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Trump Accuses Iran of 'Blood Lust', but Says There Is Path to Peace



US President Donald Trump at the UN, Sept. 24, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Lucas Jackson.

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday denounced Iran's "blood lust" and called on other nations to join the United States to pressure Iran after attacks on Saudi oil facilities, but said there was a path to peace.

"We want partners, not adversaries," Trump said in an address

before world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly.

Trump also had a stern message for China and its president, Xi Jinping, in what was his third annual appearance at the UN saying the world is watching how Beijing handles mass demonstrations in Hong Kong that have raised concerns about a potential Chinese crackdown.

"How China chooses to handle the situation will say a great

deal about its role in the world in the future. We are all counting on President Xi as a great leader," he said.

The Sept. 14 attacks in Saudi Arabia have rattled the Middle East and raised concerns about a broader war. Trump has shown restraint in the crisis, holding back from military retaliation, at least for now.

"All nations have a duty to act. No responsible government should subsidize Iran's blood

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Netanyahu: Only Way to Stop Iranian Aggression Is Increased Pressure

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu might not be in New York for the annual UN General Assembly gathering this year due to political turmoil at home, but he nevertheless weighed in from afar on Tuesday on a topic close to his heart — the threat posed by Iran.

"Britain, France and Germany have said that Iran is responsible for the recent attack on Saudi Arabia," the Israeli leader said in a video posted on social media. "Let me say on behalf of Israel, very simply: Iran did it. A to Z."



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks to supporters in Tel Aviv, Sept. 18, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

"Israel will know to defend itself against this type of aggression," Netanyahu added. "And we call on all members of the international community to join [US] President [Donald] Trump's effort to increase the pressure on Iran."

"That's the only way to stop Iran's aggression," the prime minister concluded.

Israeli Foreign Minister Yisrael Katz will address the UN on Thursday.

On Tuesday at the UN, Trump denounced Iran's "blood lust" and called on other nations to join the US in pressuring the Tehran regime after the recent attacks on Saudi oil facilities, but said there was a path to peace.

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Opinion.

Rashida Tlaib Endorses Prominent Antisemite — and No One Cares



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It is rather shocking to contemplate the implications of US Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI)'s recent decision to declare her unequivocal support for Zahra Billoo.

When the Democratic Congresswoman took to Twitter on Friday evening, she must have been fully aware of the countless examples for Zahra Billoo's extremist views that prompted the national Women's March to quickly rescind Billoo's recent appointment as a board member.

For the past decade, Billoo has served as Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) branch in San Francisco, and she has produced an unending stream of hate-filled social media posts during that time.

In 2010, Billoo equated Israelis with Nazis, and declared: "No need for a holocaust museum, seeing as Israel has taken it upon itself to recreate it. #Israel #Nazis." In 2014, she made a similar statement, asserting that "Israel 'defending' itself from Palestinians is analogous to Nazi Germany defending itself from Jewish uprising." Billoo also indicated support for Hamas, declaring, "Blaming Hamas for firing

rockets at [Apartheid] Israel is like blaming a woman for punching her rapist."

Almost exactly a year ago, Billoo opined that "the Israeli Defense Forces, or the IDF, are no better than ISIS. They are both genocidal terrorist organizations." Her social media posts include numerous similar statements, and like many radical anti-Israel activists, Billoo also frequently denounces the US. Last year, Billoo described the White House as "a war mongers' shelter" and a "Zionists' shelter."

Not even President Obama was good enough for Billoo, who told her followers in 2012 that she was "troubled by the fact that many of the people who condemn the Taliban for their crimes cheer on Pres. Obama despite his comparable crimes."

Billoo's public extremism and the fact that the Women's March quickly distanced itself from Billoo should make it inconceivable that any politician would publicly embrace her. But Rashida Tlaib was undeterred, and posted [archived link] a remarkable declaration of solidarity with Billoo:

#FreePalestine always sis! They won't silence us for speaking out against human rights violations. They will lie, smear our names and call us anti this and that, but we always be pro- humanity & we have the truth on our side. Stay strong @ZahraBilloo.

It's noteworthy that Tlaib's tweet linked to Billoo's thread complaining about her

dismissal from the Women's March board. Without acknowledging any wrongdoing, Billoo blamed "an Islamophobic smear campaign led by the usual antagonists."

While Billoo felt it might have been advisable to express herself less "passionately," she made clear that she had no other regrets by declaring: "I stand by my words."

Rashida Tlaib endorsed Billoo's sentiments without any reservations, echoing her preposterous claims that she was the victim of "lies" and "smears," while ridiculing concerns about antisemitism as unwarranted accusations of "anti this and that." Tlaib also echoed Billoo's vilification of her critics as bigoted liars by claiming the moral high ground: "we always be pro- humanity & we have the truth on our side."

But the truth is that it is shocking and alarming that a member of Congress would be so eager to lend unqualified support to an unrepentant extremist like Billoo.

By enthusiastically embracing Billoo as her "sis," Tlaib signals that support for a #FreePalestine agenda justifies even the most unhinged bigotry. But Tlaib might ask herself why Billoo, whose family is from Pakistan, takes such an intense interest in the Palestinians that she feels only loathing for the Jewish state while remaining apparently unmoved by the dire plight of the Baloch who have long fought Pakistan's oppressive rule.

Most importantly, however, Tlaib's



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

enthusiastic embrace of Billoo elevates a radical fringe voice that is not representative of mainstream American Muslims. Pew surveys show that American Muslims are "largely assimilated, happy with their lives, and moderate with respect to many of the issues that have divided Muslims and Westerners around the world." Pew found that two-thirds of American Muslims acknowledge "that the quality of life for Muslims in the US is better than in most Muslim countries."

And nearly half (48 percent) of American Muslims say that Muslim leaders in the United States "have not done enough to speak out against Islamic extremists."

Billoo, by contrast, has always been very proud of her extremist brother.

In 2007, Billoo happily announced on her blog: "my lil' brother was quoted in the Jewish Journal." But Billoo had no reason to be proud of her brother Ahmed, who told

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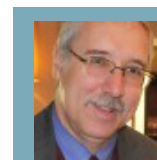
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An NGO's Win-Win Attack on Israel



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Both ostensibly and legally, the Omar Shakir case coming before the Israeli Supreme Court on September 24 is not about Human Rights Watch (HRW) *per se*. The formal question is whether Shakir, the "Israel and Palestine Director" at HRW, violated both the terms of his visa and the law that mandates the exclusion from Israel of leaders of the BDS movement.

The Israeli government's case, reinforced by amicus briefs filed by Israeli watchdog groups (including NGO Monitor), includes overwhelming evidence of Shakir's BDS activity. HRW's legal team argues that the case is political, asserting that Israel is targeting HRW for alleged human rights work that is critical of Israel. The organization claims that Shakir's BDS work ended when he arrived in Israel in 2016.

The Jerusalem District Court was unimpressed by the HRW spin, and its ruling accepted the government's position. Shakir was nevertheless allowed to stay in the country pending the High Court appeal.

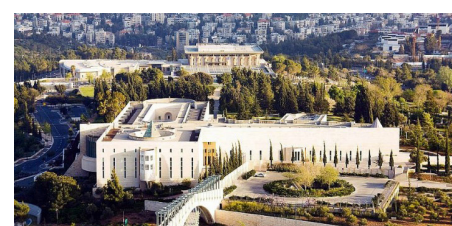
Although its language is narrowly legal and technical, this case reflects major issues not only for Israel, but in the wider realms of lawfare, soft power, and public diplomacy. The arguments on human rights and nebulous aspects of international law are proxies for a multi-front war that has been escalating for 20

years around soft power de-legitimacy. This 21st-century political, legal, and economic war seeks to demonize and thereby destroy Israel, much as the wars fought by armies and missiles attempted to defeat the Jewish state on the battlefield.

From its opening shots almost 20 years ago, HRW has been a leader in the attacks against Israel, and the Shakir case is an important milestone in this history. HRW brings an annual budget of \$92 million (\$641 million over the past decade) to the battlefield, and provides a vast array of skilled social and mainstream media warriors. The image of a small group of volunteers sacrificing their spare time to promote universal human rights values is a façade. These are highly paid mercenaries waging propaganda wars with all the weapons money can buy.

HRW is a leader in antisemitic campaigns to demonize and single out Israel, with a particular emphasis on BDS. The organization's leadership is obsessed with Israel, and their resources badly outmatch the budget-starved Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Far from the claim that Shakir was not doing BDS work during his almost three years in Israel, the evidence clearly shows that this agenda constitutes the vast majority



The Israeli Supreme Court in Jerusalem. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

of his and HRW's activities on Israel — from the failed attempt to pressure Airbnb to join in the demonization to the international soccer federation campaign (another failure). Detailed analysis indicates that notwithstanding a few token reports criticizing Hamas that were designed to deflect criticism, HRW's target is unequivocally Israel.

All these factors, and the wider demonization, are at the core of the Shakir case. Politically, this case is about HRW and BDS warfare, and whether, after numerous defeats, the Israeli government has a viable counter-strategy. (Had the various officials and ministries involved had a coherent strategy in place in 2016, Shakir and HRW would never have received a work visa in the first place, and the court sessions, media focus, and accompanying human rights theater would have been avoided.)

The importance of this case and the worldwide stage it provides for HRW's anti-Israel campaign was highlighted in July, when Shakir's hearing was initially scheduled. The top five officials of HRW, led by Executive Director Kenneth Roth, arrived in Israel for a full-scale diplomatic and media blitz (though at the last minute, the court postponed the hearing, short-circuiting their plans). For them, the case is a win-win: if the judges overrule the lower court, this will be presented as a great victory for HRW over the hated and anti-democratic Israeli government. And if Shakir loses and is deported, HRW will declare a great victory in showing the world how "Israel oppresses brave human rights defenders."

Shakir and HRW's leaders have already

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World News.

New European Parliament President Tells Rabbis He Will Protect Jewish Practices and Fight Antisemitism

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The new president of the European Parliament told a delegation of European rabbis and community leaders on Monday that he would protect Jewish practices and fight antisemitism.

Certain Jewish customs have been under considerable pressure in Europe, especially kosher slaughter and circumcision. Many outspoken activists consider kosher slaughter a form of animal abuse and circumcision a form of mutilation. There have been attempts to ban both practices in several European countries.

The delegation, led by Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt of Moscow, president of the Conference of European Rabbis, was told by European Parliament President David Sassoli that he would continue to protect Jewish practices, as well as combat the rise of antisemitism on the continent.

Goldschmidt stated, "Our institutions are hundreds of years old. Our food preparation and circumcision practices are governed by our communities in accordance with EU regulation."

"These practices are for the sole benefit of our own communities and we are proud of our high standards," he added.

Chabad Inaugurates Two New Synagogues, Two Torah Scrolls in Single Day in Budapest

BY JNS.ORG

It's not often that one new synagogue, let alone two, opens in a nation such as Hungary, but that's what happened on Sept. 22, in addition to the completion of two new Torah scrolls.

"This was a historical and motivating event, finishing two Torah scrolls on the shore of the Danube and opening two synagogues in one day—something that probably didn't happen since the Holocaust," Rabbi Shlomo Koves, chief rabbi of the EMIH-Hungarian Jewish Alliance and a Chabad-Lubavitch emissary in Budapest, told JNS.

"I finished the two Torah scrolls myself at the place where 75 years ago, our martyrs were brutally shot into the water," said the rabbi. "Seeing local Hungarian Jews celebrating on this occasion shows that Judaism in Hungary doesn't only have a past but it has a future."

Koves said one synagogue was inaugurated in Szentendre, a suburb of Budapest, complete with music and dancing in the streets. Not only a synagogue, it includes a kosher cafe and a Jewish art gallery.

The other synagogue is located in Budapest and will serve as a Jewish community center.

Approximately 100,000 Jews now reside in Hungary, after as many as 565,000 Hungarian Jews were murdered during the years of World War II and the Holocaust.

Beginning in December 1944, tens of thousands of Jews were lined up, tied together and shot by members of the pro-Nazi "Arrow Cross" on the banks of the Danube River, where they fell into the water after having been ordered to leave their footwear on land.

Erected in April 2005, the "Shoes on the Danube Bank" monument was erected, one of the landmarks of Budapest.



Rabbi Shlomo Koves (left) rejoices with the Budapest Jewish community as it celebrates two new Torah scrolls and synagogue openings in Hungary, on Sept. 22, 2019. Photo: Zsolt Demecs.

In his speech at the ceremony, Koves said: "According to the laws of nature, the river always symbolizes life. However, about 70 years ago, in 1944, on the bank of the Danube River, brutal murders of thousands of Jews took place, and since then, to us, the waters of the Danube symbolize the complete opposite—not life and completeness, but death. But today, we are here to restore things to as they were before. The two new synagogues on the bank of the Danube symbolize the return of the Jewish people to life after the Holocaust. The Hungarian Jewish community can now live freely, develop, learn and become familiar with Jewish traditions, and become an integral and central part of the Hungarian community."

As for the community Koves leads, he told JNS earlier this year that it is burgeoning, with 16 Chabad rabbis in the country, along with a Jewish elementary school, high school and university.

Outreach to unaffiliated Jews is making inroads, he said, and the youth seem interested in their Jewish identity, more so than their parents had decades beforehand.

London Mayor Accosted by Labour Activists for Speaking to Jewish Group



London Mayor Sadiq Khan. Photo: Flickr.

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

London Mayor Sadiq Khan was accosted on the street on Monday by Labour party activists outraged by his speech before a Jewish organization that has been critical of Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who is widely seen as antisemitic.

The Daily Mail reported that journalist Jonathan Freedland stated he was speaking to Khan outside the party's annual conference in Brighton after Khan spoke to the Jewish Labour Movement (JLM), a century-old organization of Jewish party activists.

Two Labour members approached Khan and demanded to know why he had given the speech.

Khan replied, "To show solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters."

One of the activists then said, "But they're Zionists. Why would you show support to Israeli Zionists?"

JLM is not an Israeli organization.

Khan asked, "Why do you assume that

members of the British Jewish community support every action of the Israeli government?"

Freedland recounted, "They answered that 'these Israeli Zionists' were trying to destabilize Labour and undermine Jeremy Corbyn: JLM should be expelled. Why hadn't Khan gone to the Jewish Voice for Labour event, rather than supporting a group they again referred to as 'Israeli Zionists.'"

Jewish Voice for Labour is a far-left organization founded in 2017 to deflect accusations of antisemitism against Corbyn. It is viewed by British Jews as out of the mainstream, as polls show the overwhelming majority of British Jews consider Corbyn personally antisemitic.

Khan has been outspoken about his opposition to antisemitism in the Labour party. On Monday, he told one gathering that there was a "hierarchy of racism" in Labour that excluded antisemitism and said it was wrong to denounce all forms of bigotry while "washing your hair about the rights of Jewish people."

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'Blood Lust'

lust. As long as Iran's menacing behavior continues sanctions will not be lifted, they will be tightened," Trump said.

He urged Gulf allies to normalize relations with Israel to provide a regional counterweight to Iran.

With the president looking to improve his standing among Americans as he looks ahead to a tough re-election battle next year, Trump aimed to present a reassuring message to ease voters' concerns about his tendency toward inflammatory rhetoric.

Trump offered a more toned-down message compared to the bombast of his previous speeches to the world body in 2017 and 2018 while stressing the United States military remains the world's mightiest.

Still, he was tough on Iran and its leadership, with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani in New York for UN activities amid speculation about whether they might meet to discuss their differences.

Rouhani was at his New York hotel, not in the UN chamber, during Trump's speech.

In remarks to media on Tuesday, Rouhani

said he was open to discuss small changes, additions or amendments to a 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and six major powers if the United States lifted sanctions imposed on the Islamic republic.

Tehran has been widely blamed for the attacks in Saudi Arabia but it denies involvement. Over the past week, Trump has tightened economic sanctions on Iran and ordered more US troops to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in a show of support for those U.S. allies in the tense region.

"After four decades of failure it is time for Iran's leaders to step forward and to stop threatening other countries and focus on building up their own country," Trump said.

"America is ready to embrace friendship to all who genuinely seek peace and respect," he said.

Trump has sought to pressure China to agree to reduce trade barriers through a policy of increasing tariffs on Chinese products.

"Hopefully we can reach an agreement that will be beneficial to both countries. But as I have made clear I will not accept a bad deal for the American people," Trump said.

World News.



A hydrogen-fueled truck manufactured by Hyundai. Photo: PR.

Hyundai to Test Hydrogen-Fuelled Trucks in Israel

BY TOMER HADAR AND LIOR GUTMAN/CTech

The Hyundai Motor Company is set to conduct an extensive pilot of hydrogen-fueled trucks in Israel in 2020, according to two people familiar with the matter who spoke with *Calcalist* on condition of anonymity. A Hyundai delegation visited Israel last month to advance the venture and met with executives at the Prime Minister's offices, the people said.

The test will be executed by Israeli automotive retailer Colmobil and transportation and logistics company Taavura Holdings, which owns the largest local fleet of trucks, the sources added.

Hydrogen vehicles have existed since the 1960s but have never been widely adopted due to the high availability and low costs of petrol and diesel. Unlike petrol and diesel-fueled vehicles, which operate by burning fuel and creating pollutants, hydrogen vehicles utilize an electrochemical process that converts hydrogen and creates electricity and water as byproducts. The electricity is stored in the vehicle's battery.

Increasingly stringent environmental regulations implemented in recent years have caused some global manufacturers to turn back to hydrogen vehicles, among them Hyundai and Toyota. Truck manufacturers are also affected by the new regulations, as they are considered highly polluting vehicles. Hyundai has already presented a hydrogen truck that started operating in Europe earlier this year, with a stated driving range of 400 kilometers between fueling. The company said it intends to start using hydrogen trucks in Switzerland and New Zealand in 2020.

Israel is considered a prime testing ground due to its varied climate, extreme road inclines in the Galilee and the Golan Heights, and long roads in the Aravah. Taavura is the official representative of Dutch truck brand DAF Trucks in Israel, and has a technical and logistical center that already collects data from its truck fleet about parameters such as stress, exertion, and wear.

Israel currently has no hydrogen-fueling infrastructure, but the Ministry of Energy is expected to issue a tender for a proof of concept soon.

Bank of Israel Greenlights Marius Nacht, Amnon Shashua's Digital Bank

BY HEZI STERNLICHT/CTech

The digital banking venture of Marius Nacht, co-founder of Check Point Software Technologies, and Amnon Shashua, the co-founder and CEO of automotive chipmaker Mobileye, has successfully passed the tests of the Bank of Israel's banking supervision division. It is now expected to receive a bank license, according to a Tuesday announcement by bank governor Amir Yaron and Israeli banking regulator Hedva Bar.

The establishment of a new Israeli bank for the first time in four decades, especially a digital one, can change the local banking system from top to bottom. While Israeli banks have started adapting to the digital revolution by digitizing various services, with a particular focus on payment apps, a digital-only bank will be a different thing altogether.

According to the plan Nacht and Shashua presented, the bank will have no brick and mortar branches, and will focus on banking services for households such as credit lines, deposits, checking account management, and

securities brokerage. The tests conducted by the Bank of Israel pertained to the integrity and financial strength of both entrepreneurs, and to the required regulatory preparedness. The banking supervision division stated the approval was made possible following a reform intended to increase competitiveness in the Israeli banking and finance sector.

The new bank will be based on computing systems manufactured by Mumbai-headquartered Tata Consultancy Services of the TATA Group. Similar to Israel's other banks, it will be under the supervision of the banking supervision division, and will have access to the Bank of Israel's various tools and payment systems.

Bar stated that the banking supervision division will closely support the venture going forward, as it did for the past year, and will do the same for other entrepreneurs looking to set up new banks.

Nacht and Shashua stated that while they are proud of receiving the license, the venture is still in its initial stages and still has a long way to go.

UN Releases 'Unprecedented' Report Linking Antisemitism to BDS Movement

BY JNS.org

Israeli, Jewish and pro-Israel groups all applauded the publication of an 'unprecedented' United Nations report on antisemitism, that, among other issues, links antisemitism to criticism of Israel and the BDS movement.

"This report marks one of the first times the UN has addressed the issue of antisemitism in any detail," said Anne Herzberg, Legal Advisor and UN Liaison at NGO Monitor. "The Special Rapporteur condemned the use of antisemitic tropes and denial of Israel's right to exist by BDS activists. Importantly, the Rapporteur also recommends the IHRA definition as a useful tool in combating antisemitism. Hopefully, UN bodies, particularly the Human Rights Council, will follow the Rapporteur's lead by adopting IHRA and ending their promotion of antisemitic tropes and attacks on Israel's legitimacy."

The report, "Combating Antisemitism to Eliminate Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief," that was released by the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Ahmed Shaheed, defines antisemitism as a global phenomenon—not one largely confined to the United States and Europe—as has been the case in many previous UN reports. The Special Rapporteur recognizes that the sources of antisemitism are varied, coming from the far right, from members of radical Islamist groups and from the political left.

The report identifies violence, discrimination and expressions of hostility motivated by Jew-hatred as a serious obstacle to the enjoyment of the right to freedom of religion or belief. It expresses "serious concern that the frequency of antisemitic incidents appears to be increasing in magnitude and that the prevalence of antisemitic attitudes and the risk of violence against Jewish individuals and sites appears to be significant, including in countries with little or no Jewish population."

Additionally, the report "notes claims that the objectives, activities and effects of the Boycott Divestment Sanctions (BDS) movement are fundamentally antisemitic."

The report recommends that all UN member states adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism. So far, 18 of them have done so.

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The Jewish Journal that "the righteousness of the suicide bombers needs to be evaluated on a 'case-by-case basis.'" Ahmed Billoo was clearly reluctant to condemn suicide bombings and explained that he believed they were "something that Islam justifies," claiming that it was "very rare that I meet someone who says suicide bombings in Palestine are not justified."

Fast forward to July 2019, and Zahra Billoo's brother Ahmed is a cleric, also known as Ahmed Ibn Aslam Billoo, who leads a trip to Jerusalem for his employer, the "Institute of Knowledge" in California. When departing from BenGurion Airport, Ahmed Billoo reportedly posted a no longer publicly accessible — but archived — Facebook update that he was "feeling annoyed," adding an invocation in Arabic that reads in translation: "Oh God, reduce their numbers, exterminate them, and don't leave a single one alive." The hashtag "Zionists" in English clarified whom



The United Nations building in New York. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

"The Special Rapporteur recognizes that the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism can offer valuable guidance for identifying antisemitism in its various forms, and therefore encourages States to adopt it for use in education, awareness-raising, and for monitoring and responding to manifestations of antisemitism," stated the report.

Israel's ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, commented that "we welcome the release of this unprecedented report on the subject of antisemitism. The report reflects the organizational change towards Israel. The assertion that the BDS movement encourages antisemitism is an important UN statement. As I have said many times, antisemitism has no place in our society, and must be denounced everywhere and from every platform."

"Thanks to Ahmed Shaheed's methodical and determined leadership, the UN finally is recognizing the severity of this ages-old hatred against Jews, and offering constructive guidance to member states on how to combat antisemitism effectively in their own countries and globally," said Felice Gaer, director of the American Jewish Committee's Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights.

The World Jewish Congress also applauded the report's release.

"We hope that this report serves as an eye-opener to the United Nations and its member states and that they finally take concrete action to stem the surge of antisemitism across the globe," said World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder. "We are grateful to have been able to take part in the facilitation of this research to ensure that the very real concerns facing our communities on a daily basis were not only taken into consideration, but also addressed as areas deserving of serious and direct attention."

Ahmed Billoo wanted exterminated.

Upon his arrival in the US, Ahmed Billoo apparently complained about harassment by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials, and his sister Zahra eagerly seized the opportunity to emphasize: "My brother @AhmedIbnAslam makes me proud often but there's a special appreciation I have here — putting his privilege to good use, asserting his rights, speaking out against @CBP harassment, and thereby making it somewhat easier for those who are unable."

Rashida Tlaib legitimizes Zahra Billoo's unhinged views, and Zahra Billoo legitimizes her brother's extremism, all for the sake of a supposedly "progressive" #FreePalestine agenda that seems motivated primarily by a bigoted and even murderous hate for the world's only Jewish state.

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U.S. News.

Frustrated US Administration: Israel 'Missing a Great Opportunity'

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/
JNS.org

Senior American officials are extremely frustrated over the ongoing political deadlock in Israel. Trump administration officials familiar with American-Israeli relations said in private discussion with *Israel Hayom* recently that the political stalemate was leading to a significant missed opportunity from Israel's perspective.

The officials didn't expand on the specific steps the administration would currently be taking if there was a government in Israel, but the statements were made in the context of the Middle East peace deal the White House has formulated.

"Israel could have been in a better situation. We could have done much more," said one of the officials.

The officials emphasized that US President Donald Trump, US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman and outgoing special US Mideast envoy Jason Greenblatt care about Israel, have already done a great deal for the Jewish state since Trump took office and would like to continue doing so.

"With that," the officials said, and considering the US presidential campaign next year, "we don't know if they will remain in their positions [for] one year or five."

The officials further intimated that Israeli leaders need to take into account the unique opportunity provided by the Trump presidency, but refrained from saying so explicitly.

Pittsburgh Jewish Community Reflects on Turbulent Year, Discusses Future Plans

BY JNS.org

Members of Pittsburgh's Jewish community convened a press conference late last week to talk about the Oct. 27 synagogue massacre almost a year ago and their plans moving forward.

At the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, a panel of leaders from the three congregations housed in the Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Synagogue building discussed how their members have been coping in the aftermath of the attack, and the struggle of taking care of their congregants and themselves.

Rabbi Jeffrey Myers from Tree of Life said, "I live with Oct. 27 every minute of every hour of every day, and I will for the rest of my life. Each of us finds the strength and the courage to integrate what happened into our beings, to move forward. I refuse to let the perpetrator make me another full-time victim. I won't let it happen. I refuse."

Stephen Cohen, co-president of the New Light synagogue, said his congregation is "committed to moving back to the Tree of Life building," but he expects that process to "take many years." He also called for a discussion with state and city officials on how to memorialize the deadly shooting.

Details were also revealed regarding the "Remember. Repair. Together" program, complete with planned volunteer opportunities and Torah study.

The Jewish Family and Community Services said therapists will be on site during High Holiday services for congregants affiliated with Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha, Dor Hadash and New Light, with additional clinicians being provided to other congregations upon request. The Center for Victims will also continue to offer support through the High Holidays, and at all public and private commemoration events.

The American officials were careful to avoid implying that the United States was intervening in Israeli politics. They also said that "everything is under control, and there won't be a change to the peace plan as a result of the developments."

It appears, meanwhile, that the White House is leaning towards postponing the release of its peace plan until the political picture in Israel becomes clearer.

In discussions the administration has held on the subject, the general view was that it would be pointless to reveal the plan while the Palestinians were likely to reject it outright and there was no government in Israel with the authority to address it.

The US Embassy in Israel declined *Israel Hayom's* request for a response.

Meanwhile, Greenblatt and Friedman



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump at Ben-Gurion International Airport, May 23, 2017. Photo: Kobi Gideon / GPO.

on Monday held their first meeting with Blue and White leader Benny Gantz. The sides said they "discussed various issues, among them the importance of US-Israeli relations, the security challenges in the region and the efforts to promote the peace process."


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Opinion.

Adolf Hitler — Comedy Superstar

SHMULEY BOTEACH
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It can be a heady thing — murdering six million Jews and then becoming a comedy sensation. But Hitler has done it.

With tensions surging between the US and Iran, and the ongoing deadlock after the Israeli election, few in the Jewish community can be blamed for not having their fingers on the pulse of all the goings-on of American popular culture. However, as antisemitism awareness becomes the brightest star in the constellation of American Jewish objectives, we'd be smart to bear down and focus. If we did, we might raise an eyebrow or two at the noticeable rise of the Hitler comedy.

Last week, the comedy film *Jojo Rabbit* won the people's choice award at the Toronto Film Festival, a prize that can be seen as a predictor of Oscar success. Directed by Taika Waititi of *Thor: Ragnarok* fame, the film tells the story of a lonely boy in Nazi Germany who discovers his mother is hiding Jews to save them, and befriends an imaginary version of Adolf Hitler.

The director has defended his film by claiming that it didn't depict Hitler, but a ten-year old's imagination of him, which "doesn't have to share anything with [the] actual Hitler." His depiction of Hitler was essen-

tially "a version of myself that happened to have a bad haircut and a [expletive] little mustache."

Waititi's motives may be noble. But I find his actions, as well as the subject matter of his film — *which I have not seen* — concerning.

From what I've read, *Jojo Rabbit* certainly seems to overdo the unnecessary Hitler jokes. The film's central gimmick, to quote *The Guardian's* review, is "recasting Hitler as a buffoonish imaginary friend for maximum lols." Another critic wrote, "As enjoyable as it is to watch, Waititi's Hitler is actually pretty irrelevant to the film to the point where you could edit him out and nothing would really be lost, narratively speaking."

Jojo Rabbit is far from the only Hitler comedy on the market. Netflix last year began running the German comedy *Look Who's Back*, which has Hitler waking up in Berlin in 2014 and becoming something of a comedy superstar. Iwan Rheon of *Game of Thrones* joined Rupert Grint of the Harry Potter franchise for an installment of their Showtime comedy series called *Adolph Hitler, The Artist*. The episode draws laughs from Hitler's oddball social interactions. But its light-hearted depiction of Hitler was far from funny.

The comic portrayal of the most evil man that ever lived has become for some a serial role. The German actor and director Martin Wuttke achieved international fame playing Hitler in *Inglourious Basterds*. But that wasn't his first time. He did so before in Heiner Müller's adaptation of Brecht's *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*. There, he depicted Hitler as a petty Chicago gangster in a performance

described by one person as an "astonishing grotesque ... comically loathsome and rivetingly outrageous."

I'm someone who enjoys laughing as much as the next guy. But taken together, the amount of laughter surrounding Hitler, who murdered 1.5 million Jewish children, should be of concern. While Hitler can, on occasion, be laughed at, the arch-murderer of Jews is ultimately not a laughing matter.

Worse yet, these films are coming in the context of a new birth of admiration for the Nazi leader.

At Hitler's Berghoff in the Bavarian Alps — while doing research for a new book — my family and I witnessed one apparent fan pack up a brick in his pocket. Toward the end of that summer's trip to World War II sites, we decided to end on a less horrifying note by visiting the landing sites in Italy used by the Allies to break apart Hitler's empire in September 1943.

On the way, we stopped at the wonderfully-preserved ancient Greek temples at Paestum. When we got there, we were sickened to see that the local souvenir shop was selling dozens of Hitler-themed wines and beers. Andrea Lundardelli, the man responsible for these despicable products, claims the line is just good historical fun. When we pointed out to the store owner how blatantly vile these products were to Jews and persons of conscience, she told us, "People have different opinions of Hitler. Why should you force your opinion on others?"

When I looked into the company

recently, I discovered that their *Der Führer* line was so popular that it was expanded to include more than 54 different labels. Besides more than a dozen images of Hitler, labels feature Eva Braun, Rudolf Hess, Hermann Göring, and others, some of them including Nazi slogans such as *Deutschland über alles* (Germany above all things), and *Ein Volk, ein Reich, Ein Führer!* (One People, One Empire, One Leader!).

Apparently, after the police confiscated 20,000 of the bottles from the *Der Führer* line, an Italian court ruled in 2007 that the company could continue to sell them.

Of course, comic depictions aren't always bad. Charlie Chaplin famously depicted the Nazi leader in *The Great Dictator*, which sought to turn the American public against the Nazis. However, the amount of needlessly light-hearted portrayals of Hitler betray our society's odd relationship with evil. While we are quick to disavow evil, we are rarely willing to hate it. On the contrary, evil serves as the object of fascination for some, and sympathy for others.

But the truth is that if we don't hate evil, we will eventually tolerate it. For that reason, the Bible demands, "Those who love God hate evil!"

Of course, freedom of speech means that any and all of these filmmakers stand within their comic and civic rights. But it doesn't mean their work doesn't chip away at the hatred good people around the world must feel when they think about Hitler. It certainly makes Jews like me deeply uncomfortable, and justifiably so.

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Submitting to Islamist Bullies Won't Make America Great Again

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John Bolton's sudden departure from the White House last week cheered progressives who believe America has no enemies, just friends whose grievances we've failed to address, as well as those conservatives who believe if we leave our enemies alone, they'll return the favor. And you thought there was no common ground between left and right!

Count me among those not cheered. Bolton calls himself an Americanist, meaning he believes this nation must be strong and resolute enough to daunt its enemies (because enemies we shall always have) and reassure its friends (because friends are good and useful to have).

President Donald Trump's former national security advisor is no proponent of nation-building in the sense of planting democracy in arid soils. At the same time, he recognizes that if the United States doesn't shoulder some significant global responsibilities, no other nation — and certainly no transnational organization — will.

My point is not that you — or, more consequentially, Trump — should admire Bolton's mustache and agree with his every

policy preference. My point is that Bolton has been providing the president with strategic thinking grounded in a serious reading of our adversaries' histories, ideologies, intentions, and capabilities.

Gen. H.R. McMaster, who preceded Bolton as national security advisor, did the same. Their personalities are very different — McMaster is an even-tempered soldier/scholar, Ambassador Bolton a bit of a firebrand — but both brought to the Oval Office useful perspectives and reasoned policy options.

Bolton's departure was reportedly precipitated when Trump began to consider giving in to demands from Iran's rulers to relieve economic pressure on them as a precondition for new talks about their nuclear weapons program, support for terrorists, imperialist aggression, and other malign activities.

To do so would repeat one of former President Barack Obama's worst errors: the lifting of sanctions following an interim agreement with Iran in 2013.

From that point on, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, perceiving that concluding a deal had become politically essential to Obama, made no concessions. Obama's negotiators, led by Secretary of State John Kerry, made one after another. Had the talks been a poker game, Kerry would have come home shirtless.

It's unfortunate that Trump did not

have Bolton advising him over the weekend when Saudi Arabia's largest oil production facilities were attacked.

Houthi rebels in Yemen, funded, armed, and instructed by Tehran, quickly claimed credit. Almost as quickly, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he wasn't buying it. "There is no evidence the attacks came from Yemen," he tweeted. "Amid all the calls for de-escalation, Iran has now launched an unprecedented attack on the world's energy supply."

Based on US intelligence reports, administration officials believe the guided munitions were launched from the north — from Iranian soil.

Wherever they came from, we can confidently conclude that Iran's rulers were responsible. The reason for the Houthi claim: to provide those rulers with sufficient "plausible deniability" to satisfy their sympathizers and apologists, a not insignificant coterie in both Washington and Europe.

The benefit of such subterfuge became apparent when, just hours after the attack, Iran's rulers offered to help shore up the global economy by increasing their oil output to make up for the five percent of global supplies that their act of war had put offline.

Talk about arsonists volunteering to assist the fire brigade! Oh and by the way, in exchange for that favor, they insisted that the US lift its silly sanctions.

The faux goodwill was soon replaced by menace.

"Everybody should know that all American bases and their aircraft carriers in a distance of up to 2,000 kilometers around Iran are within the range of our missiles," an Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commander said on Sunday. In case Trump failed to catch his drift, he added: "Iran has always been ready for a 'full-fledged' war."

Ambassador Bolton would not take such threats lightly. He'd suggest the president review a list of punitive responses. That does not imply another "endless war." It does imply inflicting pain on the theocratic regime.

An interesting question: Did Iran's rulers figure that with the administration's leading hawk out of the picture, now would be the perfect time to flex their muscles and do some damage to an American strategic partner and the global economy? Sophisticated attacks require preparation, but who's to say that the pieces were not already in place, awaiting the right opportunity?

As Trump considers his options, he should remember a cardinal rule: If we reward aggression, we'll get more of it. This episode also should remind us how foolish we would be ever to allow a regime whose slogan for 40 years has been "Death to America!" to acquire nuclear warheads and missiles that can deliver them anywhere on the planet.

I'm confident Secretary Pompeo, Defense Secretary Mark Esper, and CIA Director Gina Haspel get all that and are counseling Trump accordingly.

Nevertheless, I'd sleep better if Ambassador Bolton were still on the job. He'd be the loudest and most vehement voice opposing both appeasement and isolationism.

He'd tell the president plainly that America cannot become great again by submitting to Islamist bullies who will probe with their bayonets so long as they feel mush, stopping only when they hit steel. He'd warn against recycling Obama's failed policies. You see why I'm not cheered by his departure from the White House?

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Opinion.

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Win-Win

waged a very successful campaign in the international media. They project an invented image of a politically neutral organization promoting the moral principles of human rights, and overcoming intense opposition by the “far right” Israeli government. Shakir has published opinion pieces in the mainstream media, including *The Washington Post* (“Israel wants to deport me for my human rights work,” April 18, 2019), in addition to numerous interviews (see *The New York Times*, “Israel Invokes Anti-Boycott Law to Order Human Rights Worker Deported,” April 16, 2019). Ken Roth and other HRW officials have added to the propaganda campaign.

The same façade of “human rights defenders” (a politicized term used very loosely) was reinforced through highly publicized meetings with European diplomats, such as with the German ambassador to Israel, who proclaimed on Twitter: “Today I met with @KenRoth from Human Rights Watch, an organisation I have known for many years from previous work on Int’l Humanitarian Law. For Germany, @hrw remains an important partner in raising awareness & promoting Int’l Law

In responding, the PM accused HRW of exploiting “the banner of justice and human rights ... to delegitimize the State of Israel and negate its very right to exist.”

and #HumanRights around the globe.” She provided no rationale as to why Roth and HRW would remain “an important partner,” and ignored their history of anti-Israel campaigning and antisemitism.

In the US, HRW generated a letter from 17 Democratic members of Congress to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, asking him to “reconsider” the rejection of Shakir’s request for a visa renewal and repeating the standard PR on the importance of “the reports of Human Rights Watch for balanced accounts of human rights violations wherever they may occur.” The letter warned that deporting Shakir would “reinforce the impression that Israel is increasingly hostile to human rights defenders.”

In responding, the PM accused HRW of exploiting “the banner of justice and human rights ... to delegitimize the State of Israel and negate its very right to exist.” He accused HRW and Shakir of leading the BDS movement, with the goal of seeking to “isolate and ultimately destroy the State of Israel.” This is also the essence of the Israeli government’s claim in denying HRW’s “Israel/Palestinian director” his request to renew the work visa formally granted for promoting human rights.

For Israeli audiences, Roth, Shakir, and their surrogates had a mixed impact during their July tour. Articles and interviews in *Haaretz* gave them celebrity status and repeated their claims. In sharp contrast, their radio interview with Israel’s public broadcaster (*Kan*, *Reshet Bet*), highlighted Shakir’s record of promoting hate and BDS, and Roth’s deep anti-Israel obsession. In the face of repeated questions, Roth refused to acknowledge the legitimacy of Jewish national self-determination, regardless of borders. In the process, he revealed the core of HRW’s campaign against Israel and its façade of human rights. Their efforts to use the fig-leaf reports on Hamas as a defense were ignored.

For anyone who has followed HRW and its critics over the years, none of this is new or surprising. HRW is well established as among the leaders of the campaign falsely accusing Israel of repeated violations of human rights and international law. These accusations are amplified through the media and international institutions, such as the UN Human Rights Council, as well as in the halls of European parliaments, foreign ministries, and elsewhere. In these venues, HRW’s claims to focus on research and documentation of rights violations are repeated without question, long after their failed methodologies, repetitive false claims, and ideological agendas have been exposed.

The most potent case against HRW was made by its late founder, Robert Bernstein, who denounced Roth and the organization in an opinion column in *The New York Times*. He accused them of using their resources and influence to lead the campaign to “turn Israel into a pariah state.” In speeches at the University of Nebraska (2010) and Hebrew Union College in New York (2013), he detailed this criticism,

accusing Roth and others of abusing their position.

There are also major questions regarding HRW’s donors and enablers. Following Bernstein’s denunciation, several original funders also pulled out. George Soros, a major critic of Israel, stepped in to save the NGO, along with other unknown benefactors. HRW stopped publishing the names of donors, raising numerous questions. At the time, HRW officials made overtures to Saudi Arabia and Libya, which was then ruled by Qaddafi. These actions and the lack of transparency regarding donors, which began at the same time, led to speculation about secret funding from Middle East dictatorships, which would reinforce an already strong anti-Israel agenda.

Taken together, the issues of antisemitism, demonization, methodological failures, and funding secrecy should be sufficient grounds for branding HRW and its officials, including Roth and Shakir, as propagandists and worse, and to strip away the façade of “human rights defenders.” There is no need for Israel’s anti-BDS laws — indeed, this legislation and its application in the Shakir visa case are distractions from the core issues. The ability of HRW to use court cases and appeals to successfully promote its agenda is clear evidence that the government has failed.

No matter what the High Court’s ruling on the Shakir case may be, HRW’s war against Israel will continue. If the court upholds the government’s position and Shakir is required to depart, he and HRW will accelerate their condemnations of Israel and other forms of demonization around the world.

Therefore, in the confrontation between HRW, as an NGO superpower working under a façade of human rights, and Israel, which seeks to counter and defeat multiple campaigns of demonization and de-legitimization, this case should be recognized as a policy failure.

Instead, a broader and more strategic approach is necessary, though it may be beyond the government’s capability, particularly as a lead actor. HRW, despite its enormous war chest and capabilities in the realm of public relations and in waging soft-power warfare, is an NGO. Leadership in countering their attacks might be more effective if it came from other NGOs and not directly from the Israeli government, or from political officials who are poorly equipped to lead such a confrontation.

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Impressions.

Bringing Young, Diverse Jews Together — Over Kugel

BY ALAN ZEITLIN

Simone Weichselbaum and Yossi Rosenberg decided it was time to shake things up. The best friends wanted to hold events for Jews who were single. But they also wanted to entice people of diverse backgrounds, and to feature memorable speakers.

So last summer, they decided to form their own group. They called it Kugel.

"I think the Jewish community needs to embrace everybody," Weichselbaum said. "There are Jews who are black, Latino, LGBTQ, and Jews who have different levels of observance and want to embrace their Jewish identity in a space with no judging. That's what we're about."

Weichselbaum, 37, is of Jamaican descent on her mother's side, and German-Jewish lineage on her father's side. She had an Orthodox conversion at the age of seven. She was also temporarily thrown for a loop last April after a broken engagement.

"There was despair and sadness," she said. "When there's a person who you spent so much time with, you can't believe it's suddenly over."

Kugel was born out of that grief and a desire to start something new. Since November, the nine events they've held have been successful, averaging between



Simone Weichselbaum and Yossi Rosenberg.
Photo: provided.

30 and 50 people. One even featured a talk by a survivor of the Rwandan genocide.

Ironically, this coming Saturday's event on New York's Upper West Side will be the first to feature kugel. On hand will be Ari Nagel, who drew headlines in *The New York Post* as a Jewish sperm donor to women across the globe. He now has more than 50 children.

"I'm excited and I know there will be a lot of questions," Nagel, 44, said by phone. "I know my story might sound strange to people. But there is no greater gift than giving someone a child and I've been able to give that gift to a lot of women and done it for free."

Rabbi Elchanan Poupko will also be present to lead a discussion with Talmudic source material related to the laws related to artificial insemination.

Rosenberg, 39, head of business development for Zeno Media, said that in his time living on the Upper West Side, many Jewish events have become monotonous.

"People don't want to see what they've seen before," he said. "It's good to be a little controversial. It's bad to be boring. With Kugel, we want to be fun

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Shtisel, Our Flawed 'Characters,' and the Day of Judgment

BY MARC ERLBAUM

I recently attended an event at which members of the cast of the hit Israeli series *Shtisel* appeared to talk about the show. The show's tremendous international success has been a surprise to everyone, including its creators. One of the actresses, Neta Riskin (Giti Weiss on the show), related that during production, she had been upset by how quickly one of her scenes had to be shot due to budgetary pressures. Afterwards, she was comforted by one of the crew members who assured her, "Don't worry, no one is going to see it."

The moderator of the event asked what it is about this show that has allowed it to exceed everyone's expectations and reach a global audience — in spite of its Hebrew language and its seemingly parochial focus on a cloistered community of Hasidic Jews. Riskin responded that she believes the reason people fall in love with these flawed characters is because we generally judge people by their actions, but this show allows us to delve so deeply into the characters' psyches that we come to judge them instead by their intentions.

Riskin identified herself as a strictly secular Jew, but she touched here on a profoundly Divine idea — a notion that is highly relevant to this moment as we approach the holiday of Rosh Hashanah, the Day of Judgment: We are ultimately "judged" not merely by what we do, but by what we intend deep within us. We are ultimately seen not only by those whose vision is limited to the surface, but by the One who can witness our innermost thoughts and desires.

If we adore the *Shtisel* characters because we can see their inner workings, empathize with their longings, and thus forgive their failings, we can therefore understand that when our own souls are bared, and our own failures are traced back to their source, we too are worthy of forgiveness and love.

God is able to see our "backstory." He loves us because regardless of the things we do, He knows that what we wanted was ultimately pure. We wanted to be loved, to protect the ones we love, to feel safe, and to matter. These desires and motivations often translate into actions that are unsuccessful and misguided, but that is not a reflection of their intention or a function of their inherent innocence.

The question is not whether God can perceive our underlying worth and essence, but whether we are aware of it ourselves. As the Day of Judgment nears, there is a sense of trepidation and self-recrimination. We begin to review our spiritual accounts from the past year, and we remember our many shortcomings and failures. Our day in court is

looming, and our record is not nearly as clean as we would have liked it to be.

But God does not judge us solely by our record of actions. He sees far deeper than what we have done. He has watched the entire show, so to speak. He understands the entirety of our character, and He perceives what we intended. He sees what we are; and what we are is Godly. He knows that, because He created us that way. He infused Himself deep within us. We tend to be unaware of our essential Godliness because the nature of the world is that it covers the truth and challenges us to discover it.



Shtisel. Photo: Jta.org

"Lecha amar libi bakshu panai, es panecha Hashem avakeish" — "For You my heart says seek my face, Your face Hashem do I seek" (Psalms 27).

We recite this verse twice daily throughout these weeks leading up to and through the Days of Awe. The Chassidic masters reveal its secret: our task at this time is not to chastise ourselves for our failings and identify with all that we have done wrong, but rather to unburden ourselves of all the soiled garments that are covering our most inward image, and there we will find the image of God.

Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi writes in *Likkutei Torah* that the judgment of Rosh Hashana is not, as simply understood, whether we are good or bad, and whether we will be rewarded or punished in the year ahead. Rather, what is determined is the extent to which God will be revealed to us, in us, and through us in our future. God knows our intentions and our essential goodness. He "watches the show religiously." He adores all of the characters regardless of our flaws, and He is anxiously awaiting the big reveal in the coming season when each of us has our dramatic epiphany and comes to understand that we are simply complex and sublime expressions of our Creator.

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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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 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. ANGELIQUE M. MORENO, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65122

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506418/ 2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee RRJC004

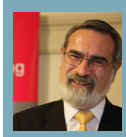
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File No.: 2017-1052/C CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Robert H. Barry, Robert G. Tetmeyer, Esq., Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aged, now known as Bushwick Center for Rehabilitation and Health 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. ROSENBLATT, 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 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

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Tradition.

Not Beyond the Sea



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

When I was a student at university in the late 1960s – the era of student protests, psychedelic drugs, and the Beatles meditating with the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi – a story went the rounds. An American Jewish woman in her sixties travelled to north India to see a celebrated guru. There were huge crowds waiting to see the holy man, but she pushed through, saying that she needed to see him urgently. Eventually, after weaving through

times, they were attracted to Hellenism in its Greek or Roman forms. It is a strange phenomenon, best expressed in the memorable line of Groucho Marx: “I don’t want to belong to any club that would have me as a member.” Jews have long had a tendency to fall in love with people who do not love them and pursue almost any spiritual path so long as it is not their own. But it is very debilitating.

When great minds leave Judaism, Judaism loses great minds. When those in search of spirituality go elsewhere, Jewish spirituality suffers. And this tends to happen in precisely the paradoxical way that Moses describes several times



the swaying crowds, she entered the tent and stood in the presence of the master himself. What she said that day has entered the realm of legend. She said, “Marvin, listen to your mother. Enough already. Come home.”

Starting in the sixties Jews made their way into many religions and cultures with one notable exception: their own. Yet Judaism has historically had its mystics and meditators, its poets and philosophers, its holy men and women, its visionaries and prophets. It has often seemed as if the longing we have for spiritual enlightenment is in direct proportion to its distance, its foreignness, its unfamiliarity. We prefer the far to the near.

Moses already foresaw this possibility: Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. (Deut. 30:11–14)

Moses sensed prophetically that in the future Jews would say that to find inspiration we have to ascend to heaven or cross the sea. It is anywhere but here. So it was for much of Israel’s history during the First and Second Temple periods. First came the era in which the people were tempted by the gods of the people around them: the Canaanite Baal, the Moabite Chemosh, or Marduk and Astarte in Babylon. Later, in Second Temple

in Deuteronomy. It occurs in ages of affluence, not poverty, in eras of freedom, not slavery. When we seem to have little to thank God for, we thank God. When we have much to be grateful for, we forget.

The eras in which Jews worshipped idols or became Hellenised were Temple times when Jews lived in their land, enjoying either sovereignty or autonomy. The age in which, in Europe, they abandoned Judaism was the period of Emancipation, from the late eighteenth to the early twentieth centuries, when for the first time they enjoyed civil rights.

The surrounding culture in most of these cases was hostile to Jews and Judaism. Yet Jews often preferred to adopt the culture that rejected them rather than embrace the one that was theirs by birth and inheritance, where they had the chance of feeling at home. The results were often tragic.

Becoming Baal worshippers did not lead to Israelites being welcomed by the Canaanites. Becoming Hellenised did not endear Jews to either the Greeks or the Romans. Abandoning Judaism in the nineteenth century did not end antisemitism; it inflamed it. Hence the power of Moses’ insistence: to find truth, beauty, and spirituality, you do not have to go elsewhere. “The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.”

The result was that Jews enriched other cultures more than their own. Part of Mahler’s Eighth Symphony is a Catholic mass. Irving Berlin, son of a chazzan, wrote “White Christmas.” Felix Mendelssohn, grandson of one of the first

“enlightened” Jews, Moses Mendelssohn, composed church music and rehabilitated Bach’s long-neglected St Matthew Passion. Simone Weil, one of the deepest Christian thinkers of the twentieth century – described by Albert Camus as “the only great spirit of our times” – was born to Jewish parents. So was Edith Stein, celebrated by the Catholic Church as a saint and martyr, but murdered in Auschwitz because to the Nazis she was a Jew. And so on.

Was it the failure of Europe to accept the Jewishness of Jews and Judaism? Was it Judaism’s failure to confront the challenge? The phenomenon is so complex it defies any simple explanation. But in the process, we lost great art, great intellect, great spirits and minds.

To some extent the situation has changed both in Israel and in the Diaspora. There has been much new Jewish music and a revival of Jewish mysticism. There have been important Jewish writers and thinkers. But we still spiritually underachieve. The deepest roots of spirituality come from within: from within a culture, a tradition, a sensibility. They come from the syntax and semantics of the native language of the soul: “The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.”

The beauty of Jewish spirituality is precisely that in Judaism God is close. You do not need to climb a mountain or enter an ashram to find the Divine Presence. It is there around the table at a Shabbat meal, in the light of the candles and the simple holiness of the Kiddush wine and the challot, in the praise of the Eishet Chayil and the blessing of children, in the peace of mind that comes when you leave the world to look after itself for a day while you celebrate the good things that come not from working but resting, not from buying but enjoying – the gifts you have had all along but did not have time to appreciate.

In Judaism, God is close. He is there in the poetry of the psalms, the greatest literature of the soul ever written. He is there listening in to our debates as we study a page of the Talmud or offer new interpretations of ancient texts. He is there in the joy of the festivals, the tears of Tisha B’Av, the echoes of the shofar of Rosh Hashanah, and the contrition of Yom Kippur. He is there in the very air of the land of Israel and the stones of Jerusalem, where the oldest of the old and the newest of the new mingle together like close friends.

God is near. That is the overwhelming feeling I get from a lifetime of engaging with the faith of our ancestors. Judaism needed no cathedrals, no monasteries, no abstruse theologies, no metaphysical ingenuities – beautiful though all these are – because for us God is the God of everyone and everywhere, who has time for each of us, and who meets us where we are, if we are willing to open our soul to Him.

I am a Rabbi. For many years I was a Chief Rabbi. But in the end I think it was we, the Rabbis, who did not do enough to help people open their doors, their minds, and their feelings to the Presence-beyond-the-universe-

A BDS Defeat The New York Times Found Not Fit to Print



IRA STOLL
BOSTON

Some of the most telling stories are the ones The New York Times doesn’t print.

In that category falls the recent decision of a section of the American Political Science Association to reject a resolution calling for a boycott of Israel.

Miriam Elman, a political scientist on leave from Syracuse University who is the executive director of the Academic Engagement Network, which opposes boycotts of Israel, wrote a Facebook post reporting, “The proponents of a discriminatory anti-Israel academic boycott resolution (and its accompanying obnoxious FAQ) experienced a colossal defeat.”

She wrote, “This spectacular fail needs to be advertised WIDELY, as we all know that BDS zealots will either try to bury it or spin this as some kind of remarkable victory”

“Bury it” was precisely the approach The New York Times took to the news.

A lengthy Times examination in July of the movement to boycott, divest, and sanction Israel reported, “The idea has significant support, and may be gaining ground” and noted “votes by two faculty groups last year – the Association for Asian American Studies and the larger American Studies Association – for limited boycotts of Israeli academia.”

While Times readers were



The New York Times logo.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

informed of the votes for boycotting Israel by two faculty groups, the subsequent decision by the political scientists not to boycott Israel was not reported by the Times.

There’s a structural bias to journalism encapsulated in the old newsroom saying, “write about the hotel that’s burning down, not the hotel that didn’t burn down.” So to some degree the decision by Times editors to emphasize the boycott votes that pass rather than the ones that fail may be driven by a general desire to focus on news that does happen rather than news that doesn’t happen.

But that’s the most generous possible face to put on what operates functionally as an anti-Israel bias. It’s hard to imagine the Times would have skipped the American Political Science Association story entirely if the BDS resolution had succeeded. It ends up being a double standard. It leaves Times readers a false impression that BDS “may be gaining ground,” when a more accurate impression is that it may be losing ground.

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

who-created-us-in-love that our ancestors knew so well and loved so much. We were afraid – of the intellectual challenges of an aggressively secular culture, of the social challenges of being in yet not entirely of the world, of the emotional challenge of finding Jews or Judaism or the State of Israel criticised and condemned. So we retreated behind a high wall, thinking that made us safe. High walls never make you safe; they only make you fearful. What makes you safe is confronting the challenges without fear and inspiring others to do likewise.

What Moses meant in those extraordinary words, “It is not in heaven...nor is it beyond the sea,” was: Kinderlach, your parents trembled when they heard the voice of God at Sinai. They were overwhelmed. They said: If we hear any more we will die. So God found ways in which you could meet Him without being overwhelmed. Yes, He is creator, sovereign, supreme

power, first cause, mover of the planets and the stars. But He is also parent, partner, lover, friend. He is Shechinah, from shachen, meaning, the neighbour next door.

So thank Him every morning for the gift of life. Say the Shema twice daily for the gift of love. Join your voice to others in prayer so that His spirit may flow through you, giving you the strength and courage to change the world.

When you cannot see Him, it is because you are looking in the wrong direction. When He seems absent, He is there just behind you, but you have to turn to meet Him. Do not treat Him like a stranger. He loves you. He believes in you. He wants your success. To find Him you do not have to climb to heaven or cross the sea. His is the voice you hear in the silence of the soul. His is the light you see when you open your eyes to wonder. His is the hand you touch in the pit of despair. His is the breath that gives you life.

Shabbat Shalom

Social.



Baseball Team Israel celebrates after qualifying for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. Photo: Margo Sugarman.

Israeli Baseball Coach Says 'Ultimate Dream' Came True

BY JNS.org

With Team Israel's 11-1 win over South Africa in the Olympic qualifiers in Parma, Italy, on Sunday, the startup nation became the baseball nation.

The Israel Baseball team will be the first team sport to represent Israel at the Olympic Games since 1976, when the Israel National Soccer team competed in the Montreal Summer Olympics. Israel will be one of six teams to play in the baseball competition at the Olympics.

"This is the ultimate dream come true," said Peter Kurz, Israel Association of Baseball President and general manager of Team Israel. "It was almost too impossible to imagine, but with the astounding performances of a dedicated team that always believed in itself. Even when we were beaten on Saturday night by Czech Republic, it didn't dampen anyone's spirits because we knew we were capable of achieving this goal."

Within minutes of their historic victory, the Israel Association of Baseball posted "Heading to the Olympics" in all caps on their Facebook page, and almost instantly received 236 likes and comments. The "Follow Team Israel" Facebook group, started in 2012 by a group of olim (new immigrants) to provide information on Israelis and Jewish athletes in the 2012 London Olympics, and which continues to raise awareness and enthusiasm for Israeli and Jewish athletes, similarly received 532 likes in response to its post: "Do you believe in miracles? They did it!"

Israel's success last week, where it came in fourth place in the European Championships held in Germany (the top five teams advanced to the qualifiers) and in the Europe/Africa qualifiers, held this past Wednesday through Sunday in Parma and Bologna, Italy, earned them a spot in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Israel becomes the first nation in the world to qualify for the Olympics in baseball. Israel joins host nation Japan. Four more countries will ultimately qualify for the Olympics as baseball makes its return after being voted off the Olympic program after the Beijing 2008 Olympics. Two additional teams will qualify at the global

Premier12 in November. One team from the Americas and one more from another qualifying tournament taking place later in the year will make it to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Israel began showing the world in 2017 that it needs to be taken seriously as a baseball nation. Israel won all three of its World Baseball Classic qualifiers in Brooklyn, NY, advanced to Pool A in South Korea in March 2017 and advanced again later that month to the second round in Tokyo. The team is currently qualified for the 2021 World Baseball Classic.

The Blue and White team, including some former Major League Baseball players who recently became Israeli citizens in order to play for Team Israel, faced three of the teams in the qualifiers it had lost to in Germany just last week, including Spain, Italy and the Netherlands (the European champions). Israel got off to an impressive 3-0 start in the qualifiers, which included an exciting 8-2 blowout Friday night against Italy. Their only loss came against the Czech Republic on Saturday night, where they lost 7-4.

In Sunday's decisive game against South Africa, which allowed Israel to punch its card to the Olympics, Joey Wagman, who hadn't given up a run or walk in his previous 15 innings pitched throughout the European Championships or Qualifiers, held the South Africans to six scoreless innings, allowing one run in the seventh.

Israel got on the board in the bizarre top of the second inning, which featured a sacrifice fly, three walks and two batters hit by pitches. Catcher Nick Rickles scored on a sacrifice fly by OF (outfielder) Simon Rosenbaum. With shortstop Ty Kelly on third, DH (designated hitter) Benjamin Wanger on second and third baseman Zach Penprase on first after being hit by a pitch, second baseman Mitch Glasser walked for another RBI. A single from OF (outfielder) Blake Gailen allowed Wanger and Penprase to score.

Israel was up 4-0.

In the top of the third, a double from Wanger brought Rickles home, and a sacrifice fly from Rosenbaum added another run by Kelly for a 6-0 lead.

South Africa scored one run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Israel answered back with four more

Actress Alex Borstein Dedicates Emmy Win to Her Holocaust Survivor Grandmother

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Jewish actress Alex Borstein, who won the Emmy on Sunday for best supporting actress in a comedy series for her role in "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," dedicated her victory in part to her Holocaust survivor grandmother.

Borstein shared her grandmother's inspiring story in her acceptance speech, recalling, "She was in line to be shot into a pit and she said, 'What happens if I step out of line?' and [the guard] said, 'I don't have the heart to shoot you, but somebody will,' and she



Alex Borstein accepting her award at the 2019 Emmys. Photo: Screenshot.

stepped out of line. And for that I am here, and for that my children are here. So step out of line, ladies. Step out of line."

Social media users praised Borstein's speech, including actresses Reese Witherspoon and Jamie Lee Curtis. Witherspoon wrote on Twitter, "Well said #AlexBorstein. Congrats on your well-deserved win!" along with the hashtag #StepOutOfLine, while Curtis tweeted, "Our new motto. 'Step out of line ladies.'"

The official Twitter account of "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" also dubbed it "a marvelous motto."

Sunday night's award was Borstein's second consecutive Emmy win for her role as Susie Myerson in the historical comedy-drama series.

runs in the top of the eighth—three coming from a home run by Team Israel's best-known player, Danny Valencia, whose career includes stints with nine Major League teams. When Valencia's homer brought the lead to 10 runs, the 10-run mercy rule was invoked, and Israel was permitted to break out the champagne one inning early once South Africa was unable to score in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Tel Aviv native, and current New York resident and music director at City Winery in New York City Shlomo Lipetz, now 40, came in to close the game. Lipetz, who has been affiliated with Israel baseball for more than 30 years, allowed no runs, and was on the mount when Israel won the right to move on to Tokyo.

Opinion.

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Kugel

and we also want to let people be who they are. There's something in the brain where we feel we need to label people. ... It's hard to look at people in shades of grey, but that's what we're working toward."

Speakers do not use microphones on the Sabbath. The food is strictly kosher and prepared by Chef Jonathan Hartig, owner of J2Foods. He said it's been great to work with the group and for one event he featured Ethiopian cuisine.

"One thing we learned is it's much better to have it catered," Rosenberg said. "Our first events weren't. When you have good food in a chill environment, people want to check it out."

Rosenberg, who is single, said he is like many who are going to events and hoping to meet his bashert. He said it would be a great thrill for a couple to meet at Kugel and get married.

"I've gone to so many events at synagogues and people's homes, and I've eaten a lot and taken a lot," he said. "This my chance to give back to the community, and I think great things will come of it."

Weichselbaum, who lives on the Upper East Side and is a senior fellow at Manhattan Jewish Experience, said about Kugel: "I wanted something fun, with no pressure, where people who are under-represented could also have a place to go," she said. "And it's important to be able to laugh."

Steve Rohinsky, 38, agrees. The nursing home operator from Long Island said he appreciated the humor of those he met when he attended a Kugel event.

"I'm an Irish Jew and somebody asked me if I want corned beef and cabbage or chulent," Rohinsky said. "I said 'kugel.'"

Actors Rudd & Galifianakis Talk Judaism in New Netflix Movie 'Between Two Ferns'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Jewish actor Paul Rudd makes a guest appearance on Zack Galifianakis' new Netflix film, "Between Two Ferns: The Movie," and the two talk about Rudd's Jewish background.

Galifianakis' movie, based on his web series of the same name, centers on him interviewing celebrity guests as they sit between two ferns and discuss hilarious but also awkward and personal topics, while the guests try to dodge Galifianakis' rude, insulting remarks.

Galifianakis asks Rudd questions such as, "Some people have it all: looks, talent. How does it feel to only have looks?" The questions then turn to Judaism and Galifianakis asks, "What advice would you give to a young actor

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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/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: MIKE'S SEWER AND DRAIN LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 05/16/2019. 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: The LLC 29 Highland Drive Manalapan NJ 07726 Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11/18/25

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: B MOORE SERVICES LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 09/05/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC 180 Bethel Loop 14C Brooklyn, NY 11239. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11/18/25

who wants to hide his Jewishness as well as you have?"

"I've never really tried to hide my Jewishness," Rudd replies, to which Galifianakis says, "Jesus was Jewish and he didn't hide it."

Rudd tells him "No, he put it out there for everybody to see. He's one of our best." Then, when Galifianakis asks, "Are you practicing?" Rudd replies with a smirk, "No, I'm not a practicing Jew... I perfected it."



Paul Rudd, left, and Zack Galifianakis in "Between Two Ferns: The Movie." Photo: Screenshot.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff against RODNEY LIVINGSTONE A/K/A RODNEY LIVINGSTONE A/K/A LIVINGSTONE RODNEY A/K/A LIVINGSTONE A/RODNEY, 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 May 9, 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 31, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1092 East 54th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Block 7757 Lot 72. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with all 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 \$725,267.19 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 21583/10. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee RSHC106 AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff against ANNETTE HURLEY A/K/A ANNETTE CONLIFFE, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered January 28, 2019, 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 31, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 159 E. 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. Block 4877 Lot 46. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$536,235.03 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 510311/2017. Cash will not be accepted at the sale. Joel Abramson, Esq., Referee 2267-001342 AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

Notice of formation of 2325 Astoria Blvd LLC, Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/13/2019. Office located in Kings County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 2325 Astoria Blvd LLC, 1202 Halsey Street Brooklyn NY 11207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18/25; 11/1

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, Plaintiff against ZISEL BRIEGER: LARRY BRIEGER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 2, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 31st day of October, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1252 58th Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219. (Block: 5704, Lot: 28) Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,641.64 plus interest and

costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 16371-11. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE J.P.MORGAN ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-A5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff against ISAAC SHOUELA, A/K/A ISAAC SHOUELA, ELI SHOUELA A/K/A ELI SHOUELA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 25, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 31st day of October, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: 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, known and designated as Lots Numbers 63 and 64, Block 6826, on a certain plan of lots called "Brooklyn Harlem" (temporary Name) surveyed for Wood Harmon & Co., March 1902 by Samuel H. McElroy, C.E. and C.S. and filed in Kings County Register's Office, March 23, 1902, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Easterly at East 21st Street, 40 feet as shown on said plan; Southerly by Lot 62 in Block 100 feet as shown on said plan; Westerly by lots 26 and 25 in said Block 40 feet as shown on said plan; Northerly by Lot 65 in said Block 100 feet as shown on said plan. Said premises known as 1946 E. 21st Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229. (Block: 6826, Lot: 27). Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,153,565.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 20507-13. Steven J. Baker, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street - Suite 700 White Plains, New York 10606 (914) 949-2574 AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. KAIUM AKANDA, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Pursuant to CPLR 2004 Extending the Time to Set Sale and to Ratify Sale Nunc Pro Tunc and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 20, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 31, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 922 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1713 and Lot 22. Approximate amount of judgment is \$608,434.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 4719/13. Kecia Juanita Weaver, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.

AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Citibank, N.A., as trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Tyrone Lewis a/k/a Tyrone G. Lewis; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 10, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 31, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 102-02 Farragut Road, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8171 Lot 33. Approximate amount of judgment \$853,969.62 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 514002/2015. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: September 20, 2019 65711 AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

File No.: 2019-1499 PROBATE CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT-QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Teresa Diaz, Azucena Diaz, and Guadalupe Bordas Blanco if living and if dead to her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Lino Bordas Rogueni; the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained A petition having been duly filed by Gerardo Modesto Perez Velasco, who is domiciled at 35-20 Leverich Street, Apt. C-449, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, 11435, on November 7th, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Lino Bordas Roqueni, lately domiciled at Residencia De Ancianos San Jose, Torrelavega, Cantabria, Spain, admitting to probate a Will dated March 11, 1988, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Lino Bordas Roqueni, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to Gerardo Modesto Perez Velasco (State any further relief requested) And that a certified copy of the last Will and Testament of the deceased be admitted to probate as an ancient document, and that the filing of a bond is dispensed with Dated, Attested and Sealed September 20th, 2019 Hon. Peter J. Kelly Surrogate, James Lim Becker Chief Clerk, David Schachter, Esq. 37-06 77th Street. Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (718) 505-4556 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.] AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18