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Trump: US Jews Who Vote for Democrats Guilty of 'Great Disloyalty'



US President Donald Trump greets supporters as he arrives at a campaign rally in Cincinnati, Ohio.
Photo: Reuters/Bryan Woolston.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

US President Donald Trump stirred another hornet's nest on Tuesday afternoon by accusing American Jews who vote for the Democratic Party of showing "ignorance" and "disloyalty."

Speaking after a meeting in the Oval Office with Romanian President Klaus Iohannis, Trump made his comment while taking aim at Democratic Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, whose planned political tour of the

West Bank last week was called off by the Israeli authorities shortly after a tweet from Trump urging the Israelis to cancel the visit.

"I think Jewish people that vote for a Democrat — I think it shows either a total lack of knowledge or great disloyalty," Trump told reporters during an exchange about Tlaib.

Trump's observation came while he himself accused Tlaib and her House colleague Ilhan Omar (D-MN) of pushing hatred towards Israel and the Jewish people. At a press conference on

Monday, Tlaib wept publicly as she spoke about her family in the West Bank, while Omar urged an end to US aid and assistance to the Jewish state — a stance that infuriated Trump.

"The concept of even talking about this ... of cutting off aid to Israel because of two people that hate Israel and hate Jewish people, I can't believe we're even having this conversation," Trump said.

"Where has the Democratic Party gone?" he continued. "Where have they gone ... where they're

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Hamas Issues Ultimatum, Threatens Escalation of Violence

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Hamas has issued an ultimatum to Israel threatening an escalation of violence if Israel does not make concessions on the flow of money from Qatar into the Gaza Strip.

The threat was made by an anonymous Hamas source in an article in the Lebanese newspaper Al-Akhbar, Israel's Channel 13 reported on Tuesday. The source said that the ultimatum was conveyed to Israel via Egyptian mediators, and included demands for more funds from Qatar as well as an increase in the electricity supply to Gaza.

The mediators were asked to pressure Israel to make



A Hamas military drill in the Gaza Strip in March 2018.
Photo: Reuters/Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

such concessions immediately. The threat comes just before the arrival in Gaza of the head of Qatar's support operation for the Palestinians, Mohammed al-Emadi. The veteran Qatari businessman and diplomat will visit Tel Aviv on Wednesday and meet with Israeli officials, traveling to Gaza on Thursday, where he will reportedly oversee the distribution of a Qatari grant in cash.

The news comes following an uptick in violence along the Gaza border, which included rocket fire on Israel's south

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Opinion.

Ignoring Tlaib and Omar's Antisemitism Is the Real Scandal



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Taking the blame for actions undertaken by their governments is part of every ambassador's job. So it's hardly surprising that Ron Dermer, Israel's ambassador to the United States, and David Friedman, the American ambassador to Israel, are being made the scapegoats for the fiasco in which the Jewish state denied entry to two members of the US Congress.

Yet reports that senior leaders of the Democratic Party are considering a formal motion of censure for Dermer and Friedman in the House of Representatives are troubling, and not just because such a measure would be deeply unjust to the two men, as well as patently absurd. It's that influential Democrats, including some who have been firm supporters of Israel, are so intimidated by Reps. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) and Ilhan Omar (D-MN), and other left-wing members of and sympathizers with the so-called "Squad," that they are willing to ignore the bad faith and antisemitism of these radicals.

The fact that House Democrats feel obliged to legitimize the efforts of the two

BDS-supporting Congresswomen rather than simply expressing dismay about the decision marks another step down the road towards a breach between their party and Israel.

By citing the 2017 law passed by the Knesset banning the entry of foreign advocates of BDS, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — seemingly acting at the prompting of a tweet from President Donald Trump — demonstrated that the only point of the legislation was to allow Israelis and supporters of Israel the opportunity to vent their spleen at their enemies, regardless of the consequences.

After several months of watching Tlaib and Omar become heroines for the left-wing of their party and its media cheering section, Israel told them off. That's something that many supporters of Israel thoroughly enjoyed, as social media revealed in the days following the decision. However, democracies like Israel have nothing to fear from speech, no matter how vicious.

As for Dermer and Friedman, they were merely carrying out the policies of the democratically elected governments that they are pledged to serve. We may have to wait until memoirs are written to get to the bottom of the decision-making process; it may be that Dermer's initial promise that the tour could go forward demonstrates that his wise counsel to let it occur was overwhelmed by Trump's interest in exacerbating tensions between the



US Reps Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) hold a news conference after Democrats in the US Congress moved to formally condemn President Donald Trump's attacks on the four minority congresswomen. Photo: Reuters/Erin Scott.

Democrats and Israel.

We are now beyond the point where rehashing the debate over the decision is of any utility. As the rumblings from House Democrats demonstrate, crisis management is the only thing friends of Israel should be thinking about.

Some blowback for Israel was an inevitable consequence of the ban. Indeed, that is the most logical explanation for Trump's advocacy for a move that would widen the breach between Democrats and the Jewish

state since he not unreasonably thinks that the more the Democrats embrace "The Squad," the better his chances of reelection.

The question now is whether Democratic moderates will allow the party's leftist wing to take the steering wheel — and turn what should be only a minor and momentary kerfuffle into a major issue.

If longtime incumbents from New York, like Reps. Eliot Engel and Nita Lowey —

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Six Facts About Israelis, and One About Palestinians, That the Media Ignores



ELDER OF ZIYON

Here are six basic facts about Israelis, and one about Palestinians, that are hardly mentioned in the media or at universities. This refusal to report on the truth causes a major gap in Western understanding of the conflict.

Israelis desperately want peace and to be accepted as a normal nation in the Middle East. This is an understatement. Israelis have made serious sacrifices for peace with Egypt and the Palestinians. But their yearning for peace is not at the expense of the security of Israelis. Security of the citizens is the overarching desire of every conceivable Israeli government, and is more important than any peace plan that does not fully guarantee security.

No one in Israel wants to rule over Palestinians. As much as is possible, Israel has tried to avoid that — by withdrawing from Gaza and allowing Palestinian autonomy in Area A, and to some extent Area B. But the alternative of fully withdrawing from the territories is generally considered to be worse — and Gaza shows the worst case scenario of unilateral withdrawal.

Almost no one in Israel wants to go back to the 1967 lines. It is obvious that the human cost of doing so is unacceptable. Pretty much everyone agrees that some territories will always remain under Israeli rule, perhaps

with land swaps. Framing the question as whether Israelis are "against the occupation" or "for the occupation" is deceptive, since the vast majority are against fully controlling 100 percent of the territories, and a vast majority are also against dismantling the homes of half a million people. Spinning either position as "pro" or "anti" occupation is simply not to report the truth.

Israelis deserve human rights as much as Palestinians do. Israel wants to provide as many human rights for Palestinians as possible without compromising on the security of Israeli citizens — who also deserve human rights. The line between the two is tied. When threats are reduced, restrictions are (or should be) reduced as well. All of Israel's security measures that upset people (like the separation barrier) have been put in place to save lives. "Human rights" advocates who ignore Israeli lives are not interested in human rights.

Racism exists in Israel, but it is no worse than the racism in other Western countries. Arguably, Israel is far more tolerant than most Western nations towards Muslims. The



Palestinian children compelled to participate in a Hamas military parade. Photo: Twitter.

Palestinian issue is not a race issue at all from Israel's perspective; it is a security issue.

Israel can do better. Israelis admit that. In general, Israel strives to do better, even in the face of vicious world opinion, and even when no one will notice. Western armies study Israeli methods of warfare that minimize casualties of civilians and Hamas human shields. No one in Israel wants innocent Arabs to die.

Palestinians have had 25 years since Oslo to teach their children peace, but they have done the exact opposite. Violence has been reduced not for any moral reason, but because terror is seen as counterproductive at this time. Palestinians still teach their people that violence is a legitimate, moral option, and that terrorists are heroes. They glorify (and pay) all terrorists who murder innocent Jews — even those who kill innocent Jewish children.

People who ignore these facts are not interested in peace. People who ascribe the lack of peace to a lack of will on the part of Israelis for peace are pretty much accusing Jews of being evil.

But if the West would report on these basic facts, then the number of people who are susceptible to antisemitic arguments would fall dramatically.

The gap between the truth and what is being reported is a major impediment to peace.

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

World News.

Head of German Jewish Council Says Extreme Right Poses 'Greatest Danger' to Community

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

In a newspaper interview published over the weekend, the head of Germany's Jewish community stated that right-wing extremism posed the "greatest danger" to Germany and its Jews.

Josef Schuster, head of Germany's Central Council of Jews, also charged that the nationalist Alternative for Germany (AfD) party — a growing force in the country's politics — was closely tied to the far right.

"In my view, the AfD is much more closely interwoven with right-wing extremism than it appears," Josef Schuster, head of Germany's Central Council of Jews, told the *Welt am Sonntag* paper. "The party incites fears and promotes a climate of exclusion of minorities," he added.

Antisemitic incidents in Germany increased by nearly 20 percent in 2018, with almost 1,800 attacks recorded that ranged from verbal abuse to physical violence.

The problem was highlighted earlier this year when Felix Klein, Germany's top official for fighting antisemitism, created a controversy

by saying, "I cannot advise Jews to wear the kippah everywhere all the time in Germany." Klein later clarified that he meant his remarks to be a "call to action" for Germans to act against antisemitism.

Schuster's warning comes in advance of regional elections scheduled for September 1 in which AfD, currently Germany's largest opposition party, is expected to do well. AfD is polling at 25 percent in the eastern German state of Saxony, behind the ruling Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

The German-Jewish leader warned other parties not to join in a coalition with AfD as that would move the other parties further to the right. Schuster also urged greater integration of Muslims into German society in order to fight extremism.

"All people who come to Germany and live here should adhere to the nation's values, including recognition of the equal rights of men and women, opposing all forms of antisemitism and racism, recognizing the rule of law and accepting the diversity of sexual orientations," Schuster argued. "To convey this system of values is the ultimate purpose of all integration measures."

Jordan Calls for Removal of Israeli Ambassador, Considers Review of Peace Treaty



Al-Aqsa mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Photo: Mark A. Wilson/Department of Geology, the College of Wooster.

BY JNS.org

The Jordanian parliament called for the expulsion of the Israeli ambassador and the removal of the Jordanian envoy in Israel on Monday as tensions continue to mount between the two countries.

Members of parliament also recommended that the peace treaty between the countries

be reviewed.

"We meet again to discuss the continued and recurrent attacks by Israeli occupation forces on the most sacred sites, and its repeated attempts to undermine the historical and legal status quo in Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque," said Lower House Speaker Atef Tarawneh, the Petra Jordan News Agency reported.

On State Visit, PM Netanyahu, Ukrainian President Zelensky Honor Jewish Victims of Nazis at Babi Yar

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky attended a memorial ceremony at Babi Yar, where thousands of Jews were massacred in 1941 by the Nazis, on Monday.

Netanyahu is the first head of state to visit Ukraine since Zelensky, who is Jewish and a former actor, was elected president of the eastern European nation. He is also, according to Israeli reports, the only Israeli leader to visit Ukraine over the past two decades.

In September 1941, the Nazis rounded up all the remaining Jews in Kiev, and brought them to Babi Yar, located just northwest of the city and shot 33,000 to death over two days. According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Babi Yar represented "one of the largest mass murders at an individual location during World War II."

At the commemoration, Netanyahu said, "I say in a clear voice, especially here, it's our obligation to stand up to murderous ideologies so there won't be another Babi Yar... we'll always defend ourselves against any tormentors."

He added: "We will never forget the



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaking at the memorial to the Jews massacred in 1941 by the Nazis at Babi Yar in Ukraine. Photo: Reuters/Gleb Garanich.

suffering of our people, but at the same we will honor those righteous who risked their lives to rescue our people."

Prior to the commemoration at Babi Yar, Netanyahu also attended ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and at the Holodomor Victims' Memorial.

The two leaders discussed trade and economic matters. They agreed to start working on extending the Free Trade Agreement in place between the two countries. Israel is Ukraine's largest trading partner in the Middle East with over \$1 billion in trade annually, according to Zelensky.

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Trump defending these two people over the State of Israel?"

Trump did not specify to what or whom American Jews were showing "disloyalty" in voting for the Democrats. In the 2016 US presidential election, a solid 71 percent of US Jews voted for Trump's Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton — a figure that was consistent with American Jewish voting patterns for the past century.

Several Jewish organizations and social media pundits reacted angrily to Trump's assertion, with many emphasizing that charging Jews with disloyalty as a collective has long been a favored trope of antisemites on right and left.

Enough, Mr. President. American Jews — like all Americans — have a range of political views. Your assessment of their knowledge or loyalty, based on their party preference, is divisive, disrespectful, and unwelcome.

— AJC (@AJCglobal) August 20, 2019

The Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC)

meanwhile offered a full-throated endorsement of Trump's remarks.

President Trump is right, it shows a great deal of disloyalty to oneself to defend a party that protects/emboldens people that hate you for your religion. The @GOP, when rarely confronted w/anti-Semitism of elected members always acts swiftly and decisively to punish and remove.

— RJC (@RJC) August 20, 2019

One veteran Jewish Democrat told *The Algemeiner* that Trump was playing with fire.

"Jews have had a long history of being in countries where we are accused of being disloyal. These sort of attacks are dangerous, reckless, and wrong," Aaron Keyak — former head of the National Jewish Democratic Council (NJDC) — said in an email. "Just because President Trump is deeply unpopular in our community is no reason to slander us with echoes of some of the most insidious attacks against our people. We've seen where this road has led before."

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Hamas and an attempted infiltration that was foiled by the IDF.

Palestinian factions in Gaza issued a joint statement on Monday, saying, "The Zionist enemy is responsible for attacks on the youth who are rebelling in Gaza, because it continues the siege of Gaza, repeated harassment of the al-Aqsa mosque, and the violation

of the rights of prisoners."

"What the young rebellious Palestinians in Gaza are doing is a warning before the explosion," the statement continued. "We have warned the Zionist enemy many times not to continue his crimes, but its leadership continues to play with fire and will burn in it." "Gaza is a bubbling volcano," the statement added.

On Sunday, Jordan summoned the Israeli Ambassador in Amman, Amir Weissbrod, to protest "Israeli violations against Al-Aqsa Mosque," according to a report in *The Jordan Times*.

The Foreign Ministry conveyed to the Israeli ambassador its rejection of the comments by Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan regarding allowing Jews to pray on the Temple Mount.

World News.



Illustrative: Israeli medical and security personnel at the site of a stabbing attack in the Old City of Jerusalem. Photo: Reuters.

Seventeen-Year-Old Palestinian Indicted for Trying to Lynch Jewish Man in Eastern Jerusalem

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A 17-year-old Palestinian was indicted by an Israeli court on Tuesday for attempting to lynch a Jewish man in eastern Jerusalem.

The incident occurred on the night of the Jewish fast of Tisha B'Av on Aug. 11, Israeli news site Mako reported. The defendant, along with several other young men, attacked the victim in his car, causing minor injuries and severe damage to the vehicle.

The indictment stated that the victim was caught in a traffic jam on Saladin Street near the Old City of Jerusalem. The defendant was among a group of young men who, having

realized that the victim was wearing a kippa, attacked the vehicle.

They kicked the car and threw stones, glass bottles, and an iron rod, shattering the windows. They then attacked the victim directly, beating him and spraying him with pepper spray. They attempted to drag him from the car but did not succeed.

Police officer Ephraim Kahani, who came upon the scene in his private vehicle, left his car and fired three shots in the air to disperse the attackers.

Five other suspects have been arrested in connection with the case, though they have yet to be indicted.

Leading Brexit Party Figures in UK Exposed As Contributors to Radio Show Pushing Holocaust Denial

BY BEN COHEN

Three senior figures from Britain's newly-formed Brexit Party have been exposed by an anti-racist group for their repeat appearances on an online radio show that promotes antisemitic conspiracy theories and Holocaust denial.

Activist group Hope Not Hate published a special report on Monday detailing the links between the UK-based Richie Allen Show — a favored platform for far-right figures — and three members of the European Parliament from the Brexit Party. Formed in January this year to push for an immediate British withdrawal from the European Union irrespective of a deal with Brussels, the Brexit Party swept to victory in 29 constituencies in May's European elections, having won the largest share of the vote in the UK.

The most well-known figure named in the report, Ann Widdecombe, is a former Shadow Home Secretary from the Conservative Party who became one of the Brexit Party's elected European Parliamentarians this year. Widdecombe appeared on Allen's broadcast three times between Aug. 2017 and Apr. 2019, being introduced in one instance as



Ann Widdecombe speaks at a Brexit Party rally. Photo: Reuters/Henry Nicholls.

“an old friend of the show.”

As documented by Hope Not Hate, Richie Allen “is the Manchester-based protégé of conspiracy theorist David Icke, who has frequently engaged in extreme antisemitism. The Richie Allen Show emerged from Icke's short-lived broadcast ‘The People's Voice,’ and was for a time hosted on Icke's website.”

The group noted that “Allen has also hosted numerous antisemites and Holocaust deniers on his show, and has himself questioned the numbers of Jews that died in the Holocaust. Brexit Party figures have appeared on the same episodes as racist and antisemitic guests, such as alt-right white nationalist Lana Lokteff, and antisemitic 9/11

Canadian PM Trudeau Under Pressure After UK Revokes Citizenship of IS Terrorist With Dual Nationality

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau came under pressure on Monday from the opposition Conservatives who warned against giving any assistance to Jack Letts — a dual citizen dubbed “Jihadi Jack” by the media — after Britain's decision to strip him of his British citizenship.

Letts, who had dual Canadian-British citizenship, said he hopes Canada can get him out of the Kurdish prison where he has been held for about two years, even if it means he goes to prison in North America, according to an ITV News interview.

Trudeau's Liberals repealed a law that allowed for the citizenship of those convicted of terrorism offences to be revoked. The policy shift, and Trudeau's famous “a Canadian is a Canadian is a Canadian” mantra, has prompted accusations from some opponents that he is soft on national security.

The timing of the Letts' case — just two months ahead of the election — is not good for Trudeau. Most polls show the Conservatives holding a slight lead nationally ahead of the Oct. 21 vote.

“‘Jihadi Jack’ is in prison now and that is where he should stay,” Conservative leader Andrew Scheer said in a statement to Reuters. “A Conservative government under my leadership will not lift a finger to bring him back to Canada.”

Letts, a Muslim convert, left Britain for Syria in 2014 when he was 18, according to media reports.

Canada's foreign ministry said on Monday its ability to provide consular assistance in Syria was “extremely limited.” On Sunday, Canada said it had “no legal obligation to facilitate” Letts' return.

“If the Trudeau government is contemplating helping Jihadi Jack come to Canada, we urge him to stop those attempts now,” Conservative lawmaker Pierre Poilievre said on Global News TV on Sunday. “It is not the job of the Canadian government or the Canadian taxpayer to now come to his rescue

‘Truther’ Kevin Barrett.”

Allen was also described as “a cheerleader for Holocaust denier Alison Chabloz.” Chabloz was sentenced in June 2018 to a 20 week suspended prison sentence for using her YouTube channel to broadcast content including speeches by Holocaust deniers and Palestinian solidarity videos, alongside a selection of openly antisemitic songs sung by her to the camera.

In one song, “(((Survivors))),” Chabloz mimicked a “Jewish” accent while singing lyrics that defamed the survivors of the Nazi death camps as liars motivated by financial gain. Nonetheless, Allen has hosted Chabloz on his show, calling her a “remarkable woman, extraordinary woman,” and praising her songs as “satirical, they're very funny, they're very good I think.”

The two other Brexit Party figures named by Hope Not Hate for their appearances on Allen's show were David Bull, another member of the Brexit bloc in the European Parliament, and Stuart Waiton, a parliamentary candidate.



Canadian PM Justin Trudeau addressing the Economic Club in New York. Photo: Reuters/Lucas Jackson.

after he's been caught.”

Britain's decision prompted a response from Trudeau's Liberal government on Sunday, with Canada saying in a statement that the United Kingdom was trying to “off-load” its responsibilities in the case.

“I've always felt that I am Canadian, my dad is Canadian, and I never grew up being accepted as a British person anyway,” Letts told ITV. “I hope Canada does take me from here, I could go there, to prison of course.”

Even if Canada could get people out of Syria, they “would most likely be detained by authorities and face serious charges in neighboring countries,” a government source said.

Asked whether his government would help the Letts family, Trudeau avoided a direct answer on Monday.

“It is a crime to travel internationally with a goal of supporting terrorism or engaging in terrorism and that is a crime that we will continue to make all attempts to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law,” he said. “That is the message we have for Canadians and for anyone involved.”

Letts' father disputed the “knee-jerk assumption” that his son fought with Islamic State while in Syria, but added that if his son had broken the law, he should be tried, according to an interview with Canada's Global News radio on Sunday.

“If Jack Letts has done something wrong, I will be the first person to stand up and condemn him publicly and ask for him to go on trial and be punished for what he did,” he said.

Both the Brexit Party and its predecessor, the United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP), have been accused in the past of trafficking in antisemitic tropes. Its leader, Nigel Farage, has been a regular guest on “InfoWars,” a broadcast hosted by US far right conspiracy theorist Alex Jones, which features a similar cast of characters to the Richie Allen Show.

Following Farage's last appearance on Jones's show, the Board of Deputies, the representative organization of British Jews, called on him “to repudiate these ideas and to commit not to dignify oddball nasties like Alex Jones with his presence again.”

While the Brexit Party has won supporters, like Widdecombe, formerly associated with right-wing of the Conservative Party, it has also appealed successfully to the far left. Prominent among Farage's backers is the former MP George Galloway, a vocal backer of the Palestinian cause who has been frequently accused of antisemitism.

Tradition.

Parshat Va'etchanan: Why the Jewish People Are So Small



JONATHAN SACKS
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Near the end of parshat Va'etchanan is a statement with such far-reaching implications that it challenges the impression that has prevailed thus far in the Torah. This remark gives an entirely new complexion to the Biblical image of the people Israel: "The Lord did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you are the fewest of all peoples" (Deut. 7:7).

This is not what we have heard thus far.

In Genesis, God promised the patriarchs that their descendants would be like the stars of the heaven, the sand on the seashore, the dust of the earth — uncountable. Abraham will be the father, not just of one nation but of many.

At the beginning of Exodus, we read of how the covenantal family, numbering a mere 70 when they went down to Egypt, were "fertile and prolific, and their population increased. They became so numerous that the land was filled with them" (Ex. 1:7).

Three times in the book of Deuteronomy, Moses describes the Israelites as being "as many as the stars of the sky" (1:10; 10:22; 28:62). King Solomon speaks of himself as being part of "the people You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number" (1 Kings 3:8). The prophet Hosea says that "the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted" (Hos. 2:1).

In all these texts and others, it is the size, the numerical greatness, of the people that is emphasized. What then are we to make of Moses' words that speak of its smallness?

Targum Yonatan interprets it not to be about numbers at all but about self-image. He translates it not as "the fewest of all peoples," but as "the most lowly and humble of peoples." Rashi gives a similar reading, citing Abraham's words "I am but dust and ashes" (Gen. 18:27), and Moses and Aaron's "Who are we?" (Ex. 16:7).

Rashbam and Chizkuni give the more straightforward explanation that Moses is contrasting the Israelites with the seven nations they would be fighting in the land of Canaan/Israel. God would lead the Israelites to victory despite the fact that they were outnumbered by the local inhabitants. Rabbeinu Bachya quotes Maimonides, who says that we would have expected God, King of the universe, to have chosen the most numerous nation in the world as His people, since "the glory of the King is in the multitude of people" (Prov. 14:28). God did not do so. Thus Israel should count itself extraordinarily blessed that God chose it, despite its smallness, to be His am segula, His special treasure.

Rabbeinu Bachya finds himself forced to give a more complex reading to resolve the contradiction of Moses, in Deuteronomy, saying both that Israel is the smallest of peoples and "as many as the stars of the sky" (Gen. 22:17). He turns it into a hypothetical subjunctive, meaning: God would still have chosen you, even if you had been the smallest of the peoples.

Sforno gives a simple and straightforward reading: God did not choose a nation for the sake of His honor. Had He done so He

would undoubtedly have chosen a mighty and numerous people. His choice had nothing to do with honor and everything to do with love. He loved the patriarchs for their willingness to heed His voice; therefore He loves their children.

Yet there is something in this verse that resonates throughout much of Jewish history. Historically Jews were and are a small people — today, less than 0.2 percent of the population of the world. There were two reasons for this. First is the heavy toll taken through the ages by exile and persecution, directly by Jews killed in massacres and pogroms, indirectly by those who converted — in 14th- and 15th-century Spain and 19th-century Europe — in order to avoid persecution (tragically, even conversion did not work; racial antisemitism persisted in both cases).

The Jewish population is a mere fraction of what it might have been had there been no Hadrian, no Crusades, and no antisemitism.

The second reason is that Jews did not seek to convert others. Had they done so they would have been closer in numbers to Christianity (2.4 billion) or Islam (1.6 billion). In fact, Malbim reads something like this into our verse. The previous verses have said that the Israelites were about to enter a land with seven nations — Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. Moses warns them against intermarriage with the other nations, not for racial but for religious reasons: "They will turn your children away from following Me to serve other gods" (Deut. 7:4). Malbim interprets our verse as Moses saying to the Israelites: Do not justify out-marriage on the grounds that it will increase the number of Jews. God is not interested in numbers.

Notwithstanding all these interpretations and explanations, the Tanach itself offers one extraordinary episode that sheds a different light on the whole issue. It occurs in the seventh chapter of the book of Judges. God has told Gideon to assemble an army and do battle with the Midianites. He gathers a force of 32,000 men. God tells him, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against Me, 'My own strength has saved me'" (Judges 7:2).

God tells Gideon to say to the men: Whoever is afraid and wishes to go home may do so. Twenty-two thousand men leave. Ten thousand remain. God tells Gideon, "There are still too many men." He proposes a new test. Gideon is to take the men to a river and see how they drink the water. Ninety-seven hundred kneel down to drink, and are dismissed. Gideon is left with a mere 300 men. "With the three hundred men that lapped [the water] I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands," God tells him (Judges 7:1-8). By a brilliant and unexpected strategy, the 300 put the entire Midianite army to flight.

The Jewish people are small but have achieved great things to testify in themselves to a force beyond themselves.

We have achieved things no other nation its size could have achieved. Our history has been living testimony to the force of Divine Providence and the impact of high ideals. That is what Moses meant when he said: "Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created human beings on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything

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U.S. News.

'A Checkpoint Would Have Saved My Daughter:' Mother of US Terror Victim Pushes Back Against Rep. Rashida Tlaib Comments

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The mother of a US citizen murdered in a Palestinian terrorist attack slammed Michigan Democratic Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib on Tuesday for her comments on Israeli security checkpoints, saying, "checkpoints prevent terrorism — save lives."

Frimet Roth, whose 15-year-old daughter Malki was killed in a Jerusalem terror attack in 2001, cited Tlaib's statement on checkpoints at a press conference following Israel's decision to bar her from entering the country.

A teary-eyed Tlaib recounted, "As a young girl, visiting Palestine to see my grandparents and extended family, I watched as my mother had to go through dehumanizing

checkpoints — even though she was a United States citizen and proud American."

Roth tweeted in response, "Rep Tlaib cried about her mother being 'dehumanized' at Israeli checkpoints. My child Malki, a US citizen murdered at 15, would be here today had a checkpoint stopped her murderer and a 10 kg bomb from entering Jerusalem."

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Opinion.

The Washington Post Bars the Truth About Israel



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You can tell a lot about a news outlet by what it chooses to cover — and even more by what it chooses to ignore. The Washington Post's reporting on Israel is a case in point.

Take, for example, the murder of Dvir Sorek. The 18-year-old Israeli yeshiva student was found stabbed to death on August 8, outside of the community of Migal Oz. Sorek's murder — and the subsequent manhunt and arrest of two Palestinian suspects, one of them a Hamas activist — attracted widespread coverage from major US news outlets, including *The New York Times*.

The Washington Post's Jerusalem bureau, however, declined to file any reports on the terrorist attack, much less highlight the footage of Palestinians celebrating the murder by launching fireworks during Sorek's funeral. Instead, the newspaper contented itself with reprinting Associated Press (AP) briefs on the murder, the majority of which appeared only online.

As the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA) highlighted recently, The Post has a habit of under-reporting terrorist attacks and minimizing the antisemitic rhetoric and actions of Palestinian leadership.

Indeed, when *The Jerusalem Post* reported on July 11, 2019, that the PA was doubling the monthly payments to the terrorist responsible for masterminding

the murders of three Israeli teenagers, *The Washington Post* was nowhere to be found.

Citing research by Palestinian Media Watch (PMW), *Jerusalem Post* reporter Mayaan Jaffe-Hoffman noted that the PA had dramatically increased the payments being made to imprisoned terrorist Husam Al-Qawasm, who helped plot the abduction and subsequent murder of Gilad Shaar, Eyal Yifrach, and Naftali Frenkel in 2014. That incident helped trigger the 2014 Israel-Hamas War, and is, in part, the subject of a forthcoming HBO series.

That the PA is choosing to double down on its "pay to slay" policy amid a budget crisis — which itself is the result of US and Israeli aid cuts over that very same policy — is newsworthy. But not, it seems, to *The Washington Post*.

PA President Mahmoud Abbas has vowed that he'll continue to pay terrorists to the "last penny," a decision that violates the Oslo Accords — something that The Post also failed to report. The newspaper also chose to ignore Abbas' July 25 threat to stop implementing previous agreements with Israel.

Other omissions highlight The Post's bias. When the US decided to cut aid to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in 2018, *The Washington Post* filed no fewer than five reports. As CAMERA pointed out in a September 5, 2018 letter to the editor, The Post omitted UNRWA's troubling history of promoting anti-Jewish violence and terror. Instead, the newspaper portrayed the cuts in a negative light, often acting more as an advocate for the UN agency than an impartial media outlet.

Yet, when an internal ethics report was leaked in August 2019 accusing the head of UNRWA of nepotism, corruption, retaliation

against whistle-blowers, and sexual misconduct, *The Washington Post* was curiously absent. The newspaper failed to provide any original reporting on the scandal, which, by contrast, was detailed in many other outlets.

Nor did The Post cover the August 2019 bipartisan visit of 72 US lawmakers to Israel — the "largest-ever Congressional delegation" — as *The Times of Israel* reported. The Post's decision to ignore the trip is revealing.

By contrast, when fewer than a dozen US writers and poets — some of whom compared Israel to Hamas — traveled to Israel at the behest of an anti-Israel NGO in May 2016, The Post filed a glowing 1317-word report complete with several photographs detailing the trip. Similarly, when Israel decided to deny entry to US Reps. Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib, The Post decided that this merited coverage, even if the trip of 70-plus lawmakers did not.

Both Omar and Tlaib support the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. As CAMERA and others have noted, BDS seeks the end of the Jewish state, singles out only Israel for opprobrium, has been declared antisemitic by various legislative bodies, and is endorsed by terrorist organizations like Hamas. The Post's coverage, however, whitewashes BDS, which it claims, "protests Israel's treatment of the Palestinians and has found growing support in Europe and the United States in recent years."

In fact — in another occurrence ignored by The Post — Germany's legislature ruled that BDS is "antisemitic."

The Post also failed to note that Israel's decision to enforce its laws banning entry for BDS supporters came after Omar and Tlaib's itinerary was published. Given their anti-Israel and antisemitic records, it is unsur-



The late Dvir Sorek. Photo: Courtesy.

prising that the agenda for their trip referred to all of Israel as "Palestine," was sponsored by Miftah and included meetings with Defense for Children International-Palestine (DCI-P) and other anti-Israel NGOs.

As NGO Monitor has documented, DCI-P has extensive ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation, a US-designated terror group. The President of DCI-P's General Assembly, Nasser Ibrahim, is the former editor of *El Hadaf*, the PFLP's weekly publication. DCI-P board members and employees, past and present, include no less than 10 individuals with links to the PFLP.

As for Miftah, NGO Monitor offers disturbing details: "On March 27, 2013 MIFTAH, a Palestinian non-governmental organization (NGO) founded in 1998 by Hanan Ashrawi (Chair of MIFTAH's Board of Directors), published an article by Nawaf al-Zaru that repeated the antisemitic blood libel."

Put simply: two members of Congress planned a trip sponsored by an NGO that traffics in antisemitism, which had — as its basis — the denial of Israel's right to exist, and which included meeting a group with terror links. And yet, *The Washington Post*, as well as other outlets like *Politico*, *The Hill*, and *USA Today*, couldn't be troubled to report the full story.

Why Jews Should Care About the Hong Kong Democracy Protests



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It's more than 30 years since pro-democracy student demonstrators were brutally crushed by Chinese security forces at Beijing's Tiananmen Square — a graphic sign that while communism was in the process of collapsing elsewhere in the world, China was to be a bloody exception.

The spirit of those 1989 protests has been revived in recent weeks on the streets of Hong Kong, where hundreds of thousands of protesters have been vigorously opposing Chinese attempts to impose the draconian laws that hold sway on the mainland.

Because Hong Kong was a British possession for 150 years, it has a special status. When, in 1997, Britain handed possession of Hong Kong back to China, it did so on the basis that the territory would be governed under the principle of "one country, two systems," essentially preserving for Hong Kong the democratic practices and institu-

tions forbidden on the Chinese mainland, where the Communist Party continues to maintain one-party rule.

But those democratic institutions have been steadily eroding. Hong Kong's leader, the chief executive, is currently elected by a 1,200-member election committee — a pro-Beijing body chosen by just six percent of eligible voters. China has also been successful in barring some elected pro-democracy politicians from taking their seats in the 70-member Legislative Council, at the same time boosting that council's pro-Beijing orientation.

The current spate of protests was triggered by a now-withdrawn legislative measure that would have allowed the extradition of Hong Kong residents to mainland China. Having defeated that proposal, the protest movement is now seeking broader democratic reform — and many activists openly say that they identify as Hong Kongers rather than Chinese, and that they want independence outright.

Even without the direct intervention of Beijing, the response of the Hong Kong authorities to the protests has been shameful. Peaceful demonstrators have been gassed and beaten by armed police officers, in some cases aided by criminals associated with the

Chinese Triad gang network. The prospect remains that Chinese forces will invade and directly occupy Hong Kong if the protests continue. And hanging over it all, like a Sword of Damocles, is the year 2047 — the year that Hong Kong's Basic Law guaranteeing its autonomy from China expires, after which no one knows what will happen.

Why should the Jewish community care about these protests? There are many good reasons, not least the tradition of humanitarianism and human rights activism among American Jews. But what should prick our consciences above all is the kind of society that China has now become, exactly 70 years after the Communist Party took power — a society created from a legacy of mass murder.

In terms of sheer numbers exterminated, the record of Chinese communism is worse than even the Soviet Union or Nazi Germany. Upwards of 60 million people perished under chairman Mao Zedong's regime in concentration camps and prisons, or starved by the famines imposed by the Communists upon the peasantry. While Chinese communism has had its share of factional struggles since Mao's death in 1976, the same Communist Party remains in power now, carrying out the same abuses. Over the last year, up to

1.5 million members of the Muslim Uighur minority in northwestern China have been herded into "re-education camps." Thousands of miles away, in Hong Kong, protesters have a credible fear that a similar fate awaits them.

That fear was eloquently summarized by one Hong Kong protester in an open letter to the people of China, circulated during the last week by Chinese pro-democracy activists to journalists in the US. "Hong Kong's silent majority and many people of conscience have gradually understood the tactics of the totalitarian government," the protester explained. "They understand that the rule of law, democracy, and freedom are just the lies the rulers use to take control of power. A totalitarian government only knows how to use lies, fears, and violence to control the society and maintain order. This is also why the people of Hong Kong continue their uprisings in every district of the city. Our enemy has never been China, nor our compatriots in the mainland, but the totalitarian government."

Sadly, over the years the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong and China has been treated shabbily by the democratic nations of the world, not least the United States. The movement has held regular protests that require participants to show enormous courage given the riot police tactics used against them — the last time Hong Kong was convulsed with major demonstrations, in 2014, the protesters signed off by saying, "We'll be back."

But when President Barack Obama

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who are, respectively, chairs of the powerful House Foreign Affairs and Appropriations Committees — are allowing their names to be mentioned in reports about retaliation against Israel, it's because they fear retribution from their party's activist base. Both are being targeted for primary challenges next year by left-wingers hoping to repeat the success that "Squad" leader Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez had against Joe Crowley, another House Democratic leader. While worries about their ability to hold onto their seats are understandable, accepting the dubious assertion that a snub of two members whose main claim to fame is anti-Israel activism that has crossed over into open antisemitism is an outrage far more scandalous than the foolish decision that Trump urged on Netanyahu.

The mere fact that the tour Tlaib and Omar were planning was organized by Miftah, a Palestinian group led by Hanan Ashrawi that is guilty of numerous acts of open antisemitic hate, is far more worthy of investigation and censure than anything Dermer and Friedman did or didn't do.

Neither Miftah's involvement nor the agenda for the trip justified its cancellation, nor would it have caused more harm to Israel than the ban. But the willingness of the media and the Democrats to ignore Tlaib and Omar's involvement with a group whose antisemitism is morally equivalent to that

of neo-Nazis is a major aspect of the story that shouldn't be ignored. At the same time, Democrats have screamed bloody murder about connections between a GOP outlier like Rep. Steve King (R-IA), who was eventually and rightly punished by his party, which were less damning than what Tlaib and Omar have done. Those who have sought to connect dots between the president and hate groups he has repeatedly condemned are in no position to ignore direct evidence of Tlaib and Omar's hate-mongering.

Whatever you may think about the wisdom of the ban, the reaction to it from Democrats is out of all proportion to the offense given or the facts about the stars of this tawdry exercise in anti-Israel agitation.

Indeed, by attempting to censure the ambassadors — and treating the Tlaib-Omar campaign against Israel as credible or legitimate — the Democrats are justifying the claim of some on the right that ties between their party and Israel are already so tenuous that no effort to repair them is worth the effort. That is why it's vital that Democrats who care about the Jewish state should resist pressure to turn this incident into a genuine crisis and instead refocus their efforts on demonstrating that "The Squad" doesn't speak for their party on Israel or any other issue.

Doing so will not only be the right thing to do, but will do more to help them win in 2020 than letting antisemites like Tlaib and Omar set the agenda for them.

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visited Beijing in 2016, the issue of human rights was noticeably absent from his agenda. Under President Donald Trump, rising tensions with China have centered on trade and, to a lesser extent, military spending. As with Obama, human rights don't even make the appendix. With regard to the Hong Kong protests, Trump's contribution has been to advise Chinese President Xi Jinping to go there and meet with the demonstrators in person. Were any such meeting to take place, past practice suggests that it would be followed up with mass arrests, as enough advisers to the current US administration know all too well.

Ultimately, China's rulers know that their penetration of the global economy has been

so extensive that Western nations — not just the United States, but the United Kingdom, the European Union, Australia, Israel, and Canada, among others — will be driven by pragmatism. That approach will, if anything, be reinforced by, firstly, the need to preserve trade and, secondly, uncertainty about China's regional intentions.

What that means, potentially, is that Hong Kong is expendable. As we look back at episodes in our own history when Jews were similarly disregarded in the wider calculations of power politics, the present is as good a time as any to tell the American president that the future peace of the world may, just may, be hanging on the shoulders of those brave folks in Hong Kong.

Paul Krugman Jew-Shames Stephen Ross



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A Paul Krugman column in The New York Times makes an issue of the Jewish background of Stephen Ross, the real-estate executive and fitness-business investor (SoulCycle, Equinox) who hosted a fundraiser for President Donald Trump.

Krugman writes, "Ross is Jewish — and anyone Jewish has to be completely ignorant of history not to know that when bigotry runs free, we're always next in line for persecution. In fact, the ingredients for an American pogrom are already in place."

This is foolish on several levels. First, Krugman's language is clumsily imprecise to a point that approaches comedy. It's not accurate to say that when bigotry runs free, Jews are "always next in line for persecution."

Actually, often we're not "next" in line — we're first in line. "Always next in line" would be an okay place to be — it would mean we aren't being persecuted, at least right now. I mean, if we've got to be somewhere in the persecution line, it'd be better to be way at the very end, but if we can't be there, at least "always next" is better than "it's your turn right now." At some point this persecution "line" may be replaced with vibrating pagers, or at least those little paper tickets with numbers on them like they use in busy delicatessens ("now serving..."), but until then, that's the situation.

Also, while Krugman warns of an impending pogrom, he does not mention the attacks on synagogues in Pittsburgh and California that have already happened. A pogrom generally involves a group of people with the permission or support of the authorities. The closest we've come to that in the United States in recent decades was the Crown Heights riot in 1991.

Krugman's contention is that Ross is, as the column puts it, an "idiot" for backing Trump. If that applies to Ross, then it also

They Praised the Murder of a US Senator's Niece — and They Organized Tlaib's Israel Trip



MOSHE PHILLIPS

First, they praised the terrorist who murdered a US senator's niece. Then they were chosen by Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) to organize her now-cancelled trip to Israel. Tlaib's outrageous choice of the pro-terrorist group Miftah to run her trip is a slap in the face of the United States Congress, and deserves to be investigated by the House Ethics Committee.

The fact that Rep. Tlaib chose Miftah to organize her trip is no secret; it was widely reported by major news media outlets. The problem is that nobody is explaining what "Miftah" really is. The New York Times, for example, reported only that Miftah is a group "that promotes 'global awareness and knowledge of Palestinian realities.'"

Ironically, one the "Palestinian realities" of which Miftah reminds us is that the Palestinian Authority (PA) regards Palestinian Arab murderers of American citizens as heroes.

The official Miftah website features an essay by one of the group's leaders, Ms. Johara Baker, profusely praising Dalal Mughrabi, the murderer of Gail Rubin, the niece of the late US Senator Abraham Ribicoff, Democrat of Connecticut.

Ms. Baker is not some minor figure at Miftah. At the time she wrote her article praising Mughrabi, she was identified as the group's "Director of the Media and Information Department." Elsewhere on the Miftah website, she is listed with other titles. Last year, she was one of Miftah's representatives at a gathering to discuss "Possible Repercussions of the Collapse of the International Order on the Palestinian Issue."

Mughrabi was the leader of a PLO death squad that came ashore in northern Israel early one morning in March 1978. Gail Rubin, a nature photographer, was walking along the beach. Mughrabi shot her in the head. Then Mughrabi and her gang hijacked an Israeli bus, and carried out what is known in Israel as the Coastal Road Massacre. They slaughtered 37 people. That remains the highest casualty

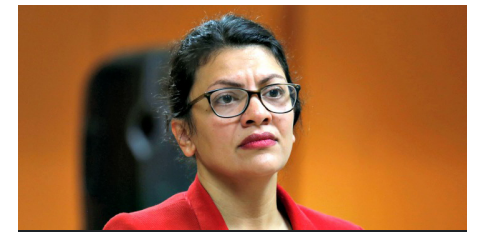
applies to any other Jew who supports Trump or serves in the Trump administration — as Krugman puts it, "anyone Jewish." That would include everyone from Trump's Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to his Ambassador to Israel David Friedman to Trump's daughter and son-in-law who serve as White House advisers, Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner.

As an instruction manual for American Jewish political involvement, the Krugman column leaves a lot to be desired. Bigotry unfortunately isn't limited to the Republican end of the political spectrum, as evidenced by the recent calls to boycott Israel by Democratic Congresswomen Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib or even by Jesse Jackson's "Hymietown" comment back in 1984. What are Jews supposed to do, withdraw from American politics entirely? Form our own

toll in any terrorist attack in Israel's history.

Baker's praise of mass-murderer Mughrabi appears in her article, titled "Let Us Honor Our Own," which to this day appears on the Miftah website. The article strongly defends the right of the Palestinian Authority to pay salaries to imprisoned terrorists and the families of dead terrorists. Baker denounces Israel for objecting to such salaries and for objecting to the PA's policy of naming parks, streets, and other venues after Mughrabi and other terrorists.

Here's what she writes about Mughrabi: "When Palestinians named a square after Dalal Al Mughrabi, a Palestinian fighter who



US Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib of Michigan.
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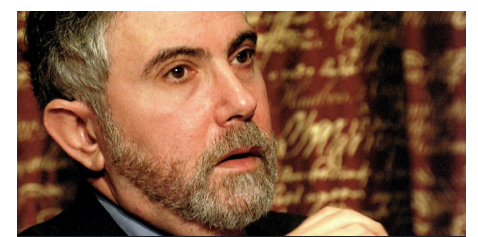
was killed during a military operation against Israel in 1978, Israel was up in arms, claiming the Palestinians should not be allowed to name streets or squares after 'terrorists.' ... Countries should not interfere in the internal affairs of others. If the Palestinians want to name a street after one of their national heroes, regardless of how this person is perceived by Israel, that is their business."

So, the murderer of a US senator's niece is "a Palestinian fighter" and a "hero."

Baker's use of quotation marks around the term "terrorist" makes it clear that she rejects that description. Baker writes that the murders Mughrabi carried out were "a military operation."

Shooting an American Jewish nature photographer in the head was a "military operation," and the shooter was a "hero."

That's the group that Rep. Rashida Tlaib put in charge of her proposed trip to Israel. The House Ethics Committee should insist that Tlaib explain the nature of her relationship with Miftah, and the reasons behind her decision to embrace those who praise the murderer of a member of a US senator's family.



Paul Krugman. Photo: Prolineserver via Wikimedia.

political party? Actually, it advances Jewish security more for American Jews to be involved in both political parties. That way, neither party can take American Jewish political support for granted, and both have to compete for that support by delivering on things that American Jews want, including physical safety.

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Impressions.

Netanyahu: More a Jabotinsky than a Begin or a Ben-Gurion

BY GIL SAMSONOV

Now that Benjamin Netanyahu has surpassed David Ben-Gurion in length of service as prime minister, the Israeli media has taken to comparing the two — after years of unfavorably comparing Netanyahu to Menachem Begin (whom they regularly savaged during his own premiership as a warmongering extremist).

Netanyahu, however, has never considered himself Begin's successor. Quite the reverse, in fact. Begin was hardly an admired figure in the

power. Jabotinsky died before the Holocaust, and it is hard to know which path he would have chosen: that of his disciple and successor, Begin, who opted to rebel against Britain, which barred Jews from entering Mandatory Palestine as it was obligated to do under the League of Nations' mandate and obstructed the rise of a Jewish state — or the political path he pursued prior to his death.

As I described in my book *The Princes*, Benjamin Netanyahu is the ideological son of Benzion Netanyahu, and the ideological grandson of Jabotinsky and Nathan Milikowsky (his biolog-



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivers a statement in front of new construction in the Jewish settlement known to Israelis as Har Homa and to Palestinians as Jabal Abu Ghneim in an area of the West Bank that Israel captured in a 1967 war and annexed to the city of Jerusalem, March 16, 2015. Photo: REUTERS/Ronen Zvulun/File Photo.

Jerusalem home where Netanyahu grew up.

Benjamin Netanyahu's father, Benzion, who was older than Begin, was Ze'ev Jabotinsky's disciple and follower. Before Begin had even arrived in Mandatory Palestine, Benzion Netanyahu was Jabotinsky's personal secretary and a member of the activist alliance of Abba Ahimeir, Uri Zvi Greenberg, and Yehoshua Yevin.

Like his mentor, Benzion Netanyahu espoused the political Zionism of forging an alliance with a world power — unlike Avraham Stern ("Yair"), David Raziel, and after them Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, who chose military rebellion against Britain as the main route to independence.

Jabotinsky, like Netanyahu the father, believed in the political approach and saw it as superior to the military option. Hence he believed in and worked for an alliance with Britain in World War I. With Joseph Trumpeldor, he set up the Jewish Legion in hopes that it would form the basis for a Jewish army and a Jewish state, once it had been established as Britain's tribute to the Jews' contribution to the war effort.

By the end of the 1930s, Jabotinsky had despaired of Britain, but instead of choosing the military tack, shifted his efforts to establish a Jewish state to the US, which had emerged as a rising global

grandfather and a quintessential Jabotinskyan).

In his views, speeches, and actions, Benjamin Netanyahu has neither followed Begin's path of rebellion nor extolled his term as prime minister, which included the concessions of Camp David and the First Lebanon War. During his 13 years in office, Netanyahu has not striven for an Oslo-style utopian peace, and he has opposed unilateral withdrawals from Gaza and Lebanon. He has opted for caution and responsibility, for conflict management instead of his predecessors' hopes/illusions of peace.

Netanyahu has believed in and worked for the formation of quiet and deep relations with Arab states based on mutual interest, in the manner of Jabotinsky. He has not sought to make concessions in return for peace or to trade territories in return for signed agreements like most of his immediate predecessors (with the exception of Shamir).

In favoring the political over the military approach, Netanyahu is the direct successor of Jabotinsky; hence he opts for conflict management with the PLO, Hamas, and Hezbollah, while concentrating his efforts on containing Israel's foremost current enemy, Iran. There too, Netanyahu has preferred the path of political struggle, in cooperation with the US and with the use of harsh sanctions

over war. True, he prepared for and threatened an attack on the Iranian nuclear reactor; but he always knew, and let Washington know, that this was a second choice. Still he successfully used the military threat to goad the Obama administration, against its inclination, to impose sanctions on Iran.

All his life, Netanyahu, like Jabotinsky, has upheld the principle of an alliance with a great power. At the same time, when he found himself facing an appeasement-oriented and hostile US administration, he did not shrink from fighting with President Obama for a change of direction while recruiting Congress and American public opinion to his cause. He then succeeded in establishing excellent relations with the subsequent occupant of the White House at a level of closeness enjoyed by no other leader in the world. Hence Netanyahu has been able to gain US backing vis-à-vis Syria, Iran, and the Palestinian Authority, as well as American recognition of Jerusalem and the Golan.

Netanyahu has also formed close and unprecedented personal ties with the leaders of India, Russia, and (to a lesser extent) China, including many personal meetings with the leaders of these powers — which in the past not only avoided meeting Israeli leaders but were openly hostile to the Jewish state.

In the legal domain, there is no real difference among Jabotinsky, Begin, and Netanyahu. All three respected the courts and the legal system. All three were men of the law. Contrary to his adversaries' allegations, Netanyahu has neither harmed the courts nor maligned the judges of Israel.

Over the past 20 years, however, the Israeli right has felt that the legal system has changed substantially. The Supreme Court has never been the same since the activist revolution of Chief Justice Aharon Barak. The political right has had the strong impression that the Supreme Court opposes the existence, let alone the expansion, of West Bank communities, and that the leftist Meretz party and later the leftist NGOs made the Court their dwelling. It seems to the political right that the Supreme Court and the Justice Ministry have become an opposing force to the government, one that seeks to impose the rule of the legal establishment on the legislative and executive branches at a time when parliamentary opposition is weak and incapable of coming to power.

Netanyahu himself was drawn onto this playing field against his will when he became, as he sees it, a target for persecution, libel, and false leaks. Nevertheless, he has practiced restraint and continues to do so.

What is common to Netanyahu, Begin, and Jabotinsky is that all three were admired leaders who led their movements for decades. All three were subjected to scathing criticism from the academy, the left, and the media. All three were portrayed as extremist, dangerous, warmongering fascists, inciters, and populists. Ben-Gurion and the newspapers of the labor camp pilloried Begin ("the man sitting beside Member of Knesset Bader" in Ben-Gurion's contemptuous phrase) and before him Jabotinsky ("Vladimir Hitler," as Ben-Gurion reviled him). The nadir came when Ben-Gurion ordered his commander Yitzhak Rabin to bombard with the "holy cannon" the Altalena, a ship bearing Holocaust survivors, in full knowledge that it did not pose a threat and that opposition leader Begin was on it.

The three leaders of the right were vilified by the elite and the establishment, and the more they were vilified the more their own camp esteemed them. Their supporters were portrayed as rabble, as a mindless mass dragged along by populist leaders.

But when it comes to comparing Netanyahu to Ben-Gurion and Begin, one should stick to the facts — not bend reality and history to suit self-serving political perspectives or one's opposition to a current leader.

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against- RIFKA GRUNBAUM, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 14, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on September 5, 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 Beach 46th Street, distant 320 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Beach 46th Street with the westerly side of Surf Avenue; being a plot 112.43 feet by 127.16 feet by 121.88 feet by 138 feet. Block: 7038 Lot: 61. Said premises known as 4601 BEACH 46TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$1,404,855.36 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 21292/2013. PHILIP L. KAMARAS, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 5025.2122 AJ; 8/2/9/16/23

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 AJ; 7/19/26; 8/2/9/16/23

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 AJ; 7/19/26; 8/2/9/16/23

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 AJ; 7/19/26; 8/2/9/16/23

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: SIMO INTERIORS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 04/08/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it maybe Served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to:Simo Interiors LLC 4 Downing St. #1A Brooklyn, NY 11238. purpose: all lawful activity. AJ; 8/2/9/16/23

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: PIXEL CHURCH LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on :06/28/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Steve Cox 1746 E. 13th Street APT 1E Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 8/2/9/16/23

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, Trustee of the SRP 2013-9 Funding Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Jason Dorset a/k/a Jason H. Dorset; Louisa Dorset; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 25, 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 September 5, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 374 East 96th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212. 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 4670 Lot 156. Approximate amount of judgment \$206,897.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502684/2015. Jeffrey R Miller, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: July 29, 2019 64743 AJ; 8/2/9/16/23

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Selene Finance LP, Plaintiff AGAINST Mary Gomes a/k/a Mary A. Gomes a/k/a Maryann Gomes; Dayne Gomes; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 15, 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 September 12, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 133 Milford Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. 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 4189 Lot 8. Approximate amount of judgment \$446,679.50 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 512354/2015. Doron A. Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: June 27, 2019 64162 AJ; 8/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST

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JOSEPH CAMPISI, RYAN SARACO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 06, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on September 12, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1934 PROSPECT PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. 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 1465, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$524,555.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 5843/13. EDWARD M. RAPPAPORT, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 64182 AJ; 8/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST SAMONIE LEWIS, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 31, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on September 12, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 702 A HALSEY STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1668, LOT 9. Approximate amount of judgment \$792,080.71 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 22398/2012. BETTY LUGO, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 64429 AJ; 8/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR MART LEGAL TITLE TRUST 2015-NPLI, Plaintiff, Index No.: 006140/2013 Against DANIEL P. JONES, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly dated 5/31/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on 9/12/2019 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1322 East 70th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234 and described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, and City and State of New York and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Section 25 Block 8369 Lot 383 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$771,281.68 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 006140/2013. 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. Jageshwarm (Mr.) Sharma, Esq., Referee. Leopold

& Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 7/23/19 YW AJ; 8/9/16/23/30

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, V. PABLO OTERO; ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is the Plaintiff and PABLO OTERO; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on September 12, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 631 HENDRIX STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207: Block 4075, Lot 1: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEGIN IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 509571/2014. Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 8/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BNC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2, Plaintiff, AGAINST MINERVA A. ALAR AKA MINERVA A. ALAR AKA MINERVA ALAR, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on January 14, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on September 12, 2019 at 2:30 PM premises known as 137 Glen St, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Section 1, Block 4167 and Lot 49. Approximate amount of judgment \$661,922.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #500792/2014. Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 AJ; 8/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, AS TRUSTEE FOR NORMANDY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2015-1, Plaintiff, -against- SHOSHANA I TRUST; ALEXANDER ROSENBLUM; BERTHA ROSENBLUM; ETHEL ROSENBLUM; MALKA ROSENBLUM, PERL ROSENBLUM; SAUL ROSENBLUM; STEVEN

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BERGER; MARIAN BERGER; ISSAC BERGER; WENDY BERGER; KATIE BERGER; SOLOMON SCHLUSSEL; RAIZE SCHLUSSEL; CHANA SCHLUSSEL; ELIEZET SCHLUSSEL; LEWIS SCHLUSSEL; JOSEPH SCHLUSSEL, Index No. 13171/2010. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, July 1, 2019 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on July 10, 2019, Jack Segal, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 1462 51st Street, Brooklyn, New York 11219, at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on September 12, 2019 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York known as Block: 5657; Lot: 31 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 13171/2010. The approximate amount of judgment is \$841,206.87 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 8/9/16/23/30

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS NYMT LOAN TRUST 2013-RP1, Plaintiff, vs. PATRICIA CHARLES-GITTENS, LANCE CASSIUS GITTENS, et al, Defendants NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County on October 17, 2017, I, Yolanda A. Corion, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on September 12, 2019 at Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, at 2:30 PM, the premises described as follows: 3316 Clarendon Road Brooklyn, NY 11203 SBL No.: 4950 - 7 ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 7009/2014 in the amount of \$381,340.16 plus interest and costs. Brettanie L. Hart Saxton, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 500 Bausch & Lomb Place Rochester, New York 14604 Tel.: 855-227-5072 AJ; 8/9/16/23/30

TCB 730 BROADWAY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/26/2019. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Zaheer A Bukhari, 730 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11206. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. AJ; 8/9/16/23/30; 9/6/13

File No. 2015-1342 Probate Citation Surrogate's Court Queens County Citation THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Ronald Gist, if living and if dead, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributes whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he died subsequent to decedent herein, to his executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown, and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributes of Emma Gist, decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are

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unknown and cannot, after diligent inquire, be ascertained. /MARK A. Annunziata, G.A.L. A petition having been filed by Margo Arthur, who is domiciled at 111-22 134th Street, South Ozone Park, NY 11420. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd, Queens County, Room 62, Jamaica, New York, on September 26, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree/order should not be made in the Estate of Emma Gist lately domiciled at 111-22 134th Street, in the County of Queens, State of New York, admitting to probate a Will dated September 14, 2004, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Emma Gist, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters of Testamentary issue to Margo Arthur. Dated, Attested and Sealed July 31, 2019. HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate James Lim Becker, Chief Clerk Attorney for Petitioner: Corey A. Washington Esq. Address of Attorney: Washington George PLLC 29-28 41st Avenue LIC NY 11101 Tel. No.: 917-546-6734x201 NOTE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IT WILL BE ASSUMED YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY-AT-LAW APPEAR FOR YOU. AJ; 8/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. MVMF III FIN TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- JOSEPHINE JEAN PIERRE; PHENICIEN JEAN PIERRE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGEIT INC.; PRA FUNDING, LLC; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; KINGS SUPREME COURT; NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL SERVICES; CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC, ASSIGNEE OF CALVARY SPV I LLC, ASSIGNEE OF SPRINT; ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING NCC-2 CORP; NYC ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NYC TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NYC DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PARKING VIOLATION BUREAU; EMMA JEAN PIERRE, Index No. 6953/2009. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, January 3, 2017 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on January 26, 2017, Elena K. Makau, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 689 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11230 at public auction in Room 224 at Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on September 12, 2019 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 5240; Lot: 80 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 6953/2009. The approximate amount of judgment is \$1,476,235.56 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 8/9/16/23/30

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: POP ROW LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New

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York(SSNY) on 02/27/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: POP ROW LLC 135 Bay 17 street Apt. 1, Brooklyn, NY 11214 Purpose: All lawful activity AJ; 8/16/23/30; 9/6/13/20

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Ernest L. Spence; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 3, 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 September 19, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 602 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. 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 4325 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$979,521.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 508760/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: July 9, 2019 AJ; 8/16/23/30; 9/6

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wilmington Savings Fund Society, et al, Plaintiff v Kirk Gibson, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 06, 2018, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on September 19, 2019 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 729 Macon Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected thereon, being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1493, Lot 66. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,065,650.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2427/2008. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 64625 AJ; 8/16/23/30; 9/6

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST Eric D. Garnes, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Delia Curtis, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/2018 and entered on 10/18/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 19, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 245 E 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4851, LOT: 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$780,358.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of

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filed Judgment Index # 505910/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 8/16/23/30; 9/6

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Nomura Asset-Backed Certificate Series, 2006-AF1, Plaintiff AGAINST Abou Traore, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 6/26/2019 and entered on 7/2/2019, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 19, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as :947 GATES AVE., BROOKLYN, NY 11221. 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: 1632, LOT: 49. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,222,310.66 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 020445/2008. Dominic J. Famulari, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 8/16/23/30; 9/6

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff v. Keseal Salzberg, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, Index # 501965/17, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, on September 19, 2019 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 2123 58th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11204. All that parcel of land, with the improvements erected thereon, being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 5501, Lot 65. Approximate amount of Judgment \$429,892.33, plus interest and costs. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Davidson Fink Attorney for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street Rochester, NY 14614 AJ; 8/16/23/30; 9/6

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: INSPIRE HOME MANAGEMENT LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 08/06/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Amy D. Littleton 545 Quincy Street 2ND floor Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 8/16/23/30; 9/6/13/20

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-MX1, Plaintiff -against- CECIL HAYNES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 2, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on September 19, 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 Clarkson Avenue, distant

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43 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Clarkson Avenue with westerly side of East 51st Street; being a plot 19 feet by 100 feet by 19 feet by 100 feet. Block: 4637 Lot: 8. Said premises known as 846 CLARKSON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$553,021.02 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 6018/2013. SIMON SHAMOUN, ESQ., Referee Dorf & Nelson LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 555 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Rye, NY 10580 AJ; 8/16/23/30; 9/6

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AF2, Plaintiff AGAINST Deborah Martinez; Roberto Martinez; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 4, 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 September 26, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 938 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 1714 Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,054,086.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 504322/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: August 14, 2019 65133 AJ; 8/23/30, 9/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings, Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., Plaintiff, AGAINST Josianne Valery; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 1, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on September 26, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 871 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4980 Lot 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,534.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501049/2014. AJ; 8/23/30, 9/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings, CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, AGAINST Kepler Balde, et al, Defendant, Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/2018 and entered on 10/18/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 26, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 12421 Flatlands Avenue, Unit 6B, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4423, LOT: 1412.

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Approximate amount of judgment is \$280,351.29 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504331/2014. AJ; 8/23/30, 9/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY, EMIGRANT BANK F/K/A NEW YORK PRIVATE BANK AND TRUST F/K/A EMIGRANT, SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff against ORCHID JOAZARD, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered October 31, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 31, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1270 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Block 1567 Lot 19. All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$570,846.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 5551/2011. Shmuel D Taub, Esq., Referee XCHJC350 AJ; 8/23/30, 9/6/13

A Notice of Formation of Giraonline LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/25/2019. 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: The LLC, 561 39th St., Apt 1E, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: any lawful activity. AJ; 8/23-30, 9/6-13-20-27

GRIGAS REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/13/19. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 26 Delavan Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AT 8/22 20 0/6 12 20 27

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Krugman's point that Trump enables bigotry, bigotry is bad for all Jews, and all Jews should therefore stay far away from Trump is worth considering. It is not, in my view, entirely convincing. What if, by engaging with Trump, Jews can move his policies in favorable directions? If you think a pogrom might be coming, one alternative is to take a fatalistic approach — make sure your will is written. Another alternative, though, is to try to prevent the pogrom by talking to the czar. In Trump's case, it's a czar who has Jewish grandchildren, hosts a White House Hanukkah reception, moved the American embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, exited the Iran nuclear deal, has friendly relations with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, pardoned Scooter Libby, and gave clemency to Sholom Rubashkin. These are unusual characteristics for the leader or enabler of a pogrom.

Personally, I'm not hosting any fundraisers for Trump. But, unlike Krugman, neither am I Jew-shaming any of my fellow Jews who choose to do so.

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Nurses at the Hadassah Ein Kerem hospital in Jerusalem on February 19, 2014. Photo: Yonatan Sindel/Flash90.

Israel Spent More on Health in 2018, Still Below OECD Average

BY LILACH BAUMER / CTECH

CTech – The Israeli national expenditure on health for 2018 was NIS 101.2 billion, or 7.6 percent of Israel's gross domestic product (GDP), according to a report published Sunday by Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics. The sum represents a 4.3 percent increase from 2017, but still places Israel under the OECD average, which stood at 8.8 percent for 2018, and much lower than the US 2018 expenditure, which was 16.9 percent. Turkey and Luxembourg had the lowest national expenditure in terms of percentage of GDP, five percent and four percent, respectively.

In terms of purchasing power parity (PPP), the Israeli expenditure per person in 2018 was \$2,953, lower than most OECD countries. The US expenditure was the highest at \$10,586. It is important to note that PPP does not take into consideration factors such as the popula-

tion's age composition and the country's employment market.

Israel's national expenditure on health has been relatively stable over the past two decades, remaining in the range of 6.9 percent-7.4 percent in 2000-2018. In comparison, the OECD average saw greater changes during the same period, with a range of 7.2 percent-8.8 percent.

Of the 2018 expenditure for Israel, the government budget accounted for 40 percent, and 24 percent was funded by the national health tax. The overall government funding component, 64 percent, is under the OECD average of 74 percent. Another 21 percent came from direct household payments for medical services and pharmaceuticals, while another 13 percent was payment for private medical services such as private insurance. Overall, Israelis chose to pay 10.3 percent more for private medical insurance in 2018

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Jewish people

like it ever been heard of? Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived? Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?" (Deut. 4:32-34)

Israel defies the laws of history because it serves the Author of history. Attached to greatness, it becomes great. Through the Jewish people, God is telling humankind that you do not need to be numerous to be great. Nations are judged not by their size but by their contribution to human heritage.

Of this the most compelling proof is that a nation as small as the Jews could produce an ever-renewed flow of prophets, priests, poets, philosophers, sages, saints, halachists, aggadists, codifiers, commentators, rebbes, and rashei yeshivot. It has also yielded some of the world's greatest writers, artists, musicians, filmmakers, academics, intellectuals, doctors, lawyers, business-people, and technological innovators. Out of all proportion to their numbers, Jews could and can be found working as lawyers fighting injustice, economists fighting poverty, doctors fighting disease, teachers fighting ignorance, and therapists fighting depression and despair.

You do not need numbers to enlarge the spiritual and moral horizons of humankind. You need other things altogether: a sense of the worth and dignity of the individual, of the power of human possibility to transform the world, of the importance of giving everyone the best education they can have, of making each feel part of a collective responsibility to ameliorate the human condition. Judaism asks of us the willingness to take high ideals and enact them in the real world, unswayed by disappointments and defeats.

This is still evident today, especially among the people of Israel in the State of Israel. Traduced in the media and pilloried by much of the world, Israel continues to produce human miracles in medicine, agriculture, technology, and the arts, as if the word "impossible" did not exist in the Hebrew language. Israel remains a small nation, surrounded, as in Biblical times, by "nations larger and stronger than you" (Deut. 7:1). Yet the truth remains, as Moses said: "The Lord did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you are the fewest of all peoples."

This small people has outlived all the world's great empires to deliver to humanity a message of hope: you need not be large to be great. What you need is to be open to a power greater than yourself. It is said that King Louis XIV of France once asked Blaise Pascal, the brilliant mathematician and theologian, to give him proof of the existence of God. Pascal is said to have replied, "Your Majesty, the Jews!"

London Mayor Calls for City Council to Adopt Plans to Build Holocaust Memorial

BY JNS.ORG

JNS.org – London Mayor Sadiq Khan has called on the Westminster Council to back plans to construct a Holocaust memorial in Victoria Tower Gardens.

"I have previously expressed my fear however that these plans would be rejected," wrote Khan in a letter to the council. "I therefore urge Westminster City Council not to reject these plans and instead enable this hugely important national memorial to take its rightful place in the heart of the capital and close to the seat of national government."



London Mayor Sadiq Khan. Photo: Flickr.

"Let us at least agree that everybody understands the importance of the Holocaust Memorial and its importance to Britain for our understanding of history and the experience of so many of our Jewish citizens," said mayoral candidate Shaun Bailey in a statement. "Instead of fighting pointlessly over this site, or potentially bending planning law, why not work together to have a politics-free discussion about the feasibility of this site, or even a discussion over a potential new site that respects the aims of those who wish to memorialise this brutal episode. We owe it to the victims of the Holocaust to find a solution to this impasse."

Opponents of the proposed memorial have stated that it would be in the wrong location and block views of the park's gardens, a UNESCO world heritage site.

"The mayor is the latest politician trying to bludgeon this unpopular project through despite growing misgivings within the Jewish community about its effectiveness at tackling antisemitism and the environmental concerns of the Royal Parks and UNESCO," said Clare Annamalai of Save Victoria Tower Gardens. "Westminster Council is simply trying to apply planning law. The mayor is playing political games."

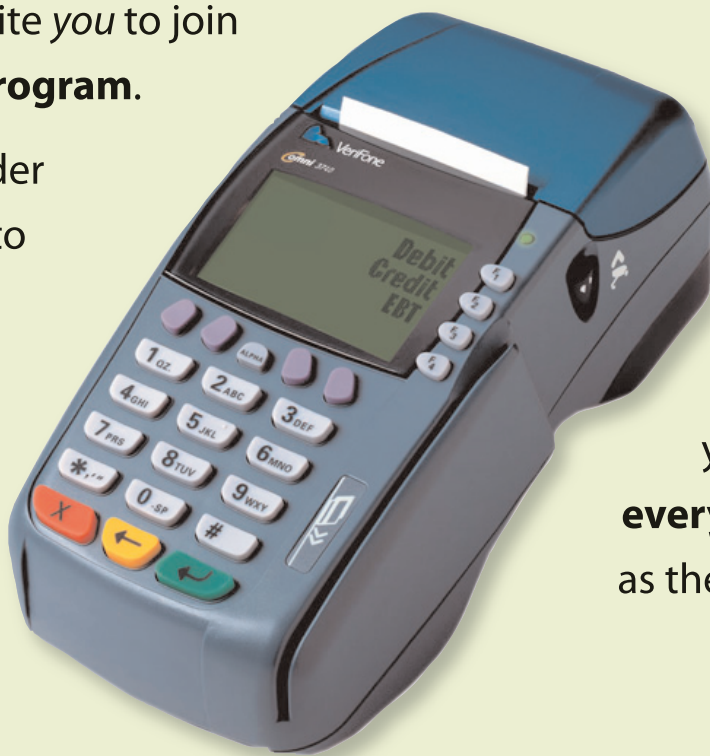
The memorial plan is expected to be rejected.

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