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Iran's Rouhani Rules Out Talks With US Until Sanctions Lifted



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani in Tehran, Aug. 26, 2019. Photo: Official Presidential website / Handout via Reuters.

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Iran will not talk to the United States until all sanctions imposed on Tehran are lifted, President Hassan Rouhani said on Tuesday, a day after President Donald Trump said he would meet his Iranian counterpart to try to end a nuclear standoff.

Trump said on Monday

he would meet Iran's president under the right circumstances to end a confrontation that began when Washington pulled out of Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with six powers and reimposed sanctions on the country. Trump also said talks were under way to see how countries could open credit lines to keep Iran's economy afloat.

Rouhani said Iran was always ready to hold talks. "But first the US should act by lifting all illegal,

unjust and unfair sanctions imposed on Iran," he said in a speech broadcast live on state TV.

Speaking at a G7 summit in the French resort of Biarritz, Trump ruled out lifting economic sanctions to compensate for losses suffered by Iran.

"Washington has the key for positive change ... So take the first step ... Without this step, this lock will not be unlocked," Rouhani said.

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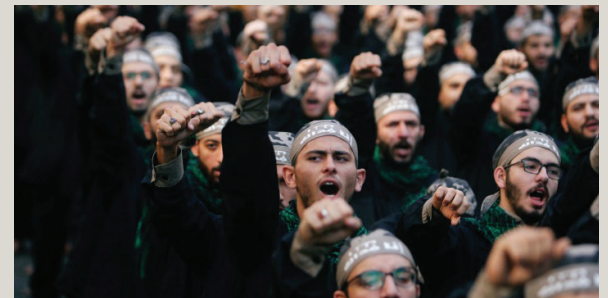
Hezbollah Said to Be Planning 'Calculated Strike' Against Israel

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Hezbollah is preparing a "calculated strike" against its enemy Israel after drones crashed in Beirut but it seeks to avoid a new war, two sources allied to the heavily-armed Shi'ite Muslim movement told Reuters on Tuesday.

A reaction "is being arranged in a way which wouldn't lead to a war" that Hezbollah does not want, one of the sources said.

"The direction now is for a calculated strike, but how matters develop, that's another thing."



Hezbollah supporters chant slogans during last day of Ashura, in Beirut, Lebanon, Sept. 20, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Aziz Taher / File.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said earlier on Tuesday that Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah should "calm down" after Nasrallah said his Iranian-backed movement would respond to the crash of two drones in a Beirut suburb.

Israel has not claimed responsibility for the drones, including one that had exploded. But in a speech on Sunday, Nasrallah described it as the first Israeli attack in Lebanon since the two sides fought a month-long war in 2006.

"I say to the Israeli army on the border from tonight,

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Opinion.

Refusing Entry to Foreign Nationals: How Common Is It?



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Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib are both first-term Democratic members of Congress. They are also inveterate Israel-bashers and vocal supporters of BDS. Omar was born in Somalia. Tlaib is of Palestinian origin.

The pair had been planning to visit the Palestinian Authority on a purported "delegation to Palestine." Israel refused to allow Omar entry, and granted Tlaib permission to enter on condition that she restrict her visit to family matters. Tlaib rejected those terms.

Israel's decision to bar Omar entirely and restrict Tlaib's movements has aroused great interest and provoked much outrage. But how unusual was it?

A look at the visa policy of the EU, which claims to be committed to equal and fair treatment, demonstrates how selective and discriminatory states can be when it comes to letting people in.

Nationals of only 62 countries and territories holding ordinary passports may enter the EU's Schengen Area without visas. (This is the area in which free movement is allowed within the EU.) Those 62 countries and territories are overwhelmingly wealthy and white.

As there are 193 member states in the UN, this policy implies that the nationals of only about a third of the world's states can travel freely to the EU — and the overwhelming

majority of states whose nationals need visas are from the Third World. Among them are the two most populous: China and India.

Discrimination hardly ends there. Nationals from states who require visas for entry into the EU are not treated equally. According to EU data, nearly 10 percent of 18 million visa applications were rejected — but the rejection rate was not uniform. The rejection rate for the African state of Nigeria was 49.8 percent; for Guinea, 46.8 percent; and for the troubled and poverty-stricken Democratic Republic of Congo, 46 percent — over four times higher than the overall average and more than 10 times higher than for nationals from Ukraine and Georgia, which are Christian states.

Nor do nationals from Arab states receive fair treatment: The rejection rate for Iraq is 47.8 percent and for Algeria 45.5 percent. This selectiveness even extends to visa fees. Adults from many Arab states must pay \$70, but the cost is only \$41 for nationals of Georgia, Kosovo, Russia, and Ukraine. Note that it is the nationals of the poorer countries who are the more heavily burdened by fees.

Given the tense relations between the EU and Russia, this largess on the part of the EU can reasonably be held to reflect the EU's preference for immigrants from that country.

Information is far more hard to come by regarding restrictions or refusal of entry for political reasons. The EU does not provide such information, and for the UK, it is dated.

Yet even data from the first decade of the new century make clear that the oldest liberal democracy has no qualms about refusing entry to people whose convictions and rhetoric might harm British national security.

The persons refused entry were not criminals or people who had committed terrorist acts. Had they been active terrorists, it would have been incumbent upon the UK authorities to either extradite them to the countries where they had committed their crimes or, in the absence of acceptable international standards of justice in those countries, to place the terrorists on trial themselves.

Two individuals who were barred from entering the UK were Rabbi Meir Kahane and Moshe Feiglin. Neither had been tried in Israel for terrorist activities. Feiglin appeared on a list of 101 people denied entrance into the UK between 2005 and 2009.

Most of the people on the list, which included nationals from a variety of countries ranging from the US to Iran, were denied entrance on the grounds that they were "considered to be engaging in unacceptable behavior by seeking to provoke others to serious criminal acts and fostering hatred which might lead to inter-community violence," in the words of a Home Office press release.

Though most of the names on the list were reprehensible characters like Louis Farrakhan and American neo-Nazi Richard Spencer, whose barring would have elicited little protest except from bigots, the list also included "neutral" controversial people such as Julian Assange (whose "neutrality" changed when he was charged with sexual assault).

Regarding Congresswomen Omar and Tlaib, they clearly fit the bill of "seeking to provoke others to serious criminal acts and fostering hatred which might lead to inter-community violence." Their inflammatory



US Reps Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) hold a news conference. Photo: Reuters/Erin Scott.

rhetoric threatened to inflame existing passions among those who wish to harm Israelis.

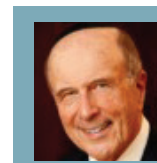
This is especially true in light of the proportionality principle so often invoked in liberal states. The incidence of refusal of entrance must take into account the relative threat to national security. The threat of terrorism is much greater in Israel than it is in the UK, measured either in terms of victims or in terms of arrests of would-be perpetrators. Israel is thus entirely justified in refusing entrance to people whose expressed aim is to harm Israeli national security.

Both Israelis and Palestinians are better off with Tlaib and Omar remaining in the US. There, one hopes they will work on behalf of their constituents rather than spend their time trying to provoke violence in the Holy Land.

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On Tlaib and Omar, Trump and Netanyahu's Ends Justify the Means



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In 609 BCE, Josiah, the young king of Judea, made a fateful decision about whether to let an Egyptian army pass through his borders — which ultimately led to his death and the Babylonian Exile.

Although 2,028 years have passed, deciding who can enter the Jewish state remains a challenging question. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was put in a difficult situation by the pending visit of US Congresswomen Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) and Ilhan Omar (D-MN), which presented him with a double-edged sword.

On the one hand, Netanyahu did not want to play into their hands and prove their charges that Israel limits democracy and has something to hide. He certainly did not want to cause problems for American Jewish organizations or risk Israel's bipartisan relationship with the United States.

Perhaps ignoring the visit of the Congresswomen and waiting patiently for the world to forget about the visit of these fringe politicians would have been the right thing to do.

On the other hand, these women are declared antisemites who were up to no good. Their itinerary contained no meetings with any Israelis. Even if they have tough questions for Israel, they were not looking for answers

but simply to embarrass and humiliate the Jewish state.

Congresswomen Tlaib and Omar are nothing like their more than 70 Democratic and Republican colleagues who have visited over the past three weeks and met with both Netanyahu and Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat.

The United States also has limits on who can enter the country, choosing to deny the entry of then-MK Michael Ben-Ari in 2012. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. wrote a century ago that free speech in the US does not include falsely shouting fire in a theater and causing a panic.

Every democracy would take steps against those who want to destroy it. The BDS movement that the Congresswomen's trip was set to advance wants to destroy the State of Israel. The trip was set to be co-sponsored by Miftah, a Ramallah-based organization, whose leaders not only back BDS but have expressed sympathy for suicide bombers.

The most controversial reason not to let in Tlaib and Omar was that US President Donald Trump asked Netanyahu not to do



US President Donald Trump speaks to reporters before boarding Air Force One Aug. 18, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Jonathan Ernst.

so and tweeted that letting them in would show weakness. The prime minister obviously cannot afford to be seen as weak with an election ahead, and this president has done so much for Israel that his requests, reasonable or not, should not be ignored.

It could be argued that Trump's motives are impure and Netanyahu harmed Israel by letting the president use him to paint the Democratic Party in the extremist image of Tlaib and Omar. But if that is what it takes for Trump to be reelected, despite his fickle behavior on both the Middle East and the economy, that is clearly in Israel's interest, because no potential opponent would do for Israel what Trump has done. For all those reasons, AIPAC's decision to give legitimacy to Israel's critics by scolding Israel for not permitting Tlaib and Omar into the country was incorrect, even though it was understandable.

Furthermore, AIPAC is supposed to follow the lead from Israel: Israel is not supposed to follow the lead from AIPAC. In the final analysis, Israel does not need to aid the enemy in the name of bipartisanship, and a Congressional badge is not a shield for antisemitism. Facing that double-edged sword, Netanyahu made the right decision. The result should be that, unlike the negative future brought by Josiah's decision, Netanyahu's should enable Israel to continue to thrive.

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Major Row Between French Jews and Leading Masonic Order Averted

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A major row between France's Jewish community and the largest Freemasons organization in the country was averted on Tuesday after a proposed conference resolution that bitterly attacked CRIF, the French Jewish representative body, was withdrawn.

A statement signed by Grand Master Jean-Philippe Hubsch of the Grand Orient de



A French masonic banner on display in Paris.
Photo: Reuters / Benoît Tessier.

France Masonic order on Monday evening declared: "No, Freemasons are not antisemitic, just as they are not racist or xenophobic."

The controversial resolution was due to be debated at the Grand Orient's annual conference in the city of Rouen this weekend. The text urged the boycotting of all events sponsored by CRIF, lambasting the Jewish communal organization for supporting the State of Israel and allegedly identifying with the "politics of the extreme religious right." It also blamed rising antisemitism in France on CRIF's alleged acceptance of Israel's "encroachment" upon "Palestinian territories" in the West Bank.

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Calculated Strike

stand guard. Wait for us one, two, three, four days," Nasrallah said.

One of the drones blew up near the ground, causing some damage to Hezbollah's media center in the southern suburbs which it dominates. Israeli officials have declined to comment when asked if Israel was responsible.

"I heard what Nasrallah said. I suggest to Nasrallah to calm down. He knows well that Israel knows how to defend itself and to pay back its enemies," Netanyahu said in a speech.

Precise details about where the drones were fired from have yet to emerge. Hezbollah has said the two drones were rigged with explosives after its experts took apart the first drone.

Asked if Israel attacked any ground targets in Lebanon in recent days, Regional Cooperation Minister Tzachi Hanegbi, a member of Netanyahu's security cabinet, told Israel's Army Radio:

"We of course did not respond to the accusations leveled at us. On their face, these things seem weird and intriguing. The media have reported this fact — that these are allegations that have no basis."

Lebanon's Higher Defense Council, which includes the president, prime minister and army commander, convened on Tuesday and said the Lebanese have "the right to defend themselves against any attack."

Israel deems Hezbollah the biggest

The resolution became public after individual members of the 53,000-strong Grand Orient order alerted CRIF to its contents. CRIF President Francis Kalifat told Le Figaro newspaper on Tuesday that he had been "amazed and angered" by the resolution.

Kalifat said he had quickly reached out to Hubsch. "He was as devastated as I was," the French Jewish leader said.

Hubsch told Kalifat that the resolution had been irregularly submitted and had been withdrawn by the conference committee following deliberations on Monday. According to Kalifat, Hubsch also emphasized that antisemitism and hostility to Freemasonry were "two forms of hatred, often combined in the obsession with the Judeo-Masonic plot, and the blood of our Jewish and Freemasonic ancestors has flowed too deeply throughout history."

Kalifat pronounced the "case closed" on Tuesday, but added his view that such a controversy "would not have occurred a few years ago" in the context of a masonic order whose origins go back to the early part of the 18th Century.

Said Kalifat: "While it is legitimate to criticize Israeli policy — and no one in Israel deprives themselves of doing this — this cannot lead to the delegitimization of the existence of the State of Israel. However, this is precisely what this new antisemitism aims to do."

He urged the French Parliament to adopt the definition of antisemitism used by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), which includes examples of anti-Zionist discourse that promotes hostility toward Jews in general.

threat across its border.

Unwritten understanding on attacks

Regional sources say that Israel and Hezbollah have formed an unwritten understanding that while they can exchange fire within Syria, any attacks within Lebanon or Israel are to be avoided lest they escalate to war.

Israel has grown alarmed by the rising influence of its Shi'ite foe Iran during the war in neighboring Syria, where Tehran and Hezbollah provide military help to Damascus.

Tehran also has wide sway in Iraq, where a grouping of Iraq's mostly Shi'ite paramilitary groups, many of which are backed by Iran, have blamed recent blasts at their weapons depots and bases on the United States and Israel.

Lebanese President Michel Aoun said on Monday his country had a right to defend itself, likening Israeli drone strikes to a "declaration of war."

Late on Saturday, Israeli air strikes killed two Lebanese Hezbollah fighters in Syria.

Israel, which regularly strikes Iranian-linked targets in Syria, said it hit a compound controlled by Iran's Revolutionary Guards Quds force, accusing it of planning killer drone attacks.

Netanyahu also issued warnings to Lebanon and Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Quds force, which the Israeli leader said aspires to destroy Israel. "Watch what you say, and moreover be careful about what you do," Netanyahu said.

Bahraini Foreign Minister Appears to Back Israeli Strikes on Iranian Targets



Bahrain Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa speaks during a news conference in Manama, Bahrain, August 29, 2016. Photo: REUTERS/Hamad I Mohammed/File Photo.

BY JNS.org

Bahraini Foreign Minister Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa appeared to say that Israel attacked Iranian targets in recent days in "self-defense."

Khalifa tweeted on Monday that "Iran is the one who has declared war on us," which seemed to be a response to earlier comments by Lebanese President Michel Aoun and an Iranian-backed militia in Iraq that reported Israeli strikes on their countries were a declaration of war.

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Talks

European parties to the deal have struggled to calm the deepening confrontation between Iran and the United States since Trump pulled Washington out last year.

French President Emmanuel Macron has led efforts to defuse tensions and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif flew in to the Biarritz G7 meeting unexpectedly on Sunday for side talks with French officials.

Since ditching the deal last year, Trump has pursued a policy of "maximum pressure" to try to force Iran into broader talks to restrict its ballistic missile program and end its support for proxy forces around the Middle East.

"Iran does not seek tension with the world. We want security in the Middle East. We want better and friendly ties with other countries," said Rouhani.

Scaling back commitments

Iran, which has slowly been breaching the nuclear deal in retaliation for US sanctions, has threatened further violations in early September unless it receives sanctions relief.

"We will continue to scale back our commitments under the 2015 deal if our interests are not guaranteed," said Rouhani.

Andrea Tenenti, spokesman for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) that patrols the border with Israel, said the situation in the area remains quiet.

"UNIFIL continues to work with the parties to ensure that there are no misunderstandings or incidents that may endanger the cessation of hostilities," Tenenti told Lebanon's state news agency NNA, referring to a U.N. Security Council resolution that

He also said that the one who strikes their piles of arms "is not to blame. It is self-defense."

Khalifa mentioned that Iran is using its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, in addition to Hezbollah, militias in Iraq and the Houthis in Yemen, to launch war.

It's not the first time that the Bahraini foreign minister has come to Israel's defense when facing Iranian-backed aggression.

On July 18, Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz sent out a surprise post on his Twitter account, including an image of himself with the Bahraini foreign minister.

The 2015 deal between Iran and six world powers, reached under former US President Barack Obama, aimed to curb Iran's disputed uranium enrichment program in exchange for the lifting of many international sanctions on Tehran.

Iran has ruled out talks with Washington over its military capabilities, particularly its ballistic missile program that it says is defensive. It denies the missiles are capable of being tipped with nuclear warheads and says its nuclear program is peaceful.

Rouhani said seeking nuclear bomb weapons was banned under a fatwa issued by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, referring to a religious decree issued in the early 2000s by Iran's top authority that bans the development or use of nuclear weapons.

"We have never wanted nuclear weapons because of our supreme leader's fatwa," said Rouhani.

Trump and Rouhani are both due to attend the United Nations General Assembly in September. However, any meeting between Trump and Rouhani would have to be approved by Iran's utmost authority Khamenei, who has the last say on all state matters.

called for an end to the fighting in 2006.

In public comments during a visit on Sunday to Israel's north, where he met army commanders, Netanyahu appeared to hold out the prospect of targeting Lebanon directly for attack if Hezbollah struck Israel.

"Any country that allows its territory to be used for aggression against Israel will face the consequences, and I repeat: the country will face the consequences," he said.

World News.



Haredi Jews protest Israel's mandatory military conscription at the entrance to Jerusalem, Oct. 23, 2017. Photo: Yaniv Nadav/Flash90.

Israel Launches a Tech Integration Program for Haredi Students

BY SHAHAR ILAN/CTech

Israel's Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, and Social Services is setting up a new program to help ultra-Orthodox (Haredi) Jewish students find jobs in international tech companies. With a budget of NIS 10 million (approximately \$2.8 million), the program will offer scholarships of NIS 12,000 (approximately \$3,400) a year, help students scout for potential employers, and provide guidance on acquiring essential workforce skills.

According to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics, Haredim made up 11 percent of the country's population as of 2018, but their number among employees in high-paying jobs is relatively low. According to the ministry, in 2017, Haredi women held four percent (3,800) of high paying tech jobs, while Haredi men held just one percent (800). Ultra-Orthodox Jews are rarely seen in more sought after positions, Shira Berliner, head of the Haredi employment section in the ministry, said in a recent interview with Calcalist.

Called Heznekim, which is an uncommon Hebrew phrase for startups, the program was initiated by the ministry in collaboration with Yedidut Toronto, a philanthropic organization

dedicated to promoting underprivileged Jewish communities in Israel, the US, and Canada.

The program will help create a balance between the needs of the industry, academia, and the Haredi population," Yulia Eitan, head of the Employment Administration for Special Populations unit at the ministry, said.

The program will support 50 Haredi students a year and its success and future budget will be examined after its second cohort. One of the main objectives of the program is to integrate Haredi students into high paying part-time jobs during their second year of study to help them gain relevant experience, and the program is already in talks with HP, network and cloud security company Check Point Software Technologies, and chipmaker Mellanox Technologies, according to Nathan Kendler, a vice president at Yedidut Toronto.

Most Haredi students, three out of four men and one out of two women, drop out before graduating from university, according to Yedidut Toronto, which boasts significantly lower dropout rates of 7.5 percent among the Haredi students it mentors.

"I expect us to break the glass ceiling," Kendler said.

Argentine Presidential Election Frontrunner Makes Bold Claim Over Nisman Murder

BY BEN COHEN

Alberto Fernandez, the current frontrunner in Argentina's upcoming presidential election, has defended his vice presidential nominee — former President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner — from the suggestion that she was involved in the murder of federal prosecutor Alberto Nisman in 2015.

Speaking at a public forum in Buenos Aires last Thursday, Fernandez exclaimed, "Cristina was the one most affected by Nisman's murder." Several local media outlets covering the event noted that Fernandez rapidly corrected himself after using the word "murder" in relation to Nisman, substituting the words "that death" instead.

Nisman's body was discovered in the early morning of Jan. 19, 2015 — hours before he was due to unveil a complaint against Kirchner's government for reaching a pact with Iran despite the ongoing investigation,

which he was leading, into the July 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish center in Buenos Aires. Eighty-five people were murdered and more than 300 wounded in an attack conceived and executed by Iran in collaboration with its Hezbollah terrorist proxy.

Kirchner's government falsely maintained that Nisman's assassination was a suicide until an independent police investigation in May 2017 established beyond doubt that the federal prosecutor had been murdered. More recent efforts within Argentina to bring Kirchner — who has served as a senator since losing the 2015 presidential election — to trial over both the AMIA case and Nisman's murder have come to nothing.

In May of this year, Kirchner announced that she was running on the ticket of presidential candidate, Alberto Fernandez. Despite sharing a common family name, the couple are neither related nor married; their previous professional relationship was forged during

New Poll: Palestinians Want All of Jerusalem, Prisoners Not as High a Priority as Widely Thought

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A new poll published Monday revealed that the overwhelming majority of Palestinians in both the Gaza Strip and West Bank want control over all of Jerusalem, including its predominantly Jewish western half.

The poll conducted by the Palestine Center for Public Opinion and published by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy think tank found that half of respondents "strongly agree" with the statement, "We should demand Palestinian rule over all of Jerusalem, east and west, rather than agree to share or divide any part of it with Israel." Another 25 to 30 percent agree "somewhat" with the idea.

The institute said these numbers "confirm results from a 2017 poll, which went unreported as an 'outlier' or statistical anomaly at the time."

It also noted that "those percentages are about the same for the Palestinians of East Jerusalem, who work and travel freely in the mostly Jewish half of the city west of the 1967 frontier."

Despite this seemingly extreme position, the poll also found that only a quarter of respondents wanted a new armed conflict with Israel, though two-thirds believed attacks on settlers and Israeli security forces were justified.

Another surprising find was that the issue of terrorist prisoners was much lower on the



The Western Wall and Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

agenda of Palestinians than widely thought. Indeed, half of respondents agreed with the statement, "The Palestinian Authority should stop special payments to prisoners, and give their families normal social benefits like everybody else."

At the same time, only one quarter said that the prisoner issue was their top priority.

The two-state solution, despite rumors of its demise, was found to be doing well, as only 18 percent of West Bank residents, 12 percent of Gazans and 20 percent of eastern Jerusalemites agreed with the idea of a "one-state solution, in which Arabs and Jews would [have] equal rights in one state from the river to the sea."

The poll conducted face-to-face interviews with 500 people from the West Bank and Gaza, and 200 from eastern Jerusalem.

Kirchner's time in office, when Fernandez served as her chief of staff.

As well as implying that Nisman's death had been traumatic for Kirchner, Fernandez was adamant that the his running mate had nothing to do with the federal prosecutors' killing, despite its suspicious timing.

"Prosecutor Nisman has to be removed from the electoral context, and I'm saying that as someone who was in contact with Nisman until one day before his death," Fernandez argued. "If he was killed, then that death has to be taken care of. I'm sure it wasn't Cristina."

Pressed whether Nisman's death had been a murder, Fernandez answered, "I don't know."

A seasoned operator with a conservative political background, Fernandez now heads the Frente de Todos (Front for All) alliance, which includes, but is not restricted to, Kirchner and her allies. In the primary elections earlier this month, Fernandez won a resounding victory over current President Mauricio Macri, taking nearly 48 percent of the vote against just 32 percent for the center-right incumbent.

In the days since the primary vote, successive polls have indicated that Fernandez will win an outright victory in the final round on Oct. 27. Under Argentine presidential election rules, if a candidate wins at least 45 percent of the vote, or gains 40 percent with a 10-percentage-point lead, that candidate is declared the winner.

Fernandez's political rise has coincided with another dramatic slide in Argentina's economic fortunes since Macri won the presidency in 2015. The country is in a recession and has one of the highest inflation rates in the world. The local currency, the peso, lost half of its value against the US dollar last year.

While inflation has come down in recent months from a high of 57.3 percent in May,

this has not led to a polling boost for Macri.

A Fernandez victory in Argentina would go against the grain in regional terms, with Brazil, Colombia and Chile among the Latin



Argentine vice presidential candidate Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner waving to supporters in Buenos Aires. Photo: Reuters / Luisa Gonzalez.

American countries that have elected right-wing presidents during the last two years.

In terms of foreign policy, a Fernandez administration is unlikely to continue the pro-Western policies of Macri — whose agenda has included classifying Hezbollah as a terrorist organization and opposing the continued rule of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro. In a TV interview last week, Fernandez made clear his view that Maduro — whose government is closely allied with Iran, Cuba, Turkey, Russia, China and other authoritarian regimes — should be engaged in dialogue.

"I believe that the problem in Venezuela is not going to be resolved with Marines, it won't be resolved supporting an invasion," Fernandez said. "The problem in Venezuela will be resolved by favoring the betterment of institutional quality and democratic coexistence in Venezuela."

U.S. News.

US State Department Removes 'Palestinian Territories' Listing From Website

BY JNS.org

The US State Department website has dropped "Palestinian Territories" from its list of countries and areas in the Middle East.

It is unknown when the listing was removed. The Trump administration has been denying the change.

"You can ask Mike Pompeo," said US President Donald Trump when asked by a reporter at the Group of Seven, or G7, meetings in Biarritz, France, over whether removing the Palestinian Authority from the department's website was "conducive" to the administration's peace initiative.

"The website is being updated," a State Department official told JNS. "There's been no change to our policy."

Archived versions of the department's website under former US President Barack Obama and his predecessors included the "Palestinian Territories" listing on its "Near Eastern Affairs: Countries and Other Areas" page.

Mideast analyst Aaron Magid first noticed the change on Friday.

Nabil Abu Rudeineh, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas's spokesperson, blasted the move, saying in a statement on Sunday that it was "consistent with the extreme Israeli right's ideas and an unprecedented decline in American foreign policy."

He continued that the deletion "comes in the context of a series of hopeless [American] attempts to erase the Palestinian issue and



The US State Department building in Washington, DC. Photo: File.

the people" and added that the US administration "should know that there will be no peace, security and stability in the region without the establishment of a Palestinian state along June 4, 1967, borders with East Jerusalem as its capital."

Elderly Jewish Man Assaulted With Brick During Morning Walk in Brooklyn's Crown Heights Recovering From Injuries

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A brutal assault on an elderly Jewish man in the Brooklyn borough of New York on Tuesday morning is being investigated by police as a hate crime.

The victim had been walking in Rochester Park in the Crown Heights neighborhood when he was assaulted at by a man wielding an enormous brick.

"This morning, at 7:45am, my father in law went for his morning walk, like he always does," the victim's son-in law, Brooklyn resident Benny Friedman, tweeted. "Suddenly a man started yelling at him, and started chasing him, holding a huge brick."

Friedman said that "there was no question this man had murder on his mind. My father in law tried to defend himself."

The victim was taken hospital with a broken nose and teeth and received several stitches to his head. "Thank Gd, all things considered, my father in law is doing ok," Friedman reported later.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) on Tuesday afternoon announced a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the assailant.

"We are alarmed and deeply concerned by this violent assault on an elderly Jewish man," said Evan R. Bernstein, ADL NY/NJ regional director. "The sheer brutality of this attack is beyond shocking and profoundly upsetting. At a time when violent assaults against Jews increased by 55 percent last year, we must not become complacent. All New Yorkers should be outraged by these incidents and come together to end this disturbing trend once and for all. We are grateful for the NYPD Hate Crime Unit for investigating."



Images on social media showed the size of the brick used in the assault on an elderly Jewish man in Brooklyn. Photo: Screenshot.

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Opinion.

Cory Booker Weaponizes the Torah for Political Gain



SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

By now almost everyone knows that Cory Booker and I were soul-friends who connected — beginning at Oxford where he served as my student president — over the Torah, Jewish values, and a mutual passion to better the world. Everyone also knows that our relationship hit stormy waters when Cory betrayed the Jewish community, who supported him for decades, and voted for the Iran deal without so much as condemning Iran's promise to annihilate Israel.

Now Cory, in the midst of a presidential race, is going further, weaponizing the Torah I taught him and the Hebrew words I practiced with him to advance political interests and attack his political rivals. Earlier this year on *CNN* he quoted a verse from Isaiah that I practiced with him phonetically many times to claim he knows Hebrew. It would have been nice if he had backed up the Torah knowledge I taught him with support for Israel and opposition to genocide. I had never intended to teach him Torah to be used as a parlor trick to impress Jewish or Christian audiences, but to absorb its message and pursue policies based on its values.

Last week, when asked to comment on the president's remarks that Democrats are disloyal to Jews and Israel, Cory said in a video he tweeted: "I know Jewish values ... tzedakah, chesed ... there's an ideal in Judaism about kindness and decency and mercy. ... One of the great Jewish writings comes from Micah, that is, do justice, love mercy. These ideals are not being evidenced by the president of the United States."

I wish to remind Cory that I was the one

who taught him the Torah he knows and what I always emphasized is that Judaism's highest value is the protection and preservation of life. This is something that Cory unfortunately violated in the extreme when he legitimized the brutal and bloody Iranian regime for political gain. When Cory was tested and asked to make the choice between siding with the defenders of a secure Israel and opposing the murderous Mullahs in Tehran, he opted to satisfy the demands of President Obama rather than uphold the Torah values he now claims as his own.

Jewish values are about having core convictions that do not change with the political winds and are not based on receiving personal benefits, especially when genocide is at stake. I absolutely agree that President Trump's words, and more important, his actions should be consistent with Jewish values. While I sometimes take issue with his choice of words, there can be no question that when it comes to action this President has done more than any of his predecessors to enhance the security and legitimacy of Israel, especially in international forums like the UN.

Sadly, Cory has gone in the opposite direction, catering to left-wing extremists who despise Israel and the Jewish people. Cory has condemned the decision to move the American embassy to Jerusalem, he voted in committee against the Taylor Force Act that called for an end to aid to the Palestinian Authority so long as it continues to give financial incentives to terrorists to murder Jews, and now is talking about rejoining the catastrophic Iran nuclear deal if he is elected president.

It is profoundly disturbing to hear how ill-informed he is about the nuclear deal. He has said, for example, that the president "took us out of a deal that gave us transparency into their nuclear program and pushed back a nuclear breakout 10-20 years." Not even Obama made this claim. To the contrary, he said the

agreement would only be delayed by one year. Moreover, we have seen the Iranians violate the deal in recent weeks and quickly ramp up the enrichment of uranium, something we were led to believe would not be possible.

As far as transparency, Cory has not paid attention as the Iranians have refused to allow the "anywhere, anytime" inspections promised by Obama. They have denied inspectors access to military sites, the very places where they would be most likely to carry on nuclear research. Surely, however, he could not have missed the front-page headlines after Israel discovered a trove of documents the Iranians had hidden, which indicated they were retaining the information needed to restart the nuclear program; or the revelation that the Iranians had equipment and materiel related to Iran's past or possibly on-going nuclear weapons efforts stored in a secret warehouse in Tehran. We were also told by Obama and the deal's supporters that it "cuts off all of Iran's pathways to a nuclear weapon." A recent Harvard study told us the truth:

While Iran's activities involving fissile material are well-known and subject to IAEA scrutiny, the current location of equipment relevant to weaponization remains unknown, and the modest scale required for weaponization efforts means that overall confidence that such activities are not occurring at secret locations is lower. In short, Iran seems likely to be in a strong position to launch a reconstituted weapons program, should it ever choose to do so, and should it have a plausible path to acquiring fissile material without being detected and stopped.

It is an insult and a *shanda* — another word I taught Cory — to use the knowledge of the Torah I passed on to him as my student President of the Oxford L'Chaim Society to try and garner Jewish support while refusing to support Israel on an issue of such critical importance to its security. Israeli government



US Senator Cory Booker.
Photo: Reuters/Rebecca Cook.

officials will tell you that the number one issue for them is Iran, the number two issue is Iran, and the number three issue is Iran.

It appears Cory is increasingly desperate to keep his presidential campaign alive. He has thus far managed to attract about two percent of the electorate, just enough to qualify for the third debate, and is now facing a scandal over the water emergency in Newark. This month, federal officials warned that dangerous levels of lead were seeping into the drinking water and the city told residents to drink bottled water. Cory, who is touting his environmental achievements, was the mayor when leaders of the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation were accused of skimming money and obtaining kickbacks. Cory was criticized for his failure to exercise proper oversight. *The New York Times* wrote this week that "the crisis could also cast a shadow" over his campaign.

But wanting to live at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is no excuse for weaponizing the Torah for political gain or using its teachings in contravention of core convictions. You cannot quote from the Torah about love and kindness — all of which I taught Cory during hundreds of hours of studying Torah at Oxford and in the United States — while not condemning Iran's plans to annihilate six million Jews in Israel, just as the Germans murdered six million of our brethren in Europe.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom The Washington Post calls "the most famous Rabbi in America," is the international bestselling author of 30 books, including his most recent, The Israel Warrior. Follow him on Twitter and Instagram @RabbiShmuley.

Rashida Tlaib Condemns Terror Attack — but Not Really



MOSHE PHILLIPS
NEW YORK

When is a "condemnation" of a Palestinian Arab terrorist attack not a condemnation of a Palestinian Arab terrorist attack? When Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) is the person speaking.

News media outlets are trumpeting what they say was Tlaib's condemnation of the bombing attack last Friday in which a 17-year-old Israeli Jewish girl was murdered, and her father and brother severely wounded.

Rep. Tlaib's response to the attack was important. As the first and only Palestinian-American in Congress, she now has significant influence among Palestinian Arabs. She has the power to send a meaningful message to the Palestinian public. She can tell them that

murdering Jews is immoral, and that there can be no excuses for it.

But she didn't.

Rep. Tlaib's response came in the form of a tweet. It began "This is absolutely tragic & horrible," which sounded like the start of a heartfelt condemnation. But the condemnation never arrived. In fact, she couldn't even bring herself to use the word "condemn."

Tlaib wrote: "More than ever we need to support nonviolent approaches to ending the Israeli occupation and guaranteeing equal rights for all."

She did not say that the bombing was morally wrong. She didn't even say that violence in general was bad or wrong. She said that it was "tragic" that the girl died — in the vague sense that all deaths are sad events. And she supports "nonviolent approaches."

Of course, the "nonviolence" that Tlaib is talking about is non-existent. Violence against Jews has often been significant in Palestinian Arab culture—with violence against women,



US Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib of Michigan.
Photo: Reuters/Rebecca Cook.

Christians, and political dissidents all too common as well.

Has Tlaib spoken out against "honor killings" in the Palestinian territories? In May 2018, Human Rights Watch, a well-known critic of Israel, stated, "The Palestinian Authority's repeal of certain discriminatory provisions against women in March 2018 is a good first step toward what should be the repeal of a series of such measures." Why isn't Tlaib defending women's rights in the Palestinian Authority?

Putting Tlaib's hypocrisy aside, the most important aspect of Tlaib's tweet is how she rushed to bring in "the Israeli occupation" and "equal rights." She was insinuating, loud and

clear, that Israeli policies are to blame for the violence.

This is remarkable, because nobody is being "occupied" or "denied rights" at the site where the murder took place. It's a natural spring in the wilderness. There are no Palestinians there who are being "occupied." There is no Israeli "settlement" there.

There was one final sentence in Tlaib's non-condemnation: "Extremism that puts innocent lives at risk moves us no closer to peace." Notice the words missing from that sentence: "Palestinian" and "terrorism."

Congresswoman Tlaib could not bring herself to explicitly acknowledge or condemn Palestinians for murdering Jews, nor would she call those murders "terrorism." Instead, she equivocated, rationalized, and ducked.

A vague phrase such as "extremism that puts innocent lives at risk" is a moral-equivalence word game that Tlaib is playing. Rashida Tlaib managed to issue a "condemnation of Palestinian terrorism" that does not have in it the words "condemn," "Palestinian," or "terrorism." And she managed, once again, to make an utter mockery of the truth.

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Opinion.

BBC 'Homemade' Palestinian Weapons Return to News Reporting



HADAR SELA/
ISRAEL

Back in November 2012, a *BBC* TV presenter told viewers that Hamas was “only” firing “home-made contraptions” at Israeli civilians. We wrote about that here: “Not enough Israelis killed by ‘home-made contraptions’ for *BBC*’s Mishal Husain.”

During the conflict in the summer of 2014, *BBC* Jerusalem bureau correspondents repeatedly described the missile arsenals of the Gaza Strip-based terrorist organizations as “homemade rockets.” We reported on that as well: “*BBC* continues to promote theme of ‘homemade’ rockets.”

As we noted at the time, the obvious intention is to steer audiences towards a view of these weapons as being crudely and simply made, with the implication that they are ineffective and do not present a dangerous threat to Israeli civilians.

Five years later, *BBC* audiences were told of a “homemade” improvised explosive by one of the same *BBC* Jerusalem bureau correspondents in the August 24, 2019 edition of *BBC Radio 4*’s “Midnight News” (from 17:23 here).

The newsreader began by framing the story according to *BBC* editorial policy — i.e. by failing to describe a violent politically motivated attack on civilians as terrorism, and by using politically partisan language to portray a geographic region. [emphasis added]

Newsreader: “An Israeli teenager has been killed and her father and brother injured in a suspected Palestinian militant attack near a settlement in the occupied West Bank. The Israeli military says an improvised bomb was used. From Jerusalem, Yolande Knell reports.”

Yolande Knell chose to use the Arabic pronunciation of the name of an Israeli city, and — in line with *BBC* policy throughout the past 18 months — to portray violent rioting that included the throwing of explosives, grenades, and Molotov cocktails as “protests.”

Knell: “As the funeral took place for seventeen-year-old Rina Shnerb in the central Israeli city of Lud [sic - Lod], her father — a rabbi — and older brother remained in hospital, being treated for their injuries from the explosion. In the hilly area of the West Bank, Israeli soldiers searching for the girl’s killer have blocked roads leading to Palestinian villages.”

“Unusually, a homemade bomb is said to have been used. It’s thought it was planted close to a natural spring in a popular hiking spot and detonated as the family approached it. There’s been a

recent rise in Palestinian attacks — several linked to the Islamist movement Hamas — raising concerns about a possible upsurge in violence ahead of next month’s Israeli elections. In Gaza, where there was a large turnout for the regular Friday protests along the border fence with Israel, the Hamas leader praised the latest attack in the West Bank but didn’t say whether his group was responsible.”

Since the beginning of this year, the Israel Security Agency has recorded monthly use of improvised explosive devices and pipe bombs in attacks carried out in Judea and Samaria, and Jerusalem:



The scene of a terror attack near the West Bank settlement of Dolev. Photo: Reuters / Mohamad Torokman.

January — 15 attacks using pipe bombs;
February — 11 attacks using IEDs;
March — 16 attacks using IEDs;
April — 21 attacks using IEDs;
May — four attacks using pipe bombs;
June — 15 attacks using pipe bombs; and
July — six attacks using pipe bombs.

Since the *BBC* has refrained from reporting the majority of those attacks (with four of those seven months seeing no reporting on terrorism against Israelis whatsoever), it is hardly surprising that Knell portrays this latest attack using an IED as “unusual.”

As for Knell’s claim that the device was “homemade,” *The Times of Israel* reports:

The army said an improvised explosive device was used in the attack. Police sappers determined that the bomb had been planted earlier at the spring and was triggered remotely when the family approached it. ...

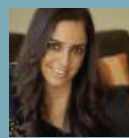
Channel 12 quoted unnamed officials as saying that the size and complexity of the device indicated that one of the major terror groups was behind the attack.

Channel 13’s military correspondent, Alon Ben David, reported that the IED weighed between three and four kilos, and contained a large amount of shrapnel, adding that the incident was “planned and organized — and not a spontaneous or improvised terror attack.”

Yolande Knell’s use of the term “homemade” does not convey that information to *BBC* audiences, and — as was the case when she used it in 2014 — downplays the gravity of events.

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Don’t Allow Qatar to Mediate Between Iran and the United States



ADELLE NAZARIAN
NEW YORK

Situated on either side of the Arabian Sea, the Shia and Sunni Islamist nations of Iran and Qatar are — because of a bit of geological luck — the joint owners of the world’s largest natural gas field. That natural gas and oil deposits have made the two nations wealthy, and allowed both to project power in different, though complimentary, ways.

Both nations have shared a close alliance for years, but their relationship has become even closer since the Saudi-led blockade against Qatar in July 2017. That summer, Qatar’s neighbors in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, and Egypt cut diplomatic ties with the Gulf nation over its support for terrorism and Islamist groups like the Muslim Brotherhood.

At the same time, the Trump administration began to unravel the flawed Obama-negotiated Iran nuclear deal, and to apply a “maximum pressure” campaign of economic sanctions to force Iran to cease making violent mischief in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen, and throughout the Middle East. Iran has added state-sponsored piracy as one of its main tools for negotiating: hostage-taking, supporting terrorism, and nuclear blackmail.

Hurting economically and refusing to bend on their support for the Muslim Brotherhood, the Qataris shrewdly sought to curry favor with the United States by becoming the Trump administration’s interlocutor with Iran — as they had done with the Obama administration in Afghanistan.

“Qatar is at a position that allows it to mediate and carry out this mission,” wrote the Kuwaiti Arabic-language newspaper *al-Qabas*. “It has a significant relationship with the US on one hand and on the other, with Iran, thanks to its geographic location.”

Qatar’s media attaché, Jassim Bin Mansour Al-Thani, made this intention clear recently, when he announced, “We have offered to act as an independent and impartial mediator should Iran and the US decide to come to the table for discussions.” And the plan is already in motion. Recently, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani had a phone call with the Gulf nation’s emir, Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, while Javad Zarif, Iran’s foreign minister, made the short trip across the Gulf to Doha to meet with Qatari officials.

While having a Qatari genie emerge from a bottle to solve America’s most pressing problems in the Middle East sounds tempting, Qatar’s ideological commitment to virulent political Islam make them untrustworthy mediators.

Over the last three years especially, Qatar has refused to change its malignant behavior with regard to working to destabilize the regimes of our long-standing allies in the region. While Qatar’s support for terror, through Hamas, and its conscious decision to promote the Muslim Brotherhood should be enough by itself to prevent it from mediating between Iran and the US, and there are a host of other reasons why the supremely wealthy Gulf nation should not be given this role.

“Qatar plays both sides of the fence,” said Matthew Brodsky, a senior fellow at the

Security Studies Group. “It’s not exactly the Switzerland of the Middle East.”

“The idea of anyone [being] in between the United States and Iran is problematic because really the decision comes down to what Iran is going to decide for itself,” Brodsky continued. “Iran can either get back into the nuclear agreement; to negotiate a new and more expansive agreement — which is the Trump administration’s goal; or to continue playing the game they’re currently playing, which will end badly for them.”

Just in the last several months, Qatar has made international headlines over its role in allegedly planning and carrying out a terrorist attack in Somalia, as well as its alleged bankrolling of Islamist terrorists to fight alongside pro-regime forces in Libya.



The Qatari flag is seen at a park near Doha Corniche, in Doha, Qatar February 17, 2018. Photo: REUTERS/Ibraheem al Omari.

The Libyan National Army (LNA) threatened to punish Qatar for its terrorist role in Libya and the region as a whole.

Most alarming, perhaps, is the security concern of allowing Doha to host the World Cup, considering it is home to influential radical Islamist hate-preachers like Yusuf al Qaradawi, who are promoted worldwide using Qatar’s massive Al Jazeera megaphone. In a 2009 speech that aired on Al Jazeera, Qaradawi called for a Muslim holocaust against Jews saying, “Throughout history, Allah has imposed upon the [Jews] people who would punish them for their corruption. The last punishment was carried out by Hitler.”

In May, Qatari envoy and chairman of the gulf nation’s National Committee for the Reconstruction of the Gaza Strip, Ambassador Mohammed al-Emadi, reaffirmed Doha’s “special relationship” with Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hamas.

Indeed, it has spent untold billions in agit-prop aimed at the United States, all part of Qatar’s vast “influence war” on American public and elite opinion. Despite calls from leading security experts and members of Congress to enhance transparency on the foreign funding and direction of Qatar’s state-run Al Jazeera news network — including the better enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) — Qatar’s political warfare machine continues grinding against that nation’s enemies in this country.

Still, mediating the conflict between the United States and Iran might still be a worthwhile endeavor. But Kuwait and Oman, two traditionally neutral nations, are far better-equipped to take on such a critical and pivotal role. Should Qatar be allowed to mediate in an official capacity between America and Iran, it would certainly greatly tip the scales in Iran’s favor. Unlike Qatar, these others nations aren’t responsible for spreading Islamism across the region and the world.

Adelle Nazarian is a journalist and filmmaker whose work on national security, religious freedom, and human rights has gained her international acclaim

Impressions.

In Egypt, People Interrupt Holocaust Play for Being Too 'Zionist'

BY ELDER OF ZION

Elaph reports that a theatrical performance by the Cairo-based Commerce Faculty Theater, entitled Sobibor, has caused a storm of controversy among Egyptians, particularly in the cultural and artistic community.

During the show last Wednesday, there were apparently verbal altercations between the audience and members of the theater group, because of what members of the audience considered "bias in favor of Israel," and material echoing the Jewish narrative about the Holocaust, "while the Israelis are practicing the same methods against the Palestinians."

The show defended Jewish victims of the



The entrance to Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Holocaust, and called for sympathy for them regardless of their religious affiliation. But this was apparently too much for some in the audience.

Critic Omnia Talaat accused the play of "defending Zionism, and trying to sabotage the minds of young people." She added that "Sobibor falsifies history and is begging for sympathy for the Jews of the Holocaust." Awful, right?

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.

Longtime American Jewish Leader, Lawyer Kenneth Bialkin, Is Mourned

BY IRA STOLL

When I was working with a few partners and potential investors nearly 20 years ago on a plan for what became *The New York Sun*, one of them asked if we had a preference on who to use as a lawyer to create the company. I shrugged. The partner went on to suggest that we use Kenneth Bialkin, a partner at Skadden, Arps.

People will be impressed, the partner predicted. I went on to add Bialkin's name to the final slide of the presentation we were using as we went around to promote the idea of a new daily newspaper in New York City.

Whether it helped us raise any of the capital we eventually did raise, I have no idea. What I do know for sure, though, is that Bialkin's involvement allowed me what I now realize was a real privilege — the chance to get to know and work with someone who wasn't only an excellent lawyer but was also one of the most dedicated, decent, hardworking, and passionate lovers of Israel on the American Jewish scene.

Bialkin, who died last week at age 89, was warmly remembered Monday at his funeral in Manhattan for, among other things, his service as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the Anti-Defamation League, the America-Israel Friendship League, the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, the American Jewish Historical Society, the Jerusalem Foundation, and the Republican Jewish Coalition.

Prime Minister Netanyahu sent a note via the Israeli consul general in New York, Dani Dayan, describing Bialkin as "a true friend of the State of Israel" and paying special tribute to "the constancy of his support."

Dayan said Bialkin combined the "knowledge of a diplomat, grace of a statesman, and feeling of a lover."

As Rabbi Arthur Schneier of the Park East Synagogue put it, Bialkin made his first trip to Israel in 1959, "fell in love and didn't stop loving Israel."

A former Israeli ambassador at the United Nations, Dan Gillerman, who flew from Israel to New York to attend Bialkin's funeral, described Bialkin as "the best friend Israel could ever wish for." He spoke of how, as a corporate lawyer, Bialkin helped in "opening the doors of New York and Wall Street to Israeli companies." Sure enough, visiting Bialkin's office at Skadden meant glimpsing shelves and windowsills lined with Lucite-encased "tombstones" marking not only giant financial-industry deals such as the \$70 billion merger of Citigroup and Travelers but also offerings for many Israeli firms.

The editor and writer Norman Podhoretz praised Bialkin as "unfailingly loyal" and as the ideal living embodiment of Louis Brandeis's idea that "to be good Americans, we must be better Jews, and to

be better Jews, we must become Zionists."

The journalist Lally Weymouth said she had met Bialkin after a reporting trip to Israel 40 years ago, when the Israeli spy David Kimche recommended that she look Bialkin up when she returned to New York.

The pews of Park East were full of prominent



A Yahrzeit candle. Photo: Wikipedia.

American Jews mourning Bialkin. Among them were an emeritus professor of Yiddish at Harvard, Ruth Wisse; a former attorney general of the United States, Michael Mukasey; the president of the Council on Foreign Relations, Richard Haass; and the head of the Abraham Joshua Heschel School, Ariela Dubler.

When Bialkin was providing the legal advice on creating *The New York Sun* I was less than 30 years old. Bialkin was already a star lawyer and senior figure in the world of Jewish philanthropic leadership. What I still find particularly touching was that Bialkin went out of his way to include me notwithstanding my youth, whether it was an invitation to opening night at Carnegie Hall, where he was deeply involved, or to his and his wife Ann's apartment for an event in honor of some visiting Israeli, or to one of the Jewish charitable galas that he seemed to be constantly deep in the midst of organizing all the details for, or to breakfasts he held at Skadden with eminent European visitors. If Bialkin wanted an update about the *Sun*, he would phrase it as "how are we doing?" with the pronoun "we" conveying the essential point that Ken wasn't just your lawyer, he was right there on your team.

The Jewish people were blessed to have had him on our team.

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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NATION-STAR 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
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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

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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 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

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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 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

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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 ATIORNEY-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: POPROW LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New 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

Tradition.

Collective Joy



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

If we were to ask what key word epitomises the society Jews were to make in the Promised Land, several concepts would come to mind: justice, compassion, reverence, respect, holiness, responsibility, dignity, loyalty. Surprisingly, though, another word figures centrally in Moses' speeches in Deuteronomy. It is a word that appears only once in each of the other books of the Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers. Yet it appears twelve times in Deuteronomy, seven of them in Parshat Re'eh. The word is simcha, joy.

It is an unexpected word. The



story of the Israelites thus far has not been a joyous one. It has been marked by suffering on the one hand, rebellion and dissension on the other. Yet Moses makes it eminently clear that joy is what the life of faith in the land of promise is about. Here are the seven instances in this parsha, and their contexts:

1. *The central Sanctuary, initially Shilo: "There in the presence of the Lord your God you and your families shall eat and rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the Lord your God has blessed you"* (Deut. 12:7).
2. *Jerusalem and the Temple: "And there you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns"* (Deut. 12:12).
3. *Sacred food that may be eaten only in Jerusalem: "Eat them in the presence of the Lord your God at the place the Lord your God will choose - you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns - and you are to rejoice before the Lord your God in everything you put your hand to"* (Deut. 12:18).
4. *The second tithe: "Use the silver to buy whatever you like: cattle, sheep, wine, or other fermented drink, or anything you wish. Then you and your household shall eat there in the presence of the Lord your God and rejoice"* (Deut. 14:26).

5. *The festival of Shavuot: "And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place He will choose as a dwelling for His name - you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, the Levites in your towns, and the strangers, the fatherless, and the widows living among you"* (Deut. 16:11).
6. *The festival of Succot: "Be joyful at your feast - you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites, the strangers, the fatherless, and the widows who live in your towns"* (Deut. 16:14).
7. *Succot, again. "For seven days, celebrate the feast to the Lord your God at the place the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your*

joy will be complete [vehayita ach same'ach]" (Deut. 16:15).

Why does Moses emphasize joy specifically in the book of Deuteronomy? Perhaps because is there, in the speeches Moses delivered in the last month of his life, that he scaled the heights of prophetic vision never reached by anyone else before or since. It is as if, standing on a mountaintop, he sees the whole course of Jewish history unfold below him, and from that dizzying altitude he brings back a message to the people gathered around him: the next generation, the children of those he led out of Egypt, the people who will cross the Jordan he will not cross and enter the land he is only able to see from afar.

What he tells them is unexpected, counter-intuitive. In effect he says this: "You know what your parents suffered. You have heard about their slavery in Egypt. You yourselves have known what it is to wander in the wilderness without a home or shelter or security. You may think those were the greatest trials, but you are wrong. You are about to face a harder trial. The real test is security and contentment."

Absurd though this sounds, it has proved true throughout Jewish history. In the many centuries of dispersion and persecution, from the destruction of the Second Temple to the nineteenth century, no one raised doubts about Jewish continuity. They did not ask, "Will we have Jewish grandchildren?"

Only since Jews achieved freedom and equality in the Diaspora and independence and sovereignty in the State of Israel has that question come to be asked. When Jews had little to thank God for, they thanked Him, prayed to Him, and came to the synagogue and the house of study to hear and heed His word. When they had everything to thank Him for, many turned their backs on the synagogue and the house of study.

Moses was giving prophetic expression to the great paradox of faith: It is easy to speak to God in tears. It is hard to serve God in joy. It is the warning he delivered as the people came within sight of their destination: the Promised Land. Once there, they were in danger of forgetting that the land was theirs only because of God's promise to them, and only for as long as they remembered their promise to God.

Simcha is usually translated as joy, rejoicing, gladness, happiness, pleasure, or delight. In fact, simcha has a nuance untranslatable into English. Joy, happiness, pleasure, and the like are all states of mind, emotions. They belong to the individual. We can feel them alone. Simcha, by contrast, is not a private emotion. It means happiness shared. It is a social state, a predicate of "we," not "I." There is no such thing as feeling simcha alone.

Moses repeatedly labours the point. When you rejoice, he says time and again, it must be "you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites, the strangers, the fatherless, and the widows in your towns." A key theme of Parshat Re'eh is the idea of a central Sanctuary "in the place the Lord your God will choose." As we know from later Jewish history, during the reign of King David, this place was Jerusalem, where David's son Solomon eventually built the Temple.

What Moses is articulating for the first time is the idea of simcha as communal, social, and national rejoicing. The nation was to be brought together not just by crisis, catastrophe, or impending war, but by collective celebration in the presence of God. The celebration itself was to be deeply moral. Not only was this a religious act of thanksgiving; it was also to be a form of social inclusion. No one was to be left out: not the stranger, or the servant, or the lonely (the orphan and widow). In a remarkable passage in the Mishneh Torah, Maimonides makes this point in the strongest possible terms:

And while one eats and drinks, it is their duty to feed the stranger, the orphan, the widow, and other poor and unfortunate people, for those who lock the doors to their courtyard, eating and drinking with their family, without giving anything to eat and drink to the poor and the bitter in soul - their meal is not a rejoicing in a Divine commandment, but a rejoicing only in their own stomach. It is of such persons that Scripture says, "Their sacrifices shall be to them as the bread of mourners, all that eat thereof shall be polluted; for their

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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 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,

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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, NY. 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 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 Approxi-

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Eleanor Roosevelt speaks to a war-time audience, while Rose Pesotta and others listen. Photo: Flickr.

Modern-Day Immigrants, and How Eleanor Roosevelt Saved Jewish Refugees from the Holocaust

BY ELIANA RUDEE/JNS.org

In 1940, a passenger cargo ship called the *SS Quanza* left the port of Lisbon carrying several hundred Jewish refugees to freedom. But no country would take them in, and so the passengers became trapped on the ship.

Nobody Wants Us tells the gripping true story of how Eleanor Roosevelt, along with two other integral figures, stepped in to save the passengers on board, because of her moral conviction that they were not “undesirables,” as the US State Department labeled them, but rather “future patriotic Americans.” She sympathized with the refugees, as her family too were once immigrants to the United States.

The 35-minute film by Laura Seltzer-Duny, which premiered in New York City on August 11 (coinciding with Tisha B’Av, a day of mourning on which numerous tragedies befell the Jewish people) by the Sousa Medes Foundation and the American Sefardi Federation, intends not only to restore the history of the *Quanza* after 79 years, but to illustrate the power of individuals to change history and save lives.

“It brought me to tears to hear what my parents risked to bring me here,” Lucienne Geldzahler, an audience member at the film’s premiere, said. Her family from Antwerp arrived on American shores from Lisbon on a similar ship, she said.

As the experiences of political refugees continue to top headlines in the United States, Stephen Morewitz — a leading expert on the *Quanza* and the grandson of attorney Jacob L. Morewitz, who helped save the passengers — said “this is an episode in American history that everyone needs to know.”

At the beginning of World War II, Portuguese diplomat Sousa Mendes defied the orders of his regime, and issued visas and passports to 40,000 refugees fleeing Nazi Germany, such as the artist Salvador Dali;

Margret Rey and H. A. Rey, the authors of the *Curious George* books; and tens of thousands of other Holocaust refugees, including many aboard the *SS Quanza*.

“If so many Jews are suffering because of one man, Hitler, surely I can suffer for so many Jews,” said Mendes, who was later recognized by Israel as a Righteous Among the Nations.

On August 9, 1940, the *SS Quanza* left Lisbon — one of the few ports from which Jews could flee Europe — carrying hundreds of Jewish refugees from dozens of European countries who had received such visas.

However, the journey turned out to be more than a month long. The Jews aboard were transported from port to port for a month, refused entry in the United States and then Mexico.

Breckinridge Long, supervising the US State Department’s Visa Division under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, turned the immigrants away, wanting to shut down immigration (infamously writing in his diary that “Hitler’s *Mein Kampf* is eloquent in opposition to Jewry”) and seeing the immigrants as “undesirables.” He voiced concern that allowing the immigrants into America would compromise national security, as there could be “potential Nazis” on the ship, as well as “Jewish communists.”

Just as the vessel returned to Virginia to buy fuel for the way back to Europe, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt spoke to maritime lawyer Jacob L. Morewitz, who successfully delayed the departure of the ship to buy time to litigate the case and allow the passengers to enter the United States.

As the group was finally able to disembark, women from a Jewish society brought cars and began to pick up the refugees late at night, hosting them until they found accommodations.

Michael Dobbs, author of *The Unwanted* and project director for the Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the United States Holocaust

Memorial Museum, was the first to write about the history of the *SS Quanza* in 1990, maintaining that it was forgotten over time as Eleanor Roosevelt saw the event as a defeat, since Long was given total power following the *SS Quanza* episode.

Dobbs noted at the premier, “The *Quanza* incident is a timely reminder that individuals make a difference. Without visas supplied by the Portuguese diplomat Aristides de Sousa Mendes, many of the Jewish passengers on board might well have been stranded in Nazi-occupied Europe.”

“Without the legal brilliance of a maritime lawyer named Jacob Morewitz, the ship would have been obliged to sail back to Europe. Without the intervention of ... Eleanor Roosevelt, the passengers would not have been permitted to land,” he continued. “It took three people, from entirely different backgrounds, to save ... lives that might otherwise have been lost.”

Jason Guberman, executive director of the American Sefardi Federation, said, “With the rise of hate (particularly antisemitism), bigotry, and fanaticism globally, and as the Iranian regime disingenuously denies the Holocaust while enthusiastically endorsing a new genocide against the Jewish people, it is imperative to learn from and emulate the righteous of the past as we stand against evil.”

In this story, that evil, maintained Blanche Wiesen Cook, a world expert on Eleanor Roosevelt and the author of her three-volume biography, was represented by silence.

“Everything was known by people who could have made a difference, but the silence was resounding,” she said.

While the United States began to bomb Nazi economic infrastructure in 1944, it is suggestive that the railroad to Auschwitz was not bombed. The US Treasury Department’s “Report to the Secretary on the Acquiescence of This Government in the Murder of the Jews” not only found the State Department guilty not only of “gross procrastination and willful failure to act” during the slaughter of the Jewish people in Europe, but stated that there were also “willful attempts to prevent action from being taken to rescue Jews from Hitler.”

“It is clear that Franklin D. Roosevelt could have done so many things, like fire Breckinridge Long,” said Wiesen Cook. “He did not want to let the refugees in and risk the upcoming election.”

“Even the silence of the American Jewish community was beyond unfortunate,” she added. “Eleanor Roosevelt acted as a visionary, saying we will have peace when we all have education, jobs, housing, security, and health care. She made the refugees an interest, opposed fascism, and said that everybody on the *SS Quanza* could be her guest.”

In addition to airing a longer version of the film on PBS in 2020, Seltzer-Duny and New Day Films are distributing the film to public high schools and junior high schools, along with educational material to accompany it. “We need to reach the community at large, who get a little bit of Holocaust education but not enough,” she told JNS. “By taking this film and deconstructing it, teachers can create more empathy for the refugee plight then and now by understanding America’s response with volunteers on the ground, who took a chance and helped.”

“It’s up to us not to stay silent when we see refugees struggling now because it happened to us — we were refugees, too — and we need to stand up for [them] and educate about what happened so that it doesn’t happen again,” she said.

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bread is a disgrace to their own appetite" (Hos. 9:4). Rejoicing of this kind is a disgrace to those who indulge in it, as Scripture says, "And I will spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your sacrifices" (Mal. 2:3).

Moses' insight remains valid today. The West is more affluent than any previous society has ever been. Our life expectancy is longer, our standards of living higher, and our choices wider than at any time since Homo sapiens first walked on earth. Yet Western societies are not measurably happier. The most telling indices of unhappiness – drug and alcohol abuse, depressive illness, stress-related syndromes, eating disorders, and the rest – have risen by between 300 and 1,000 per cent in the space of two generations. Why so?

In 1968 I met the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneersohn, of blessed memory, for the first time. While I was there, the Chassidim told me the following story. A man had written to the Rebbe in roughly these terms:

"I am depressed. I am lonely. I feel that life is meaningless. I try to pray, but the words do not come. I keep mitzvot but find no peace of mind. I need the Rebbe's help." The Rebbe sent a brilliant reply without using a single word. He simply circled the first word of every sentence and sent the letter back. The word in each case was "I."

Our contemporary consumer is constructed in the first-person singular: I want, I need, I must have. There are many things we can achieve in the first-person singular but one we cannot, namely, simcha – because simcha is the joy we share, the joy we have only because we share. That, said Moses before the Israelites entered their land, would be their greatest challenge. Suffering, persecution, a common enemy, unite a people and turn it into a nation. But freedom, affluence, and security turn a nation into a collection of individuals, each pursuing his or her own happiness, often indifferent to the fate of those who have less, the lonely, the marginal, and the excluded. When that happens, societies start to disintegrate. At the height of their

good fortune, the long slow process of decline begins.

The only way to avoid it, said Moses, is to share your happiness with others, and, in the midst of that collective, national celebration, serve God. Blessings are not measured by how much we own or earn or spend or possess but by how much we share. Simcha is the mark of a sacred society. It is a place of collective joy.

Shabbat Shalom

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mate 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

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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. 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

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

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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.
 AJ; 8/23/30; 9/6/13/20/27

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: BUS BABY LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 07/23/2019. 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: Victor Zaraya 311A 15th Street Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: all lawful activity
 AJ; 8/30; 9/6/13/20/27;10/4

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY EMIGRANT BANK F/K/A NEW YORK PRIVATE BANK AND TRUST F/K/A EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff against ORCHID JOAZARD, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered October 31, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on September 26, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1270 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Block 1567 Lot 19. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$570,846.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 5551/2011. Shmuel D. Taub, Esq., Referee XCHJC350
 AJ; 8/23/30; 9/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST ANDREW GRANT, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-10-2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 3, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 433 Jerome Street, 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 New York, BL: 4030/39. Approximate amount of judgment \$753,960.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #503926/2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee Carter Conboy Case Blackmore Maloney & Laird, PC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, NY 12211 26743 64750
 AJ; 8/30; 9/6/13/20

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC). Name: HOTSPOT STATION LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 08/21/2019. 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: Legalinc Corporate Services inc. 1967 Wehrle Drive suite 1 #086 Buffalo ,NY 14221. Purpose: all lawful activity
 AJ; 8/30; 9/6/13/20/27; 10/4