

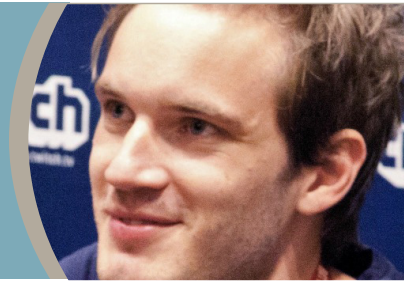
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More Deadlock Looms Following Israeli Election



The results of the exit polls are shown on a screen at Benny Gantz's Blue and White headquarters. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

BY ALGEMEINER
STAFF & AGENCIES

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's battle for political survival looked set to stretch on for days or weeks after exit polls following Tuesday's election showed the race too close to call.

The surveys by Israeli television stations gave Netanyahu's right-wing Likud 31-33 of parliament's 120 seats compared with 32-34 for the centrist Blue and White led by

former general Benny Gantz.

They indicated that Netanyahu's ally-turned-rival, ex-Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman, could be the kingmaker, with the backing of his secular-nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu party critical to the formation of any ruling coalition.

"Netanyahu has lost, but Gantz hasn't won," said Udi Segal, a prominent Israeli television news anchor.

Without Lieberman's support, the polls suggested, Likud could

put together a right-wing coalition controlling only up to 57 parliamentary seats, while Blue and White could enlist no more than 58 legislators — meaning both parties falling short of the 61 needed for a governing majority.

Lieberman was forecast to capture 8-10 seats, up to double his current tally in parliament, making him the linchpin.

In all the polls, the Joint (Arab) List came in third, with 11-13 seats.

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Group Slams Women's March for Appointing Anti-Israel Activist

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Progressive Zionist group Zioness on Tuesday loudly criticized the national Women's March decision to appoint a fervently anti-Israel activist to its new board.

Zahra Biloo was appointed to the 16-member board after three Women's March leaders embroiled in antisemitism controversies — Bob Bland, Tamika Mallory and Linda Sarsour — stepped down.

Mallory allied herself with notorious antisemite Louis Farrakhan and refused to denounce him even after he was caught making violent antisemitic statements, such as refer-



A banner by the progressive group Zioness. Photo: Zioness.

ring to Jews as "termites." She later said Jews enjoyed "white privilege."

Sarsour, a Palestinian American who rejects Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state, also refused to distance herself from Farrakhan, said supporters of Israel were fake progressives and held that Zionists could not be feminists.

Biloo, one of their replacements, who is the head of Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) San Francisco chapter, has compared Israel to ISIS, accused it of being "pro-terror" and "pro-apartheid," and promoted Farrakhan on Twitter.

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Opinion.

Linda Sarsour — It's You and Not Bari Weiss Who Is on the Wrong Side of History



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Bernie Sanders has been famously reluctant to mention his Jewishness on the campaign trail, but Linda Sarsour obviously feels that it serves her own purposes to ignore his reluctance. She recently touted her ambition "to make history," by helping to elect Sanders as "the first Jewish American president this country has ever seen." Sanders dutifully shared her endorsement on social media, thus confirming that he is only too happy to have someone who hates Israel and its supporters campaigning for him.

Sarsour promptly proceeded to demonstrate her breathtaking cynicism by first retweeting the clip Sanders had posted of her, and then following up with a tweet taking a swipe at Bari Weiss and her new book *How to Fight Anti-Semitism*. Linking to a negative review, Sarsour declared arrogantly: "Bari Weiss is what being on the wrong side of history looks like."

So as far as Linda Sarsour is concerned, the socialist Bernie Sanders — who doesn't have much support from American Jews — looks like an opportunity "to make history" as "the first Jewish American president this

country has ever seen," while the centrist Bari Weiss — who holds mainstream US Jewish views — is "what being on the wrong side of history looks like."

But it is Sarsour, and arguably also Sanders, who are on the wrong side of history, because Sanders' embrace of Sarsour only serves to illustrate the left-wing antisemitism that Bari Weiss — a liberal herself — highlights in her book. Sanders is obviously not bothered by Sarsour's odious record, which not only includes her courting of, and collaboration with, veteran Jew-hater Louis Farrakhan, but also a long list of statements that document her implacable hostility to Israel, enthusiastic support for convicted terrorist Rasmia Odeh, and her willingness to associate with radical Muslim individuals and groups that promote extremist views.

Indeed, at the end of November, Sanders surrogate Linda Sarsour is scheduled to speak at an annual gathering organized by the group American Muslims for Palestine (AMP). According to an Anti-Defamation League (ADL) report, "AMP has its organizational roots in the Islamic Association of Palestine (IAP), an antisemitic group that served as the main propaganda arm for Hamas in the United States until it was dissolved in 2004. Since its creation in 2005, AMP continues to work closely with some former IAP leaders who currently hold positions as AMP board members."

The ADL report describes AMP as "the leading organization providing anti-Zionist training and education to students and Muslim community organizations" and notes that "AMP promotes extreme anti-Israel views and has at times provided a platform for antisemitism."

Last year's AMP gathering was promoted with a poster that advocated Israel's replacement with a Palestinian state. The poster referred to Israel's establishment in 1948 with the statement "70 YEARS LATER COMMITTED TO RETURN," and presented this demand visually with figures carrying Palestinian flags moving towards a gate shaped in the outline of the area between the Jordan river and the Mediterranean, leading to the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount. Linda Sarsour was advertised as one of the speakers for the event.

Since Sarsour also spoke at AMP's 2016 convention, her forthcoming appearance this November will be at least the third time she attends.

AMP's activism in recent years has included staunch support for convicted terrorist and US immigration fraudster Rasmia Odeh, as well as efforts to incite against Israel by propagating the vicious libel that the Al-Aqsa Mosque is endangered by Jews. The group's website claims that Israel was planning "the Judaization of Al Aqsa" and includes material indicating support for



Linda Sarsour. Photo: Festival of Faiths via Wikimedia Commons.

Palestinian terrorism and a sweeping denial of Jewish history. AMP has also denounced the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) as an organization that is "supporting theft and murder."

If Linda Sarsour wanted to ponder which side of history her longstanding association with AMP puts her, she could check out AMP's slideshow on "Jerusalem in the crosshairs." The third slide is a good example of the vileness on display: it justifies the murderous violence incited by the notorious Haj Amin al-Husseini against the Jews of British Mandate Palestine exactly 90 years ago, in 1929.

Arabs murdered 133 Jews and wounded hundreds, but as far as AMP is concerned, the victims were to blame: "The uprising was sparked after Zionist groups came to the wall and planted Zionist flags, declaring that 'This wall is ours.'" The wall in question is the Western Wall, which had been designated as a Jewish place of prayer for hundreds of years.

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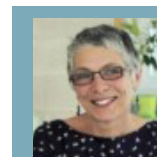
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Boltonism Should Not Disappear



MELANIE PHILLIPS
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John Bolton's departure from the Trump administration should have had the political left cheering from the rafters. Bolton has long been a bogeyman in liberal circles on account of his refusal to appease the enemies of America and the West, a disposition that the left regard as belligerent war-mongering.

When Bolton was made national security adviser, his liberal foes behaved as if Donald Trump had signed up in person one of the four horsemen of the apocalypse.

Now that Bolton's appointment has abruptly terminated, though, there's been no rejoicing from his ideological foes. That's because their blind hatred of Trump means he can never do anything right. So Bolton's ouster is merely viewed sourly as further proof of Trump's psychological flaws.

The curious fact, however, is that the left hate Bolton for reasons very similar to Trump's own inability to see eye-to-eye with him. For the left have more in common with Trump than they would ever care to acknowledge.

On foreign policy, both are isolationists, although for different reasons.

Many on the left never support the West fighting wars in its own interests, viewing it as innately bad and oppressive, while its enemies are inescapably its victims and therefore morally above reproach.

For his part, Trump wants to end America's involvement in foreign wars and doesn't

want to get involved in any new ones.

Since Bolton believes in defeating rather than appeasing the enemies of America and the West, and not flinching from military action if that proves unavoidable, this reportedly brought him into repeated conflict with the president.

In the wake of Bolton's departure, members of the administration have been at pains to stress that there will be no let-up in America's policy of reimposing sanctions on Iran.

It is, however, deeply alarming that Trump has proposed talking to the Iranian president, Hassan Rouhani, with no preconditions. It's even more alarming that Trump apparently suggested easing sanctions on Iran — the precondition Iran itself has set for such a meeting.

For this sends the unmistakable message that Trump is wavering and America is beginning to cave; and that immeasurably strengthens and emboldens the Iranian regime.

It's been reported that a row with Trump on Monday over precisely this point led to Bolton's exit later that day. And this removal of Trump's principal foreign-policy hawk



Former US National Security Adviser John Bolton listens as President Donald Trump speaks during a Cabinet meeting at the White House in Washington, DC, Feb. 12, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Carlos Barria.

similarly signals to Tehran that American resolve has collapsed.

Which is why Iran is crowing that America's "warmongering" is a failure. The regime believes that it has taken Bolton's scalp. Which is why Israel has expressed enormous concern about both Bolton's exit and American resolve.

Trump's genuine concern for Israel's security is not in doubt. He also deserves enormous credit for reimposing sanctions to bring the Iranian regime to its knees, having correctly described the Obama-brokered nuclear deal as the worst deal ever.

The problem, however, is that he thinks he can negotiate a better one. Trump's flaw is that he thinks every situation is a potential deal; he thinks that everyone in the world has a price at which they can be bought off.

This is yet another fantasy that he shares with the left. For they also think that everyone is susceptible to a negotiated compromise, even religious or other fanatics for whom rational self-interest can never be the clincher.

The left don't believe in defeating the enemy, however implacable these foes may be. They believe in agreeing a deal with them.

That's why they are so obsessed with peace processes, otherwise known as appeasement processes. These processes cannot acknowledge the non-negotiable aspect of unconscionable agendas because that would cause them to fail. And they cannot be allowed to fail because the alternative is military action, which must be avoided at all costs.

They are therefore a certain route to the surrender of victim to aggressor.

The baleful consequences of this assump-

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World News.

Police Arrest Local Duluth Resident as Suspect in Minnesota Synagogue Fire

BY JNS.ORG

Police in Duluth, Minn. arrested a man on Friday in connection to an overnight fire last week at a historic synagogue that destroyed the building.

The suspect linked to the fire at Adas Israel Congregation is a 36-year-old Duluth resident with no permanent address. The Duluth police chief said he is familiar with the suspect, and that he has no prior offenses as serious as arson on his record.

The suspect is scheduled to be in court this week, according to officials.

Although police said they have no reason to believe that the fire at Duluth's oldest-surviving Modern Orthodox Jewish synagogue was a hate crime, they do believe that it was set on purpose.

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Deadlock

Other parties crossing the electoral threshold were the ultra-Orthodox Shas and United Torah Judaism parties (with 8 or 9 seats each), the right-wing Yemina party (with 6-8 seats) and the left-wing Democratic Union and Labor-Gesher parties (with 5-6 seats each).

The election was called after Netanyahu failed in efforts to cobble together a coalition following an April ballot in which Likud and Blue and White wound up in a dead heat, each taking 35 parliamentary seats. It is the first time Israel has had two general elections in a single year.

The two main parties' campaigns pointed to only narrow differences on many important issues: the regional struggle against Iran, the Palestinian conflict, relations with the United States and the economy.

An end to the Netanyahu era, after a decade in power, would be unlikely to bring about a significant change in policy on hotly-disputed issues in the peace process with the Palestinians that collapsed five years ago.

Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving prime minister, has announced his intention to annex the Jordan Valley in the West Bank, where the Palestinians seek statehood.

But Blue and White has also said it would strengthen Jewish settlement blocs in the

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Activist

Zioness addressed Billoo's appointment in a Twitter thread, saying that the group saw the shakeup in the Women's March leadership "as a sign that the leaders of the Women's March were serious about a fresh start, and a truly inclusive movement committed to fighting antisemitism too."

"Hearing Tamika Mallory, Bob Bland & Linda Sarsour were cutting ties with the org was welcome news, but our hearts sank as we learned others who share their views & have publicly used their platforms to legitimize antisemitic dialogue and ideas will once again be leading the way," Zioness stated.

"To say that this is unacceptable and outrageous is an understatement," it added.

"One of the newly announced WM leaders, Zahra Billoo, has repeatedly slandered Jewish orgs and attacked Muslim Americans who fight for women's rights alongside Zionists, claiming they are 'faith-

"It's good to know and probably ultimately reassuring to the community that this was an act not necessarily out of malice," said Steve Hunegs, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Firefighters went into the burning synagogue to save some priceless pieces, including multiple Torah scrolls, before the building burned down. One firefighter is still recovering from injuries.

The synagogue's members are now using community spaces and even some of the members' homes for services, with leaders saying they might have to find a permanent new site in the city.

Synagogue officials added that they are not asking for donations at this time, so people should be on the lookout for fake fundraisers.

West Bank, with the Jordan Valley as Israel's "eastern security border."

Lieberman, who ran on a platform of limiting the influence of ultra-Orthodox rabbis and politicians on everyday life in Israel, has said he seeks a "national unity" government with the two major parties, Likud and Blue and White.

That could be complicated: Lieberman has said he would not join a coalition that included ultra-Orthodox parties — Netanyahu's traditional allies. Gantz has ruled out participating in an administration with Netanyahu, if the Israeli leader is indicted on looming corruption charges.

As in the election five months ago, his opponents, including Gantz, focused on bribery and fraud allegations against Netanyahu in three corruption cases. The prime minister, due to face a pre-trial hearing in October to argue against the charges being filed, has denied any wrongdoing.

An election loss could leave Netanyahu more at risk of prosecution, without the shield of parliamentary immunity which his political allies had promised to seek for him.

And there is no certainty they would stand by a weakened leader without an obvious public mandate in any coalition-building.

washing," Zioness noted.

"Billoo's numerous and unqualified attacks on Zionists leave no room in this coalition for American Jews, 95% of whom support Israel's right to exist and consider Zionism an inherent part of our identities, alongside our commitment to progressive politics," it continued.

"No amount of Jewish appointees to the new board can justify the appointment of an individual like Billoo," Zioness asserted, "who has a well-established track record of anti-Jewish racism."

"Anyone who cares about anti-oppression work will recognize immediately that Billoo's many rabidly antisemitic comments contribute to a culture in this country and around the world in which Jews are being harassed, assaulted in the street, and gunned down in our houses of worship," the group stated.

"It is truly astonishing -- and wildly disappointing -- that the organization's effort to hit the reset button would so badly miss the mark," it said.

Netanyahu's Promise to Annex Parts of Judea and Samaria Creates New Reality



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivers a statement to the press regarding implementing Israeli sovereignty over the Jordan Valley and its Jewish settlements on Sept. 10, 2019. Photo: Hadas Parush/Flash90

BY JNS.org

It seems this election campaign, which began in earnest only a few weeks ago, was dominated mostly by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, with occasional shouts heard from Israel Democratic Party leader Ehud Barak and barely a whisper from Blue and White Party leader Benny Gantz. Few candidates, if any, made as clear policy declarations as did Netanyahu and his Likud Party, especially when he announced that, if re-elected, he would apply Israeli sovereignty to the Jordan Valley and Jewish settlements there.

Naturally, Netanyahu's declaration set off a firestorm of reactions across the board, but international law professor Eugene Kontorovich reassuringly told JNS that the Jordan Valley issue is part of a "longstanding and non-partisan consensus in Israel. The prime minister's announcement is fully in line with Israel's international legal rights," he said.

The area has been a largely consensus issue for many years already. Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, not known to be a hawk, was adamant that the Jordan Valley remain under Israeli control in any future peace deal.

"There is no change in United States policy at this time," a US official said when asked whether the White House supported Netanyahu's move.

Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas threatened that "all signed agreements with Israel and the obligations resulting from them would end" if Netanyahu went through with the move.

Oded Eran, a senior research fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies, told JNS that much depends on the outcome of the elections and the kind of coalition that emerges.

"If and when the idea is pushed forward," he said, "there are various questions."

"For example," he continued, "is it going to be annexation? Or application of Israeli law?"

According to Eran, the latter terminology would be "less contentious" for some countries like the United States, Europe, Russia and China.

'Complicate relations between Amman and Washington'

As Sept. 17 drew closer, there was a clear incremental element to Netanyahu's announcements as he went from applying Israeli law in the Jordan Valley to full annexa-

tion of the Jewish section of Hebron.

His announcement drew the expected condemnations from the left, yet while many on the right applauded the announcement, there were those who criticized Netanyahu for waiting until now, when he had more than 10 years to implement this move with ease. By announcing his intention to wait until after the elections to apply sovereignty over the Jordan Valley, Netanyahu gave off the perception that he was simply attempting to sway voters and steal votes from other right-wing parties.

Yamina leader Ayelet Shaked and her No. 2, Naftali Bennett, generated significant publicity this week when they produced a map showing what they believe proves how much of Judea and Samaria may be given to the Palestinians under US President Donald Trump's soon-to-be-released Mideast peace plan. This, they said, was reason enough to vote for their party and not for Likud.

While the Likud and the White House both called the map "fake news," Eran said that as long as the president holds the same views as Netanyahu, "he may react in a way which may not be or may be seen as supporting the Israeli move."

Which leads to the next question: To what extent did Netanyahu consult with the Trump administration before making his announcement?

"Was he given to understand that the idea is not in conflict with the [peace initiative]?" asked Eran. "Because if he did, that may exacerbate or complicate the issue of Jordan. If the US administration does not object or remain silent or react in a way which does not negate or oppose the Israeli initiative to annex/apply the law, that is certainly going to complicate relations between Amman and Washington."

Abdullah Swalha, founder and director of the Center for Israel Studies in Jordan, was less worried about relations between Jordan and America. He told JNS that no one in Jordan takes Netanyahu's statements seriously, "except the Jordanian government," he said. "Netanyahu was prime minister for 13 years, and he didn't take action, so why now? It is very obvious to all of us in Jordan and even in the region, including Israel, that this is a part of the election campaign."

"Certainly," acknowledged Eran, "Netanyahu introduced a new element into the whole question of Israel's relations with the West Bank."

World News.



Typing on a computer (illustrative). Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Bipartisan Group of Congress Members Seeks Action by Social Media Giants Against Terror Groups

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A bipartisan group of Congress members sent a letter to the heads of three social media giants on Tuesday seeking answers to a number of questions regarding the online activities of foreign terrorist groups.

The missive — penned by Congressmen Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), Tom Reed (R-NY) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) — was addressed to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Twitter CEO

Jack Dorsey and YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki. “We need to be exploring every option to stop these foreign terrorist groups, including Hezbollah, Hamas and other radicals, from spewing their hate and their extremist views to the masses,” Gottheimer stated on Tuesday. “I want to make sure Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube are doing enough to get these terrorist accounts and their propaganda off these platforms. These tech companies need to be standing with us in our global fight

American Diplomats Press Lawmakers in Germany, Ireland to Oppose BDS

BY JNS.org

US diplomats pressed lawmakers and officials in Ireland and Germany to oppose the anti-Israel BDS movement, according to a US State Department report delivered last week to Congress.

In Ireland, the diplomats interacted with top government officials and party leaders to “strongly urging them to drop their support” bill that would penalize importing goods from Judea and Samaria.

To that end, Simon Coveney, Ireland’s foreign minister and deputy prime minister, is against the legislation, fearing that adopting BDS would reduce Irish influence in the region.

In Germany, following the dismissal of a lawsuit filed by an Israeli against Kuwait Airlines for not allowing the passenger to



Aras an Uachtaráin, the official residence of the president of Ireland in the capital of Dublin, Aug. 28, 2010. Photo: William Murphy via Wikimedia Commons.

board a flight, “Embassy Berlin engaged senior officials” regarding the matter.

The German parliament approved a resolution earlier this year that stated that BDS is antisemitic.

against terror.”

Reed noted, “We care about ensuring terrorist organizations cannot spew extremism and hate on the internet. There is no fair reason for Twitter, Facebook, or any other online platform, to allow terrorist to post their propaganda and incite further fear after their cowardly attacks. This is why the American people deserve to know what social media companies are doing to eliminate the use of their websites for terrorist organizations.”

Fitzpatrick pointed out, “In today’s interconnected world, it is all too easy for nefarious organizations to capitalize on the availability of social media to promote their misguided and immoral goals. Congress must partner with the private sector to ensure that hateful groups are not given the platforms they so desperately want. Moreover, it is imperative that tech companies work with government officials to eliminate the online presence of foreign terrorist organizations.”

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RABBI AVIGDOR MILLER ZT"l

20 Adar I, 5779/ February 25, 2019

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On behalf of the Igud/RAA Presidium and of the Beth Din, I extend greetings of Torah.

Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik Executive Vice - President, Rabbinical Alliance of America

July 17, 2018

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In the merit of helping the hungry and poor, may you only receive the choicest blessings from Heaven.

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Meir Kahane speaks The Summer of 84'

GREETINGS FROM RABBI MEIR KAHANE BETH SHIFRA

I have always said that in Heaven there is a great Synagogue. And as with all synagogues there is an East wall at which, like in all synagogues, sit the truly distinguished. But, unlike all synagogues where the truly distinguished are distinguished for their money and external attributes, in this great synagogue, we will be stunned to see whom the Almighty - the great Gabbai, warder, of Heaven - seats at the East Wall and who is relegated to the "ordinary" rows.

In every generation there walk in our midst the greatly simple, whose quiet task in life is to be simply great. They are famous in their anonymity. No reporters know their names and no television or cameras record their faces and words. They walk in the streets in perfect tranquility for no one knows that they are people to be touched. They are touched only by the greatness of their deeds.

I rarely use this column to specifically praise someone and urge their support time and space are too precious. But I stand in tribute and ask you to do the same even as you write a generous check, for a simple tzadik (and are there any other?).

His name is Chaim Prussman and no one at Time magazine has ever heard of him. But I tell you that he is famous in the streets of Heaven. Daily, he walks and talks and worries and lives the pain of Jews. In the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn, where he lives, he sees the talons and fangs of the missionaries ripping away the souls of Jews, simple Jews, mostly from the Soviet Union. With meals and gifts and money they buy and destroy Jewish souls. There are synagogues and organizations and rabbis and leaders but no one stood up to cry out and do, except a little Jew named Chaim Prussman.

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Bogus Purim Service Broken Up

A group of missionaries in Brighton Beach who rented Public School 225 on the premise they were holding a social, attempted to hold a bogus "Purim Megilla" reading. The missionaries widely advertised their program in Russian as well as English throughout the Manhattan Beach and Brighton Beach area in an effort to entice young people to their service. However, when the real purpose of the "service" was discovered, groups from Boro Park, Flatbush, Crown Heights and Monsey descended on the area to help the staff of the Beth Shifra Institutions break up the rally. Since many of the protesters missed the Megilla reading, the staff of Beth Shifra held to Megilla readings, so those who were instrumental in breaking up the rally could observe the Mitzva properly. The Beth Shifra rally, held at the Jewish Center of Ocean Parkway, was termed a huge success by the children and parents who attended. There was a live band and a puppet show to entertain the children.

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U.S. News.

In Face of Growing Iran Threat, Debate Resurfaces Over US-Israel Mutual Defense Pact

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Although proposals for a US-Israel mutual defense pact are not new, the concept has recently gained momentum and attracted growing media attention in Israel.

On Sept. 14, US President Donald Trump took to Twitter to say that he spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu by phone to "discuss the possibility of moving forward with a Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and Israel that would further anchor the tremendous alliance."

Netanyahu, for his part, told Israeli media that he is looking forward to speaking with Trump at the UN General Assembly meeting, "when we will promote the historical defense pact between the United States and Israel."

Yet Netanyahu's political opponents have criticized the idea, with senior Blue and White Party member and former Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon telling *Army Radio* last week that "if such a pact had existed in the past, the [nuclear] reactor in Syria would not have been bombed." Ya'alon was referring to the 2007 Israeli Air Force strike on the Bashar Assad regime's secret, undeclared plutonium reactor.

Former Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. (ret.) Gabi Ashkenazi, also of Blue and White, said, "We always insisted that the fate and security of the State of Israel remain in its hands. Do we want to see the Golan Brigade fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan? That is the significance of the treaty."

Yet those who have been involved in exploring and promoting the idea say they envision a significantly narrower pact.

Speaking to *JNS* on Sept. 11, Michael Makovsky, president and CEO of the Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA), noted that his organization released a May 2018 report urging consideration of a mutual defense treaty that would be similar to, but more narrowly defined, than the existing US treaties with 50 countries around the world.

"The primary purpose of a US-Israel mutual defense pact is to add an extra layer of deterrence to Israel's strategic position and to America's position in the Middle East, and ultimately, a last line of defense," *JINSA* stated on its website. The organization is dedicated to educating congressional, military and civilian national security decision-makers on US defense interests in the Middle East.

"This really originated with [US retired Navy] Admiral Jim Stavridis," said Makovsky. Together with a JINSA task force made up of retired generals, Stavridis has been central in promoting the idea in recent years.

"The main motivator is the strategic threat. Israel always faced them, of course, but we worry that the Iranian threat is really growing, and the chances of a significant war have grown," explained Makovsky. "Therefore, we think that a mutual defense pact would add another layer of deterrence for Israel."

Mitigation would be a second benefit, he added. "Even if there is a conflict, a mutual defense pact could help mitigate the severity of the threat—not just from Iran, though obviously, Iran is the main one. The Iranian threat is growing at the regional and nuclear levels."

Makovsky said that while the idea is not new, "it hasn't really been discussed seriously in a long time. The US has a mutual defense with about 50 other countries. Mutual defense pacts with the US generally contribute to more stability."

Should Israel and Iran enter into a broad armed conflict, Tehran could be expected to activate its Lebanese proxy, Hezbollah, a non-state terror actor armed with some 130,000 rockets and missiles. A war on that scale would very likely impact American assets in the Middle East, said Makovsky. "This would certainly spill over, not only to Syria, but also to Iraq and perhaps to the Persian Gulf States. The US would be affected by an Iranian-Israeli conflict. So we think a mutual defense pact could be an element that prevents such a conflict from starting out, and if it does start out, it could mitigate the scope and intensity of it. We actually see it as a source for stability, which mutual defense pacts generally have been for countries around the world."

Conflicts with smaller adversaries, like Gazan terror groups, would not, for example, activate such a treaty, and neither country would want to see that happen, he said, adding that "only exceptional threats would activate it."

Makovsky acknowledged concerns among some Israelis, who have argued that such a pact would harm Israel's independent freedom of action. He said, "We don't want any restrictions on Israel's freedom of movement. We anticipate this to be a more limited defense pact. Our view is

if Israel is going to do something very significant that could seriously impact US assets in the region, we expect that Israel would be consulting with the US on that anyway, given the close relations that they have. Without having a pact, there is already a sense of a need to consult on more serious action that Israel would consider. But we think that with a mutual defense pact, there at least would be an added level of deterrence."

He also stressed that the proposal has nothing to do with the Israeli elections, adding that work has been invested into developing the idea for the past year-and-a-half.

During a July 30 conference call organized by JINSA, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), affirmed that Israel intends to defend itself "through their capabilities. Nothing in this agreement would suggest restricting the IDF's ability to do that. However there

are certain threats that Israel could face that would be existential to the Jewish state, and in those limited narrow circumstances, we want all adversaries of Israel to know that in your efforts to destroy them, you have to come through us."

'Potentially dangerous to the health of bilateral ties'

The proposal is meeting with its share of criticism on the American side as well. Ilan Berman, senior vice president of the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington, and an expert on regional security in the Middle East, Central Asia and the Russian Federation, told *JNS* that calls for a formal defense pact have been a recurring theme in bilateral relations.

"The motivation on both sides is understandable; the US wants to demonstrate its commitment to Israeli security, while the

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Opinion.

Why Is Keren Hayesod Honoring Vladimir Putin?



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Keren Hayesod, known throughout the world as the United Israel Appeal, is a fundraising arm of the Zionist movement, established in 1920 to raise money and distribute it to facilitate the return of the Jewish people to their homeland. Today, it is one of Israel's three national institutions (along with the government and Jewish Agency), and raises money for the state through branches of the organization in 45 countries. It has done much good over the last century — which begs the question of why it's about to make a significant moral blunder.

On September 17, the very same day that Israelis will be choosing their new prime minister, Keren Hayesod will be bringing the world's foremost Jewish philanthropists to meet the man who has kept Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad in power as he has repeatedly gassed innocent Arab children.

Keren Hayesod has organized a trip for its largest donors to visit Russia, where the featured speaker will be Vladimir Putin. Yes, that Putin. The Former KGB colonel who also directed the Federal Security Service (the KGB's domestic successor). The meeting would be questionable enough if Putin only assassinated his political rivals, imprisoned his critics, and dismantled Russian democracy in its embryonic stage. It would be questionable enough if Putin only invaded

Crimea and had his opponents poisoned. But most relevant to Jews and their values is the fact that Putin aids Syrian forces in genocide, and protects the nuclear ambitions of Iran.

What could possibly have possessed the world's most important Jewish charity to commit this error?

Just last week, we learned that Russia is preventing the International Atomic Energy Agency from inspecting the warehouse in Tehran which Israel says was used by the Iranians to store nuclear equipment and material. This was, of course, in violation of the catastrophic deal that president Barack Obama signed to prevent Iran from obtaining a bomb.

We have subsequently learned that Iran has been cheating on the deal from day one. And who is protecting Iran? Putin, who does not want to allow proof of Iran's deception to become public and threaten the agreement he signed. Furthermore, Russia has sold Iran its most advanced anti-aircraft system to protect its nuclear facilities, and also built Iran's nuclear reactor at Bushehr, which is not covered by the nuclear agreement. If Israel one day feels that it has no choice but to bomb Iran's nuclear facilities in order to protect its citizenry from annihilation, the main obstacle to a successful operation will be Vladimir Putin's missile defense system, which he sold to Iran.

Why would Keren Hayesod's leaders want to stand next to the dictator who is providing cover for Iran to pursue its genocidal objectives?

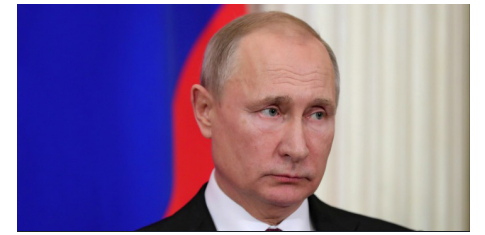
I am not naïve. When it comes to political leaders, such as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Donald Trump, I understand their need to engage Putin. Political leaders must meet with the Russian head of

state to discuss political, economic, and strategic interests. Netanyahu must engage Putin so as to curb Iran and Syria's hegemony in the Middle East and protect the Jewish state. I even understand — though I remain somewhat troubled by — Chabad of Russia's close relationship with Putin, insofar as they must operate within Russia for the sake of the Jewish community, and Putin, to his credit, has offered protection to that community. I recognize that in a country with a long history of brutalizing Jews, this is no small thing. But even so, the rest of Putin's record cannot be in any way legitimized by being honored by one of the Jewish people's most important global charities.

What would Keren Hayesod's global network of contributors think of their money being used to honor the most important ally of Iran? What possible good can come from Keren Hayesod paying homage to the man enabling the wholesale slaughter of innocent Arabs and Muslims in Syria? And how will this look to the rest of the world? Does it benefit Jewish values to host Putin as the main speaker at the Keren Hayesod biannual meeting when he promised the US he had overseen the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons, only for poison gas to murder thousands of Islamic children?

After the Holocaust, it is we Jews who must be the loudest voices against innocent men, women, and children being gassed to death. And the honor being bestowed on Putin by a global Jewish charity is unacceptable.

Putin will no doubt use the meeting for propaganda purposes. Engaging with Keren Hayesod is just another way to legitimize his authoritarian rule. It is an unfortunate example of Jews allowing themselves to be



Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a joint news conference with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (not pictured) after their meeting at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia January 23, 2019. Photo: Sputnik / Mikhail Klimentyev / Kremlin via Reuters.

used as tools in the service of a tyrant.

What sort of morality lesson is it to seek an audience with someone whom the entire world looks upon as a cold-blooded killer? Yes, Putin is an extremely powerful man. But the Jews came into the world to speak truth to power and stand up to oppression, as Moses did with Pharaoh, not to kowtow to power.

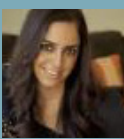
Taking advantage of the opportunity to rub elbows with the high and mighty is one thing when they are representatives of a democracy, such as members of the American executive and legislative branches, or leaders from the European Union. But seeking a photo op with a man who has allowed poison gas to be used against God's children is unspeakable.

This meeting is one of the most exclusive in the Jewish world, occurring every two years, with invitations given only to the world's most important Jewish donors. Keren Hayesod does its prestigious philanthropists a disservice by putting them in this compromising position.

The Jewish community stands for justice, righteousness, and the infinite value of life. Those who trample on those high ideals should not be honorees at our most prestigious events.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom The Washington Post calls "the most famous Rabbi in America," is the author of Judaism for Everyone and Renewal: The Seven Vital Values of the Jewish Faith. Follow him on Twitter and Instagram @RabbiShmuley.

Modern-Day Slavery?: 'World Cup Has Been Built on the Violation of Human Rights'



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A stunning report by German broadcaster WDR recently pushed FIFA to admit for the first time that the governing soccer organization did, in fact, violate human rights standards for guest workers in Qatar, who are refurbishing the Khalifa Stadium to be used in the anticipated 2022 World Cup in Doha.

The guest workers, who are from a range of foreign third-world countries including Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and North Korea, are forced to live in sub-human conditions with little to no pay.

According to Amnesty International, there are currently 1.7 million migrant workers in Qatar, and they comprise 90 percent of the workforce.

Doha won the bid to host the coveted World Cup games by allegedly bribing FIFA officials to the tune of \$880 million.

WDR journalist Benjamin Best went

undercover in Qatar in June, and broadcast video proof of the vast human rights violations he found there — and he did it on the same day that FIFA president Giani Infantino was reelected unopposed, while Infantino reportedly claimed that FIFA had become "synonymous with credibility, confidence, integrity, equality, human rights, social engagement, modernity, professionalism, and equality."

Although FIFA had stressed that the allegations of violations of guest workers' rights did not apply to construction sites related to the World Cup stadium, the governing football organization admitted to a breach in workers' standards for the first time in a press release after the German news report surfaced, saying, "We are aware of reports that the company TAWASOL — a sub-contractor in the construction of the Al Bayt Stadium — has violated the standards for workers."

"FIFA has a zero-tolerance policy on human rights violations associated with its activities. In line with international standards and our Human Rights Policy, FIFA is fully committed to human rights as evidenced through the implementation of our strategic human rights program in the past years and

acknowledged by different international organizations," the organization wrote.

FIFA has reportedly also promised to investigate the allegations made by WDR further.

"There are more than 4,000 people who died as a result of being forced to work for a long time in temperatures of 51 to 56 degrees Celsius, which is almost impossible for human beings to work in. This is a violation of human rights. It's a violation of employees rights," said Amjad Taha, who authored the book *The Deception of the Arab Spring*. He is one of several Arab journalists who were targeted and hacked as part of an extensive operation allegedly carried out by Qatar, and he has consistently spoken out against the Gulf nation's human rights violations.

Taha said some of those workers are from North Korea. "The Qataris bring workers from North Korea; with the cooperation of the North Korean regime, they work there for free, and their salary is being given to the North Korean regime, not to the workers. They pay the North Korean regime their salary. So, the worker doesn't even receive a salary; he just works, get a little bit of food and that's about it."

Nepali workers are also victims of these human rights violations, and are denied basic rights in Qatar. Taha added that there are cases of Nepali workers who have died while working in Qatar. Their bodies are shipped back to their home country without papers or an explanation for their death. "The family doesn't know the reason he died," Taha said, referring to a recent case of a male Nepali worker in Qatar who died while working and living in sub-human conditions to construct the World Cup arena.

According to the Nepali government, 1,426 Nepali workers had passed away between 2009 and 2019 and there were

reportedly 111 deaths in 2019 alone.

Meanwhile, on Sunday, *The Peninsula*, an English-language daily publication which is owned by and operated out of Qatar, published a piece titled, "US collaboration with Qatar on fighting human trafficking is strongest."

The piece focused on US Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons John Cotton Richmond's visit to the country's Msheireb Museum, his discussion of the 2019 Trafficking in Persons Report, and his meetings "with Qatari officials and organizations to discuss efforts to combat human trafficking in Qatar, and Qatar's efforts to end it."

"The crime of human trafficking is global in scope, affecting every country on earth, including the United States and Qatar. Also known as modern slavery, it includes sex trafficking, forced labor, debt bondage, and domestic servitude," the *Peninsula* wrote.

Although there have not been many headlines surrounding this human rights issue as of late, Qatar did take an indirect shot at its Gulf rival Saudi Arabia last week when it reportedly expressed "deep concern about the serious human rights violations and crimes committed against the Yemeni people by all parties involved in the conflict, as well as the failure of the warring parties to abide by international humanitarian law, causing tens of thousands of deaths and injuries, including thousands of children and women" during a speech delivered by the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the UN during an interactive dialogue at the UN's Human Rights Council.

The hypocrisy was astounding.

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Opinion.

What John Bolton's Departure Might Signal

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I cannot claim to be one of those people not concerned about what this week's sudden departure of John Bolton from the White House might be signaling. Taken together with last week's resignation of US Middle East envoy Jason Greenblatt, this might be signaling the end of the Trump-Israel honeymoon.

John Bolton has served the United States with distinction in a great many capacities: as National Security Advisor under President Donald Trump, as UN ambassador under President George W. Bush, and as Assistant Attorney General under President Ronald Reagan. He possesses a sober and realistic assessment as to who America's friends and adversaries truly are, and a sophisticated, no-nonsense view of the multiple threats facing the United States and its allies.

Bolton has projected the doctrine of "peace through strength," not appeasement. He was a strong supporter of Trump's decision to withdraw from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, which as we now see has only served to enrich, empower, and embolden the Islamic Republic as it continues to carve out a Shi'ite empire that extends through Tehran, Baghdad, Damascus, and Beirut through the Mediterranean Coast and into Yemen.

We are seeing the products of the Shiite Crescent's works as Hezbollah has encroached closer and closer to Israel's borders and has, as recently as Sept. 2, fired several missiles into Israel, which the Israel Defense Forces successfully intercepted. The Iranians have been giving Hezbollah the means to convert their dummy rockets into precision-guided missiles, which they have been working on in conversion factories in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

It is the Jewish state's greatest nightmare that these missiles will become precise enough to hit Israel's military or civilian infrastructure. Hezbollah has one goal and one goal alone: to eliminate the Jewish state.

This news also comes on the heels of last week's announcement by the Islamic Republic that it is stepping up enrichment of uranium. The regime is now using the sophisticated, advanced centrifuges that can quickly get to the 20 percent level of purity, making it quite easy to get from that threshold to the lethal 90 percent purity level necessary for a

nuclear bomb. This is not a mere technical violation of the JCPOA; it is the entire reason why there was a deal in the first place.

There have been violations all along, including the refusal to allow the International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors into military sites. Remember how we had been promised by the Obama administration of "anytime, anywhere inspections"?

In an address just one week before the next round of national elections on Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu revealed yet another nuclear site with vivid satellite images in the Iranian city of Abadan that was operational as recently as three months ago, which the Iranians then totally destroyed and covered up. "It's incredible," said Netanyahu, "as soon as we reveal they cover their tracks."

Nevertheless, Trump has signaled a willingness to meet with the Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly when it convenes on Sept. 23. The fact that he was willing to meet with the Taliban on US soil and to negotiate with Kim Jong-un of North Korea does not auger well.

Is the president willing to follow French President Emmanuel Macron's lead and cave on a \$15 billion bribe to the Iranians just to have them come to the table?

The Iranian's response of approval to Trump's dismissal of Bolton should already warn us how dangerous this move is. On Wednesday, Iranian President Rouhani said, "Americans have to realize that warmongering and warmongers are not to their benefit. They should not only abandon warmongering, but also their maximal pressure campaign."

If we are to lay culpability anywhere, it should be at the Obama White House, who bequeathed us the legacy of this horrible deal and an emboldened Iranian empire that future world leaders will have to deal with. Obama promised us that Iran would not get a nuclear bomb "on my watch."

He never promised that Iran would not get a nuclear bomb on another president's watch.

Following a script that they used at the beginning of the nuclear negotiations with Obama, the Iranians are now playing coy with Trump's signals to negotiate.

The Iranians invented the Persian souk. They know how to negotiate and to get most of the world to beg them to take our money, just to have them come to the table.

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Wrong Side*

Revealingly, AMP prefers the term "al-Buraq Wall" since this term is popular among those who want to erase Jewish history on the basis of the myth that one night, a flying horse named Buraq conveyed Islam's founder to the Al-Aqsa mosque, which of course didn't exist during Muhammad's lifetime.

While Linda Sarsour presumably feels she and groups like AMP are on the right side of history, Bari Weiss can only be commended for being on the other side. What angers Sarsour so much is that Weiss doesn't buy into the illusion promoted by many of today's self-described "progressives," who insist that the oldest hatred stopped evolving with the Nazis and, therefore, only right-wing Nazi-style antisemitism deserves to be considered dangerous. But as Bari Weiss points out,

"Neo-Nazis, in a way, are straightforward. We know they wish us dead. Antisemites with PhDs, the ones who defend their bigotry as enlightened thinking, are harder to fight."

Linda Sarsour may not have a PhD, but she's still rather good at defending her hatred for the world's only Jewish state and her whitewashing of murderous Islamist Jew-hatred as enlightened thinking. And she arguably deserves a dishonorary PhD in hypocrisy and cynicism for pretending to cheer Bernie Sanders' candidacy as a historic Jewish milestone, while dismissing mainstream Jewish concerns about contemporary antisemitism as "being on the wrong side of history."

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Not Disappear*

tion have been laid bare by the former US Defense Secretary James Mattis in his new book *Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead*. This deals with his time as leader of US Central Command from 2010 to 2013, overseeing military operations in the Middle East and Central Asia.

In his book, Mattis tears into former President Barack Obama's strategic ineptitude in failing to take appropriate action against America's enemies. Faced with clear evidence of Iranian "acts of war" against America, Obama did nothing.

In 2011, two Iranians planned a bomb attack on Cafe Milano, a Washington restaurant patronized by the rich and famous, including Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States, Adel al Jubeir.

This would have been, writes Mattis, the worst attack on the United States since 9/11. "I sensed that only Iran's impression of America's impotence could have led them to risk such an act within a couple of miles of the White House. Had that bomb exploded, it would have changed history."

Such a plot should have produced a forceful response. "My military options would raise the cost for this attack beyond anything the mullahs and the Quds generals could pay." First, though, Obama needed to make the public understand the "enormous savagery" of the intended atrocity.

But none of this happened. "We treated an act of war as a law-enforcement violation, jailing the low-level courier," he writes.

And then, four years later, Obama brokered the nuclear deal with Iran, which at best would merely delay its nuclear-weapons program by a decade and which enabled millions of dollars in sanctions relief to pour into the regime to fund its murderous activities.

But it's not just Obama who has refused to respond appropriately to Iran's four-decade war against the West.

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Israeli government is eager to capitalize on the pro-Israeli attitudes of the Trump administration. But it nevertheless is misguided, and potentially dangerous to the health of bilateral ties," cautioned Berman.

"First, in defense terms, if an agreement is signed, America will naturally need to know what, exactly, it has committed to defending. That puts issues like the true status of Israel's nuclear program—about which the Israeli government remains coy—on the table for public discussion," said Berman. "It will also force Israel to much more definitively articulate where it thinks its final borders vis-à-vis the Palestinians will be since presumably, US troops will now be required to defend them in the event of a conflict. Given the importance of nuclear ambiguity to Israel's deterrent posture and the volatility of present-day relations with the Palestinians, Israeli officials shouldn't be eager to discuss either of those things."

In addition, Berman said, a defense pact carries with it the risk of aggravating anti-Israeli sentiments within the United States. He noted a "growing isolationist streak" on the American political right in recent years, while the American left has, of late, "tolerated mounting anti-Israel and antisemitic sentiments from its progressive wing."

"Both factions are likely to react negatively to any further formalization of the US-Israeli relationship, with conservatives seeing it as an unwelcome commitment that forces the United States to remain in a volatile Middle East, and liberals chafing at the perception that the United States is in some way beholden to Israel," noted Berman. "At a time when the relationship between Israel and American Jewry is already under

Even when Iran was killing American and British soldiers in Iraq, or when its proxy army Hezbollah bombed the US embassy in Beirut in 1983, and the Israel embassy, and a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires in 1992 and 1994, the West failed to treat these as acts of war.

It failed to do so even after Iran seized a British-registered oil tanker this summer in the Strait of Hormuz and harassed other commercial shipping there.

It was revealed this week that two British-Australian women and one man have been arrested and jailed in Iran, adding to a growing number of British nationals being effectively held as hostages in Iranian jails.

And yet, Britain has not only been a principal cheerleader for the Obama nuclear deal but, along with the European Union, is seeking ruses to get round the sanctions on Iran reimposed by America.

It is still possible that Trump will hold firm against Iran. If he does not, Israel will act alone to defend itself if that becomes unavoidable; and if that happens, the United States will find itself unavoidably sucked into a terrible war.

John Bolton's steady and clear-minded focus on preventing this from happening was a standing rebuke to the feeble-minded West that has supinely stood by as this unconscionable threat by the Iranian regime has remorselessly increased.

Bolton has now left the West Wing; but Boltonism — the strategic grasp of how to defend the West against its mortal foes — must not be allowed to disappear with him.

With Bolton's departure, the world has not become a safer place. It has become far more dangerous.

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US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem on May 23, 2017. Photo: US Embassy in Israel.

significant strain, this would be an added stressor—and perhaps a significant one."

Finally, he said, a formal defense pact would undermine the intrinsic nature of the "special relationship," since "the strength of US-Israeli ties has always rested on their informal nature. The two countries are drawn together by common values, outlook and strategic interests. Both Washington and Jerusalem need to continue to work diligently to reinforce this closeness, but they also need to be careful not to inadvertently take steps that alter the historic dynamism, fluidity and adaptability that has made the relationship a success so far."

Former Pentagon official Michael Rubin, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, told *JNS* that "a defense pact would absolutely tie Israel's hands, and give America's slow and cautious defense bureaucracy a veto."

He said that "Israel would no longer be able to act proactively, nor could it act without imply[ing a] US buy-in."

Even if the pact were to be limited, Rubin said that "In the age of proxy conflicts, it would never be cut-and-dried. Best to address the ambiguity without hands tied."

Impressions.

Ignorance About History Makes a Comeback for America's Youth

BY HAROLD BRACKMAN

New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC), a member of “The Squad,” is getting some flack for claiming that millennials are more “informed” and “willing to go to the streets” than the Greatest Generation that endured the Great Depression and won World War II.

She also opined that her own generation “actually takes time to read and understand our history, the history of the labor movement, history of civil rights, history of economics, history of the United States, history of colonialism, and they’re not afraid to have those conversations.”

Understandably, she left out the Holocaust, given her ill-informed equation of US immigrant detention camps with German concentration camps. The popularity of AOC’s ignorance is partly explained by a poll, commissioned by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany released on Holocaust Remembrance Day. It showed that two-thirds of American millennials surveyed could not identify what Auschwitz is, and that 23 percent haven’t heard of the Holocaust or are not sure whether they’ve heard of it — twice the percentage of US adults as a whole.

It is often said that the best cure for ignorance — and contempt for what your parents think — has always been experience. Even the Greatest Generation had to learn. Many as teenagers were attracted to the isolationist “America First” movement of the 1930s. That was before Pearl Harbor and the horrors of World War II taught them a bitter lesson about the necessity of fighting totalitarianism. That life-changing lesson carried over after World War II into the Cold War.

Of course, millennials have had no experience of any of this history — not even the Vietnam War. They or their elder brothers and sisters may have fought in Afghanistan and Iraq, but according to polls, they overwhelmingly disapprove of those wars. They aren’t likely to get an argument from either Donald Trump or whomever among the Democratic presidential contenders runs against him in 2020.

The polls also show that 58 percent of the younger generation — an estimated third of the US electorate in 2020 — agree that it would be “a good thing” for the US to support some forms of socialism. Apologists for America’s young people sometimes argue that ignorance of how socialism has worked out in practice is why so many think it’s a great idea.

Unfortunately, ignorance may not be the only or primary reason our younger generation has such poor historical judgment. To take only two shocking examples, *ABC News* interviewed Andy Vila and Ernesto Medina, whose parents had to flee for their lives from Castro’s Cuba to Miami. Both like socialism a lot, and Medina, 31, says, “I don’t care what old people think anymore.”

One might think that Europe’s younger generation knows better. Alas, a new survey conducted by the European Council on Foreign Relations asked people in 14 EU member states for their views about whom their country should side with in the event of a military conflict between the US and Russia. Despite the existence of NATO, in none of the 14 countries did a majority favor siding with the US. Neutrality was overwhelmingly favored; but in Austria, Greece, and Slovakia, small pluralities favored aligning with Russia over the US.

Famous for fleeing fascist Europe’s new world

BDS Is Dangerous Because It Poisons the Next Generation of Leaders

BY TESFAZION GERHELASE/
JNS.Org

Not many Israelis are aware of how successful the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement has become, particularly among liberals.

One survey released in February suggested that one in five Americans approved of BDS as a way of opposing Israeli policy vis-à-vis the Palestinians. A December 2018 University of Maryland poll of a much larger sample put the support at 40 percent.

In 2016, 46 percent of Democrats in the United States said their sympathies aligned with Israel, compared with 29 percent who sympathized with the Palestinians. In one 2018 poll, only 27 percent of Democrats supported Israel, compared with 25 percent for the Palestinians. That’s a 20 percent drop in support for Israel in just two years.

Much of today’s European antisemitism comes from liberals. A study conducted in 2012 by the German-based Friederich Ebert Stiftung Foundation showed that 63 percent of Poles and 48 percent of Germans think that “Israel is waging a war of extermination against the Palestinians,” along with 42 percent in Britain, 41 percent in Hungary, and 38 percent in Italy.

According to a survey by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 48 percent of the European Jews interviewed have heard or read charges that “Israelis behave like Nazis toward the Palestinians.”

Younger liberals, perhaps especially young people of color, are the engines of rising discontent with reflexively pro-Israel policy. They often struggle to understand, much less to embrace, the way older liberals see Israel.

Here are three reasons for the success of BDS:

First, BDS successfully allied itself with Western leftist causes by portraying Israel as a white, apartheid, racist, colonialist state engaged in the ethnic cleansing of its brown indigenous Arab population.

Second, Israel failed to recognize the large demographic, cultural, and ideological shift that has taken place in the West and adjust its actions, narrative, and policies to fit the new reality.

Third, Israel is not fighting the cultural and media war of delegitimization being waged by the Muslim Brotherhood and Israel’s enemies. Meanwhile, Israel is spending its time and resources in promoting unnecessary legislation to prevent economic boycotts and

sanctions that have not yet materialized.

BDS’s official objective is to mobilize international economic and political pressure on Israel, in solidarity with the Palestinians. Its campaign methods are copied from the struggle against the apartheid regime in South Africa, and focus on mainstreaming and popularizing its idea of Israel as a white, colonialist, apartheid, racist, and genocidal state.

Israel and its supporters have been successful in passing and obtaining laws, motions, and courts decisions against economic boycotts and sanctions. However, for BDS, boycotts and sanctions are long-term goals. In the short term, public opinion is what



A BDS demonstration outside the School of Oriental and African Studies in London in 2017. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

matters to the organization.

In the United States, 26 states have passed anti-BDS legislation. The Republican-led Senate approved a federal anti-BDS bill in February that allows state and local governments to break ties with companies that boycott Israel, and the House passed a weaker version condemning BDS.

Unfortunately, such legislation is not productive on the ground against BDS, because, for now, BDS is not spending much time lobbying governments, parliaments, companies, and universities to boycott or sanction Israel, or to sever relations.

Indeed, to some extent the responses of the United States and Israel to BDS, such as Israel refusing entry visas to BDS activists, or the legislative initiatives in the US, serve to strengthen the BDS narrative that Israel is an oppressive state.

BDS poses a threat to Israel not because it is causing Israel political or financial damage, but because it is shifting the opinions of the next generation of leaders in America and Europe, those now studying in universities. Israel needs to update its policies and narratives accordingly — and immediately.

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order for America, Einstein once said, “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” I won’t speculate about what mix of ignorance and insanity accounts for why Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez is decisively more popular with young Democrats than 79-year-

old, older-but-wiser House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

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

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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

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
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A Notice of Formation of Giaronline 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 1F, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: any lawful activity.
AJ; 8/23/30; 9/6/13/20/27

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

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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
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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

1694CARROLLST JIANG LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 8/13/19. Off. Loc. : Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served & shall mail proc.:c/o Yan Jiang, 1694 Carroll St., Brooklyn, NY 11213. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.
AJ; 9/6/13/20/27; 10/4/11

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP, CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6, Plaintiff AGAINST MOSES OTOTE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 11, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on October 10, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 193 SUMPTER 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 1519, LOT 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,183,755.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 22250-12. ARNOLD JOEL LUDWIG, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65394
AJ; 9/6/13/20/27;

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-OPT1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT1, V. BESSIE C. LEE; ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 27, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-OPT1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT1 is the Plaintiff and BESSIE C. LEE; 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 October 17, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1247 E 86TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236: Block 8065, Lot 21: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT,

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PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 514557/2015. Bruno Codispoti, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT. COUNTY OF KINGS. U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Pltf. vs. JUDY BRATHWAITE, et al, Defts. Index #502954/2013. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Dec. 20, 2018 and order entered June 10, 2019, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on October 17, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 211A Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY a/k/a Block 1625, Lot 8. Said property beginning at a point on the Easterly side of Lewis Avenue, distant 40 ft. Southerly from the Southeasterly corner of Lewis Avenue and Lexington Avenue; being a plot 20 ft. x 80 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$709,220.23 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www. Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. BRUNO CODISPOTI, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old Country Rd., Mineola, NY. #97516
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: MAGS77 LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 06/03/2019. Office location: Kings county . SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail process to: MAGS77 LLC 25 Washington st. #8A Brooklyn ,NY 11201. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST PAUL ZAGARI, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 03, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on October 17, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 114 BAY 32ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11214. 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 6416, LOT 56. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,256,098.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 31789/09. HELENE E. BLANK, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65235
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION

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MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-AP3, Plaintiff AGAINST ANTOINE Y. CHERESTAL, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 27, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on October 17, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 761 HART STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11237. 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 3219, LOT 48. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,235,598.05 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511359/2014. ANGELICQUE M. MORENO, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65122
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: XIN YUE PROPERTY LLC.Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 08/19/2019 . 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: XIN YUE Property LLC 611 57th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4/11/18

Notice of formation of Limited liability company(LLC) Name: ROJAH LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 08/05/2019. 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:Roger Girard 1405 Prospect Place A3 Brooklyn, NY 11213 purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FM1, Plaintiff AGAINST SHERYLL MIZELL, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 26, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on October 24, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 287 EMPIRE BLVD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225. 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 1308, LOT 61. Approximate amount of judgment \$830,653.03 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 508980/2015. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65373
AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Amarnauth Ramotar; et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/11/2018 and entered on 6/11/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 24, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 97-24 Drew Street a/k/a 442 Drew Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4185, LOT: 43. Approximate amount of judgment is \$405,883.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504301/2014. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www. Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Betty Lugo, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff against BERISH ROTTENBERG, 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 December 14, 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 October 24, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 4412 10th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Block 5607 Lot 40. All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$956,249.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506418/ 2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee RRJC004
AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11/18/25

File No.: 2017-1052/C CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Robert H. Barry, Robert G. Tetmeyer, Esq., Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aged, now known as Bushwick Center for Rehabilitation and Health American Cancer Society, Queens Division Mental Illness Foundation, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Elizabeth Funk, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested, a copy of this citation and the account as well as all amendments to it, if any, and a copy of the purported Last Will and Testament dated 5/23/1995 shall be served on the Guardian ad Litem, Jeanne Forster, Esq., as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Elizabeth Funk, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 94-21 208th Street, Queens Village, NY 11428, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSEN-

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Tradition.

A Nation of Storytellers



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

Howard Gardner, professor of education and psychology at Harvard University, is one of the great minds of our time. He is best known for his theory of “multiple intelligences,” the idea that there is not one thing that can be measured and defined as intelligence but many different things – one dimension of the dignity of difference. He has also written many books on leadership and creativity, including one in particular, *Leading Minds*,



that is important in understanding this week's parsha.

Gardner's argument is that what makes a leader is *the ability to tell a particular kind of story* – one that explains ourselves to ourselves and gives power and resonance to a collective vision. So Churchill told the story of Britain's indomitable courage in the fight for freedom. Gandhi spoke about the dignity of India and non-violent protest. Margaret Thatcher talked about the importance of the individual against an ever-encroaching State. Martin Luther King told of how a great nation is colour-blind. Stories give the group a shared identity and sense of purpose.

Philosopher Alasdair MacIntyre has also emphasised the importance of narrative to the moral life. “Man,” he writes, “is in his actions and practice as well as in his fictions, essentially a story-telling animal.” It is through narratives that we begin to learn who we are and how we are called on to behave. “Deprive children of stories and you leave them unscripted, anxious stutterers in their actions as in their words.” To know who we are is in large part to understand of which story or stories we are a part.

The great questions – “Who are we?” “Why are we here?” “What is our task?” – are best answered by telling a story. As Barbara Hardy put it: “We dream in narrative, daydream in narrative, remember, anticipate, hope, despair, believe, doubt, plan, revise, criticise, construct, gossip, learn, hate and love by narrative.” This is fundamental to understanding why Torah is the kind of book it is: not a theological treatise or a metaphysical system but a series of interlinked stories extended over time, from Abraham

and Sarah's journey from Mesopotamia to Moses' and the Israelites' wanderings in the desert. Judaism is less about *truth as system* than about *truth as story*. And we are part of that story. That is what it is to be a Jew.

A large part of what Moses is doing in the book of Devarim is retelling that story to the next generation, reminding them of what God had done for their parents and of some of the mistakes their parents had made. Moses, as well as being the great liberator, is the supreme storyteller. Yet what he does in parshat Ki Tavo extends way beyond this.

He tells the people that when they enter, conquer and settle the land, they must bring the first ripened fruits to the central sanctuary, the Temple, as a way of giving thanks to God. A Mishnah in Bikkurim describes the joyous scene as people converged on Jerusalem from across the country, bringing their first-fruits to the accompaniment of music and celebration. Merely bringing the fruits, though, was not enough. Each person had to make a declaration. That declaration become one of the best known passages in the Torah because, though it was originally said on Shavuot, the festival of first-fruits, in post-biblical times it became a central element of the Haggadah on seder night:

My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt and lived there, few in number, there becoming a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. (Deut. 26:5-8)

Here for the first time *the retelling of the nation's history becomes an obligation for every citizen of the nation*. In this act, known as *vidui bikkurim*, “the confession made over first-fruits,” Jews were commanded, as it were, to become a nation of storytellers.

This is a remarkable development. Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi tells us that, “Only in Israel and nowhere else is the injunction to remember felt as a religious imperative to an entire people.” Time and again throughout Devarim comes the command to remember: “Remember that you were a slave in Egypt.” “Remember what Amalek did to you.” “Remember what God did to Miriam.” “Remember the days of old; consider the genera-

tions long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you.”

The *vidui bikkurim* is more than this. It is, compressed into the shortest possible space, the entire history of the nation in summary form. In a few short sentences we have here “the patriarchal origins in Mesopotamia, the emergence of the Hebrew nation in the midst of history rather than in mythic prehistory, slavery in Egypt and liberation therefrom, the climactic acquisition of the land of Israel, and throughout – the acknowledgement of God as lord of history.”

We should note here an important nuance. Jews were the first people to find God in history. They were the first to think in historical terms – of time as an arena of change as opposed to cyclical time in which the seasons rotate, people are born and die, but nothing really changes. Jews were the first people to write history – many centuries before Herodotus and Thucydides, often wrongly described as the first historians. Yet biblical Hebrew has no word that means “history” (the closest equivalent is *divrei hayamim*, “chronicles”). Instead it uses the root *zachor*, meaning “memory.”

There is a fundamental difference between history and memory. History is “his story,” an account of events that happened sometime else to someone else. Memory is “my story.” It is the past internalised and made part of my identity. That is what the Mishnah in Pesachim means when it says, “Each person must see themselves as if he (or she) personally went out of Egypt.”

Throughout Devarim Moses warns the people – no less than fourteen times – *not to forget*. If they forget the past they will lose their identity and sense of direction and disaster will follow. Moreover, not only are the people commanded to remember, they are also commanded to hand that memory on to their children.

This entire phenomenon represents a remarkable cluster of ideas: about identity as a matter of collective memory; about the ritual retelling of the nation's story; above all about the fact that *every one of us is a guardian of that story and memory*. It is not the leader alone, or some elite, who are trained to recall the past, but every one of us. This too is an aspect of the devolution and democratisation of leadership that we find throughout Judaism as a way of life. The great leaders tell the story of the group, but the greatest of leaders, Moses, taught the group to become a nation of storytellers.

You can still see the power of this idea today. As I point out in my book *The Home We Build Together*, if you visit the Presidential memorials in Washington you will see that each one carries an inscription taken from their words: Jefferson's “We hold these truths to be self-evident . . .”; Roosevelt's “The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself”; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and his second Inaugural, “With malice toward none; with charity

for all . . .” Each memorial tells a story.

London has no equivalent. It contains many memorials and statues, each with a brief inscription stating who it represents, but there are no speeches or quotations. There is no story. Even the memorial to Churchill, whose speeches rivalled Lincoln's in power, carries only one word: *Churchill*.

America has a national story because it is a society based on the idea of covenant. Narrative is at the heart of covenantal politics because it locates national identity in a set of historic events. The memory of those events evokes the values for which those who came before us fought and of which we are the guardians.

A covenantal narrative is always inclusive, the property of all its citizens, newcomers as well as the home-born. It says to everyone, regardless of class or creed: this is who we are. It creates a sense of common identity that transcends other identities. That is why, for example, Martin Luther King was able to use it to such effect in some of his greatest speeches. He was telling his fellow African Americans to see themselves as an equal part of the nation. At the same time, he was telling white Americans to honour their commitment to the Declaration of Independence and its statement that ‘all men are created equal’.

England does not have the same kind of national narrative because it is based not on covenant but on hierarchy and tradition. England, writes Roger Scruton, “was not a nation or a creed or a language or a state but a home. Things at home don't need an explanation. They are there because they are there.” England, historically, was a class-based society in which there were ruling elites who governed on behalf of the nation as a whole. America, founded by Puritans who saw themselves as a new Israel bound by covenant, was not a society of rulers and ruled, but rather one of collective responsibility. Hence the phrase, central to American politics but never used in English politics: “We, the people.”

By making the Israelites a nation of storytellers, Moses helped turn them into a people bound by collective responsibility – to one another, to the past and future, and to God. By framing a narrative that successive generations would make their own and teach to their children, Moses turned Jews into a nation of leaders.

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BLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Temporary Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Funk, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 14th day of November, 2019 at

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9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Temporary Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$19,448.70 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the Last Will and Testament dated May 23, 1995, a copy of which is attached, should not be admitted to Probate; and why the Letters of Temporary Administration issued to the Public Administrator should not be revoked; and why Letters of Administration CTA should not be issued to the Public Administrator; and why the net residuary estate should not be paid pursuant to the Last Will and Testament as follows: STATEMENT OF PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION 1/3 to the Bushwick Center for Rehabilitation and Health care f/k/a Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aged 1/3 to the American Cancer Society, Queens Division 1/3 to the Mental Illness Foundation Dated, Attested and Sealed 16th day of September, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11/

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Rachel Riley during an interview with Britain's Channel 4 News. Photo: Screenshot.

British Jewish TV Presenter Rachel Riley Joins Campaign to Tackle Social Media Trolls

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Rachel Riley, host of the UK television show "Countdown," has joined a campaign to fight social media trolls after being targeted online over her efforts to call out antisemitism in the UK's Labour party.

The British Jewish 33-year-old joined a group of television stars, politicians, actors and campaigners who pledged to no longer publicize the abuse they receive from online trolls but instead mute notifications, block users and report abusive comments as a way to prevent the trolls from getting the wider attention.

The campaign was launched by the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH) following the publication on Monday of a report titled, "Don't Feed the Trolls."

Riley was involved in the research behind the CCDH report and said the experience had "totally changed the way I interact on Twitter."

"Before having CCDH's knowledge it felt like not responding to trolls or blocking them was weak, and calling them out, trying to engage in conversation and education was helpful, but the research shows otherwise," Riley said. "I now block trolls as common practice, and have changed my settings to avoid seeing much of their output, which has made life much better from a mental health standpoint and vitally, is not inadvertently helping to grow their audiences or feed their negativity."

During an appearance on the BBC's "Victoria Derbyshire" show, Riley said she has blocked around 1,500 people on Twitter thus far.

She explained, "I've had people denying my Jewish heritage, saying that my dead granddad would be disgusted by me. I've been compared to a Nazi, a white supremacist, a pedophile enabler. I mean you name it, these people are saying it. And I don't need to give them any oxygen. It's pointless."

'Game of Thrones' Star to Make Holocaust Film on Jewish Sisters Turned Rescuers

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Dutch actress Carice van Houten, who starred in the hit series "Game of Thrones," purchased the film rights this month to a true Holocaust story about Jews helping Jews in Holland, JTA reported.

The movie will be a film adaptation of the book "The High Nest," which tells the true story of two Jewish sisters, Janny and Lien Brilleslijper, who turned their home near Amsterdam into a safe house for harboring Jews and others wanted by the Nazis during the Holocaust.

Van Houten bought the book's film rights with her business partner Halina Reijn. Together they recently launched the production company Man Up.

The book's author, Roxane van Iperen, began



The National Holocaust Museum in Amsterdam. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

writing the novel after she bought and began renovating in 2012 the nine-room house where the Brilleslijpers hid Jews and helped rescue others in need. During renovations, Van Iperen discovered double walls, hidden doors and walled-off annexes that the sisters had built.

"The High Nest" was published last year and has been one of the best-selling books in the Netherlands since its release.

Controversial YouTube Star, PewDiePie, Rescinds \$50,000 Pledge to ADL

BY DAVID GERSTMAN

Controversial video star, PewDiePie, has reversed himself and is withdrawing a pledge made earlier this week to donate \$50,000 to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and will instead donate the sum to another charity.

The Swedish vlogger, whose real name is Felix Kjellberg, announced his change of heart in a YouTube video published on Thursday.

The pledge to the Jewish civil rights group was made as part of his celebration of reaching 100 million subscribers. In rescinding the pledge, PewDiePie said, "I made the

mistake of picking a charity that I was advised, instead of picking a charity I was personally passionate about."

The YouTube star had announced the pledge to the ADL when he celebrated an award from YouTube for reaching 100 million subscribers.

"I made a lot of mistakes on the way but I've grown. I feel like I have at least, and I feel like I've finally come in terms with the responsibilities I have as a creator. 100 million subs too late," Kjellberg said during his announcement of the award.

Brenton Tarrant, the terrorist who massacred worshippers at two mosques in Christchurch,

New Zealand, earlier this year, said, "Subscribe to PewDiePie," before he started shooting.

In recounting the reaction to his planned donation to the ADL, Kjellberg called it "full conspiracy mode."

Fans of the YouTube star had suggested that he had been blackmailed into pledging the donation.

In February 2017, Disney severed ties with PewDiePie over his posting of videos that were deemed antisemitic.

In one, a man dressed as Jesus held a sign saying, "Hitler did nothing wrong."

At the time, Jonathan Greenblatt, the CEO of the ADL, praised Disney for taking the action.

A statement from Greenblatt commended Disney "for its decision to sever ties with PewDiePie following his posting of videos on YouTube containing swastikas and other anti-Semitic content."

"PewDiePie is entitled to his brand of humor," the statement noted, "but neither Disney nor any other company has any obligation to his wide dissemination of hate speech."

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