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British Jews Give Thumbs Up to New UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson



British PM Boris Johnson. Photo: Reuters/Toby Melville.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

British Jewish organizations welcomed the country's new Conservative Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, to his first day in office with warm statements of support.

"We wish Boris Johnson every success as Prime Minister at this critical time for our country," Marie van der Zyl — President of the Board

of Deputies of British Jews — said in a statement on Tuesday. "We have had a long and positive relationship with Mr Johnson as both Mayor of London and Foreign Secretary and we look forward to this continuing as he enters Downing Street." A statement from Conservative Friends of Israel emphasized Johnson's sympathy for the Jewish state.

"CFI would like to warmly congratulate Boris Johnson on becoming the UK's next Prime

Minister," the group said in a statement. "From his refusal to boycott Israeli goods in his time as Mayor of London, through to his instrumental role as Foreign Secretary in both the landmark Balfour Declaration celebrations and the first-ever official Royal visit to Israel, Boris has a long history of standing shoulder to shoulder with Israel and the Jewish community."

The statement concluded:

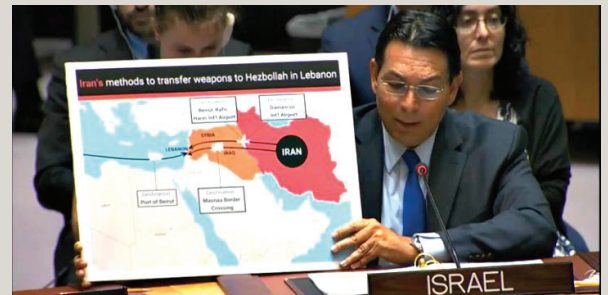
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Israeli Envoy Reveals Iran-Hezbollah Weapons Smuggling Routes Into Lebanon

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations on Tuesday shared Israeli intelligence information with the UN Security Council showing Iran funneling weapons to the Hezbollah terrorist organization, highlighting the continuing threat posed by the Tehran regime and its Lebanese proxy along Israel's northern border.

"In the years 2018-2019, Israel found that dual-use items are smuggled into Lebanon to advance Hezbollah's rocket and missile capabilities," Danny Danon — Israel's envoy to the UN — revealed to the Security Council.



Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon addressing the Security Council. Photo: Israeli Mission to UN.

Danon said that the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC), which directs Iranian interventions abroad, had begun "to advance the exploitation of the civilian maritime channels, and specifically the Port of Beirut."

Said Danon: "The Port of Beirut has become the Port of Hezbollah." Danon disclosed that Iran and Hezbollah were aided by Syrian agents who purchased the dual-use equipment — meaning it can be used for both civilian and military

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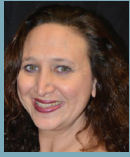
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Opinion.

Losing a Child to the BDS Movement



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DETROIT

A lot has been written about how the BDS movement is gaining traction as a mainstream and acceptable cause on American college campuses. In fact, the news is endless.

Here's a recent example: a professor at San Francisco State University is under scrutiny for using the department's official Facebook page to promote BDS, a movement that seeks the destruction of the world's only Jewish state.

But what needs to be examined in all this coverage is just how these organizations influence our brightest students, and encourage the unwitting and well-meaning to join their cause.

A little over a year ago, my family took in a homeless high school senior in the months before he departed for college. He was good friends with my son, and a good kid who kept his head up and stayed out of trouble — in spite of suffering multiple childhood traumas.

In his short life, he endured his parents' divorce, his mother's death, alleged abuse and neglect at the hands of his father, and finally, being abandoned by his father when he came out as gay at age 17. He is a resilient young man with a cheery, friendly, positive attitude. In high school, he maintained a stellar grade point average, and was a student leader in

extracurricular activities.

He had a close circle of friends, many of them Jewish. Though raised in a Christian family, he took much interest in Jewish traditions and culture. He didn't mind moving into our kosher home, and even looked forward to Shabbat dinner, where we placed our hands on his head just as we do our own children to offer the weekly blessing.

We supported him — advocating for him and his needs before his high school counselor, and helping him make his decision between three prestigious colleges where he had received full scholarships. Whatever expenses he had outside of that scholarship, the wider Jewish village stepped in with gift cards to outfit him and his dorm room. A boy raised thousands of dollars for him with a can collection as part of becoming a bar mitzvah. In this nurturing environment, for the first time in many years, the young man we took in said that he felt happy and at home. We were blessed to have him in our life.

In the months that he lived with us, the topic of Israel did come up. He knew we were ardent Zionists. He shared with us his misconceptions about the situation between Israel and the Palestinians, and we tried to best inform him with books from our family library, including *Start-Up Nation* and *The Case for Israel*. A former religious school teacher, I prepared him for what he would experience on campus — just as I had prepared all of my college-bound students. I imparted to him that Israel is far from perfect. Yes, the separation barriers are ugly and unfortunate, but I

explained that they were necessary to prevent terror attacks, and have saved lives on both sides since their construction.

He left for college telling me that he could not understand how progressive movements on campus could take an anti-Israel stance — it being the only country in the Middle East that valued freedom and equality for a person, regardless of their race, religion, gender, or sexual identity.

Ten weeks into his first semester at the University of Michigan (UM), his views completely pivoted.

Last fall, UM experienced some of the most blatant anti-Israel activity in the country. Two faculty members refused to write letters of recommendation for students because they wished to study in Israel. A guest lecturer at the art school compared Benjamin Netanyahu to Adolf Hitler. And, just days after the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, several campus departments co-sponsored a one-sided "teach-in" about BDS.

Simultaneously, our young friend began to distance himself from our family. His Facebook feed began to fill with public posts demonizing Israel and praising the actions of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP).

When we finally had some heated exchanges over the phone and via text messages, his tone became hostile. His beef with Israel extended way beyond the building of settlements.

He accused me of "blindly supporting an imperialist Zio-ethno state" with one of the world's worst human rights records.



A pro-BDS demonstration.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

He accused me of supporting a country with an apartheid government responsible for ethnic cleansing and the genocide of hundreds of Palestinian children and grandmothers every single day.

After further discussion, I learned that the definition of occupation being taught to him on campus was not limited to the West Bank or eastern Jerusalem. No. With the brand of criticizing Israel he had now ascribed to, Haifa and Tel Aviv were just as "illegal" as settlements such as Tekoa or Ariel. Additionally, for there to be peace, one secular country had to be created to also allow five million descendants of Palestinian refugees back to their homes.

After further discussion, he asked me how I — a person so concerned about human rights — could possibly hold up Zionism as an ideal. Didn't I know that Zionism was an ideology that is hinged upon oppressing black and brown people? And, if I was a Zionist, my views must align perfectly with that of the notorious neo-Nazi and white supremacist

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What Will History Say About Netanyahu?



JONATHAN S. TOBIN
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The numbers are staggering, no matter how you count them. Whether you say 13 years and 128 days or just call it 4,876 days, on Saturday, July 20, Benjamin Netanyahu will become Israel's long-serving prime minister. That's an extraordinary achievement, yet the milestone date on which he will surpass David Ben-Gurion's record tenure as Israel's leader has served more as an excuse for an orgy of Bibi-bashing from domestic and foreign pundits than any real appreciation of Netanyahu's legacy or his place in Israel's history.

Part of the problem is that the obsession about the length of his tenure has set up a comparison with Israel's first prime minister that is an implicit rebuke of Netanyahu. While the idea that there is any competition between the two is ridiculous, understanding the evolution from the poor and struggling country that Ben-Gurion led to independence and survival to the regional economic and military superpower that Netanyahu governs is helpful to understanding the latter's achievements. T

hat most of the chattering classes in Israel and in most Western nations, both Jewish and non-Jewish voices, despise Netanyahu is not a secret. So it is little surprise that most of the commentary about his becoming the longest-serving prime minister in Israeli history has largely consisted of a litany of his sins.

The substance of these charges is that he is an arrogant, corrupt megalomaniac concerned only with maintaining his personal hold on

power. He is blamed for obstructing peace, ending bipartisan support for Israel in the United States, alienating American Jews, and conducting an assault on Israeli democracy.

Of those charges, he is probably only really guilty of an obsessive drive to hold onto power.

The notion that he is anti-democratic is utter nonsense and largely due to resentment on the part of his critics about his democratic victories. His unwillingness to be ousted from office by what appears to many Israelis to be insubstantial corruption charges is no more an indication of authoritarianism than his efforts to rein in an out-of-control judiciary.

Netanyahu has dominated Israeli politics since he returned to the prime minister's office in 2009 after his first term from 1996-99 resulted in a defeat that seemed to have ended his political career. His comeback was partly due to luck, because the Palestinians' consistent rejection of peace offers, including an independent state, ensuring that the Israeli left was discredited. Netanyahu's more realistic approach to the conflict was the only credible choice offered to Israelis.

But though his path back to power was paved by the bad choices of his rivals and Israel's foes, Netanyahu's comeback was a



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during a weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, May 19, 2019. Photo: Ariel Schalit / Pool via Reuters / File.

tribute to his political skills. The same can be said of his ability to hang on to office and win election after election.

That said, Netanyahu's long reign is also something of an argument for term limits. The prime minister has driven out any potential successor from his party in order to maintain his supremacy. And though the corruption charges that he is facing are not as serious as his enemies claim and mostly political in nature, they are still the inevitable product of any administration that goes on for too long.

But if a plurality of Israelis still thinks Netanyahu is Israel's indispensable man, it's because he has been an excellent prime minister.

On his watch, Israel's economy has prospered, and his brilliant diplomacy has helped break down the isolation it previously suffered throughout the Third World and in much of Europe. By every normal measure of leadership, Netanyahu has succeeded brilliantly. None of his opponents would have done as well, since they lack his economic and diplomatic expertise as well as his cautious and pragmatic approach to security issues.

Why then is he still so despised by so many? Much of that animus stems from the fact that many liberals have never forgiven the Israeli people for embracing the Israeli right-wing coalition that Netanyahu now heads, while the Labor Zionist movement that Ben-Gurion once led became marginalized.

Many people also won't forgive Netanyahu for his steadfast refusal to play along with the popular notion that peace with the Palestinians is within Israel's reach. It is this — and not the catalog of faults for which he stands accused — that is the real substance of the criticisms aimed at him.

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World News.

Presidential Candidate Cory Booker Rules Out Potential Meeting With Louis Farrakhan

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Democratic presidential candidate Cory Booker said on Sunday that he would not be willing to meet with antisemitic Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, clarifying his position on the issue.

When previously asked about potentially meeting with Farrakhan, the New Jersey senator replied, "I don't feel like I need to do that, but I'm not one of those people who says that I wouldn't sit down with anybody to hear what they have to say."

However, in a CNN interview on Sunday, Booker was asked about that statement and said, "First of all, that was completely taken out of context of that larger conversation."



US Senator Cory Booker is seen during a visit to a migrant assistance center in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, July 3, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Jose Luis Gonzalez.

"I will not sit down with Louis Farrakhan, period," he emphasized. "And I reject anybody who preaches that kind of bigotry and hate towards other Americans."

German Antisemitism Tsar Endorses Probe Into Diplomatic Representative to Palestinians Over Anti-Jewish Tweets

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Pressure has continued to pile on Christian Clages, Germany's official diplomatic representative to the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah, after an investigation by the newspaper Bild last week revealed that several antisemitic and anti-Zionist posts on Twitter had received "likes" from his verified account.

The German Foreign Office immediately launched a probe into the tweets, with some German parliamentarians and government officials expressing shock at the revelation that Clages' account had, among other offenses, liked a tweet posted by the former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke condemning "Jewish supremacists."

Among those who voiced support for the probe into Clages was Felix Klein, Germany's federal commissioner tasked with combating antisemitism, who described the scandal as fundamentally a question of "trust."

"If German interests are to be effectively represented, it is necessary that the representative in Ramallah has good relations not only with Palestinians in the West Bank, but with Israelis too," Klein added.

A spokesperson from Germany's Foreign Ministry told Bild that it distanced itself "emphatically" from the tweets that had been approved from Clages account, describing them as an "unacceptable" deviation from German government policy that "will not be tolerated."

The 64-year-old Clages has worked for the German diplomatic service since 1985, and has previously served as Germany's ambassador to Rwanda, Senegal and Lebanon.



German's representative to the PA Christian Clages (r) with UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl. Photo: UNRWA.

One of the goals of the Foreign Ministry probe is to establish whether it was Clages himself who liked the tweets, or whether there was unauthorized access to the account, @GerRepRamallah. According to the magazine Spiegel, more than one person in the Ramallah office had access to the account. Clages has meanwhile distanced himself from the tweets.

The tweets liked included a rant by Duke on April 10, in which the American neo-Nazi leader tweeted a lie popular on the far right and the extreme left: "On this day 71 years ago, Jewish supremacists invaded the Palestinian village of Deir Yassin, where they slaughtered men, women and children. Innocent Palestinians were mutilated, raped and paraded through Jewish neighborhoods before being summarily executed."

Other tweets liked by the German diplomat included one by an activist asking "when will Israel occupy the moon?" — a possible reference to Israel's recent "Beresheet" moon mission — while another claimed falsely that the Jewish state only "respects its own religious holidays."

Hamas Official Tells Iranian Leader Group Is Tehran Regime's 'First Line of Defense'



Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei delivers a speech in Tehran, Feb. 18, 2019. Photo: Khamenei.ir / Handout via Reuters.

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A top Hamas official met on Sunday with Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and told him that his group was the Tehran regime's "first line of defense."

According to Israeli daily Yediot Ahronot, Hamas deputy chief Saleh al-Arouri met with Khamenei in Tehran and presented him with a letter from Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh.

"Any aggression against Iran is aggression against Palestine and against the resistance," al-Arouri said.

Khamenei said, "The Palestinian issue is the most important in the Muslim world, and the victory in it will not be achieved without resistance and struggle."

"Hamas is in the heart of Palestine, just as Palestine is in the heart of the Muslim world," he added.

Khamenei also praised Hamas' military abilities, saying, "Not many years ago, Palestinians were fighting with stones, but today they are fighting with precision missiles."

In addition, Khamenei struck out at Iran's Sunni Arab rivals, stating, "The distancing from the Palestinian issue by countries close

to the United States, like Saudi Arabia, is foolish, and if they supported the Palestinians, they would have won a few privileges."

He also appeared to attempt to link the Palestinian cause to the current resistance to Iran, saying, "The main reason for the hostility against Iran is our support for the Palestinians — but this hostility and the pressures exerted on us will not cause Iran to give it up."

He also bashed the Trump administration's long-gestating Middle East peace plan, stating, "The 'deal of the century' is a plot aimed at eliminating Palestinian identity."

According to The Tehran Times, al-Arouri also met with Kamal Kharrazi, chairman of Iran's Strategic Council on Foreign Relations and a former foreign minister.

"Policies of the enemies of Islam and Palestine in supporting occupant Israel are obvious," said Kharrazi. "The Palestinians are aware of these policies and have come to the conclusion that they should stand against the foreigners' plots."

He noted that Iran had supported the Palestinians since the Islamist regime was established in 1979.

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Thumbs Up

"Mr Johnson continued to display his resolute support throughout the Leadership Contest, with a memorable hustings event with CFI and an excellent letter penned to CFI's supporters reiterating his deep support for Israel and pledging to be a 'champion for Jews in Britain and around the world.' CFI looks forward to working with Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his new Government to take the deep UK-Israel relationship from strength to strength."

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Smuggling

purposes — from foreign civilian companies and transferred it to Lebanon. These agents misled the companies when they officially unloaded the equipment at the Port of Beirut, Danon said, which was then transported to Hezbollah's missile production facilities.

Danon said that Hezbollah regularly uses civilian centers in Lebanon to illegally transport arms, in "flagrant violation" of UN Security Council Resolution 1701, which calls

Johnson, who replaces Theresa May as Prime Minister after winning the election to replace her as leader of the governing Conservative Party, pledged on Tuesday to reunite the country, defeat Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn in an eventual election and deliver on Brexit — the UK's departure from the European Union — by the deadline of Oct. 31.

A host of Israeli politicians including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took to Twitter to offer Johnson their congratulations.

for the disarming of the terrorist organization. Danon also presented the Security Council with a map of various weapons transfer routes.

The Israeli envoy urged UN member states to take extra precautions with regard to the sale of dual-use equipment.

"Are you absolutely sure your companies are not the ones selling dual-use equipment to the hands of Hezbollah?" Danon asked. "Are you sure your citizens know the end-users of these dual-use items?"

World News.



A view of the graffiti covered up on the Kotel HaKatan, July 2019. Photo: Jerusalem Police.

What to Do After ‘Slaughter the Jews’ is Spray-Painted in Arabic on Part of the Western Wall?

BY JNS.org

A young Arab girl and her older teenage sister spray-painted the words “slaughter the Jews” in Arabic on Friday on the Kotel HaKatan (“little wall” in Hebrew), a portion of the Western Wall on the Temple Mount about 650 feet south of the Western Wall Plaza and

next to the Iron Gate entrance to the Old City.

“Last Friday, I was going to pray, walking by the Kotel HaKatan right before Shabbat, around 7:30 or 8 p.m. At the entrance, I saw a small girl writing in Arabic right on the walls,” said Rabbi Shimon Ben-Yashar.

“I came to the police, and the police spoke with their commander, who said they

would talk to her parents because she was a minor,” he told JNS. “The police didn’t know what to do because she was a young girl, and they could not punish her.”

Once Shabbat begins, Ben-Yashar explained, Jewish law holds that Jews cannot erase the paint, so the girl may have known—or perhaps was directed—to go at that exact time to paint on the walls, he speculated.

Rabbi Ben Packer, director of the Jerusalem Heritage House and resident of the Old City, saw the graffiti on Shabbat morning while walking with a group of tourists. By the time he arrived, others had marked the area with more spray-paint to cross out the antisemitic slur.

“We saw the writing in Arabic with a heart and a Muslim symbol,” Packer told JNS. “The tourists were shocked by the whole thing.”

While he noted that “sometimes, Arabs say the phrase out loud,” he had not seen it written like this before, especially on the walls of a holy site.

“The graffiti was very bright; clearly, it took her a while to do it,” he added. “Because they had to use special chemicals that are a bit problematic, the antiquities authority tried to stop the police from taking it down.”

According to Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem Fleur Hassan-Nahoum, the police and Jerusalem municipality completely removed the graffiti by Sunday.

“Jerusalem is a place where we sanctify freedom of worship,” Hassan-Nahoum told JNS. “It is unbelievable that young Arabs are still being brainwashed by their school’s educators and surroundings to commit these acts of vandalism. We have a zero-tolerance

policy, and will continue to ensure the law is respected and those who don’t will be punished accordingly.”

She noted that catching the girls was “in part thanks to the municipality’s sophisticated CCTV camera system that is being installed across the whole city.”

“We have been working on it for a number of years now,” she said, “and the project is supposed to be finished this year.”

‘A continuous Jewish presence there’

Packer, on the other hand, posed that the municipality and police are not doing enough to protect less-known holy sites like the Kotel HaKatan.

“I think the whole area is incredibly neglected by the authorities, and this is what leads to these actions,” he lamented. “I’m not excusing the actions of the girl; however, with no guards there and a lot of trash in the area, there is no show of the importance of this wall compared to any other wall that could be covered by graffiti. It’s the city’s fault as well for letting the situation be how it is.”

He recommended that there be guards in the area at all times, “as there are many guards around the rest of the Kotel, and this piece of the Western Wall is even closer to where the temple stood.”

“There should be a continuous Jewish presence there—an ark for Torah scrolls, chairs for people to sit and prayer books—and there shouldn’t be an outhouse there. This could all be done in weeks, but it would take a bold decision” by the municipality, he suggested.

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Sunday, August 25
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Bogus Purim Service Broken Up

Reprinted from the Jewish Press • Friday, March 20, 1987

A group of missionaries in Brighton Beach who rented Public School 225 on the premise they were holding a social, attempted to hold a bogus “Purim Megilla” reading. The missionaries widely advertised their program in Russian as well as English throughout the Manhattan Beach and Brighton Beach area in an effort to entice young people to their service. However, when the real purpose of the “service” was discovered, groups from Boro Park, Flatbush, Crown Heights and Monsey descended on the area to help the

staff of the Beth Shifra Institutions break up the rally. Since many of the protesters missed the Megilla reading, the staff of Beth Shifra held to Megilla readings, so those who were instrumental in breaking up the rally could observe the Mitzva properly. The Beth Shifra rally, held at the Jewish Center of Ocean Parkway, was termed a huge success by the children and parents who attended. There was a live band and a puppet show to entertain the children.

U.S. News.

Opposition Grows to Pro-BDS Resolution Set to Be Voted on by Major Academic Association

BY DAVID GERSTMAN

Academics are circulating a letter expressing opposition to a resolution supporting the anti-Israel boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign at a major academic association's annual meeting next month, *The Algemeiner* has learned.

The letter, which was initiated by Chad Alan Goldberg, is being circulated by former Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) officers, editors and award-winners. The letter objects to a resolution that is to be submitted for approval in August, stating, "We oppose all academic boycotts, including the proposal for an SSSP-imposed boycott against Israeli academic institutions."

Goldberg — a professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison — won the SSSP's Outstanding Book Award in 2010 for his *Citizens and Paupers: Relief, Rights, and Race, from the Freedmen's Bureau to Workfare*.

The letter says further that adoption of the resolution would mean that the association would be "sponsoring an inequitable and discriminatory policy" that violates SSSP's by-laws.

It also asserts that "a blacklist of Israeli academic institutions harms all SSSP members by restricting their academic freedom to work with scholars from other institutions around the world."

The boycott would restrict the freedom that is "essential" to association members, without which they "cannot fulfill their professional responsibilities," it adds.

In addition, the letter observes, it is Israeli academics who are "instrumental thought leaders in the movement for a just peace."

The letter concludes, "To deny these freedoms to one group of scholars on the grounds that others are deprived of them is logically inconsistent and morally indefensible. We believe these fundamental principles must be upheld for scholars of every nationality, at every academic institution, everywhere in the world."

The pro-BDS resolution was co-authored by Melissa Weiner, an associate professor of sociology at the College of Holy Cross, and Johnny E. Williams, a professor of sociology at Trinity College.

The resolution calls on the SSSP to endorse "the call for a boycott of complicit Israeli academic institutions articulated by our Palestinian colleagues until they end all forms of complicity in Israel's grave human rights violations and publicly distance themselves from these violations."

In an email to *The Algemeiner*, Weiner and Williams explained, "Our resolutions address the ongoing lack of Academic Freedom for Palestinians, as imposed by the Israeli government. As you can see in these resolutions, we are not targeting individual Israeli faculty, only Israeli academic institutions as representatives of the Israeli state. Therefore, we are not limiting Israeli academic freedom in any way. Instead, we are calling attention to the lack of academic freedom experienced by Palestinians."

Weiner and Williams also asserted that since the call for boycotts of Israel originated in 2004, "the US are already late in responding to this civil, non-violent campaign for justice." They also expressed their hope that just as boycotts led to the end of apartheid in South Africa, "we believe this will be true for Palestine as well."

SSSP Vice President William Cabin told *The Algemeiner* that since the resolution had only been proposed, the association "has not taken a position on it."

Miriam F. Elman, executive director of the Academic Engagement Network (AEN), commented, "If the two SSSP members who proposed the 'Resolution on BDS' really cared about the academic rights of Palestinians then they would be focusing not on Israel, but on how the Palestinian Authority and Hamas routinely silence open inquiry and punish those who oppose them. The Resolution's 19 endnotes are top-heavy with the propaganda of virulently anti-Israel NGOs and non-scholarly websites. With these sources providing the 'data,' it's really not very surprising that it fails to mention a single threat to freedom of speech coming from Palestinian authorities themselves."

In addition, Elman noted that implementing a boycott of Israel would indeed compromise academic freedom, pointing out that "by shutting down study abroad programs, for example," those supporting the boycott "would punish their own students."

In addressing the phenomenon of academic associations proposing boycotts of Israel, Asaf Romirowsky — executive director of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (SPME), which represents 40,000 academics around the world who are combating the boycott movement — told *The Algemeiner*, "The majority of academic associations have a disconnect between what they claim and the reality on the ground."

He argued that BDS "actually works against normalization between Israelis and Palestinians."

"It's the extension of the Palestinization of the academy," Romirowsky said of the BDS campaign, explaining that this "has been going on for years with Arab money buying chairs and departments and where propaganda has

replaced scholarship."

Tammi Rossman-Benjamin — cofounder and director the AMCHA Initiative — told *The Algemeiner*, "The very nature of an academic boycott, if carried out, harms not only its intended target — in this case the academic institutions and scholars of Israel — it also directly and substantially harms students on US campuses. This past year, for example, numerous faculty attempted to shut down their universities' study abroad programs in Israel, and some faculty refused to write letters of recommendations for students wishing to study in Israel. These academic BDS-compliant actions trample the educational rights of any student wanting to travel to or study about Israel."

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Opinion.

Political Detox in the American Sabbath

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ENGELWOOD

I am writing this column in McCarthy, Alaska, surrounded by mountains rising almost 20,000 feet and glaciers more than five miles thick. I'm at the edge of the world, in Wrangle-St. Elias National Park — the nation's largest — in a tiny community with 30 year-round residents.

Once a mining town producing the world's purest copper, McCarthy is now a place of refuge for those seeking a respite from the noise of civilization. As such, it has become a symbol of how places that were once used to exploit the riches of nature have become the guardians of its splendor and purity.

I've been in a wonderful RV with my family, and we've been exposed to a world that we city-folk rarely encounter.

True, Alaska is the 49th state and just celebrated its 60th anniversary. Also true, Alaska has some large towns, like Juneau and Fairbanks, with most of the perks of big-city living. But for all that, most of Alaska remains an untouched wilderness, accessible only by boat, small plane, or, like McCarthy, a forbidding unpaved road.

Twelve years ago, I traveled in Alaska in an RV with my family and now I have returned. Why? There is the usual mix of my regular travel activities — lecturing, sight-seeing, media, and exploration. But this time, I also needed a political detox. I came to the wilderness because civilization — with its non-stop internecine political conflict — had come to feel burdensome.

Arguably, Judaism's greatest contribution to world culture is the Sabbath, the idea of cessation of labor and weekly rest that has

been adopted by every nation and ethnicity on earth. The Sabbath is a respite from the accumulated stress and pressures of urban life. It's a time to unplug from the incessant demands of a 24/7 electronic culture that demands our undivided attention and contorts the soul. The Bible defines slavery as work that has no end. We have all become enslaved to phones, tablets, and computers.

But what of the constant arena of political and social conflict that has engulfed America? What will give us a respite from taking a verbal sledgehammer to each other? Is there a place we can go where people aren't immediately factionalized, and where humanity can breathe free without first choosing a partisan affiliation?

It's not that I don't believe that political engagement is necessary. It is. Politics will define the caliber of our schools, the quality of our air, the state of our inalienable rights, and whether we have money to feed our families. But an all-consuming political culture from which we can never retreat quickly becomes soul-destroying.

America needs a Sabbath. That's why it has areas of wilderness. Nature is where we retreat when civilization becomes poisonous. Wildlife is what we need to experience when life has become wild.

Make no mistake. I have no interest in living as a mountain man. I enjoy and have become dependent on civilization's creature comforts as much as the next person, and I'm grateful that in the modern era, you can experience nature with so many amenities. But I also know that if I don't get out into the mountains, if I don't see an untouched natural stream, if I don't look with awe at the deep blue ice of a towering glacier, then corruption has set into my soul.

Alaska could not be more different than the world of New Jersey and New York which I inhabit. In Manhattan, most of the people I know are in banking, real estate, medicine,

law, media, academia, and high tech. Here in Alaska, almost everyone you meet has a job in which they use their hands.

In Fairbanks, I met a man whose job it is to fuel massive diesel generators that are north of the Arctic circle. While he works in summer, in 24 hours of sunlight, the camps he powers are often utterly dark from an infestation of mosquitoes that actually blackens the sky. In Glenallen, we met a trucker who for 20 years has moved fuel from Valdez in the South to Prudhoe Bay on the Arctic Ocean. We had an issue with our RV. He stopped, fixed it instantly, and drove off, but not before he told me that he has a family that he loves and that he is away from every other week in order to pay the bills.

In Valdez, we met fishermen who live on their boats for days at a time, as they bring in tens of thousands of King, Red, and Sockeye salmon each summer. In Anchorage, I met men who work on Alaska's frost-heave-challenged roads, which begin to crater as the permafrost sags and shifts. At Denali, I met a man who spent his teenage years living in a cabin with no electricity or running water, as he and his grandfather shot moose and canned the meat so they could survive the brutal winters. And here in McCarthy, I met mountain guides who scale glaciers with tourists, helping them put on their crampons and hold their ice ax.

It's a different America than most of us see. More hands-on, more connected to the earth, less dependent on big-city comforts, and more insistent on its freedom. And the people here live in temperatures that dip to 70 below zero to sustain those freedoms and open air that defines their existence.

The great Jewish Kabbalists, like Rabbi Isaac Luria, believed that God was found in nature, so they lived and taught in Israel's northern, forested region around Safed, which is still a haven for mystics, artists, and spiritual seekers. What did the Kabbalists see in



A Torah scroll. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

nature? God's unspoiled hand. They believed that no human creation could match God's artistry. So when they wanted to commune with God, they went out into the mountains, the fields, and the valleys.

There is precious little to unify Democrats and Republicans today. But perhaps preservation of America's wilderness and making it accessible to the masses — like the incomparable National Park system — will provide a way.

Ask the people in Alaska — a red state — if global warming is real, and they will tell you that it undoubtedly is, as they can see in all the melting glaciers. While we have been here, Alaska experienced a four-week heat wave that broke all records. We could not believe the incredible heat to which we were subject as we gazed upon a shimmering Mount Denali, the highest peak in North America. But some people in Alaska don't believe that climate change is man-made. They believe it's cyclical and would happen without or without human carbon emissions.

Judaism rises above the environmental debate by emphasizing the sacredness of nature. It's God's earth, not ours. It's God's handiwork, not ours to spoil. And while commerce is critical, we have to find the balance with protecting and preserving the beauty of all that surrounds us.

In an age of extremes, we all need a political detox. We find it in the wilderness, the all-encompassing American Sabbath.

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AMIA 25 Years On: Insult, Injury and Argentina's Upcoming Election

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In 2006, Argentine government lawyers led by the federal prosecutor Alberto Nisman formally named the eight leading Iranian officials who planned the bombing attack 12 years earlier, at 9:53 am on July 18, 1994, on the AMIA Jewish center in downtown Buenos Aires.

That announcement, along with the further achievements of Nisman's team that were to unfold over the next couple of years, marked a high point for the AMIA investigation. The investigation had only recently been reconstituted by the late President Nestor Kirchner following the ignominious collapse of the corruption-ridden probe launched by his predecessor Carlos Menem. Argentine judge Rodolfo Canicoba Corra issued arrest warrants for the eight Iranians, and the following year, Interpol, the international law

enforcement agency, published "red notices" — an alert sent to all Interpol member states with details of wanted fugitives — for five of them, along with an additional one for Imad Mughniyeh, the chief of staff of the Lebanese terrorist organization Hezbollah.

As Argentina mourned the 25th anniversary of the AMIA atrocity last week, joined by Jewish organizations and democratic governments around the world, the prevailing question in the air was, "Where are they now?"

Two of the eight men named by the Argentine prosecutors in 2006 have since died. The former Iranian President Ali Hashemi Rafsanjani, alleged to have called the meeting where the AMIA bombing was first conceived, left us in 2017, having amassed a personal fortune of \$1 billion, and described admiringly in his BBC obituary as a "pragmatic conservative" who "sought to encourage a rapprochement with the West and reestablish Iran as a regional power." Imad Mughniyeh of Hezbollah died rather as he lived — in a 2008 car bombing in Damascus that brought to an end a terrorist career that included not just the AMIA bombing and the earlier bombing

of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992, but also the 1983 suicide attacks on the US embassy and US Marine barracks in Beirut that took 350 lives.

Meanwhile, another of the Iranian leaders wanted by Argentina, Ali Akbar Velayati, now serves as a senior adviser on "foreign policy" to the Tehran regime's "Supreme Leader," Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. (Strikingly, it was Velayati who attended Mughniyeh's funeral in 2008 as Khamenei's personal representative.) As for the five remaining Interpol red-notice subjects, they are not only alive and well, but have globe-trotted extensively in the meantime, visiting NATO member Turkey as well as Qatar, Pakistan, Oman, Brazil, and 15 other countries, the great majority of whom have full diplomatic relations with the United States, the European Union, and Argentina itself.

The bottom line, then, remains the same as it was on July 19, 1994 — one day after the AMIA bombing — when the center of Buenos Aires was strewn with rubble and smoke, and emergency services were pulling lifeless bodies from the wreckage.

No one, not a single person, has been tried and convicted for their role in Latin America's worst terrorist atrocity, in which 85 people died and more than 300 were wounded.

To add insult to that profound injury, the one individual whose integrity and dedication were never in doubt — federal prosecutor Nisman — was assassinated in 2015, a few hours before he was due to an unveil a complaint against former President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner and her key aides

for reaching an underhand agreement with Iran that would have exonerated the AMIA executioners. Like Velayati, Kirchner — who deliberately misrepresented Nisman's death as a suicide, and who may have even been involved in his murder — has remained in politics, protected from the clutches of the law by her parliamentary immunity as a senator, and presently running for election as Argentina's vice president on a ticket led by her former chief of staff, Alberto Fernandez.

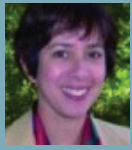
This is the scandalous background against which Argentina marked this most significant of all the AMIA anniversaries thus far. Politically, the most important consequence was the declaration of the Argentine government blacklisting Hezbollah — a "terrorist organization" that "continues to represent a current and active threat to national security and the integrity of the financial, economic order of the Argentine Republic."

This decision is the centerpiece of a broader effort by Mauricio Macri, Argentina's president, to lead a regional campaign against Hezbollah's financial heft and political clout throughout Latin America. The Western hemisphere has been a vital source of funds for Hezbollah — much of it from the trafficking of cocaine in concert with senior officers in the Venezuelan military — as well as fake documents and other prizes essential to the functioning of a terrorist organization. As a result, Hezbollah has a head start of at least a decade over Macri's counterterrorism initiative, but nevertheless, there is a renewed optimism that Argentina and its neighbors

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Opinion.

Patiently Squeezing Iran



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What appears to be an oil tanker war brewing in the Red Sea and beyond — including the downing of an Iranian drone by a US Navy ship — is more evidence that Iran is showing the strain of American-led sanctions, and reluctant European acknowledgment that appeasing the Islamic Republic is a losing proposition. Cornered, Iran is aggressively pushing back on the West, even as Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif used an American platform to suggest talks with Washington. (He tried to walk his words back, but his problem is clear.)

Iran has been riding high for a long time — not as high as it might have wanted to think, or as high as some Americans had feared — but the 21st century has, until now, been good to Tehran. The 2011 American withdrawal from Iraq gave the mullahs political and military influence in a major oil-producing country, as well as a pathway to pursue its interests in Syria. Iran's management of Yemen's Houthi minority gave it a base in the Red Sea, providing an avenue for transfer of weapons to the unstable countries along the coast and to jihadists in Egypt's Sinai, and for harassing the Sunni oil-producing states and international shipping.

The entire edifice, however, stood on the shaky pillar of money. The 2015 JCPOA (the "Iran nuclear deal") provided that money, meaning that Iran didn't have to choose among its nefarious and expensive activities — or between those activities and the needs of its people. The deal supplied legitimacy too, but Iran cared about legitimacy only as it allowed for moneymaking.

President Trump has squeezed the money flow and squeezed Iran in Syria. And Iran has begun to fail.

Iran and Russia are jockeying over the remains of the Syrian corpse. Russia is winning, in part because Iran has no money for bribes or military activity. Russia has taken over reconstruction — not of homes, farms, and utilities, but of a new government for Bashar al-Assad.

The *Asia Times* reported on Russian changes among top-level Syrian generals and their replacement with:

products of the post-2011 order, well-versed in warfare, and backed and trained by the Russians ... (with) very little room left in their careers as they approach the age of 60. Meaning, they will collectively be retired by 2021. Appointing officers who are so close to retirement is seemingly part of Russia's vision for revamping the security services. ... Things are notably different now, as most officers of Bashar's old guard, who led the government offensive in 2011-2015 are either retired or dead.

Iran has no role in this, and none in the Russian-led creation of a panel of a Syrian



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, left, and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, right, shake hands at Abe's official residence in Tokyo, Thursday, May 16, 2019.
Photo: Eugene Hoshiko / Pool via Reuters.

government committee for international talks on a new constitution. "Assad and the Russian envoy agreed to continue working and intensely coordinate between both sides on the next steps, especially in forming a committee for discussing the constitution and the mechanisms and procedures of its work," said a recent government statement.

Humiliating as that is, it's worse to find the United States and Israel jointly monitoring the Iranian base at Bukamal with no apparent interference from Russia or Syria. According to Israeli sources, along with Iranian military officers, the base holds telecommunications equipment, weapons stockpiles, and members of Iranian Shiite militias from Hezbollah, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Pakistan. The base, however, is located directly across the Euphrates River from American and allied Syrian forces. Couple this with the American garrison at al-Tanf in the south overlooking the Baghdad-Damascus Highway, and the most important Iranian military movements in Syria are under American surveillance, along with that of the Israeli Air Force.

Having Assad remain in power under Russian control is not an optimal outcome for Syria and the Syrian people. It is, however, status quo ante bellum. Russia was there before, and Russia is there now. Iran appears to have retained no levers of power.

On American television last week, Zarif was both cajoling and threatening. He followed up on Twitter, as is his habit.

Had we wanted to develop nuclear weapons we would have been able to do it long time ago. We have the capability. We have always had the capability — for many years but we decided... not to develop nuclear weapons. @JZarif2/3

And that decision stands. And if President Trump really wants to make sure that #Iran never produces nuclear weapons, there are ways of doing that. @JZarif3/3

Wait a second — didn't Ayatollah Khomeini issue a fatwa against nuclear weapons? JCPOA supporters said there would never be Iranian nuclear weapons because they were forbidden, but now Zarif wants to be paid to ensure that Iran doesn't do what it isn't entitled to do.

The time for paying off Iran is over. Continuing the squeeze on Iranian assets, coupled with international backing for freedom of navigation in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf, seems a better bet. But for that, we will need more patience.

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three months from now.

Having presided over four years of bitter austerity policies, and with inflation currently climbing at 51 percent annually, Macri's popularity at home has collapsed. A government with Cristina Kirchner at its center is not an inevitability, but polling over the last few months shows that Macri will have his work cut

New York Times Stealth-Edits Morgenthau Obituary to Add Jewish Angle



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The New York Times has "stealth edited" its obituary of longtime district attorney of New York County Robert Morgenthau after *The Algemeiner* pointed out the article's egregious omission of his Jewish identity.

The version of the obituary published in Monday's print Times and online Monday morning entirely omitted Morgenthau's role in founding New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage.

After the *Algemeiner* article was published, the Times revised the obituary, which was published again in Tuesday's print edition in the Times.

The sentence that on Monday read, "Robert Morris Morgenthau was born in Manhattan on July 31, 1919" was revised for Tuesday's paper to read, "Robert Morris Morgenthau was born in Manhattan on July 31, 1919 into a family originally of German-Jewish stock whose roots in America reached back to the 1860s." I'm not sure why the word

"originally" is needed there, but at least the word "Jewish" has been added.

For Tuesday's paper, the Times also added an entirely new paragraph to the article: "He had earlier played a major role in founding the Museum of Jewish Heritage: A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in Lower Manhattan and was its chairman into his 90s." The phrase "in Lower Manhattan" in that sentence is inartfully placed, making it sound, because of the string of capital letters, like there was a Holocaust in Lower Manhattan. But at least the museum is mentioned.

Even the new and improved version of the Times obituary fails to mention Morgenthau's heroic role in assisting the heirs of Holocaust victims seeking to recover looted artworks, a role in which he took on the New York art world.

A "stealth edit" of the sort the Times performed here is not as good as an editor's note or a formal correction, but it's better than nothing. It is a tacit acknowledgement by the Times of the reality that the original version of the obituary could have done a better job of handling the Jewish angle.

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Losing a Child

Richard Spencer.

He paralleled the situation of the Palestinians to Native Americans who had their land stolen. Whatever facts I brought to the discussion — including that SJP was recognized by the ADL as a hate group and that neo-Nazis espouse the same views towards boycotting Israel — he dismissed them as right-wing or corporate-sponsored propaganda.

When I asked him to consider how Jews for centuries were mistreated by Muslims in the Arab world, including the expulsion of nearly one million Jews from Arab lands after the creation of the modern State of Israel, he brushed those examples away by calling me Islamophobic.

All the while, he swore up and down that this had nothing to do with Judaism or Jews. How could he be antisemitic? After all, some of his best friends are Jews.

More disturbing was that he could not give me a definitive yes or no when I asked him if Hamas was a terror organization. But most disturbing to me is that this young man has aspirations to become a high school history teacher.

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Netanyahu

Though many commentators decry Netanyahu's upscale lifestyle in contrast to the asceticism of Ben-Gurion, his attitude towards the peace process is rooted in the same sober pessimism that characterized the

Ultimately, in a heart-wrenching decision, my husband and I told him that if he held these views, if he supported and was active in organizations like SJP, we would need to end our relationship. If he did not believe in the existence of a Jewish homeland, he could not live in our home. This was not a case of political differences. This, to us, was existential.

So, what's it like to lose a kid to BDS, even if he is not your biological child? It hurts. It hurts when you commit to caring for a young adult who so badly needs long-term love and guidance, only to be betrayed in this way.

This is just one example of how the BDS movement sucks in marginalized students who long for a connection to something. There have got to be others.

The BDS movement and those who support it will not destroy Israel. BDS does, however, destroy vital interpersonal relationships. BDS has destroyed something that in time this young man will greatly need — a family bond.

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policies of Israel's first prime minister.

To the immense frustration of the international foreign-policy establishment, Netanyahu understands that the political culture of the Palestinians makes peace impossible for the foreseeable future. His goal, like

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will begin implementing the legal tools to squeeze Hezbollah from their continent.

Equally, though, this latest burst of Argentine energy against Hezbollah and its Iranian sponsors could come to an abrupt halt if Macri loses his reelection bid in October,

out for him if he is to win a second term in office.

Should Argentina decide to subject itself to Kirchner's leadership again, it is very unlikely that she will turn the country's economy around. But what is certain is that Argentina will be saddled with a leadership that Western countries can never trust, in the most basic sense of that word, with counter-terrorism strategy. If the core lesson of the

AMIA bombing is to be finally applied, in the form of a concerted campaign to drive Iran and its proxies out of Latin America, then Macri needs to win in October.

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Impressions.

The 20th Century Pogroms Against the Jews of the Middle East: Will Christians Suffer the Same Fate?

BY EDY COHEN

A look at developments in the Middle East over the past decades gives the clear impression that the region is becoming “cleansed” of minorities, especially the Christians who have inhabited it for millennia. The process is reminiscent of what happened to the Jews of the Arab countries, who had to flee their homes amid pogroms and persecutions they suffered throughout the 20th century, especially after the establishment of the State of Israel and its victories over its Arab enemies.

It was in Morocco, where several thousand Jews have remained, that the first massacre of Jews in the 20th century occurred — in Fez, on April 17, 1912, after Sultan Mulai Abd al-Hafid signed a treaty that turned Morocco into a French protectorate. For the people of the country, this handing of the reins of authority to a Christian ruler was an act of betrayal. Unable to attack French people, the Arab mob opted to attack Jews and their properties. Fifty-one Jews were murdered, and many homes were looted.

On August 3, 1934, a Jewish tailor in the Algerian town of Constantine cursed Muslims and insulted Islam while drunk. The result: pogroms against the local Jews that killed 25 and wounded 38.

In June 1941, the Farhoud broke out in Baghdad. About 200 Jews were murdered and thousands wounded by their Arab neighbors. Jewish property was looted and many homes were set ablaze.

Four years later, on the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, large numbers of Arabs took out their frustration with Nazi Germany's defeat by perpetrating pogroms in several Arab countries. In Egypt, 10 Jews were killed and about 350 were wounded during Muslim Brotherhood riots. Synagogues, the Jewish hospital, and old-age homes were burned and more than 100 Jewish shops were ransacked. In Libya, some 140 Jews were murdered, synagogues were burned, and homes were looted.

On the day after the adoption of the UN partition resolution on November 29, 1947, pogroms against Jews erupted in several Arab countries. These were not coordinated, but spontaneous. The Muslims could not understand how the Jews, who had lived among them for 1,300 years as legally and institutionally inferior “protected persons” (dhimmis), were to be granted a state in which they would rule over, among others, a sizable Muslim minority. This chagrin sparked a

number of pogroms.

In Aleppo, Syria, 75 Jews were murdered. In Aden, Yemen, about 80 Jews were slaughtered, Jewish shops were looted, and synagogues were set ablaze. Thousands of Jews fled Aden and were held in detention camps in inhuman conditions. This led to Operation Wings of Eagles, in which tens of thousands of Yemenite Jews were flown to Israel.

Some three weeks after Israel's establishment, on June 7-8, 1948, pogroms occurred

Syria).

Two years later, on January 27, 1969, nine Jews, some of them minors, were hanged in the Baghdad city square on the concocted charge of collaboration with Israel. Eventually, the Israeli government recognized them as harugei malchut, a designation for Jews killed by a foreign government usually on account of being Jewish.

In the mid-1980s, 11 Lebanese Jews were kidnapped by Hezbollah and executed after several months. The reason: Israel's refusal to



*Iraqi Jews leaving Lod airport in Israel on their way to a Ma'abara transit camp, 1951.
Photo: Israel Government Press Office.*

in the Moroccan towns of Oujda and Jerada. Forty-two Jews were murdered, and hundreds were wounded. Several days later, 14 Jews were murdered in Tripoli in Libya. In June and July 1948, in response to the Egyptian army's failure to destroy the newly arisen Jewish state, the Jewish areas of Cairo were beset by Muslim Brotherhood bombings, acts of sabotage, and attacks; dozens of Jews were killed and wounded.

The story recurred yet again after Israel's victory in the Six-Day War, when leaders of Arab countries took revenge on the depleted Jewish communities still under their rule. Thousands of Jews were forced to emigrate as a result of harassment, imprisonment (in Egypt about 600 Jews were put in prison for one to three years), acts of murder (in Libya and Morocco), cancellation of citizenship (Iraq and Egypt), expulsion, and confiscation of property (Iraq, Libya, Egypt, and

conduct negotiations for the release of Shiite operatives it had imprisoned. The Jews were accused of collaborating with Israel and were called “Mossad agents.”

Is the fate of the Middle East's Christians likely to resemble that of the Jews of Arab countries? The data currently indicate that the Christians have been in large-scale flight from the region since 2014, when ISIS rose to power in Syria and Iraq. Many Western embassies have been ordered to grant entry visas immediately to Christians who wish to leave these places, and the process is yet to reach its peak.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series NC 2005-HE8, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series NC 2005-HE8, Plaintiff AGAINST Alisa Smith a/k/a Allisa Smith Skeffers; Arieta Smith; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 16, 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 August 8, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 525 East 38th 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

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of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4955 Lot 66. Approximate amount of judgment \$706,479.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 521173/2016. Gregory Laspina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: June 13, 2019 63965
AJ; 7/5/12/19/26

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: 432 HENRY ST, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 2, 2019. Office Location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 175 Van Dyke Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: to engage in any and all business for which LLCs may be formed under the New York LLC law.
AJ; 7/5/12/19/26; 8/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, AGAINST IRINA GLEIZER, RUDY GLEIZER, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on December 21, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Room 224, Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 8, 2019 at 2:30 PM premises known as 2588 National Dr., Brooklyn, NY 11234. 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 8614 and Lot 52. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,424,228.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #0502556/2013. Dominic Famulari, Esq., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747
AJ; 7/5/12/19/26

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST CLAUDE T. BOSTON, SONIA A. RILEY, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 16, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on August 15, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1156 EAST 82ND 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 New York, BLOCK 8047, LOT 71. Approximate amount of judgment \$407,353.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 512003/2014. LEONARD C. SPECTOR, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 64177
AJ; 7/12/19/26; 8/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, N. A., Plaintiff AGAINST Araina R. Carino, Individually and as Co-Administratrix of the Estate of Raymond Garvey; Raymond J. Garvey

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a/k/a Raymond J. Garvey, Jr., Individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Raymond Garvey; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 14, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 15, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2154 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. 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 8537 Lot 67. Approximate amount of judgment \$325,116.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 510688/2016. Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq, Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: June 24, 2019 64163
AJ; 7/12/19/26; 8/2

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc. sbm ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Carmelle Telemaque, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/2018 and entered on 10/22/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 15, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1220 East 102nd 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 County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8266, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment is \$385,921.01 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 508306/2013. Randolph Jackson, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff -against- JAAKOV WINKLER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 16, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on August 15, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly side of 52nd Street, distant 360 feet 6 inches Westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Southerly side of 52nd Street with the Westerly side of 20th Avenue; being a plot 100 feet 2 inches by 18 feet 3 inches by 100 feet 2 inches by 18 feet 3 inches. Block 5475 and Lot 23. Said premises known as 1940 52ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$554,292.43 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 19421/2013. M. RANDOLPH JACKSON, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s)

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for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 9026.01
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REFeree's NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-FXD1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-FXD1, Plaintiff - against - CHRISTOPHER BRANDON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 4, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in room 261, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 15th Day of August, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1091 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, (City of New York) NY 11236. (Block: 4746, Lot: 29) Approximate amount of lien \$244,005.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 508192/2014. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: July 2, 2019
AJ; 7/12/19/26; 8/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Bruno Brancaleone; Maria Brancaleone; Robert Goldschmidt; Antonella Goldschmidt; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 14, 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 August 22, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2051 West 10th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. 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 7096 Lot 62. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,227,564.11 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 15699/2013. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: June 11, 2019 63878
AJ; 7/19/26; 8/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston 2006-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Shira Frank, Avraham Frank, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/26/2017 and entered on 5/11/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 22, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 799 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. 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: 6496, LOT: 53. Approximate amount of judgment is \$573,284.05 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold

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subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 3261/2009. Jeffrey R. Miller, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: HEALTHY TEXTURES HAIR CLINIC LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 06/28/2019. Office of location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served .SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC 869 Albany Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11203 . Purpose: all lawful activity
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Notice of formation of a limited liability company(LLC) Name: ZAHN STUDIOS LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 05/01/2019. Office of location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall mail copy of process to ZAHN studios LLC 97 Diamond St.#2R Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: All lawful activity
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: JEFFERSON BLVD MR LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 12/04/2018. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LLC 132 Jefferson Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10312 purpose: all lawful activity
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that of Ben-Gurion, is to manage the conflict, rather than to engage in futile and dangerous efforts to solve it.

He deserves enormous credit for having the courage to say "no" to President Barack Obama's efforts to force him to make concessions that would have weakened Israel. The same goes for his willingness to declare the 2015 Iran nuclear deal an example of reckless appeasement that abandoned the security interests of both Israel and the West.

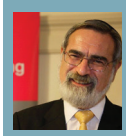
If American Jews and partisan Democrats resent him for these stands or his inability to magically make peace while the Palestinians continue to refuse to end their war on Zionism, that's because of their shortcomings, not his.

Netanyahu may have stayed on too long, and his time in office may soon be coming to an end, even if the potential replacements are not of his stature. But fair-minded historians whose views are not tainted by leftist political bias will have to acknowledge that his stewardship of Israel has been largely exemplary. He deserves to be remembered not so much for the length of his tenure as prime minister, but for the able way he has carried out his duties.

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Tradition.

The Crown All Can Wear



JONATHAN SACKS
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Moses said to the Lord, "May the Lord, God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd." (Num. 27:15-17)

Moses was in sight of the Angel of Death. Miriam had died. So had

the chapter. Not only was Moses fated not to enter the land, but he was also destined to see his sons overlooked in the search for a successor. That was his second personal tragedy.

But it is precisely here that we find, for the first time, one of Judaism's most powerful propositions. Biblical Israel had its dynasties. Both Priesthood and, in a later age, Kingship were handed down from father to son. Yet there is a staunchly egalitarian strand in Judaism from the outset. Ironically, it is given one of its most powerful

What Korach forgot is that to be a leader it is also necessary to be a follower. Leadership presupposes discipleship. That is what Joshua knew, and what led to him being chosen as Moses' successor.

The tradition is summed up in the famous Maimonidean ruling:

With three crowns was Israel crowned – with the crown of Torah, the crown of Priesthood, and the crown of Kingship. The crown of Priesthood was bestowed on Aaron and his descendants. The crown of Kingship was conferred on David and his successors. But the crown of Torah is for all Israel. Whoever wishes, let them come and take it. Do not suppose that the other two crowns are greater than that of Torah.... The crown of Torah is greater than the other two crowns.

This had immense social and political consequences. Throughout most of the biblical era, all three crowns were in operation. In addition to Prophets, Israel had Kings and an active Priesthood serving in the Temple. The dynastic principle – leadership passing from father to son – still dominated two of the three roles. But with the destruction of the Second Temple, Kingship and a functioning Priesthood ceased. Leadership passed to the Sages who saw themselves as heirs to the Prophets. We see this in the famous one-sentence summary of Jewish history with which Tractate Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) begins: "Moses received the Torah from Sinai and handed it on to Joshua, who handed it on to the elders, the elders to the Prophets, and the Prophets to the men of the Great Assembly" (Mishnah Avot 1:1).

The Rabbis see themselves as heirs to the Prophets rather than to the Priests. In biblical Israel, the Priests were the primary guardians and teachers of Torah. Why did the Rabbis not see themselves as heirs to Aaron and the Priesthood? The answer may be this: Priesthood was a dynasty. Prophetic leadership, by contrast, could never be predicted in advance. The proof was Moses. The very fact that his children did not succeed him as leaders of the people may have been an acute distress to him but it was a deep consolation to everyone else. It meant that anyone, by discipleship and dedication, could aspire to Rabbinic leadership and the crown of Torah.

Hence we find in the sources a paradox. On the one hand, the Torah describes itself as an inheritance: "Moses commanded us the Torah as an inheritance [morasha] of the congregation of Jacob" (Deut. 33:4). On the other hand, the Sages were insistent that Torah is not an inheritance: "R. Yose said: Prepare yourself to learn Torah, for it is not given to you as an inheritance [yerusha]" (Mishnah Avot 2:12).

The simplest resolution of the contradiction is that there are two kinds of inheritance. Biblical Hebrew contains two different words for what we receive as a legacy: *yerusha/morasha* and *nachala*. *Nachala* is related to the word *nachal*, "a river." It signifies something passed down automati-

cally across the generations, as river water flows downstream, easily and naturally. *Yerusha* comes from the root *yarash*, meaning "to take possession." It refers to something to which you have legitimate title, but which you need positive action to acquire.

A hereditary title, such as being a duke or an earl, is passed from father to son. So too is a family business. The difference is that the first needs no effort on the part of the heir, but the second requires hard work if the business is to continue to be worth something. Torah is like a business, not a title. It must be earned if it is to be sustained.

The Sages themselves put it more beautifully: "Moses commanded us the Torah as an inheritance [morasha] of the congregation of Jacob" – read not 'inheritance [morasha]' but 'betrothed [me'orasa]' (Berachot 57a). By a simple change in pronunciation – turning a *shin* [= "sh"] into a *sin* [= "s"], "inheritance" into "betrothal" – the Rabbis signalled that, yes, there is an inheritance relationship between Torah and the Jew, but the former has to be loved if it is to be earned. You have to love Torah if you are to inherit it.

The Sages were fully aware of the social implications of R. Yose's dictum that the Torah "is not given to you as an inheritance." It meant that literacy and learning must never become the preserve of an elite:

And why is it not usual for scholars to give birth to sons who are scholars?

Yosef said: So that it should not be said that the Torah is their inheritance. (Nedarim 81a)

The Sages were constantly on their guard against exclusivist attitudes to Torah. Equality is never preserved without vigilance – and indeed there were contrary tendencies. We see this in one of the debates between the schools of Hillel and Shammai:

"Raise up many disciples" – The school of Shammai says: A person is to teach only one who is wise, humble, of good stock, and rich.

But the school of Hillel says: Everyone is to be taught. For there were many transgressors in Israel who were attracted to the study of Torah, and from them sprang righteous, pious, and worthy men. To what may it be compared? "To a woman who sets a hen to brood on eggs – out of many eggs, she may hatch only a few, but out of a few [eggs], she hatches none at all."

One cannot predict who will achieve greatness. Therefore Torah must be taught to all. A later episode illustrates the virtue of teaching everyone:

Once Rav came to a certain place where, though he had decreed a fast [for rain], no rain fell. Eventually someone else stepped forward in front of Rav before the Ark and prayed, "Who causes the wind to blow" – and the wind blew. Then he prayed, "Who causes the rain to fall" – and the rain fell.

Rav asked him: What is your occupation [i.e., what is your special virtue that causes God to answer your prayers]? He replied:

I am a teacher of young children. I teach Torah to the children of the poor as well as to the children of the rich. From those who cannot afford it, I take no payment. Besides, I have a fish pond, and I offer fish to any boy who refuses to study, so that he comes to study. (Ta'anit 24a)

It would be wrong to suppose that these attitudes prevailed in all places at all times. No nation achieves perfection. An aptitude for learning is not equally distributed within any group. There is always a tendency for the most intelligent and scholarly to see themselves as more gifted than others and for the rich to attempt to purchase a better education for their children than the poor. Yet to an impressive – even remarkable – degree, Jews were vigilant in ensuring that no one was excluded from education and that schools and teachers were paid for by public funds. By many centuries, indeed millennia, Jews were the first to democratise education. The crown of Torah was indeed open to all.

Moses' tragedy was Israel's consolation. "The Torah is their inheritance." The fact that his successor was not his son, but Joshua, his disciple, meant that one form of leadership – historically and spiritually the most important of the three crowns – could be aspired to by everyone. Dignity is not a privilege of birth. Honour is not confined to those with the right parents. In the world defined and created by Torah, everyone is a potential leader. We can all earn the right to wear the crown.

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tinian boy is also serious cause for concern, according to Hollander.

"In contrast to the blanket condemnation of the Palestinian boy's murder," said Hollander, "murders of Israeli Jews are encouraged and incentivized not only by Hamas—just a few days ago, a senior Hamas official, Fathi Hammad, made headlines for urging Palestinians to kill Jews around the world, but by the Palestinian Authority, which glorifies terrorists, naming streets and schools after them and subsidizing the families of convicted Palestinian terrorists."

"It's hard, obviously, to judge a series by a brief trailer," said Levin, "but if the teaser accurately forecasts what's to come, there will be valid concerns about how the tragic events of 2014 are depicted. Hopefully, the series will not replicate the problems of the trailer."

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Basketball Team

Goodman told JNS that this is much more than just a story about basketball, and is a source of inspiration for all of Israel and the entire Jewish world.

"These young men have shown all of Israel that we have to ignore what the world and society tells us about ourselves," he affirmed. "If we believe in ourselves, work hard and work together, there is nothing that Israel as a state, and we as Israelis, cannot accomplish."



Aaron. And God had told Moses "you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was." (Num. 27:12-13), so he knew he was not fated to live long enough to cross the Jordan and enter the land. Who would be his successor? Did he have any thoughts on the matter?

With profound attentiveness, the Sages noted the immediately previous passage. It is the story of the daughters of Tzelo- phead, who claim their rights of inheritance in the land, despite the fact that inheritance passed through the male line and their father had left no sons. Moses brought their request to God, who answered that it was to be granted.

Against this background, the Midrash interprets Moses' thoughts as he brings his own request to God, that a successor be appointed:

What was Moses' reason for making this request after declaring the order of inheritance? Just this, that when the daughters of Tzelo- phead inherited from their father, Moses reasoned: The time is right for me to make my own request. If daughters inherit, it is surely right that my sons should inherit my glory.

The Holy One, Blessed Be He, said to him, "He who keeps the fig tree shall eat its fruit" (Prov. 27:18). Your sons sat idly by and did not study the Torah. Joshua served you faithfully and showed you great honour. It was he who rose early in the morning and remained late at night at your House of Assembly. He used to arrange the benches and spread the mats. Seeing that he has served you with all his might, he is worthy to serve Israel, for he shall not lose his reward.

This is the unspoken drama of

expressions in the mouth of the rebel, Korach: "All the congregation are holy and the Lord is in their midst. Why then do you (Moses) set yourselves above the congregation?" (Num. 16:3).

But it was not only Korach who gave voice to such a sentiment. We hear it in the words of Moses himself: "Would that all the Lord's people were Prophets and that the Lord would put His spirit on them" (Num. 11:29).

We hear it again in the words of Hannah when she gives thanks-giving for the birth of her son:

The Lord sends poverty and wealth;

He humbles and He exalts.

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

He seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honour. (I Sam. 2:7-8)

It is implicit in the great holiness command: "The Lord said to Moses, 'Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: Be holy, because I, the Lord your God, am holy'" (Lev. 19:2).

This is not a call to Priests or Prophets – a sacred elite – but to an entire people. There is, within Judaism a profound egalitarian instinct: the concept of a nation of individuals standing with equal dignity in the presence of God.

Korach was wrong less in what he said than in why he said it. He was a demagogue attempting to seize power. But he tapped into a deep reservoir of popular feeling and religious principle. Jews have never been easy to lead because each is called on to be a leader.

Social.



Players of the Israeli national under-20 basketball team celebrate with the trophy after beating Spain at the final of the FIBA U-20 Euro Championship in Tel Aviv on July 21, 2019. Photo: Roy Alima/Flash90.

Israel's Under-20 Basketball Team Takes Home European Title for Second Year in a Row

BY JNS.org

A spokesperson from Germany's Foreign Ministry told Bild that it distanced itself "emphatically" from the tweets that had been approved from Clages account, describing them as an "unacceptable" deviation from German government policy that "will not be tolerated."

The 64-year-old Clages has worked for the German diplomatic service since 1985, and has previously served as Germany's ambassador to Rwanda, Senegal and Lebanon.

One of the goals of the Foreign Ministry probe is to establish whether it was Clages himself who liked the tweets, or whether there was unauthorized access to the account, @GerRepRamallah. According to the magazine Spiegel, more than one person in the Ramallah office had access to the account. Clages has meanwhile distanced himself from the tweets.

The tweets liked included a rant by Duke on April 10, in which the American neo-Nazi leader tweeted a lie popular on the far right and the extreme left: "On this day 71 years ago, Jewish supremacists invaded the Palestinian village of Deir Yassin, where they slaughtered men, women and children. Innocent Palestinians were mutilated, raped and paraded through Jewish neighborhoods before being summarily executed."

Other tweets liked by the German diplomat included one by an activist asking "when will Israel occupy the moon?" — a possible reference to Israel's recent "Beresheet" moon mission — while another claimed falsely that the Jewish state only "respects its own religious holidays."

Team Israel, which hosted the tournament in Heichal Shlomo Arena in Tel Aviv, defeated Lithuania in the quarterfinals and France in the semi-finals to earn its spot in the championship game. The final game against powerhouse and tournament favorite Spain was close from the very beginning and remained tied at 24-24 after the first quarter and 42-42 at halftime.

Israel began to open a lead in the third quarter and finished the quarter with a 66-59 lead. During the fourth quarter, the players extended the lead to 17 points and

held off a late run by Spain to win by eight.

Tamir Goodman (aka The Israel under-20 men's basketball team defeated Spain 92-84 to win its second consecutive European championship.

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu congratulated the team and told them, "You have done something incredible and have brought great pride to the nation of Israel." The only other team to ever win back-to-back championships was Serbia in 2007-08. "the Jewish Jordan)," who played professionally in Israel, told JNS that Team Israel's incredible confidence and teamwork gave them the edge over the more athletic teams which they beat.

"We have entered a new era for Israeli basketball," he said. "Because we have had two Israeli players, Omri Caspi and Gal Mekel, in the NBA and Israeli coach David Blatt coached in the NBA, Israeli youth believe that they can make it to the highest levels in the sport. They believe in themselves and that, along with the incredible work ethic which comes when you have big dreams, made all the difference."

Israeli coach Ariel Beit Halachmi seemed to echo Goodman, telling the media "I didn't think it was possible. These players did the impossible."

Israel was led by NBA prospect Deni Avdija, who scored a game high of 23 points with seven assists. He was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player award, but told the cheering crowd: "There is no one MVP. We are a team!"

Following the final buzzer, the Israeli team stood together on a raised podium at midcourt, with second-place Spain and third-place Germany standing to their sides. With great emotion and pride, they sang the Israeli national anthem "Hatikvah" along with the thousands in attendance as the Israeli flag was raised towards the rafters of the arena.

"Wow! It has been a while since I have been so excited watching the young U-20 team playing so well and winning against the best teams in Europe," Tal Brody, who led Maccabi Tel Aviv to its first-ever Euroleague championship in 1977, told JNS. "Kol HaKavod to all the team and coaches for bringing such honor and pride to the State of Israel."

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New HBO Series is Ringing Alarm Bells for Its Depiction of Israeli Society

BY JNS.org

Media watchdog organization CAMERA is raising questions about an upcoming HBO series, "Our Boys," about the brutal murder of a Palestinian teenager Muhammad Abu Khdeir by a Jewish gang in 2014.

"When HBO released the trailer for the series, several news publications promoted the show as a story about the kidnapping and murder of three Israeli teenagers by Hamas operatives just prior to the 2014 Gaza war," said Andrea Levin, CAMERA's executive director. "However, the trailer spends less than a minute on the killing of the Israeli boys."

Levin went on to say that "their murder is



A promotional image for the upcoming HBO series "Our Boys." Photo: screenshot.

depicted with hardly any pathos and seems simply to be the inciting incident for the film's central drama—finding the Jewish perpetrators of the appalling murder of Muhammad Abu Khdeir."

According to CAMERA film reviewer Ricki Hollander, "Much of the trailer is devoted to scenes of bloodthirsty Israeli Jews screaming for revenge, and these scenes of revenge-bent Israelis are juxtaposed with sympathetic images of Muhammad Abu Khdeir's heartbroken father. The trailer includes no sympathetic scenes of the Israeli parents whose children were murdered even though the killings were a national trauma."

At one point in the trailer, Israel's security and judicial system, which in reality includes Arab officials, is presented as racist.

"When the victim is a Jew, you're champions," Muhammad's father yells at an Israeli security official. "But when it's an Arab, you don't have a clue!"

"If the trailer accurately reflects the series, I'm concerned that audiences will be misled about the actual tragedy," said Hollander. "The trailer, for example, suggests that Abu Khdeir's murder was fomented by some widespread call for revenge by Israelis. It includes no hint that in reality Israelis across the political spectrum were horrified by the murder of Muhammad Abu Khdeir, a crime condemned by Israel's entire leadership and society, from secular to ultra-Orthodox, and from far-left to far-right."

That the trailer suggests an equivalence between the murders of the Israeli teenagers and the Pales-

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All you need to do in order to enter the program is to refer us to any business that currently accepts credit cards — tell them to expect a phone call from Tribul Merchant Services.



We keep it simple: Leave it to us to take care of all the necessary paperwork and details.

For each approved application you will receive a check from us for \$180.

We will also send you a residual check **every month** for as long as the account processes with Tribul.

**Earn a monthly residual,
PLUS \$180 for every
approved referral**

**Over \$1,000,000 paid out
in less than 3 years via the
Charity Ventures Program**



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