that happened early in the night, so the rest of the night — it was hard to follow that."

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