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Jewish Leaders Call for Action Against Anti- semitism After Germany Synagogue Attack



Mourners gather at the market square in Halle, Germany on Oct. 10, 2019, Photo: Reuters / Hannibal Hanschke.

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Top Jewish leaders around the world issued messages of solidarity and calls for action after a neo-Nazi gunned down two people and injured several others in Halle, Germany, on Wednesday, during the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

The assailant, who has been identified as Stephan Balliet, 27,

first attempted to break into a synagogue, but was unable to open the massive wooden doors, which were bolted shut.

After failing to gain entry to the synagogue, Balliet shot a passerby, a woman in her 50s. Minutes later he attacked a nearby kebab shop with bombs and improvised weapons, killing one. Balliet live streamed the attack on Twitch, with the 35-minute video being viewed by 2,200 people in the 30

minutes before it was taken down, according to the video platform.

The president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, Josef Schuster, noted on Wednesday that “we have not experienced an incident of this kind ever before in Germany.”

“It shows that right-wing extremism is not only some kind of political development, but that it is highly dangerous and exactly the kind of danger that we have always

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Israel’s Netanyahu Condemns Turkish Invasion of Northern Syria

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday denounced the just-launched Turkish invasion of the Kurdish region of northern Syria.

“Israel strongly condemns the Turkish invasion of the Kurdish areas in Syria and warns against the ethnic cleansing of the Kurds by Turkey and its proxies,” the prime minister stated.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Photo: Reuters/ Ammar Awad.

“Israel is prepared to extend humanitarian assistance to the gallant Kurdish people,” he added.

Netanyahu’s remarks are a rare split with US President Donald Trump, who effectively gave Turkey a green light to undertake the invasion and pulled American troops out of the area.

Former Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked also weighed in on the situation in northern Syria, drawing an oblique comparison to the Holocaust, tweeting, “Our national memory requires us to revolt against violence directed against another nation. Such is the Turkish violence directed

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Opinion.

Sadly, German Synagogue Was Better Protected Due to Past Attacks



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In the *Times of Israel* (TOI) account of the first person shooter video made by the neo-Nazi murderer Stephan Balliet, he is described as being discouraged by a heavily bolted front door of the synagogue he attacked, and then his repeated and failed attempts to blow open a side door with explosives and gunfire.

Another TOI article elaborates:

Max Privorozki, head of the Jewish community in the city, which traces its roots to the 10th century, said the temple's security system had stopped what could have been a bloodbath. ...

Privorozki told news website Spiegel Online that the gunman fired several shots at the door and threw numerous "Molotov cocktails, fireworks, or grenades to get inside."

"But the door remained closed, God protected us. The whole thing took five to 10 minutes."

Privorozki said they swung into action with astonishing bravery to protect themselves.

"We barricaded our doors from inside and waited for the police," he told Stuttgart Zeitung.

"And then we carried on with our service."

If Balliet had managed to breach the door, it would have been a massacre. He killed the other two people out of frustration of not being able to kill his intended targets.

People are saying that Europe needs to do more about antisemitism — but the "world's oldest hatred" isn't going to be elimi-

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nated any time soon. If anything, the media coverage of attacks like these make the next ones more likely.

Of course, an attack on a synagogue is front page news, and it should be — even though the intended attack was foiled.

The Jews of Europe have known for decades that they are targets, from both Muslims and from the right. Their synagogues



Police officers are seen at the site of a shooting, in which two people were killed, in Halle, Germany October 9, 2019. REUTERS/Hannibal Hanschke.

have been fortresses for a while.

That planning paid off on Wednesday.

US synagogues have been going in that direction as well, especially since Pittsburgh. Federal and state homeland security funds have been put into synagogue protection. It is sad but necessary, because antisemitism is not going away. It changes form, but never disappears.

For the people living as Jews outside of Israel, all we can do is take precautions commensurate with the threats. We can

encourage local police to keep an eye on things, and encourage the congregations to create an active shooter (and bombing) plan.

Halle was a tragedy, but it could have been far worse. Security precautions prevented a bloodbath — and for that we should all be thankful.

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

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A State That Threatens Jewish Genocide Isn't Normal



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Gen. Hossein Salami, the commander-in-chief of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), gave a speech last month in which he celebrated Iran's military might and its goals. As is Tehran's policy, the IRGC commander refused to use the word "Israel," but had plenty to say about the Jewish state.

According to the state-controlled IRNA news agency, Salami said that 40 years after the Iranian revolution that put the Islamist regime in power, it had "managed to obtain the capacity to destroy the imposter Zionist regime." And lest anyone think that the amassing of military might was purely defensive in nature, Salami also maintained, "That sinister regime must be wiped off the map" and this is "no longer ... a dream." It was, he boasted, "an achievable goal."

Salami isn't the first Iranian leader to make such threats. They have been a staple of Iranian political rhetoric for decades, including from the country's top ayatollahs who run that theocracy. But the fact that the IRGC — the terrorist group that runs Iran's international terrorist network, as well as the entity that exercises a great deal of influence over its economy through the companies it owns — is still spouting talk about wiping out the sole Jewish state on the planet does

raise some interesting and painfully obvious questions to which there are no good answers.

The first concerns the unwillingness of Iran's European trading partners to confront the fact that they are still seeking to cultivate good relations with an Iranian regime that embraces genocide of Jews as a legitimate policy goal. For instance, Germany is working hard to preserve the 2015 nuclear deal that enriched and empowered Tehran while also giving it a path to acquiring weapons that would make good on its threats to wipe Israel off the map.

Yet when asked directly whether Salami's statement was proof of the regime's antisemitism, the German Foreign Ministry, which said it opposed "anti-Israel rhetoric," had nothing to say.

Nor is Germany alone in that respect. The leading countries of Western Europe are up in arms over the Trump administration's efforts to isolate Iran and force it to renegotiate the nuclear deal. France recently floated the idea of offering a \$15 billion loan to Tehran, which was, in effect, a proposal for a ransom payment to Iran in exchange for an end to attacks on shipping



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, in Tehran, Sept. 23, 2019. Photo: Official Iranian President website / Handout via Reuters.

vessels in the Persian Gulf and oil facilities in neighboring countries. Despite Iran's provocations, the European Union and its foreign-policy minister, Federica Mogherini speak as if efforts by the United States to end the nuclear threat are the obstacle to peace, rather than a government that remains the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism and which continues to speak of genocidal attacks on Israel.

Despite the inconsistencies in his foreign policy — with the betrayal of the Kurds to Turkey this week being the most egregious example — Donald Trump remains the only world leader committed to actually stopping Iran rather than enabling it.

Some in Israel and America were worried by Trump's refusal to respond with military force to Iran's provocations and his willingness to meet with Iranian representatives to talk about strengthening the nuclear deal. But it appears as if Iran now has no intention of talking to Trump. It may be that they were never serious about dialogue, or that the Democrats' impeachment efforts have convinced them that Trump is doomed to defeat in November 2020. They appear to be listening to those who have advised them to wait until January 2021, when any one of the Democrats running against him will reinstate the disastrous pact promoted by President Barack Obama and lift Trump's sanctions, which have had a devastating impact on Iran's economy and its ability to spread terror.

Supporters of Obama's deal argue that, at the time, it was the best way to forestall

World News.

Sidelined by International Community, Palestinians Accept Tax Money Withheld by Israel

BY JNS.org

Buckling under severe financial strain and unable to maintain its own threat to reject tax transfers from Israel, the Palestinian Authority this week accepted NIS 1.5 billion (nearly \$430 million) in a move it said would not prevent it from continuing to pay terrorists and their families.

Now, in what appears to be a first, some Israeli lawmakers are furious that Israel transferred any money at all to the PA. Knesset Member Bezalel Smotrich and Minister Ze'ev Elkin both expressed concern over the payments, questioning its logic and timing.

Maurice Hirsch, head of legal strategies for Palestinian Media Watch, told *JNS* that while the transfer is troubling, it's not against the law. "The law passed last year never said Israel would stop all tax transfers to the Palestinians. What it did say was that the government would take off an equivalent to the amount the PA spends on paying salaries to terrorists, as well as allowances to 'martyrs.'"

Israel currently only withholds money equivalent to the amount that the PA pays terrorists and their families, but does not withhold money paid to families of "martyrs."

Yossi Kuperwasser, former head of the IDF Intelligence Directorate's Research Division and now a senior scholar at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, told *JNS* that the Palestinians "decided this was stupidity, so they decided to take the money."

"They are losing a lot of money every month," he said, "because they are happy to pay salaries to terrorists. This reflects their priorities, and we know with whom we are dealing."

In a recent op-ed for *Israel Hayom* that was also published on *JNS*, Kuperwasser wrote, "According to the PA budget implementation report for 2019, the Palestinian Authority transferred 276 million shekels (around \$79 million) in payments—i.e., salaries—and another 75 million shekels (around \$22 million) in 'social' payments to families, family expenses, medical-insurance coverage and legal expenses, among other things. In total, the PA Prisoner Affairs Ministry spent some 364 million shekels (\$105 million) on these terrorist payments."

According to Kuperwasser, the Palestinians spend a significant portion of their budget on terrorist salaries, directly affecting the average civil servant who suffers financially. If the PA's income shrinks by not agreeing to receive tax funds from Israel, but its expenditure remains the same because it continues to pay salaries to terrorists, then the ratio of these salaries relative to the entire budget goes up.

A large part of the reason that the PA decided to take the money, according to Hirsch, is about governance. "Fatah will not give up its power," said Hirsch. "They will take the money no matter what excuse they need to tell their people in order to maintain power."

Hirsch laid out three points surrounding Israel's law and Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas's decision to finally accept the money.

First, the international community "did not come through" on the PA's expectation that the Europeans would pressure Israel.



Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas speaks during a meeting with journalists in the West Bank city of Ramallah on July 3, 2019. Photo: Flash90.

"They gave the PA the cold shoulder," said Hirsch. "The message was clear: We will not pressure Israel if you do not stop paying salaries to terrorists."

Second, "these laws are not going to change, and they don't rely on the type of government in power." Most Israelis across the political spectrum agree and consider rather ludicrous the notion of giving money to the Palestinians so that they can pay terrorists as a reward for killing Israelis.

Third, while there are those who claim that the new law requiring Israel to withhold funds would "cause a third intifada and undermine the whole security situation, the truth of the matter is that it didn't happen," said Hirsch. "The negative predictions that everyone had come up with were not warranted and did not materialize."

'A mind-boggling issue'

The problem now is that while Israel withholds money, the PA continues to pay terrorists anyway, so what has Israel achieved?

Hirsch's idea is for Israel to further pressure the Palestinians by passing more laws based on already existing legislation that would allow Israel to fine individual Palestinian terrorists an exorbitant amount that would make receiving payments from the PA nothing less than a terrific burden.

Kuperwasser believes that Israel can make headway in convincing the Europeans to take a tougher stance and hold the Palestinians accountable for encouraging terrorism by paying terrorists salaries.

"The Europeans understand you can't pay salaries to terrorists," said Kuperwasser. However, he added, "they are so afraid of the Palestinians that even if Palestinians pay terrorists, the Europeans will still give them money. They view the Palestinians as some sort of new religion."

Kuperwasser was incredulous. "This is a mind-boggling issue. Who can pay salaries to terrorists just because they are terrorists? This is crazy. Even [the Europeans] question [the Palestinians'] policy."

"I sincerely hope such laws will pass in the European Parliament as well," said the Mideast scholar. "If the Europeans pass legislation [to withhold funds], this will have a greater impact on the Palestinians, but it is not happening so far."

Asked if Israel can make progress with the Europeans in convincing them to withhold money and crack down on the PA, Kuperwasser was hopeful, replying, "It is something we can be successful with."

Netanyahu: 'Israel Will Defend Itself, By Itself, Against Any Threat'



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivers a statement to the media at the start of his Likud party faction meeting at the Knesset, Israel's parliament, in Jerusalem, September 23, 2019. Photo: REUTERS/Ronen Zvulun/File Photo.

BY JNS.ORG

Israel will never rely on other countries for its defense, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday, warning Iran that it would not ignore its threats of destruction.

Netanyahu, who spoke at the Hall of Remembrance on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem during the state memorial ceremony for the fallen soldiers of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, said that the lessons of the war made it clear that Israel could not afford to sit idly by as dangers amplify. "The current focus of aggression in the Middle East is the Iranian regime in Tehran. Iran is striving to tighten its grip in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and the Gaza Strip," he said. "It is relentlessly arming itself. It is equipping its proxies with dangerous weaponry. It is attacking freedom of navigation in international shipping lanes. It downed a large American UAV. It mounted a crude and unprecedented attack on Saudi oil fields. It has repeatedly crossed its threshold of brazenness."

Netanyahu said Israel was unique in that it had to deal with a major Islamic country actively calling for its annihilation.

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against the Kurdish people in northern Syria." "I have said this in the past: It is in the interest of both Israel and the United States, for the security and stability of the region, that a Kurdish state be established," Shaked asserted.

"The Kurds are the world's largest nation without a country, with a population of about 35 million people," she added. "They are an ancient people that share a special historical connection to the Jewish people."

"The Kurds in general, and especially those who live in Turkey and northern Syria, are the most progressive and Western in that region," Shaked said. "They are the main force that fought against ISIS and endured thousands of deaths, under a special joint leadership of men and women."

"The Western world should stand with them," she concluded.

Blue and White party co-chair Yair Lapid urged that Israel penalize Turkey in response to the invasion, saying, "In light of

"Iran threatens to wipe us off the map. It says explicitly: 'Israel will disappear.' It has tried to attack us repeatedly; therefore, we must stand ready to defend ourselves against danger," warned the prime minister.

He added that while Israel was tremendously grateful to get strong support from the United States, it must focus on its own capabilities.

"We do not aspire to be 'a people who dwell alone,' but we were forced to do so at the start of the Yom Kippur War; only towards the end did the American aid arrive. Like in 1973, today we very much appreciate the important support of the US, which has greatly increased in recent years, as well as the major economic pressure that the US is using on Iran," Netanyahu said, noting that "we will always remember and implement the basic rule that has guided us: Israel will defend itself, by itself, against any threat."

"The IDF is prepared to preempt any threat, defensively and offensively, with crushing strength in weaponry and in spirit. This is the tremendous spirit that was instilled in us by the generation of the Yom Kippur War."

the Turkish actions in northern Syria, I call on Justice Minister Amir Ohana to bring forth his proposed law to recognize the Armenian genocide that Bibi prevented from being raised. We will support it."

The Jerusalem Post reported that a group of over 100 IDF officers sent a letter to Netanyahu and IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi urging them to take action to prevent possible Turkish atrocities against the Kurds.

"As Israelis and as Jews, we must not stand idly by," the letter said.

Turkey claims its offensive is intended to create a security buffer zone on the border with Syria and neutralize Kurdish terror groups.

The Kurds say it is a cynical attempt to destroy Kurdish military forces that have been successful in the fight against the Islamic State and ethnically cleanse the Kurdish population, replacing them with Arab Syrian refugees currently living in Turkey.

The Kurdish militias in northern Syria have been staunch allies of US forces in the battle against the Islamic State.

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The Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Team of Israeli Doctors Fly to Cyprus to Save Woman's Life

BY JNS.ORG

A team of four Israeli heart specialists traveled to a hospital in Cyprus with life-saving technology to save a woman who was suffering cardiac issues following childbirth, the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer revealed on Facebook on Sunday.

The Medical Center said a 29-year-old woman from Nicosia, Cyprus, suffered "a severe problem in her left main cardiac arterial region during the course of childbirth."

Doctors at Nicosia Hospital were apparently "running out of time to save her life" since

the medical facility lacked a life-saving Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) machine, which pumps and oxygenates a patient's blood outside the body, allowing the heart and lungs to rest.

The doctors made an emergency call to their colleagues at Sheba's Leviev Heart Center.

Within seven hours, a group of Israeli doctors arrived at the hospital with the ECMO machine, stabilized the patient and transported her to Sheba, where she is recovering in the Leviev Heart Center.

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warned against," he added.

Jewish Agency chief Isaac Herzog said in response to the incident that "the entire world sees and hears what is happening and must understand that there can be no compromise in the fight against hatred of Jews and anti-Semitism."

Herzog said the Jewish Agency would support Halle's Jewish community.

"We share in the mourning of the families whose loved ones were murdered, wish the wounded a speedy recovery and send strength to the worshipers and members of the community who are in deep mourning," he said.

Herzog went on to say that he had spoken with German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, "who expressed his deep disturbance regarding the attack on the synagogue in Halle, saying, 'This is an attack on all of us. We all stand together on the frontlines against anti-Semitism.'"

Orthodox Union Executive Vice President Allen Fagin said in a statement that this "senseless act of anti-Semitic violence was not only a heinous attack on the Jewish community of Halle, but ... yet another example of anti-Semitism in Germany, which continues to proliferate. Every Jew has the right to practice their religion without fear of being a victim of terror."

An attack on one Jew is an attack on all, said Fagin, adding that "our prayers and thoughts are with our brethren in Halle."

Chief Rabbi of Berlin Yehudah Teichtal said, "We stand alongside the community that has been harmed and weep over those murdered. The cruel method of the attacker is indescribable, and especially the fact that it happened on Yom Kippur, the holiest day for the Jewish people."

He said he learned about the attack in the middle of the Yom Kippur prayers.

"A senior security official approached me in the middle of the Musaf prayer and informed me of the attack. Immediately, the security of our synagogue was increased,

alongside other synagogues," reported the Chabad rabbi.

"We talked about the attack with our synagogue worshipers. We emphasized the great miracle the community had because their door was locked, thus avoiding a much more serious incident, and of course, strengthened their spirit, with a prayer for a year of good news."

World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder issued a statement, saying, "It is appalling that on this day — the holiest in the Jewish calendar — when Jews are sitting in synagogues all around the world immersed in prayer, yet another attack against Jews has been perpetrated."

Lauder added: "We are heartened that the German security services reacted so swiftly to this attack, and thank Dr. Felix Klein, commissioner for Jewish life in Germany and the fight against antisemitism, and the German authorities for their ongoing support, but now we need action not words. Unfortunately the time has come when all Jewish places of worship and Jewish communal sites need to have enhanced round-the-clock security provided by state security services. We also need immediately to launch a unified front against neo-Nazi and other extremist groups, which threaten our well-being. The fact that, 75 years after the Holocaust, such groups are gaining influence in Germany speaks volumes. We stand with the Jewish community of Germany at this tragic time."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper — associate dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center — stated, "Terrorism and hate attacks are now featuring 'live streaming' as a key part of their strategies to spread fear and recruit."

"That the world's most powerful social media platforms, along with Twitter and others allow for the hijacking of services by terrorists and bigots is intolerable" he continued. "What else needs to happen before these powerful marketing services institute time-delay and other technical means to stop

Top Saudi Official Holds Talks With US State, Defense Secretaries

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Saudi Arabia's deputy defense minister said on Thursday he discussed regional security and military cooperation with senior US government officials at a time of heightened tension with Iran following last month's attacks on Saudi oil facilities.

Saudi Arabia and the United States blamed common foe Tehran for the Sept. 14 assault on oil plants that initially halved the output of the world's top exporter, a charge Iran denies.

The kingdom's de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman last month said Riyadh prefers a political solution to a military one, but warned that oil prices could spike to "unimaginably high numbers" if the world does not deter Iran.

Vice Minister of Defense Prince Khalid bin Salman, a brother of Prince Mohammed, said in Twitter posts that he met with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary Mark Esper.

Saudi Arabia and the United States "stand side by side in bolstering regional and international security and stability," Prince Khalid said of his talks with Pompeo.

He and Esper discussed mutual security challenges and reaffirmed "strong military cooperation in countering terrorism and preserving peace and stability," the prince said.



Saudi Arabian Deputy Defense Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman at the Pentagon Aug. 29, 2019. Photo: Reuters / James Lawler Duggan.

Sunni Muslim Saudi Arabia and its regional rival Shi'ite Muslim Iran are locked in several proxy wars in the Middle East including in Yemen and Syria.

The Twitter posts made no mention of them discussing Turkish troops and their Syrian rebel allies launching attacks on Kurdish militia in northeast Syria on Wednesday.

Tensions in the Gulf region have risen since attacks on oil tankers near the Strait of Hormuz in May and June and more limited strikes on Saudi energy assets in recent months that Riyadh has also blamed on Iran. Tehran denies any involvement.

Saudi Arabia has supported Washington's "maximum pressure" campaign against Iran after President Donald Trump last year quit an international nuclear pact and re-imposed sanctions, saying the deal was flawed as it does not curb Iran's ballistic missile program or its support for regional proxies.

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an imminent Iranian nuclear threat, and that the only alternative was a war that no one wanted. But Trump has proven the falsity of that claim. The alternative to appeasement of Iran is Trump's policy of "maximum pressure" to strangle the Iranian economy, which will eventually force the Iranians back to the negotiating table. Or at least it would if the West sticks to it, whether or not Trump is in the White House.

While the Democratic presidential field has shown little interest in foreign policy other than to speak of Trump's unfitness for office, the candidates ought to be asked about what they intend to do about Iran's continuing genocidal threats and why a pact that offered it

a path to a nuclear bomb should be reinstated.

Iran isn't a normal country, and neither Europe nor America's opposition party should speak as if it were.

Mere antipathy for Trump and respect for Obama's legacy isn't a good-enough answer as to why support for the nuclear deal's reinstatement is still a consensus issue among Democrats. The same applies to Europe's belief that the profits it would continue to make from doing business with Tehran is more important than isolating a terror-supporting regime that wants to kill millions of people.

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this burgeoning deadly social media activity."

"Clearly whatever protocols — if any — are in place, these giants who are an integral part of daily life of billions of people, must address this challenge, or Washington and other governments will," Cooper concluded.

Chief Rabbi of Moscow Pinchas Goldschmidt — president of the Conference of European Rabbis (CER) — said Wednesday's attack "should be a wake-up call for all those who follow the extreme Right in Germany and across Europe."

"Furthermore, it is shocking to understand from the Central Council of Jews in Germany that the synagogue was not adequately protected," he stated. "This should not and cannot happen. Governments must deliver on their promise of never again."

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin tweeted that he was "stunned and pained by the terrible anti-Semitic murders in Germany today, during the holiest and most important day of the year for all Jews around the world."

He called on "the leaders of Germany and the free world to bring the full force of law against anti-Semitism and its results."

A statement from the Yad Vashem World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem said:

"Yad Vashem strongly condemns the antisemitic attack yesterday against the Jewish community of Halle, Germany. This latest occurrence is yet another reminder that antisemitism is still alarmingly evident worldwide. Yad Vashem deeply identifies and sympathizes with the victims and their families."

"The leadership of the international community must declare that in our post-Holocaust global society, there is no room for antisemitism, racism or xenophobia. We at Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, are particularly sensitive to the toxic dangers of antisemitism, in its many forms and contexts, and to its destructive implications — not only for Jews, but for all of civilized society. Yad Vashem, has learned, and ardently teaches, about the painful truth of the fragility of democratic societies, and the need to perpetually buttress their effective commitment to tolerance, pluralism and human rights."

U.S. News.

Car Outside Elon University Chabad House Damaged by Gunfire While Yom Kippur Services Underway

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A car was struck by gunfire outside the Chabad Jewish Student Center at Elon University in North Carolina on Wednesday night as services marking the end of Yom Kippur were underway.

Local news network Fox 8 reported that gunshots were heard between 6:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., and police officers responded to calls regarding a damaged vehicle at 10:01 p.m.

The back window of the vehicle was damaged as was the roof rack. A bullet was later found lodged in the rack.

No one was hurt in the incident.

Since the motive for the shooting is unknown, it is not currently being investigated as a hate crime, though police cautioned that this could change if further information came to light.

Elon's vice president for student life, Jon Dooley, issued a statement saying that no threats had been made against

specific individuals and "there is no indication of any ongoing threat to the campus community."

He added that town police were conducting additional patrols in the area of the Chabad House, as well as at the campus Hillel Center.

In a follow-up statement, Dooley said the administration had reached out to Jewish students.

"Hate has no place at Elon and we stand together with those in our Jewish community, particularly at this holiest time in the Jewish year," he said.

The head of the Chabad Jewish Student Center, Rabbi Mendy Minkowitz, and his wife Rivka said in a Facebook post, "The police are investigating the incident and have assured us they are taking it very seriously. We will continue to work closely with them."



A car damaged by gunfire outside the Chabad House at Elon University in North Carolina, Oct. 9, 2019. Photo: Twitter screenshot.

The couple added, "We are grateful to the men and women in law enforcement ... and thankful to all the support we have received from the community since the incident."

Police are asking anyone with information on the shooting to call (336) 584-1301.

Following German Synagogue Shooting, Israel's UN Envoy Urges World to 'Declare War on Antisemitism'

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF & AGENCIES

Following Wednesday's deadly attack outside a German synagogue, Israel's UN envoy has called on the international community to "declare war on antisemitism."

Ambassador Danny Danon urged the president of the Security Council and the UN to "condemn the terrorist attack in Germany and take action against anti-Semitic terrorism."

"The scourge of anti-Semitism is spreading in Europe, but threatens the entire world," Danon said. "The international community must declare war on anti-Semitism and act firmly to end hatred of the Jewish people around the world. Jews should not have to look over their shoulders in fear for their lives during prayer."

On Thursday, the suspected perpetrator of the shootings in the central German city of Halle, identified as Stephan B., was flown by a police helicopter to the Federal Court of Justice in Karlsruhe.

Germany's federal prosecutor said the gunman wanted to commit a massacre and hoped to incite others to copy him by live-streaming his rampage.

Dozens of people were at the synagogue on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year, when the assailant tried to blast his way in — only to fail to breach the solid locked gates.

A woman passer-by in the street and a man in a nearby kebab restaurant were subsequently killed by the attacker before he was tracked down and arrested.



Danny Danon, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, addresses a UN Security Council meeting on the situation in the Middle East. Photo: UN Photo / Loey Felipe.

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Opinion.

The Washington Post Isn't About to Let Facts Get in Its Way

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The overwhelming majority of American Jews have a positive view of Israel. Yet, the overwhelming majority of opinion pieces and reporting from major US news outlets doesn't reflect this reality. Instead, the media promotes a small and unrepresentative minority. The Washington Post offers a case in point.

Ninety-five percent of American Jews have a "strongly positive" view of Israel, according to an August 2019 Gallup poll. The pollster noted that this was "significantly more pro-Israel than the overall national averages of 71% favorable views of Israel and 21% favorable views of the Palestinian Authority."

Similarly, a 2013 Pew survey observed: "76% of Jews (identified by religion) said they were at least somewhat emotionally attached to Israel. In addition, almost half said that caring about Israel is an essential part of being Jewish (with most of the rest saying it is important although not essential) and nearly half reported that they had personally traveled to Israel."

In short: American Jewry is, except for a minuscule minority, pro-Israel. Yet, the American media often chooses to give a megaphone to Jews that actively oppose, or are hypercritical of the Jewish state.

The Washington Post, for example, gives inordinate column space to the tiny fraction of Jews, American and otherwise, who are against the right of Jewish self-determination. In a Sept. 20, 2019 tweet, Mairav Zonszein of +972 magazine cheered that her publication was "all up in The Washington Post opinion pages today," with two pieces from the same organization appearing on the same day. Zonszein proudly noted that editors of "mainstream outlets" were no longer editing out or tweaking her use of the term "apartheid."

As NGO Monitor has documented, "972's articles promote a marginal agenda from the fringes of Israeli discourse, thus presenting

a distorted sense of the debate in Israel." The blog-based magazine "promotes the Durban strategy to demonize and delegitimize Israel" and its writers and contributors have accused the Jewish state of "apartheid," "ethnic cleansing," and "racism." Indeed, the magazine's content is completely self-discrediting and its donors are largely foreign and anti-Israel.

A previous editor-in-chief, Noam Sheila, referred to his critics as "the Jewish KKK" and in May 2012, +972 published a cartoon that depicted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu raping US President Barack Obama and eating his limbs. In May 2019, they published an article titled, "By going vegan, Israelis can avoid talking about human rights."

Elsewhere, the Post has published opinion pieces by Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), described by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) as "a radical anti-Israel activist group that advocates for a complete economic, cultural, and academic boycott of the State of Israel." JVP, ADL's report on the group notes, has celebrated Palestinian terrorists like Rasmia Odeh and Marwan Barghouti.

As ADL highlighted: "According to a Pew research report from 2017, a majority of American Jews state that they are 'attached to Israel and that caring about Israel is either 'essential' or 'important' to what being Jewish means to them.' JVP's rhetorical drumbeat promoting the view that Zionism and supporting Israel is of a piece with white supremacy, racism, ethnic cleansing, and genocide, has the effect of demonizing this constituency of US Jews."

The Post, nonetheless, has given a platform to JVP members, particularly in its Outlook section. The newspaper has published Rebecca Vilkomerson, the group's then-executive director, and Post columnists like Ishaan Tharoor and Eugene Scott have cited the group as representative of "progressive American Jews" — overlooking that most American Jews are both left-leaning and supportive of Israel. JVP is fringe.

But that's not how The Washington Post sees it. The newspaper wants to believe, facts

to the contrary, that many Jews are disdainful of the Jewish state. Why? Because the Post believes that they should be. In its worldview, Israel is largely responsible for the lack of peace. And Arabs, the Post's coverage implies, are without agency or responsibility.

On Sept. 25, 2019, Mahmoud Abbas, the leader of the Palestinian Authority, announced that he would soon set a date for elections. Abbas's announcement is newsworthy; the PA hasn't held elections since 2006 and Abbas himself is in the fourteenth year of a four-year term. Several leading news outlets covered his remarks, including The Times of Israel, Ha'aretz, and The Jerusalem Post. The Washington Post, however, did not.

Instead, the newspaper published a 1,000-word "report" about how "Palestinian artists in the locked-down Gaza Strip are inspired by works they may never get to see."

Indeed, when the newspaper isn't busy painting either Israeli Arabs or Palestinian Arabs as victims, it's omitting key facts.

Take, for example, the newspaper's Sept. 25, 2019 report "Are Arab Israelis having their moment?" The dispatch, by correspondent Ruth Eglash and Jerusalem bureau chief Steve Hendrix, noted that a "surge of Arab voters proved decisive in denying Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu the parliamentary seats he needed" in Israel's September 2019 elections.

Arab citizens of Israel enjoy equal political rights and are equally represented in leading industries and government, including the Knesset, where the Arab-led Joint List is the third largest party. In fact, for the second time in six months, more Arabs voted in the Jewish state than in neighboring Arab countries. Nonetheless, the Post uncritically quoted the leader of the Joint List, Ayman Odeh, who claimed: "No one will give us the equality that we deserve, so we are going to take it for ourselves."

The newspaper also noted that some in Israel have concerns about the Joint List — but the Post didn't offer any details as to why this might be the case.

As Tablet magazine documented in a Sept. 23, 2019 report, "The Joint List, sadly,



The former Washington Post building.
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remains a vehemently anti-Zionist party whose members have often expressed their support for convicted terrorists." Reporter Liel Liebovitz noted that Joint List member Haba Yazbak has praised convicted terrorists on Facebook and supported an Israeli-Arab citizen who was indicted for spying on behalf of Hezbollah, the Iranian-controlled Lebanese terrorist group.

The party's co-leader, Mtanes Shehadah, "started 2019 by posting a photo of himself hugging Samir Sarsawi, a terrorist who had spent 30 years in jail for throwing hand grenades on Jewish pedestrians in Haifa. Shehadah called Sarsawi a 'political prisoner.' He was introduced to voters at an event earlier this year that began with attendees singing the Palestinian national anthem and offering greetings to Azmi Bishara, the former Israeli-Arab MK who fled the country after being accused of spying for Hezbollah, and Bassel Ghattas, another Israeli-Arab MK who has served a prison sentence for smuggling cellphones to a convicted Palestinian terrorist."

Another top Joint List member, Ahmed Tibi, was previously an adviser to architect-terrorist Yasser Arafat. Tibi has consorted with genocidal dictators who seek Israel's destruction, such as Syria's Bashar al-Assad. And in 2012, the Knesset's Ethics Committee reproached Tibi for "cheering on terrorism and violence" after he gave a speech in Ramallah that referred to Israelis as "occupiers" and slain terrorists as "martyrs."

Yet, the Post consistently omits this crucial context, preferring instead to cast Israeli concerns as overblown and the Arabs as victims. The newspaper isn't about to let facts get in the way of its narrative.

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Is America 'First'? Not Anymore



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In the third year of Donald Trump's presidency, the US continues to suffer from a negative global image. The world views Chinese and Russian leadership more favorably than that of the US. This seems to be a continuation of the instant, worldwide negative response — even panic — that followed Trump's victory in 2016. The most negative attitudes were shown among the "Western democracies," while in non-democratic states the US scored better.

Forbes' World's Most Powerful People Index of 2019

Unlike Obama during his first term in

2009-12, Donald Trump was ranked by the Forbes Index as only third among the world's most powerful leaders. China got first place with Xi Jinping; second place went to Vladimir Putin. Trump has not made any headway on this index since 2017.

The Index's global approval rating of US leadership for 2019 showed Trump at the lowest level for any of the past three US presidents. His low rating could have implications for US soft power and cost billions in US trade around the globe. While it's not yet clear whether Trump's "America First" foreign policy is a success or a failure, it may have opened the door for China and Russia to increase their global influence. In 2019, the US leadership rating hit a record low of 30 percent.

The Gallup Rating of World Leaders Index of 2019

Adults across 133 countries rated the "performance of US leadership" at 31 percent.



US President Donald Trump addresses the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York City, Sept. 24, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Lucas Jackson.

More than 130 countries and areas assessed US leadership during Trump's second year in office compared to that of Germany, China, and Russia. The Index shows a continued decline in Trump's global positioning around the world.

The 2019 Global Peace Index: "Confidence in US leadership and US influence"

The 2019 Global Peace Index showed that confidence in Trump as a leader has dropped, and that there is more confidence in Russian, Chinese, and German leadership than in American. In addition, it showed a belief that the "US has become less peaceful over the past year" (it dropped to 128 out of 163). A growing number of people around the world see "US power and influence as a major threat" to their country, which is linked with

negative attitudes toward Trump and the US as a whole, according to surveys conducted in 22 nations since 2013. Forty-five percent of surveyed nations "see US power and influence as a major threat," up from 38 percent (it was 25 percent in 2013, during Obama's administration).

The increase in people who see America as a threat "has occurred alongside declines in the shares of people who say they have confidence in the US." The US is still ranked as less of a global threat than climate change (67 percent), ISIS (62 percent), and cyber-attacks (61 percent).

The US's relative role in the world

In the Gallup index of 2019, respondents were asked to rank seven major countries on whether they are "playing a more important, less important, or as important role in the world compared with 10 years ago." China won: 70 percent across 25 countries said it "plays a more important global role than it did a decade ago." The US falls in the middle: roughly similar medians say a) it is as important as it was 10 years ago, and b) its importance has grown.

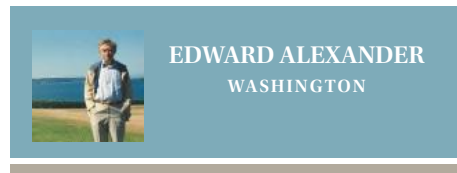
US Global Image Index (2019)

America's global image is moving from "complicated" to "very negative." More

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Opinion.

Britain's Academic Left Expunges Jews From the Holocaust



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The late Lucy Dawidowicz once referred, decades ago in a letter to me, to the widespread practice of stealing the Holocaust from its European Jewish victims by a host of groups who not only hate but also envy Jews for having been destroyed.

"How dare the Jews," she seemed to hear them complaining, "monopolize all that beautiful Holocaust suffering which other aggrieved groups would very much like to share, ex post facto, with them." We still hear that envious voice in the bitter pronouncements of "The Squad" in the Democratic Party.

Stealing the Holocaust from its Jewish victims began with small acts of relatively innocent distortion. We all remember the inflamed rhetoric of the civil rights movement of the sixties, calling curtailment of free-lunch programs in Harlem genocide, or describing Watts as a concentration camp. But why fuss about precision of language or intellectual delicacy when the exigencies of radical politics make it convenient to reduce persecuted Jews from the status of human beings to that of metaphors for other people's suffering?

But this was an amateurish rehearsal for what was still to come. The most determined, sustained, and dangerous attempt to steal the Holocaust from its Jewish victims was begun by the Soviet Union and the Arab world after the 1967 war, and soon became, as it remains today, one of the most lethal weapons deployed against the land of Israel and the people Israel.

Making Jews into metaphors proved the prelude to making Zionism into the new Nazism, the Israelis into the new Nazis, and the Palestinian Arabs into the Jews. Fidel Castro, in speeches before the Third World conference in Havana, and at the UN in 1979, described Israelis as the Nazis of our time, who had driven the modern Jews (formerly known as Palestinians) off their land, committed genocide, and so on.

Student bodies in twelve British universities were inspired by the UN's Zionism-Racism resolution of 1975 to ban Jewish student organizations. The Christian Science Monitor made it virtually a language rule and house "style" to refer to Palestinian Arabs as "the Jews of the Arab world," living in a "Diaspora" but longing to be restored to



A BDS protest in front of Carnegie Hall.
Photo: Liberate Art.

Jerusalem. By the 1980s it became standard practice for journalists like Robert Fisk and Jessica Savitch and Alexander Cockburn (in *The Wall Street Journal*, no less) to discover the besieged Warsaw Ghetto in Beirut.

But now the official publication of Britain's academic left, the University and College Union, has outdone them all in its recent call to members to "observe" Holocaust Memorial Day in January of 2020. It has achieved the ne plus ultra of stealing the Holocaust from its Jewish "monopolists" on behalf of those who would like, after the fact, to "share" in it. In its exhaustive (and licentious) list of "groups of Holocaust victims" put together for the promotion of the UK's Holocaust Memorial Day, the UCU has omitted Jews altogether. Trade unionists are on the list; as are communists, gays and lesbians, prostitutes, and "non-Jewish Poles" (!)

When the predictable barrage of complaint arrived, the editors (very much in the manner, at once oleaginous and contemptuous, of *The New York Times* after it publishes antisemitic cartoons) blamed the indelicate omission of the only group selected by the Nazi regime for total annihilation on a "drafting" error. But which is more revealing of the lower depths of British academia, the conscious lie or the unconscious one?

Having for so long deceived the uninstructed with lies about the Holocaust — it may not have happened; or, it happened, but not only to Jews; or, the favorite exculpatory apologia, Western bad conscience about it led to the establishment of Israel, and so on ad nauseam — Britain's leftist academicians, whether by intent or immoral thoughtlessness, now delete the Jews altogether.

In the long run, as Mahatma Gandhi once said, "the greatest deceiver is the self-deceiver."

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countries prefer the US as the world's leading power over China, but at the same time, many people are frustrated about America's role in the world and say "they have little confidence in President Donald Trump to do the right thing in world affairs" (according to a new Pew Research Center survey of 25 nations.)

"Western European states don't accept Trump" and have "strikingly negative views" of him, according to the survey. Britain, Germany, France, and Spain had little confidence in President George W. Bush, but have even less in Trump. More Western Europeans now say the "US government does not respect the personal freedoms of its people"

(a median of 57 percent). According to the Index, the decline began "after the National Security Agency's spying controversy during the Obama administration."

Pew's America's International Image poll (2018-2019)

The international image of the US remains very low, and more people now say that "bilateral relations with the US have worsened, rather than improved, over the past year." There is a widespread perception that the Trump administration "does not consider the interests of other countries when making foreign policy decisions." Very few respondents agreed that the US is "stepping up more to solve international problems."

Gallup's US's Domestic Image vs. Inter-

Whatever Happened to the Palestinian 'Diplomatic Tsunami'?



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It was only eight years ago that supporters of Israel were trembling at the possibility that support for the Jewish state would soon be washed away by a "diplomatic tsunami" that would be unleashed by the Palestinians at the United Nations.

In the spring of 2011, President Barack Obama demanded that Israel negotiate the creation of an independent Palestinian state based on the 1967 armistice lines. The Palestinian Authority (PA) chose not to embrace Obama's initiative, but instead embarked on a campaign to get the United Nations to recognize their statehood without first requiring them to make peace with Israel. Figures such as then-defense minister Ehud Barak predicted that such a "tsunami" meant "Israel's delegitimization was in sight." For Barak and others who still believed in the Oslo peace process — even after its collapse a decade earlier in the violence of the Second Intifada — the prospect of such total international isolation meant that Israel had no choice but to withdraw from the West Bank and part of Jerusalem, regardless of the consequences.

Eight years later, no one speaks of a Palestinian tsunami at the United Nations — or anywhere else, for that matter. Instead, the only places where efforts to delegitimize Israel seem to be succeeding is on the social-media pages of pop stars. While PA leader Mahmoud Abbas' annual journey to the United Nations last month was greeted with yawns, the only recent success that haters of Israel can claim was the bullying of singer Demi Lovato.

Lovato is a former Disney teen star who has had some subsequent success as a singer and actress after dealing with substance-abuse problems. Like most of those who work in the entertainment industry, she is eager to identify with causes such as gay rights and gun control. But she experienced a nasty backlash when she posted pictures on her Instagram account of a trip to Israel that she had initially

described as "absolutely magical."

On a trip that was reportedly paid for by an unnamed pro-Israel non-profit group, Lovato gushed on Instagram about her feelings about visiting Yad Vashem and the Western Wall, as well as her experience of being baptized in the Jordan River. But after BDS supporters — advocating their belief that the Jewish state must be eliminated — criticized her for the visit, Lovato backed down right away. She issued an apology for thinking that traveling to the Holy Land could be a "spiritual experience," rather than a political one that supposedly signified support for suffering Palestinians.

When she became the object of further scorn for those absurd remarks, the apparently deeply confused singer then deleted her apology. Perhaps the BDS movement will count this as something of a victory. But looking back to an August concert in Israel by Jennifer Lopez (a far bigger star than Lovato), who performed to a crowd of 60,000 without worrying about what a few radicals who post comments on social media might say, it's hard to count even the leftist-dominated precincts of pop culture as a place where the Palestinians are really succeeding.

At the United Nations, where once-hardened ex-generals like Barak quaked about the prospect of the world uniting to force Israel to accept a Palestinian state, the situation for the Jewish state's foes is particularly dismal. It's true that many UN agencies, like its Human Rights Council, are still cesspools of antisemitism and hypocrisy, focusing almost exclusively on bogus attacks on Israel while ignoring real human-rights catastrophes in countries around the world.

But as is the case elsewhere, the diplomatic isolation that Barak and so many others feared never happened. Indeed, as Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon recently wrote, the world body is no longer the "home court" for those who oppose Israel. The majority of member states joined the United States and Israel in condemning Hamas terrorism in the past year. In a variety of steps, both large and small, Israel's presence there has become normalized.

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national Image Index

With regard to the US's global positioning, Americans are considered to "see the opposite" of what the rest of the world does. Only 58 percent say the US is rated "very or somewhat favorably in the world's eyes," but most believe that Americans' perception of their country's image in the world is at its "best since 2003."

Portland's Soft Power Index (2019)

President Trump's "America First" foreign policy does not play well abroad. Last year's international polling data for the US showed a serious drop in favorability toward the US among other nations. The US's combined Soft Power score fell nearly 10 percent from 2016 to 2017: "Unsurprisingly, sentiment has not recovered this year. Moreover, the US ranks 21st in overall favorability scores in 2018." According to Portland's Index, as long as Trump persists with his "America First" policy, "it's hard to see the rest of the world getting behind US leadership."

Conclusion

In the eyes of much of the rest of the world, America's image has shifted from

"sheriff of the world" to "a major threat." There is, moreover, a significant gap between what Americans think others think about their country and the reality.

Much of the world appears to believe that several international agreements signed by Obama were mistakes, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement, the Paris Climate Accord, and the Iran nuclear deal.

Trump is criticized for his policy regarding the North American Free Trade Agreement and his trade wars with China. He continues to criticize NATO allies and has opened direct, open diplomacy with North Korea — policies he put into practice in full knowledge that they would worsen the US's global image.

Trump's foreign policy is viewed positively in non-democratic countries, which changes the map of diplomatic flexibility and affects the US's room to maneuver in the international arena.

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Impressions.

Today's Jew-Hatred: The Sorry Tale of Two Photographs

BY BEN COHEN

As visitors to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem wind their way through the main exhibition, they are confronted by a series of unsettling photographs from the first decade of Nazi power: Jews forced onto their hands and knees to clean the sidewalks; a young Jewish woman fleeing from a crowd in a blind panic, her dress ripped open; Jewish schoolchildren compelled to wear a yellow Star of David as a badge of shame.

What these images convey is a powerful sense of how antisemitism can progress from being a mere ideology to everyday reality. Many visitors to Holocaust exhibitions are stunned that these atrocities occurred in places that look, to our eyes, modern and familiar, with the signs for shops and cafes signaling a sense of normality in the face of the systemic cruelty visible in the treatment of the Jews in those same photographs. It forces us to ask — in part because we can see the beginnings of our own consumer society in those images — whether we would be capable of doing the same in our own time.

For many years after 1945, there was real hope that the depraved, violent antisemitism of the Nazis had been consigned to history. And as trying as the current situation is for Jews in those countries where antisemitism is now rising — from Argentina to Germany and all other points of the compass — the reasoning behind that hope remains sound. Post-war generations of Jews have not lived with fear and terror guiding their every decision, great or small.

And yet, sometimes we find disturbing cracks in that overall sense of post-war safety, particularly when we encounter instances of antisemitism that resemble those past horrors. The unease that is caused does not come from the fear that a Fourth Reich or an Islamist Caliphate or some other nightmarish totalitarian state will suddenly spring up. It comes from the more fundamental realization that human beings are still capable of extraordinary cruelty when animated by bigotry and hatred.

Over the last week, there have been two reported examples of this kind of viscerally antisemitic behavior: one in the United Kingdom, the other in Australia. At the root of both was the desire to inflict psychic humiliation upon the victims as a punishment for their Jewishness.

In the case in the United Kingdom — deeply unpleasant, but not quite as shocking as the Australian example — the offense centered on an image posted to the popular dating app Tinder. A student of South Asian origin by the name of “Jonathan” uploaded a photo of himself sitting on the London Underground wearing a wide grin as he pointed mockingly at a Hasidic Jewish man

adjacent to him who’d made the mistake of falling asleep. For good measure, “Jonathan” then photoshopped a picture of the Palestinian flag bearing the word “Palestine” over the sleeping man’s mouth before attaching it to his Tinder profile — evidently thinking that a potential romantic partner would find this attractive.

When the Tinder picture ended up on Twitter, there was much outrage at this willful, joyous humiliation of a Jew for general amusement. Equally, there were those who said it was all a harmless joke, and that the Jews were, as usual, being oversensitive. “Jonathan” himself was tracked down by a student website, confessing in an interview with them that he regretted posting the image and assuring readers that he was, in

of his humiliation was duly posted on Instagram.

This story was revealed as part of a broader exposé of antisemitic bullying in two schools in the city of Melbourne (with the other case involving a five-year-old boy who was mocked by his classmates for having a circumcised penis.) After his ordeal in the park, the 12-year-old was subjected to months of bullying comprised of antisemitic abuse and physical violence. According to the Australian Jewish Anti-Defamation Commission, there is a growing trend among Jewish parents in Melbourne to pull their children out of public schools in favor of Jewish day schools — something that has been witnessed extensively in Europe as well.

The deeper lesson here is that the dehuman-



The picture posted on Instagram showing a Jewish boy forced to kiss the shoes of a Muslim classmate at the Cheltenham Secondary College in Melbourne, Australia. Photo: Screenshot.

no shape or form, an antisemite. His university, meanwhile, has suspended him.

A few days later, another even more distressing image appeared on social media, this time in Australia. It showed two kids in a public park on a beautifully sunny day. One 12-year-old boy, wearing shorts and sneakers, was prostrate on the ground kissing the sneakers of a 13-year-old boy, who was also wearing shorts.

The kid forced to the ground was Jewish, while the kid standing upright over him was Muslim. Going by the accounts of the incident in the Australian press, obtaining that image took a degree of planning. The Jewish boy was lured into the park with the promise of a game of football. Once there, he discovered nine boys of the same age who delivered an ultimatum: bow down and kiss the feet of the Muslim kid, or we'll beat you up. The Jewish kid complied, and the photograph

izing element that is so essential to antisemitism remains with us. In the two cases here — one involving adults and the other involving children, one with a person wearing visibly Jewish clothing, the other a person dressed generically — the common goal was to lampoon and disgrace the victims by way of their Jewishness. That impulse would be instantly recognizable to the Nazis, for whom public-humiliation ceremonies served as a graphic reminder of the legal status of Jews as *untersmenschen*. For all the historical differences between then and now, it's that particular similarity that should stir something in all of us.

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Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered December 14, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on October 24, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 4412 10th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Block 5607 Lot 40. All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$956,249.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506418/ 2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee RRJC004 AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11/18/25

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

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, NY. 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, NY. 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, NY. 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, NY. 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

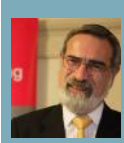
NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. KAIUM AKANDA, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Pursuant to CPLR 2004 Extending the Time to Set Sale and to Ratify 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 Assets 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

Tradition.

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Let My Teaching Drop as Rain



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

In the glorious song with which Moses addresses the congregation, he invites the people to think of the Torah – their covenant with God – as if it were like the rain that waters the ground so that it brings forth its produce:

Let my teaching drop as rain,
My words descend like dew,
Like showers on new grass,
Like abundant rain on tender plants. (Deut. 32:2)

God's word is like rain in a dry land. It brings life. It makes things grow. There is much we can do of our own accord: we can plough the earth and plant the seeds. But in the end our success depends on something beyond our control. If no rain falls, there will be no harvest, whatever preparations we make. So it is with Israel. It must never be tempted into the hubris of saying:



"My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me" (Deut. 8:17).

The Sages, however, sensed something more in the analogy. This is how Sifrei (a compendium of commentaries on Numbers and Deuteronomy dating back to the Mishnaic period) puts it:

Let my teaching drop as rain: Just as the rain is one thing, yet it falls on trees, enabling each to produce tasty fruit according to the kind of tree it is – the vine in its way, the olive tree in its way, and the date palm in its way – so the Torah is one, yet its words yield Scripture, Mishnah, laws, and lore. Like showers on new grass: Just as showers fall upon plants and make them grow, some green, some red, some black, some white, so the words of Torah produce teachers, worthy individuals, Sages, the righteous, and the pious.

There is only one Torah, yet it has multiple effects. It gives rise to different kinds of teaching, different sorts of virtue. Torah is sometimes seen by its critics as overly prescrip-

tive, as if it sought to make everyone the same. The Midrash argues otherwise. The Torah is compared to rain precisely to emphasise that its most important effect is to make each of us grow into what we could become. We are not all the same, nor does Torah seek uniformity. As a famous Mishnah puts it: "When a human being makes many coins from the same mint, they are all the same. God makes everyone in the same image – His image – yet none is the same as another" (Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5).

This emphasis on difference is a recurring theme in Judaism. For example, when Moses asks God to appoint his successor, he uses an unusual phrase: "May the Lord, God of the spirits of all humankind, appoint a man over the community" (Num. 27:16). On this, Rashi comments:

Why is this expression ("God of the spirits of all humankind") used? [Moses] said to Him: Lord of the universe, You know each person's character, and that no two people are alike. Therefore,

appoint a leader for them who will bear with each person according to his or her disposition.

One of the fundamental requirements of a leader in Judaism is that he or she is able to respect the differences between human beings. This is a point emphasised by Maimonides in *Guide for the Perplexed*:

Man is, as you know, the highest form in creation, and he therefore includes the largest number of constituent elements. This is why the human race contains so great a variety of individuals that we cannot discover two persons exactly alike in any moral quality or in external appearance.... This great variety and the necessity of social life are essential elements in man's nature. But the well-being of society demands that there should be a leader able to regulate the actions of man. He must complete every shortcoming, remove every excess, and prescribe for the conduct of all, so that the natural variety should be counterbalanced by the

uniformity of legislation, so that social order be well established.

The political problem as Maimonides sees it is how to regulate the affairs of human beings in such a way as to respect their individuality while not creating chaos. A similar point emerges from a surprising rabbinic teaching: "Our Rabbis taught: If one sees a crowd of Israelites, one says: Blessed Be He who discerns secrets – because the mind of each is different from that of another, just as the face of each is different from another" (Brachot 58a).

We would have expected a blessing over a crowd to emphasise its size, its mass: human beings in their collectivity. A crowd is a group large enough for the individuality of the faces to be lost. Yet the blessing stresses the opposite – that each member of a crowd is still an individual with distinctive thoughts, hopes, fears, and aspirations.

The same was true for the relationship between the Sages. A Mishnah states:

When R. Meir died, the composers of fables ceased. When Ben Azzai died, assiduous students ceased. When Ben Zoma died, the expositors ceased. When R. Akiva died, the glory of the Torah ceased. When R. Chanina died, men of deed ceased. When R. Yose Ketanta died, the pious men ceased. When R. Yochanan b. Zakai died, the lustre of wisdom ceased.... When Rabbi died, humility and the fear of sin ceased. (Mishnah Sotah 9:15)

There was no single template of the Sage. Each had his own distinctive merits, his unique contribution to the collective heritage. In this respect, the Sages were merely continuing the tradition of the Torah itself. There is no single role model of the religious hero or heroine in Tanach. The patriarchs and matriarchs each had their own unmistakable character. Moses, Aaron, and Miriam each emerge as different personality types. Kings, Priests, and Prophets had different roles to play in Israelite society. Even among the Prophets, "No two prophesy in the same style," said the Sages (Sanhedrin 89a). Elijah was zealous, Elisha gentle. Hosea speaks of love, Amos speaks of justice. Isaiah's visions are simpler and less opaque than those of Ezekiel.

The same applies to even to the revelation at Sinai itself. Each individual heard, in the same words, a different inflection:

The voice of the Lord is with power (Ps. 29:4): that is, according to the power of each individual, the young, the old, and the very small ones, each according to their power [of understanding]. God said to Israel, "Do not believe that there are many gods in heaven because you heard many voices. Know that I alone am the Lord your God."

According to Maharsha, there are 600,000 interpretations of Torah. Each individual is theoretically capable of a unique insight into its meaning. The French philosopher Emmanuel Levinas commented:

The Revelation has a particular way of producing meaning,

which lies in its calling upon the unique within me. It is as if a multiplicity of persons...were the condition for the plenitude of "absolute truth," as if each person, by virtue of his own uniqueness, were able to guarantee the revelation of one unique aspect of the truth, so that some of its facets would never have been revealed if certain people had been absent from mankind.

Judaism, in short, emphasises the other side of the maxim *E pluribus unum* ("Out of the many, one"). It says: "Out of the One, many."

The miracle of creation is that unity in heaven produces diversity on earth. Torah is the rain that feeds this diversity, allowing each of us to become what only we can be.

Shabbat Shalom

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At the same time, the Palestinians have become more of an afterthought. It's probably better for Abbas that even the Palestinians' usual cheerleaders on the left paid no attention to his recent address at the UN General Assembly, where he spoke of his devotion to democracy and his plans to hold an election. Abbas is so devoted to democracy that he is currently serving the 15th year of a four-year term as president of the PA, to which he was elected in 2005. No one takes his talk of finally holding another vote seriously, since there is no way he would risk being defeated by his more radical Islamist rivals in Hamas, who currently rule Gaza.

The Arab and Muslim worlds may still be hotbeds of antisemitism and may have successfully exported their Jew-hatred to the West in the form of the BDS movement. However, Arab states have effectively dropped the Palestinian cause as a priority and instead are increasingly looking to Israel as an ally against Iran. Though they still pay some lip service to the Palestinian cause, the governments of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Egypt have little interest in creating another failed and unstable Arab state for the Palestinians.

To note these facts is not to deny that the ongoing conflict with the Palestinians is not going away and remains a serious problem. But as long as both the PA and Hamas are stuck in the mindset of their century-long war on Zionism, peace will have to wait until the Palestinians are ready to accept the legitimacy of a Jewish state.

The fact that the "tsunami" that so many Jews feared has fizzled into the BDS flop that can only intimidate someone like Lovato demonstrates that the conventional wisdom peddled by Israel's noisy critics shouldn't be taken seriously. Those who listen to the counsels of despair in 2011 have turned out to be as confused as a second-tier pop star.

Jonathan S. Tobin is editor in chief of JNS-Jewish News Syndicate. Follow him on Twitter @jonathans_tobin.

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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 Rogueni, 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 Rogueni, 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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Troy James; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 28, 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 November 7, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1125 East 55th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of

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Social.



Singer Ziggy Marley arrives at the 59th Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, California, Feb. 12, 2017.
Photo: Reuters / Mario Anzuoni.

Reggae Singer Ziggy Marley Honored for Israel Support in Face of BDS Pressure

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

American singer Ziggy Marley, the son of late reggae icon Bob Marley, reaffirmed his support for Israel at a recent event in Los Angeles.

Marley was presented with the inaugural special artist's award for peace at the Creative Community for Peace's 2nd annual "Celebrating Ambassadors of Peace" gathering. The non-profit, entertainment industry organization is dedicated to promoting music and the arts "as a bridge to peace, while supporting artistic freedom, and countering the cultural boycott of Israel," according to its website.

While accepting his award on stage, Marley said his bond with Israel started in his teens through the help of

his mother and father, whose own father was Jewish. He also addressed efforts by BDS supporters to have artists cancel their concerts in Israel.

"I've been going to Israel since I was a teenager... Israel was a storybook place for us. We felt a connection to it through our father, through our beliefs," he said. "I've been going back ever since. We don't play in Israel for political reason, we play for the people [to] spread our message of justice, love and peace for all people... Going to Israel for me is no problem because we go for the people, not the politics."

Marley has received pressure by anti-Israel activists in the past to boycott the Jewish state, but said in 2015 that he would never stop supporting the country, "[n]o matter what anybody says or does."

Anti-Boycott Group Condemns Bullying of Demi Lovato Over Israel Trip

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

An anti-boycott entertainment industry organization denounced the bullying on social media of American songstress Demi Lovato in the wake of her recent visit to Israel, the same day that the singer's mother said she will "unapologetically go again" to the Jewish state.

Non-profit group Creative Community for Peace said, "There was nothing political about her trip, but rather this was a trip of learning, compassion, and self-discovery. Yet in a calculated attack, boycott activists, trolls and bots immediately targeted her and her fans, in an attempt to turn her influential social media feed into their own bully pulpit."

CCFP said Israel boycott activists "hijacked her social media page after she posted photos from the trip for their own political gain."

"Attacks like this against artists must end," the group added. "Ms. Lovato is certainly not alone in being a celebrity who has recently traveled to Israel. Others, including Jennifer Lopez, Daddy Yankee, Deshaun Watson, Neil Patrick Harris, and Alex Rodriguez, have all spoken about the positive experience they have had on their recent trips to the country – whether to perform or visit."

"We at CCFP encourage artists to travel to Israel and the region and experience it for themselves. Ms. Lovato has no reason to apologize for her visit to Israel, but rather should be embraced for her love of humanity."

The "Sober" singer briefly posted an apology last

Arab Plumbers in Haifa Refuse to Charge Holocaust Survivor

BY ELDER OF ZION

Here is a nice story that was only reported in the Hebrew-language media:

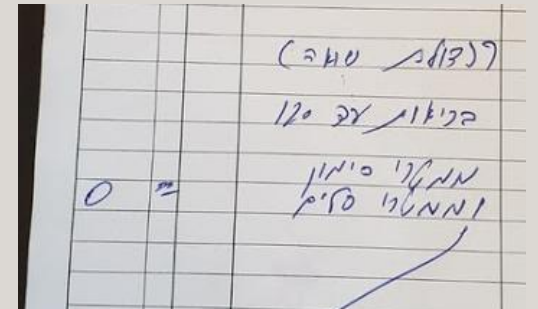
Simon and Salim Matri, Arab citizens of Israel, came to Haifa to do plumbing work worth around NIS 1,000 for an elderly woman, Rosa Meyer.

As they spoke to her, Rosa revealed that she was a Holocaust survivor.

Simon said, "At one point, while working, my brother Salim started talking to Rosa about her life. Her life story touched me. At that moment, I decided I wouldn't charge her a penny."

They wrote on the invoice: "Wishing you health to 120 years old. Amount to pay: 0."

When Meyer saw the invoice, she was moved to tears. "The brothers really surprised me. It was



The receipt

so exciting and gratifying, and I thanked them very much," she said.

"We did it wholeheartedly," said Simon. "We left our phone number to Rosa and told her to call us with any trouble she had, and we'd come to help her for free. That's the education we got at home — helping people. Money is important, but not the most important. It's important to be human."

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

week for her trip to Israel after receiving harsh backlash from anti-Israel BDS supporters, who accused her of "completely ignoring the occupation and dehumanization of the Palestinian people."

Lovato's mother, however, who accompanied the singer on the free trip, sounded an unapologetic tone. Dianna De La Garza posted on Friday a picture of her hand and Lovato's touching the Western Wall, and wrote that praying in the Old City of Jerusalem "was the highlight of my trip to Israel." She added, "I will never forget that day ... or that trip as we celebrated life and Christianity as we learned about the Jewish faith while listening to the Muslim Call to Prayer. There was no fighting, no judgement, no cruel words... only love. And I will undoubtedly, unapologetically go again one day."

Lovato was raised Christian but has Jewish ancestors.

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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 7781 Lot 34. Approximate amount of judgment \$553,632.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 517212/2017. Charlane Odetta Brown, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: September 17, 2019 For sale information, please visit www. Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 AJ; 10/4/11/18/25

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against ROSA ELISA PEREZ A/K/A ROSA E. PEREZ A/K/A ROSA PEREZ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 25, 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 7th day of November, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 239 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207. (Block: 3436, Lot: 40). Approximate amount of lien \$ 205,480.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 512109-14. Julie Ann Clark, Esq., Referee. FEIN SUCH & CRANE, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ; 10/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST THAKOR MADHOO, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 27, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 07, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 205 HALE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3960, LOT 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$651,242.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 512152/2015. LEONARD C. SPECTOR, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65662 AJ; 10/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Lehman Mortgage Trust Mortgage Pass Through Certificates Series 2007-10, Plaintiff AGAINST Shamika Dowell; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 18, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 7, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 648 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206. All that certain plot piece or

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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 1774 Lot 47. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,087,478.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 512093/2015. Leonard C. Spector, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: August 19, 2019 65214 AJ; 10/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET- BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST ANNISA DANCE, RUSSELL DANCE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 01, 2017 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 November 07, 2019 at 02:30PM, premises known as 686 WORTMAN AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4546, LOT 100. Approximate amount of judgment \$844,763.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511425/2014. DAVID J. HERNANDEZ, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65483 AJ; 10/4/11/18/25

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: THE BOYS 'ROOM LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 07/18/2019 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: the LLC 382 Lefferts Avenue #7E Brooklyn, New York 11225. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/4/11/18/25; 11/1/8

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - ALEXANDER LEWIS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 18, 2019. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 7th day of November, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 411 Madison Street, Brooklyn, (Borough of Brooklyn) NY 11221. (Block: 1820, Lot: 51) Approximate amount of lien \$1,097,918.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 12788-13. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink

LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 Dated: August 15, 2019 AJ; 10/4/11/18/25

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COLIN KING STUDIO LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/17/2019. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 60 Clark St., Apt 2E, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. AJ; 10/4/11/18/25; 11/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, TD BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TD BANKNORTH, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ARON SCHARE, RAIZY SCHARE, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on September 13, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 7, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1331 58th Street, Unit 3, 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 5698 and Lot 1104. Approximate amount of judgment is \$355,325.04 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 012276/2014. Gregory M. Laspina, Esq., Referee Duane Morris, LLP, 1540 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 10/4/11/18/25;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: PEGASUS COACH LINE LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 09/03/2019 Office location: Richmond County SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Pegasus Coach Line LLC 388 Mcclean Ave. Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/4/11/18/25; 11/1/8

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: PLEASANT 30 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 08/09/2019. Office location: Richmond County . SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of process to: Yan Xing 85 Tompkins Circle, Staten Island, NY 10301. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/4/11/18/25; 11/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. PENTEX HOLDINGS, LLC, Pltf. vs. DAPHNE RODNEY, et al, Defts. Index #511699/2014. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Aug. 27, 2018 and order entered Mar. 8, 2019, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on November 14, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 716 Logan Street, Brooklyn, NY. Said property beginning at a point on the Westerly side of Logan St., distant 298 ft. Northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Westerly side of Logan St. with

the Northerly side of Hegeman Ave., being a plot 100 ft. x 24 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$471,392.39 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DANA JENKINS, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #97716 AJ; 10/11/18/25; 11/1

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff AGAINST MARIE JOSEPH, JEAN SENAT, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 16, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 687 EAST 42ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4989, LOT 65. Approximate amount of judgment \$407,397.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 503915/2017. DORON A. LEIBY, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65930 AJ; 10/11/18/25; 11/1

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST Eric D. Games, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Delia Curtis, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/2018 and entered on 10/18/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 14, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 245 E 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4851, LOT: 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$780,358.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 505910/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 10/11/18/25; 11/1

PROBATE CITATION File No. 3064/A-2019 SURROGATE'S COURT-NEW YORK COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO- Edward Stern, Public Administrator of the County of New York, Attorney General of the State of New York, To the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of MARGOT HERSCH, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributes, legatees, execu-

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tors, administrators, assignees, and successors in interest, whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by RONALD G. HERSCH who is domiciled at 1220 Friendly Way, St. Petersburg, Florida 33705. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court New York County at 31 Chambers Street, Room 509, New York, New York on November 19th 2019, at 9: 30 o' clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of MARGOT HERSCH, lately domiciled at 4523 Broadway, Apt. 4G, New York, New York 10040 admitting to probate a Will dated July 15th, 2019, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of MARGOT HERSCH, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: RONALD G. HERSCH. Dated, Attested and Sealed September 25th, 2019 Hon. Nora S. Anderson Surrogate - Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk. Wimpfheimer & Wimpfheimer, Esqs. Attorney for Petitioner, Telephone number: (212) 247-8448, Address of Attorney: 330 West 58th Street, Suite 308, New York, New York 10019 AJ; 10/11/18/25; 11/1

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: VANSARY,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on: 08/09/2019. 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: Liang Zhao 461 Dean St., Apt. 19L Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/11/18/25; 11/1/8/15

