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## Colorado White Supremacist Charged in Synagogue Bomb Plot



Richard Holzer. Photo: the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. Photo: El Paso County Sheriff's Office / Handout via Reuters.

**BY REUTERS  
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A self-described white supremacist in Colorado has been arrested following an FBI sting operation and charged with plotting to detonate pipe bombs and dynamite at one of the state's oldest synagogues, officials said on Monday.

Richard Holzer, 27, was approached by undercover Federal

Bureau of Investigation agents posing as white supremacists who gave him inert pipe bombs and dynamite. He discussed his plan to explode the devices at Temple Emanuel in Pueblo, Colo., before dawn on Saturday, according to court documents.

Holzer, who is from Pueblo, was arrested on Friday and charged with attempting to obstruct religious exercise by force and faces a maximum sentence of

20 years in prison if convicted.

"The allegation in the complaint constitutes domestic terrorism under federal law because it involves a criminal act dangerous to human life and was intended to coerce a civilian population," US Attorney Jason Dunn told a news conference on Monday.

Hate crimes in the United States jumped by 17 percent and anti-Jewish attacks spiked 37

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## Foreign-Policy Experts Predict an Iranian Attack on Israel

**BY JNS.org**

As Iranians took to the streets this week to commemorate 40 years since the US embassy takeover in 1979, Iran announced new violations of the nuclear deal it signed in 2015. The rogue Islamic Republic admitted that it now operates 60 advanced IR-6 centrifuges and is working on a new type of centrifuge that will work 50 times faster than what is currently permitted under the deal.



Iran test-fires a Fateh-110 missile in July 2012. Photo: Hosein Velayati via Wikimedia Commons.

This announcement comes after Iran has engaged in attacks on oil tankers and Saudi oil facilities, shooting down an American drone, and, of course, its ongoing and aggressive efforts to build a war machine against Israel in Syria and elsewhere.

For its part, on Monday the US Treasury Department announced new sanctions against nine Iranian military commanders and officials. US President Donald Trump withdrew from the nuclear deal with Iran in May 2018 and reimposed tough sanctions in an effort to curb the regime's destabilizing behavior in the Middle East and around the globe.

Regardless, Tehran has continued to engage in destabilization efforts and heavily supports terror activity and

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## Opinion.

## It's Time to Close Down UNRWA

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In December 1949, in the wake of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) was established by the UN through Resolution 302 (IV) to “carry out in collaboration with local governments the direct relief and works programs” for the rehabilitation of Palestinian Arab refugees, and to “consult with the interested Near Eastern Governments concerning measures to be taken by them preparatory to the time when international assistance for relief and works projects is no longer available.”

In reality, not only has the agency failed to accomplish this goal, but it has functioned instead as a de facto anti-Israel front group and a fig leaf for Palestinian intransigence.

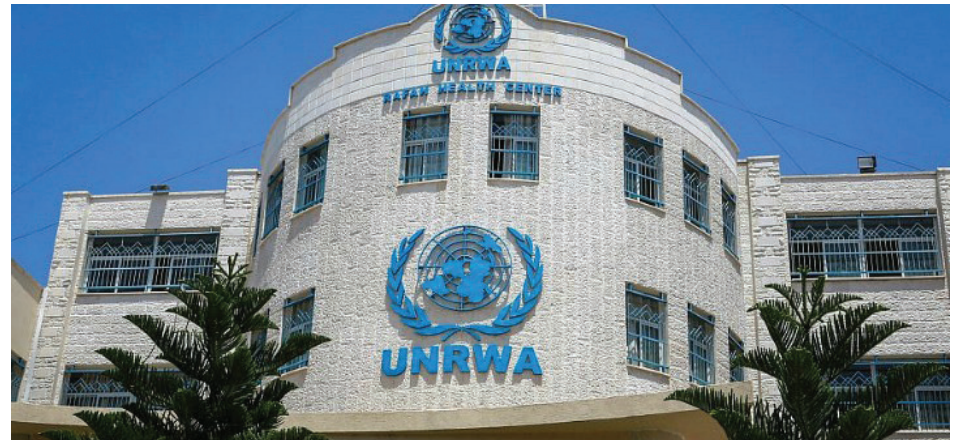
UNRWA has prolonged rather than resolved the plight of Palestinian refugees. Worse, by encouraging the Palestinian fixation on the “right of return” — the standard euphemism for the destruction of Israel via demographic subversion — it impedes negotiations for a permanent peace agreement. The agency should be eliminated, and the responsibility for Palestinian refugees should be shifted to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), like other post-World War II refugee groups throughout the world.

Not for the first time, the UN Office

of Internal Oversight Services is currently investigating UNRWA's top management for abuses of power, including sexual misconduct, nepotism, bullying, and retaliation. The Swiss, Dutch, and Belgian governments have all suspended payments to UNRWA while the investigation is ongoing.

UNRWA's top official, Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl, was accused of appointing as an adviser a woman with whom he was romantically involved. The pair traveled on business class flights across the globe. Deputy Commissioner-General Sandra Mitchell was accused of bullying and of manipulating the system to find a well-paid job for her spouse, Robert Langridge, who was promoted. Chief of Staff Hakam Shahwan was accused of behaving like a thug, placing people loyal to him in positions of power, and lobbying to take over UNRWA operations in Jerusalem.

Perhaps not surprisingly in view of the above, the agency has adopted a culture of secrecy about itself. It employs about 30,000 people (compared to the UNHCR's 11,000 for the rest of the world's 17 million refugees and displaced persons). Most of its staff are Palestinians and many are known members of Hamas (indeed, Hamas membership helps one get a UN job). Peter Hansen, UNRWA's former Commissioner-General (1996–2005), admitted in an interview with CBS that there are Hamas members on the UNRWA payroll. For example, the chairman of UNRWA's Palestinian workers' union, Suhail al-Hindi, is a



View of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) building in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip. Photo: Abed Rahim Khatib/Flash90.

member of Hamas' new political leadership.

Retired IDF Col. Yoni Fighele, a former military governor in the territories, notes that as long as UNRWA employees are members of Hamas, they are going to pursue the interests of that organization within the framework of their job.

The agency was threatened with closure after the Trump administration implemented severe cuts following reports that proved rockets had been hidden inside UNRWA schools. UN Secretary-General António Guterres, who sat on the ethics findings for months, claims he is “committed to acting swiftly on the corruption allegations.”

The UN originally made clear that UNRWA's mandate would be short-term, indicating that the refugee issue should be solved expeditiously through repatriation

or resettlement. In the words of former UN Secretary-General Trygve Lie, “The refugees will lead an independent life in countries that have sheltered them. Except for the ‘hardcore’ cases, the refugees will no longer be maintained by an international organization as they are at present. They will be integrated into the economic system of the countries of asylum and will themselves provide for their own needs and those of their families.”

Palestinian residents of Arab states — all of whom are considered refugees by UNRWA — should become citizens of those states, as they are in Jordan.

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## Can Joe Biden Save the Day for Pro-Israel Democrats?

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After a week in which attacks on Israel by Democratic presidential candidates dominated discussion at the J Street conference, Joe Biden finally gave what's left of the pro-Israel wing of the party a reason not to despair. After Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Pete Buttigieg all endorsed cutting military aid to Israel, Biden finally weighed in on the subject.

Speaking to a reporter from *The Wall Street Journal*, the former vice president said the notion of conditioning continued assistance to Israel was “absolutely outrageous” and that such a policy would be a “gigantic mistake.”

For Biden to speak up in this manner is important because it means that, for once, the one-time frontrunner is showing some willingness to stand up to his party's increasingly dominant progressive wing, rather than trying to appease it. This means the Democrats can now have a debate about supporting Israel, as opposed to merely engaging in, as seemed to be the case at J Street, a competition to see which candidate could be tougher on the Jewish state.

This ought to hearten the still significant numbers of moderate and liberal Democrats who support the Jewish state. And given that Biden is still in first place in the *RealClearPolitics* average of polls, it might mean that the head of the Democratic ticket in 2020 will be someone

who is committed to the US-Israel alliance.

But it's not at all clear that it's going to play as well with primary voters as it would in the general election a year from now. Moreover, it has to worry pro-Israel Democrats that their champion is the candidate who has been steadily losing ground since the race began in earnest over the summer. While Biden's pro-Israel rhetoric is supported by 43 percent of Democrats, according to a Gallup poll conducted in March, who are favorable towards Israel, it may also, like Biden himself, better represent the Democrats' past than their future.

After starting his bid for the Democratic nomination with a commanding lead over the rest of the field, Biden has fallen to the back to the pack with a thud. Thanks to shaky performances in the first debates and the attention given his son Hunter's alleged attempts to profit from his father's name in business dealings in Ukraine and China, Biden is no longer the odds-on favorite to win the nomination. He's trailing in the key early states of Iowa and New Hampshire, as well as flopping in the competition for campaign donations. Right now, the momentum is on the side of his more liberal rivals Warren, Sanders, and Buttigieg.

That quartet makes up the top tier of the Democratic field, and if the still large cast of “also-rans” drop out in the early going next year, that could leave Biden as the sole occupant of the moderate lane in the primaries. In theory, that would mean the most pro-Israel of the Democrats might have a clear advantage.

But the longer this race continues, the more apparent it is that Biden is running to

be the candidate of the party that nominated Bill Clinton, not the one that treats Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC), Ilhan Omar, and Rashida Tlaib — the three most notorious members of the so-called radical “Squad” that has dominated the conversation about many issues in the last year — as the party's rock stars and its future.

The party activist base of the Democrats has largely bought into intersectional theories that accept the slander of Israel as a given. But as the Democrats demonstrated during the 2018 midterms, they win elections by appealing to moderates and independents. They won control of the House by winning numerous seats in districts where President Donald Trump prevailed in 2016 by nominating moderates — not radicals like AOC and her pro-BDS, antisemitic pals.

That's why the Democratic establishment still prefers Biden, since they believe that he is the most likely to defeat Trump. The problem here for pro-Israel Democrats is that, out of necessity, they've hitched the fate of their cause to what right now looks like a fading star. Biden, who hasn't won a competitive race on his own (being Barack Obama's running mate doesn't count) since Richard Nixon was president, has so far been a disappointment to his backers. With a focus on the effort to impeach Trump dominating the headlines this winter, it may also remind voters of his son's questionable behavior, further dragging him down.

Nor, it should be added, is Biden coming to the issue with entirely clean hands. He

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## World News.

# Hamas Leader Threatens Gantz: We'll 'Make You Curse the Day You Were Born'

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The leader of Gaza's ruling terrorist group Hamas on Monday threatened the head of Israel's Blue and White party, Benny Gantz, who is currently trying to set up a government.

"Gantz has joined the bragging club today and is issuing threats and attempts at intimidation," said Yahya Sinwar, according to Israeli news site Mako.

"We reply, we are waiting for you to form a government to see what you know how to do, and with the help of God, make you curse the day you were born," Sinwar pledged.

"We are ready to attack Tel Aviv for six months, morning and evening," the terrorist chief proclaimed.

Gantz is a particular object of hatred among Palestinians in Gaza because he was chief of staff of the IDF during Operation Protective Edge in the summer of 2014.

Sinwar also mocked Israel for its current political impasse, with neither Gantz nor Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu currently able to establish a government.

He said Israel could not approve a sufficient budget or form a cabinet to deal with the threat from Iran and was unable to make any decisions on potential prisoner swaps.

Hamas is holding two Israelis hostage in Gaza, and still possesses the remains of two IDF soldiers killed during the 2014 Gaza conflict.

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percent in 2017, the most recent year for which statistics are available, according to the FBI.

Holzer's arrest came just over a year after the worst attack on a Jewish community in the United States — an Oct. 27, 2018, mass shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue by a lone gunman who killed 11 people.

It was not immediately clear if Holzer had obtained an attorney, and the federal public defender's office for Colorado declined to comment.

Following his arrest, Holzer waived his right to remain silent and admitted to planning to blow up Temple Emanuel synagogue, the court documents said.

Holzer had sent an unidentified

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**Attack**

weapons buildup in the Middle East.

Yaakov Amidror, a former national security advisor to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and currently an analyst at the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security and a fellow at the Jewish Institute for National Security of America, told JNS that the Iranians want to remain far away from the Jewish state, but at the same time build "a ring of fire" around it. Iran supports Hezbollah in Lebanon and the terror organization is estimated to have as many as 100,000 missiles. Iran is also trying hard to create an independent war machine in Syria, which Israel has been working to dismantle. According to foreign and some Israeli reports, Israel has struck 300 targets in Syria so far.

According to Amidror, Iran realized that Israel has been succeeding in Syria, so it began to build a branch of its independent war machine in Iraq, taking advantage of the fact that the Iraqis don't have total control of some parts of their land. For Iran, the idea is to have a military capability close to Israel, while it itself remains at a distance.

"An interesting question," Amidror said, "is what should Israel's reaction be in such a situation? We know the head of the snake is in Iran. Will Israel go after targets in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon or Yemen? Or will we go directly to the head of the snake?"

Iran has the capability to attack Israel from multiple locations, including Lebanon

Facebook user a message on July 11 saying he was "getting ready to cap people" and showing himself dressed in clothing with white supremacist symbols and holding firearms, including an assault rifle, according to the affidavit.

He later told the undercover agents he wanted to use explosives against Temple Emanuel, at first suggesting Molotov cocktails, to show Jewish people they were not welcome in his community and expressed support for a racial holy war, the court documents said.

Holzer on a number of occasions visited the synagogue in Pueblo, a city of 112,000 people that is about 100 miles (160 kilometers) south of Denver, and at one point sent an undercover agent a video of himself walking around the exterior of the building.

and Syria—and now Iraq and possibly Yemen—as Netanyahu mentioned recently.

"This will be complicated"

Eytan Gilboa, professor and director of the Center for International Communication at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan and a senior research associate at the BESA Center for Strategic Studies, told JNS that a number of elements have changed recently that impact Israel's preparedness and decision-making.

First, Iran attacked the Saudi oil fields. Second, the United States withdrew from Syria. And third, Iranian provocations in the Persian Gulf were not met with any aggressive American answer.

"We also see Islamic Jihad in Gaza, on orders from Iran, trying to sabotage and undermine the situation there," he said.

Like Amidror, Gilboa noted that Israel has been trying to prevent Iran from building another front in Syria, saying "this strategy has been extended to Iraq."

He laid out the current state of affairs from Israel's perspective. According to Gilboa, "it is obvious, for all kinds of reasons, that Iran would not attack Israel directly from its own territory. Iran lost some of the surprise that could have been inflicted on Israel had it not used cruise missiles against Saudi Arabia."

Israel is preparing adequate answers to this kind of threat as it expects Iran to attack it with precision-guided cruise missiles and drones.

Gilboa suggested that the components of Israeli strategy must first be to reveal Iran's plan. Then, Israel must threaten direct and

# Antisemitism Scandals 'Absolutely Killing' UK Labour Party, Ex-PM Tony Blair Says



Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair told a top UK Jewish group on Monday there would be a "complete battle" within the Labour party over the issue of antisemitism ahead of the December general election.

Blair led Labour from 1994 to 2007 and served a decade as prime minister. In 2015, however, Labour elected far-left MP Jeremy Corbyn as leader largely as a repudiation of Blair's legacy. Since then, Labour has been wracked by a series of antisemitism scandals, resulting in the suspension and expulsion of a series of members and officials, and some touching Corbyn himself. Polls show the majority of British Jews consider Corbyn personally antisemitic and are planning to vote against him.

At the Board of Deputies of British Jews president's dinner, Blair said, "Let me be frank, there is going to be a complete battle in the Labour party because what has happened over these past years — particularly over antisemitism — is absolutely killing the party."

He said of the upcoming national vote, "I think in this election there will be more people who look carefully in a non-tribal way — they will look carefully at the candidates in their constituency to a bigger degree than at any election I can remember."

severe retaliation. Finally, Israel must make it clear that Syria and Lebanon will pay the price if attacks on Israel originate on their soil.

"If Iran orders Nasrallah to attack Israel, this will be complicated," said Gilboa. "In the 2006 Second Lebanon War, Israel distinguished between the Lebanese Army and Hezbollah. This is no longer the case. If Israel comes under attack, it will attack Lebanon, including Hezbollah. The same is true for Syria. Israel is trying to persuade [Syrian President] Bashar Assad and Russia that if Israel comes under attack from Syria, it is Assad who will pay the price."

Additionally, continued Gilboa, Israel must inform Russia of potential Israeli action after any attack by Iran. "These exchanges of fire between Israel and Iranian attempts to build a base in Syria is completely not in Russia's interest, and this is why Russia is not protesting Israeli military actions in Syria," he said.

Israel should work to procure an American statement of support and must

"There are really good Labour MPs that are standing in this election," he added. "People I know, people I've worked with. People who have stood up very strongly on antisemitism in the Labour party and I want to see them supported."

On the topic of Israel, which has been a flashpoint because of Corbyn's outspoken aversion to the Jewish state, Blair noted there was "a need to explain Zionism and the way Israel was created and why it deserves support today. ... Israeli democracy is a real democracy."

Board of Deputies President Marie van der Zyl pointed out the contrast between Blair and Corbyn, saying, "When Tony Blair was leader of the Labour party — and, indeed, prime minister — there was not the slightest question about any of the big parties being tolerant of antisemitism."

Referring to an investigation of Labour by Britain's top human rights body, van der Zyl said, "I know that he shares our horror that a creation of the last Labour Government, the Equality and Human Rights Commission, has launched a statutory investigation in to whether the current Labour party itself is institutionally antisemitic."

"When the dust settles after the election, I hope that the party's current or future leaders will learn from his example that things can — and indeed must — change," she added.

coordinate with the United States to announce that attacks on Israel will trigger American action.

"On the face of it," Gilboa said, "these components should create some level of deterrence. Israel's main strategy is to create deterrence or at least limit any potential Iranian attack."

If Iran does indeed attack, there will have to be a massive retaliation against Iranian interests.

According to Gilboa, Europe should not be expected to join in the fight against Iran's hegemonic ambitions and support of global terrorism. They are "stupid and deaf," he charged, and only trying to appease Iran.

Both Amidror and Gilboa agree that Iran is certainly bent on Israel in its crosshairs.

"Confrontation between Iran and Israel is unavoidable," said Gilboa. "There is great probability for some Iranian military action; this is something Israel is preparing for."

"Our assumption," said Amidror, "is not a question of if, but when."

## World News.



Naama Issachar takes a selfie in Israel in this undated picture. Photo: Family photo / Handout via Reuters / File.

## Mother of Israeli-American Woman Imprisoned in Russia Changes Strategy

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The mother of a young Israeli-American woman imprisoned in Russia has asked her lawyers to withdraw a petition to cancel the extradition of a Russian hacker whose case may have motivated Moscow's decision to imprison her daughter.

Naama Issachar was arrested in April as she was transferring to a connecting flight in Russia while carrying a small amount of marijuana as she returned home to Israel from a trip to India. She was convicted of drug smuggling, a charge she denies, and sentenced to seven-and-a-half years in prison.

The Israeli news site *Mako* reported on Tuesday that Naama's mother Yaffa asked her lawyers to withdraw a petition they had presented to the Israeli Supreme Court seeking the cancellation of the justice minister's decision to extradite hacker Alex Burkov to the US.

It is widely believed that Russia's refusal to grant clemency to Naama is an attempt to use

her as leverage to prevent Burkov's extradition.

The request to withdraw the petition by Naama's lawyers stated that "there have been developments legally and on matters between the family and political officials" and that the withdrawal of the petition would lead to "effective and focused efforts" for Naama's release.

Yaffa stated that she had faith in efforts by President Reuven Rivlin and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to obtain Naama's release and her daughter "will not be a pawn in the game of a Russian hacker and his people."

At the same time, she said of Naama, "I pray my decision will not worsen her situation."

The Issachar family stated that they "hope the distinguished Supreme Court justices listen to Naama's request to do everything possible to get her out of the hell she is in."

Naama, said the family, was "being held hostage by the Russian government seeking to prevent the extradition of a Russian citizen to the United States."

## Uzbekistan Signs Agreement With Israeli High-Tech Firm to Help Fight

BY JNS.org

With a weight of just 780 kilograms, the GEN-M is easily transportable and can make as much as 800 liters of water per day. Each unit contains an internal water-treatment system and needs no infrastructure except a source of electricity in order to operate.

The Central Asian nation has been in need of a secure water supply, as it's one of only two countries in the world that is "double landlocked" from the oceanic seas. As a result, it has relied on the Amu Darya and Syr Darya rivers for a fresh-water supply.

In recent years, however, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan have established hydro-power dams at the headwaters of both rivers, undermining Uzbekistan's ability to use them as sources.

The patented, heat-exchange GENius technology in each of Watergen AWGs creates water by cooling collected air at its dew point. Subsequently, the water goes through physical, chemical and biological treatments, followed by a mineralization process to maintain its cleanliness, tastiness and healthy quality.

The technology made a splash during

Uzbekistan's Innweek 2019 exhibition last week at the Uzexpocentre National Exhibition Complex in the capital of Tashkent.

The annual exhibition, which is attended by representatives from the United Nations and dozens of countries, features new forms of technology to improve the living standards and economic conditions in the country.

On that note, Uzbekistan's Deputy Prime Minister, Aziz Abdukhakimov said: "In light of Uzbekistan's water shortage, Uzbekistan desperately needs technology such as that provided by Watergen in order to improve its water sector."

The GEN-M saw success as part of a pilot project in May at an orphanage in Bukhara that houses 120 children.

Uzbek Jews derive from both the more religious and traditional Bukharan Jewish community, and the more progressive, Europe-extracted Ashkenazi community.

In 1989, as many as 94,900 Jews lived in Uzbekistan, though fewer than 5,000 remained in 2007, mostly in Tashkent. About a dozen synagogues remain in the country.

Most Uzbek Jews are now Ashkenazi due to the immigration of Bukharan Jews to Israel and the United States.

## UK Labour Party Candidate Said She Would Celebrate Deaths of Blair, Bush and Netanyahu

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A UK Labour party candidate in the upcoming December parliamentary elections has been found to have said she would celebrate the deaths of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, ex-US President George W. Bush and current Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and also to have slandered pro-Israel student activists.

The *Jewish Chronicle* reported that Zarah Sultana, who was nominated last week to contest the parliamentary seat for Coventry South, had once posted on social media that she did not agree it was wrong to "celebrate the death of any person regardless of what they did."

"Try and stop me when the likes of Blair, Netanyahu and Bush die," she wrote.

"The sooner they meet their creator the better," she added. "The concepts of justice and accountability don't truly exist in this life. Only in the next."

She also appeared to endorse terrorism, saying, "I wrote 'right to non violent resistance.' Best believe that was an error and I meant to write 'violent resistance.'"

Furthermore, Sultana libeled supporters of Israel, posting, "There will come a time in the near future where those (who) lobby for Israel feel the same shame and regret as South African apartheid supporters."

"It is not progressive to champion a state created through ethnic cleansing, sustained



UK Labour party parliamentary candidate Zarah Sultana. Photo: Twitter screenshot.

through occupation, apartheid and war crimes," she added.

While she was at university, Sultana attacked pro-Israel students, writing, "Those within the student movement who go to Zionist conferences and trips should be ashamed of themselves. You're advocating racist ideology."

In response to the revelations, Sultana appeared to blame the objects of her ire, saying, "This was written out of frustration rather than any malice. I was a young activist exasperated by endless cycles of global suffering, violence and needless killing resulting from decisions by political leaders, from the Iraq war to the killing of over 2,000 Palestinians in 2014, mostly civilians, which was condemned by the United Nations."

Contradicting her explicit statements, she added, "I do not support violence and I should not have articulated my anger in the manner I did, for which I apologize."

## Nadler: Conditioning US Assistance to Israel is 'Wrong'

BY JNS.org

Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY.) said on Monday that conditioning U.S. assistance to Israel is "wrong."

"We have a \$38 billion commitment over 10 years for military aid to Israel," Nadler, who is the chairman of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, told *Jewish Insider*. "The Israelis need it for defense."

Former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, who is running for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020, said last week that such a contingency would be "absolutely outrageous."

Nadler and Biden's comments came as some 2020 Democrats have called for conditioning U.S. assistance to Israel on the Jewish state not fulfilling Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's campaign promise to annex parts of the West Bank.

"We need to have the visibility to know whether U.S. funds are being used in a way that's

actually not compatible with U.S. policy, and U.S. policy should not be promoting this kind of settlement construction," said Pete Buttigieg, mayor of South Bend, Ind., at the annual J Street conference last week in Washington, D.C.

In June, Buttigieg warned about possible West Bank annexation by Israel, saying "if Prime Minister Netanyahu makes good on his threat to annex West Bank settlements, he should know that a President Buttigieg would take steps to ensure that American taxpayers won't help foot the bill."

Former U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro said at the conference that he wouldn't rule out conditioning U.S. assistance to Israel if the Jewish state were to enact such a policy.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) took it a step further and said that a portion of the U.S. military assistance to Israel should go towards humanitarian relief in the Gaza Strip.

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**Biden**

was part of Obama's eight-year-long pressure campaign against the Israeli government, as well as an ardent supporter of the disastrous 2015 Iran nuclear deal, which he still defends.

Biden may be instinctively supportive of the Jewish state in ways that eclipse Warren, Sanders, and Buttigieg; however, the tenor of his dialogue with Israel has always been that of an American who thinks he knows the Middle East better than Israelis. Biden received a devastating — and completely deserved — tongue-lashing from former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin at a Senate hearing in June 1982. In response to

Biden's threats of aid cuts that were hardly different from the statements of the primary opponents he now considers "outrageous," Begin slapped him down by telling him that he was "not a Jew with trembling knees," and that Israel would defend its principles, "and, when necessary, we will die for them again, with or without your aid."

In a competition with far more extreme critics of Israel than he ever was, Biden is the best that pro-Israel Democrats, who once dominated their party yet now seem unable to muster sufficient support for censoring or shunning antisemites like Omar and Tlaib, can muster. It is on his aging and uncertain

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U.S. News.

# Report Shows Uptick in Anti-Israel Activity on American College Campuses

BY JNS.org

Anti-Israel activity on college campuses in the United States increased during the 2018-19 academic year, according to an Israel on Campus Coalition report that shows there was a record number of anti-Israel disruptions at pro-Israel campus events.

During the academic year, campuses on the East Coast experienced more anti-Israel events than any other region, including an increase in anti-Israel activity at Ivy League schools such as Columbia University, Brown University and Cornell University.

Harvard University experienced a rise in anti-Israel events over the past two academic years.

Overall, 28 BDS and other anti-Israel campaigns were run on college campuses—an increase of a few more over the 2017-18 academic year and a decrease of 16 over the 2014-15 academic year.

“As the BDS movement has become more established over time, anti-Israel tactics have become increasingly hostile as Israel’s detractors double down on efforts to make campuses inhospitable to Jews and Zionists,” according to the report.

The 2018-19 academic year consisted of the highest recorded number of anti-Israel interruptions at pro-Israel

events at 23, an increase of five from the previous academic year.

“While the prior academic year saw a surge in pro-Israel cooperation and coordination, professional collaboration among anti-Israel activists also reflected an increase in shared challenges across campus and community spaces,” stated the report. “As anti-Israel organizations bolstered ties with campus activists, intensifying Israel-related antisemitism, pro-Israel students and community members faced common threats of discrimination and delegitimization.”

ICC executive Jacob Baime said in the report that despite the rise in antisemitic and anti-Israel sentiment in higher education, “demonstrating the impact of pro-Israel outreach, student governments and campus administrators are rejecting divisive BDS initiatives and expressing public support for



A display erected by Penn Students for Justice in Palestine during its “Israeli Apartheid Week” campaign. Photo: Penn SJP.

Israel and pro-Israel students. On dozens of campuses, American and Israeli academic institutions are increasing cooperation, forging new partnerships while deepening existing ties.”

# Israel-Headquartered RedHill Receives FDA Approval for H. Pylori Gastric Drug

BY TZALLY GREENBERG/CTech

Nasdaq and Tel Aviv-listed pharmaceutical company RedHill Biopharma has received US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) clearance for its new pill TALICIA, which provides antibiotic treatment of Helicobacter pylori gastric infections, the company announced in a Monday filing. H. pylori is a type of gastric bacteria linked with increased risks of developing ulcers and stomach cancer.

In December, RedHill announced a successful clinical trial in which TALICIA, composed of the antibiotics rifabutin and amoxicillin, managed to eradicate 84% of H. pylori bacteria, as opposed to 58% in patients receiving standard care.

Founded in 2009, Tel Aviv-headquartered RedHill develops orally-administered medicine for gastrointestinal and inflammatory diseases. RedHill is traded at a market capitalization of \$263 million after its price-per-share rose by 6.2% to \$7.35 as of market close Monday.

RedHill intends to begin marketing TALICIA in the US during the first quarter of 2020 and to expand its sales team from 40 to 140 by the end of the year, according to the statement.

RedHill CEO Dror Ben-Asher said more than half of the world’s population is infected with H. pylori. “This type of bacteria is developing ever-greater resistance to drugs and has doubled its resistance between 2009 and 2013,” he said in an interview with Calcalist Monday. “That’s why we call it a super bacteria.”



Scientists at work in laboratory. Photo: Public domain via Wikimedia.

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shoulders that the fate of the Democrats as a pro-Israel party rests. That’s a prospect that should scare friends of the Jewish state, no matter which party they support.

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## Opinion.

# How BDS Mainstreamed Antisemitism on the American Campus — and Beyond



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Antisemitism did not die with the fall of Nazi Germany and its mass murder of six million Jews. The ancient hatred of the Jewish people has mutated like a deadly virus and now infected many college campuses across the US as a mainstream movement — and was embraced at a national conference at the University of Minnesota last weekend.

The conference was held by Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), which has been one of the main drivers of the antisemitic and anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement on American college campuses.

The BDS movement was established in part by major Palestinian terrorist organizations as a “non-military” way to eradicate Israel. SJP, its campus wing, was founded by University of California at Berkeley Professor Hatem Bazian in 2005.

The SJP network is the leading student arm of the BDS movement in the US. Its annual conference serves as a conduit to push radicalism, violence, and antisemitism at colleges and universities across the nation.

The BDS movement seeks the destruction of Israel as the world’s only Jewish state by isolating Israel from every other country through economic, cultural, academic, and diplomatic boycotts.

If BDS leaders had their way, no nation would sell products to Israel or buy Israeli products, no nation would have diplomatic relations with Israel, all Israeli educational and scientific institutions would be boycotted,

and the Israeli tourism industry would die.

A report released Wednesday by the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy called SJP “a main driver of Jew-hatred on campus” and listed dozens of instances of antisemitism involving members of the hate group.

Bazian and the other SJP founders, financial patrons, and ideological supporters have been linked to Islamist and Palestinian terror organizations such as Hamas, Hezbollah, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Yet we see almost no pressure to keep this violent hateful incitement — reminiscent of the Nazi-era boycotts of Jewish businesses — off campuses and away from students.

SJP is guilty of bait-and-switch at all levels. It’s accepted as a “social justice organization,” although it works to mainstream hate. It’s presented as a student-founded organization, when it supports and coordinates its activities with the BDS National Council, which includes representation of “resistance” movements from internationally recognized terrorist organizations.

SJP claims to promote human rights and accurate information, while it actually spreads lies and propaganda that increase antisemitism — including Nazi-era blood libel claims, conspiracy theories about Jews, and dehumanization of Jews.

SJP encourages chaos, conflict, and violence on campuses. The group’s members violently disrupt pro-Israel events and regularly bully and ostracize Jewish students.

SJP does not promote open dialogue or debate between its BDS-supporting acolytes and pro-Israel students. It will not stop at anything less than the destruction of the Jewish state.

The environment SJP has created erodes

the culture of discourse, liberalism, and tolerance that is foundational to not only the American university system, but America itself.

While this coalition of hate operates on campus, BDS has also led to a resurgence of antisemitism beyond campus. The global campaign, supported by Jew-hating terrorists and activists, has revived the very same hatred that America and others worked to eradicate during and after World War II.

Unsurprisingly, over the last two decades there has been a great correlation between the establishment of the BDS movement and the rise in antisemitic incidents in America and around the world.

A recent report published by the government of Israel titled “Behind the Mask: The Antisemitic Nature of BDS Exposed” shows how over the past 15 years, the BDS campaign has promoted demonization and delegitimization of the State of Israel, and by doing so, has exacerbated antisemitic rhetoric against Jews in America and worldwide.

By hosting the SJP’s national conference at the University of Minnesota, the school is propping up hate. That is not OK.

All people opposed to antisemitism must pull our communal and financial support from institutions hosting the American mainstreaming of modern antisemitism. We must apply pressure from outside, mobilizing communities of shared values, and from within (drawing on students, faculty, staff, and alumni) to discourage this evil. The time is now to band together to put an end to the BDS movement.

America has all too readily ignored genocidal antisemitism before. Before the massacre of six million Jews in the Holocaust, American universities welcomed leaders from Nazi Germany — even though their horrifying racist ideology was well-known — while



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setting quotas to severely limit the enrollment of Jewish students.

In the wake of the Holocaust, antisemitism was no longer acceptable on American college campuses. Hatred of the Jewish people was suppressed and marginalized for about 70 years.

However, as the memory of the Holocaust fades and slogans such as “Never Again” and “Never Forget” are becoming old clichés, Jew-hatred is coming back on campus in frightening ways.

Today, universities are once again lending their platforms and legitimacy to mainstream the new antisemitism. The lessons of the past are seemingly forgotten, as elite institutions like Columbia University invite notoriously antisemitic world leaders, such as Iran’s former president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, to address their students, opening their safe spaces to intolerance, prejudice, and hate.

The BDS movement and Students for Justice in Palestine are fundamentally anti-American as well as anti-Israel and antisemitic, because they reject our most cherished values.

SJP should be ostracized on college campus, and students should be taught the facts about it and the BDS movement.

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## An Arab Analysis of Israel’s Scientific Progress



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Israeli universities and research centers have for years led the world in their respective fields. Take, for example, the development of military technology. Israel has produced robotic devices and vehicles that now enable it to engage in espionage and carry out attacks on enemies without risking the lives of its soldiers. Israel has also fielded defensive innovations like the Iron Dome missile system, which is capable even of intercepting mortar shells.

Then, of course, there’s the medical field, where Israel has again contributed, among other things, advanced robotic surgical devices. One of my colleagues who is a neurosurgeon by profession has witnessed these devices in action during courses on performing spinal surgery held in Germany.

There are many more examples, but this is all to highlight the fact that the tiny nation

of Israel has produced breakthroughs and innovations now in use by the world’s top nations. How did it manage to do so, and why are none of its Arab neighbors on equal footing in this regard?

Already decades before the rebirth of Israel as a nation state, the Jewish leadership determined that education and science should be the foundation of any national enterprise, and thus established the Technion Israel Institute of Technology in 1912.

Arab leaders, by contrast, insisted that the state come first, and did so to the extent of ignoring and suppressing their own intellectuals, who posed a threat to the public ignorance required to maintain a dictatorship. As such, almost no public funds were spent on scientific research; instead, they were poured into military and religious institutions to ensure the people remained brainwashed and submissive. This led to the creation of tyrannical dynasties, some of which we see collapsing today in bloody civil wars. But even in the “best” of cases, like Saudi Arabia, the people remain shackled to backwards populist ideologies and religious doctrines that keep their nation by and large lagging

behind the rest of the world.

Back to Israel, the Technion was not the first Jewish university established before the Jewish state’s founding. Many other schools and research centers were created, and the Jewish leadership made great efforts to attract many of the world’s top scientists.

Israel was one of the first countries in the world to develop a strong computer industry, starting back in the 1950s, and also one of the leaders in the field of aviation. The late Israeli President Shimon Peres once noted that his colleagues laughed at him when he proposed the establishment of an Israeli aviation industry. But like many of Israel’s early leaders, Peres was a visionary, and Israel did indeed go on to become a world leader in many areas of aviation.

From the outside looking in (as an Arab observing Israel), it’s notable that Israel’s scientific and technological advancements occur mostly outside the religious sphere, meaning they are not directed by the religious leadership. This is not to say that Israel is not a religious state — and there are many minority religions, all protected by law. But these industries are separated from religion.

It’s not that we Arabs have no scientists. In fact, we have millions, but they primarily work for the preservation of racist and tyrannical regimes. Clinging to the provincial theories



A man enters the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Jan. 29, 2017.  
Photo: Reuters / Baz Ratner.

and ideologies of the past is anathema to progress and advancement. The situation has become so dire that while Israelis are conquering some of mankind’s most urgent medical crises, those who call themselves Arab “scientists” are debating the benefits of camel urine. And then they wonder why we are so underdeveloped.

As a Middle East Arab, I consider Israel the only truly democratic and scientific state in the region, and I want to express my deep admiration for the Jewish state’s incredible achievements.

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## Opinion.

# New York Times Blames Trump for Democrats' Threats to Israel Aid



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Democrats are talking about threatening to cut aid to Israel, and the *New York Times* manages to find a way to blame not the Democrats, but President Trump.

The newspaper has pressed this theme twice in in recent days. The October 29 *Times* carried a news article under the headline "New Tone on U.S.-Israel Relations From 2020 Democratic Contenders."

That article reported, "In a sign of how far the Trump administration has changed the conversation around Israel, several Democratic candidates said they were open to withholding aid from Israel if it annexed more land in the West Bank."

It's a pretty aggressive spin for the *Times* to claim this is "a sign of how far the Trump administration has changed the conversation around Israel." More accurately, it's a sign of how far the *New York Times* is willing to go to blame Trump rather than holding the Democrats accountable for their own positions. (The Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis has

# Sut Jhally Is Not the Victim



DEXTER VAN ZILE  
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It's kind of pathetic when a privileged college professor — who has been allowed to organize two anti-Israel rallies at a state's "flagship" university — complains of being censored and silenced by people who disagree with him and have done an effective job of pointing out factual misstatements in his attacks on Israel.

But that's exactly what Sut Jhally, chairman of the communications department at UMass Amherst, has done. In a recent email to Mondoweiss, an anti-Zionist website, Jhally complained about the efforts of the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis (CAMERA) to hold him accountable for his incessant and counter-factual propagandizing against Israel.

In the statement published on November 1, 2019, Jhally complains that he has been "a long-standing target of CAMERA mostly as a result of the films I have been involved in." He then states: "They have filed formal complaints to the university and have written long exposes about my 'shameless propaganda.'" Jhally explains, "When I say 'they,' it is actually one sorry individual, Dexter van Zile, who has written every piece and filed every complaint."

Jhally, who has admitted publicly that he views college classrooms as a good place to promote his anti-Israel propaganda because they provide a "captive audience" of students who can be forcibly exposed to his films and then tested on them afterwards, wrote this statement after UMass Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy condemned the BDS movement on October 21.

Subbaswamy said he would not interfere with an anti-Israel event organized by Jhally scheduled to take place on November 12, but lamented that such a one-sided event was scheduled. Jhally organized a similar event at UMass Amherst in May 2019.

"It is troubling that such a one-dimensional, polarizing event should take place on our campus," Subbaswamy said.

This statement represented a capitulation in the effort to protect the "intellectual indepen-



The campus of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Photo: UMass Amherst.

dence" of UMass Amherst, Jhally declared, adding that "CAMERA's aim is to chill the environment for any discussion of Palestinian human rights." In a quote to a local newspaper, Jhally declared, "You have one pro-Palestinian event ... and all hell breaks loose."

This is exactly the type of complaining we should expect from a college professor who has been propagandizing against Israel with no meaningful challenge for years.

In reality, no one is trying to silence or chill Jhally's speech.

It's just that people from outside the school are doing what his fellow professors at UMass Amherst have failed to do — hold Jhally accountable for distorting the historical record in the anti-Israel films he has produced, and for using the classroom to indoctrinate students.

The fact that Jhally sees this as censorship reveals just how much of a bubble he has been teaching and working in over the course of his career at UMass Amherst. The whole episode demonstrates the terrible impact that a lack of viewpoint diversity has in higher education.

Jhally is just another poster child for everything that is wrong with the humanities at colleges and universities in the United States. He uses his privilege, authority, and the echo chamber UMass has provided him to promote the ideology of Occidentalism, or hatred of the West, with Israel and the United States being his main targets.

And when Jhally is finally subjected to meaningful pushback after years of anti-Israel agitation ... all hell breaks loose.

Sut Jhally is not the victim here. UMass students, their families, and taxpayers who are forced to cover the costs of Jhally's echo chamber at the state's "flagship" university are the real victims.

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lodge its own separate complaint about that same *Times* article.)

The *Times* doubled down on this blame-Trump claim in the November 2 print newspaper, under the print headline, "Growing Criticism on Left of U.S. Policy on Israel." This time around, the *Times* again blames Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu for the Israel-aid-threats on the left, rather than blaming the Democratic politicians making the threats.

The *Times* article says, "Halie Soifer, the executive director of the Jewish Democratic Council of America, said that as Mr. Trump and Mr. Netanyahu have embraced more hawkish policies, Democratic politicians who are otherwise supportive of Israel have adopted a more critical stance."

*"What we've seen is a shift to the right, from Trump on down, whereby US foreign policy no longer prioritizes a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," she said. "What you've heard recently are responses to shifts from the other side of the aisle, and frankly even shifts in terms of Israeli government policy."*

Neither party has a strong interest in debunking this story line. For Democrats it's a good story, because it gives them something else to blame on Trump: Not only has he separated families at the border, subordinated our foreign policy to Ukraine to partisan political purposes, rolled back progress against pollution, and whatever else you don't like about him (the story goes), but on top of that, he's jeopardized longstanding bipartisan support for the US-Israel relationship. And for Republicans, it's a good story, too: those crazy Democrats (the story goes) are so anti-Trump they're willing to put the longstanding US-Israel relationship at risk out of partisan anti-Trump spite.

While this story line may serve the political purposes of both Democrats and Republicans, it doesn't serve the interests of a strong US-Israel relationship. It's also not historically accurate, as the *Times* might have realized if it broadened its reporting out beyond Ms. Soifer and the other Jewish organizational figure quoted in the second story, the president of J Street, Jeremy Ben-Ami.

# Revisionist Author Tries to Distort the Record of David Ben-Gurion



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Tom Segev's well-written biography of Israel's first prime minister, *A State At Any Cost: The Life of David Ben-Gurion*, is undercut by the author's biases and penchant for narrative.

It would be hard to imagine Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu publishing an op-ed in *The New York Times* on Buddhism. But back in April 1962, the first Israeli premier, David Ben-Gurion, did precisely that — but only after spending weeks studying with religious scholars as a personal guest of the prime minister of Burma, today's Myanmar. Ben-Gurion even insisted, much to the consternation of his teachers, "that he had discovered a self-contradiction in the Buddha's doctrine that no one else had ever noticed." It turned out that he was wrong; it

Anyway, the idea of withholding aid to Israel as a punishment for settlement activity long predates the Trump presidency. George H.W. Bush's secretary of state, James A. Baker III, pushed it in 1992. It's not even new coming from either Republican or Democratic presidential candidates; Republican Ron Paul and Democrats Dennis Kucinich and Jesse Jackson both at various *times* have been outspokenly critical of Israeli policies and US levels of aid to Israel. And in any discussion of fault for recent strains in the US-Israel relationship, mention must also be made of President Obama, who advanced an Iran nuclear deal over strenuous Israeli objections and who, as a lame duck, failed to veto a UN Security Council Resolution condemning Israel.



Senator Kamala Harris, Senator Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joe Biden, Senator Elizabeth Warren and South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg before the fourth Democratic US 2020 presidential debate Oct. 15, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Aaron Josefcz / File.

I look forward to seeing a *Times* correction of the "new tone" headline and the "sign of how far the Trump administration has changed the conversation" language, and a *Times* editor's note acknowledging that the article quoting Soifer and Ben-Ami failed to meet *Times* standards for thoroughness in reporting and thus conveyed an inaccurate impression to readers. While I'd welcome such adjustments, I'd be surprised if they do materialize. You never know, though—perhaps if enough readers bring this column to the attention of *Times* editors, the paper will be shamed into action.

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

was a translation error.

As Segev makes clear, Israel's founding father was both exceptional and eccentric. And nearly five decades after his passing, Ben-Gurion remains iconic, with a legacy and career that are arguably unmatched in the small nation's modern history.

As his private secretary, Yitzhak Navon, once observed, "Without Ben-Gurion, the State of Israel would not be in existence — and this I can say about nobody." Indeed, long before he was making history, Ben-Gurion was its avid student.

As Segev notes: "He saw himself, and was seen by others, as an incarnation of history." To a great extent, this was the result of the tremendous willpower that he displayed throughout his life.

He was born David Gruen in the Polish town of Plonsk, then part of the Tsarist Empire, in 1886. Although the family's language was Yiddish, Ben-Gurion learned Hebrew at an early age. He was only 14 when, along with some friends, he founded an organization

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## Impressions.

# Remembering Rabin: Own Your Story — and Know the History

**BY NOAM WEISSMAN**

The evening of November 4, 1995 was a Saturday night that started off like any other. Immediately upon extinguishing the *havdalah* candle, my older brother Chanan and I rushed downstairs to switch on our basement television to watch our favorite Saturday night show, *Walker, Texas Ranger*.

But this Saturday night was to be different.

As we flipped manically through the channels, I vividly recall my father and mother slowly descending the staircase and coming into my field of vision. The pain and shock on their faces was obvious and unsettling. “Rabin was killed,” they muttered in disbelief. “Rabin was assassinated.”

Although I was not particularly interested in politics — *certainly* not Israeli politics — as a 10-year-old growing up in Baltimore, I was raised to be a

soldiers during the 1948 War of Independence — will always be associated with Rabin. As a commander in the Harel Brigade in the 1940s, Rabin “was not directly involved in the fighting, but he did play a role in the expulsion of” some of the Arab communities from Ramle and Lydda when Israel was trying to create a safe and secure state for the Jewish people, notes Itamar Rabinovitch, who was Yitzhak Rabin’s ambassador in Washington.

As Chief of Staff of the IDF, he (and Ezer Weizman) essentially built the Israeli Air Force from the ground up. While Moshe Dayan received most of the fanfare, Rabin was equally instrumental in leading Israel to its stunning victory in the 1967 war, in which it defeated three major Arab armies and expanded Israel’s territory three-fold. But at the outset of the war, Rabin succumbed to crippling anxiety and exhaustion, and eventually broke down.

When thinking about Rabin, the defining image that sticks out in Rabin’s life is his famous (and for some, infamous) handshake with Yasser Arafat, the head of the PLO. The Jewish people were split over this moment, with a significant number of Israelis feeling appalled that their leader could shake hands with the person responsible for the murder of hundreds, if not thousands, of Israelis.

Yitzhak Rabin remained resolute, if not stubborn. He was an Israeli leader who saw the pursuit of peace not just as a “nice-to-have,” but as an absolute imperative. Though Rabin survived many wars, it was ultimately the war for peace that cost him his life. On November 4, 1995, Yigal Amir, a religious Zionist student at Bar Ilan University, gunned down the Israeli premier. The vast majority of the Jewish communities in Israel were devastated, but this time period will always be remembered as a divisive time among Israeli Jews.

The reason I remain fascinated by Rabin is because he simply cannot be pigeon-holed. Rabin was a person with strengths and weaknesses, an Israeli who is synonymous with Israeli history, and a leader who made bold decisions. Ultimately, he is a person whose legacy is debated every day by his own people.

Students of history will grapple with whether his decisions were the right ones or the wrong ones, which leads me to the point I’m really trying to make in all of this: to debate Rabin’s legacy, *we need to know his story*. To discuss whether Yigal Amir killed the peace process or whether Rabin was a Pollyannaish and naive dreamer to think Arafat would ever allow for peace, *we need to become literate in the history of our people*.

To have a strong opinion, it is our responsibility to be informed and aware. When we know our stories, when we familiarize ourselves with the history, we attune ourselves to the complexity and nuances of the situations in which our leaders found themselves.

At my organization, we’ve made November Israel history month. It’s a month in which so many key events occurred. From Rabin’s assassination, to commemorating the Balfour Declaration on November 2 (1917), to UN Resolution 181 on November 29 (1947). Let’s make sure all Jews — regardless of their political affiliation or religious denomination — have informed perspectives on the story of Israel and are able to cultivate their passion for Israel without sacrificing empathy for the other.

Let’s make sure the next generation of Jews feels the pain of Israel when she goes through trauma, and feels the joy of achievement when she experiences success. Let’s make sure we own our story.

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*Yitzhak Rabin (center). Photo: Sgt. Robert G. Clambus via Wikimedia Commons.*

committed religious Zionist. I had heard of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. I recalled the image of him awkwardly shaking the hand of Yasser Arafat. As I stood there in that basement, looking at my parents, I knew that a major event in the history of Israel and the Jewish people had just taken place.

Twenty-four years later, that mournful and stunned look on my parents’ faces remains etched in my memory; but, at the same time, I wonder how many young Jews know who Yitzhak Rabin was. In my experience as a Jewish educator, the answer is unnerving: very few. And those who *have* heard of Rabin often paint him with a broad brush, reducing him to a “dove” and a “left-wing dreamer.” Rabin was so much more than that.

Rabin was a man of paradoxes. He was a fighter and a peacemaker all wrapped up in one. He was socially awkward, and yet he became an international statesman of the first order. He suffered from crippling anxiety, and yet made some of the boldest and most fateful decisions in Israeli history.

Who was Rabin, and what is his legacy?

Rabin played important roles in some of Israel’s more controversial moments. The pivotal Altalena affair — in which Jewish soldiers fired upon Jewish

Rabin was a hero, yes — but a hero with flaws.

Even in the eventual joy of victory, Rabin felt pained by its cost. Though he understood the necessity of war, and it would be inaccurate to view Rabin as a pacifist, he was sensitive to the price of bloodshed and remained calm in the face of post-war euphoria.

Another iconic moment in Israeli history that can be traced directly to Rabin was Operation Thunderbolt, which has been memorialized on film. Rabin had a knack for making daring decisions after taking the time to weigh his options. Most famously, in his first stint as prime minister, Rabin made the executive decision to send an elite unit to rescue Israelis and Jews from the hands of German and Palestinian terrorists who were operating under the watchful eye of Idi Amin and Ugandan forces.

In many ways, Rabin was a military hawk. A “dove”? Not exactly. He was a man of security, a strong military man who cared with every fiber of his being about the safety of the Jewish people. He could even be described, by some of his detractors, as overzealous militarily.

Notwithstanding all of these iconic moments, what Rabin is undoubtedly most remembered for are his attempts to make peace with the Palestinians.

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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. MVMF III FIN TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- JOSEPHINE JEAN PIERRE; PHENICIEN JEAN PIERRE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGEIT INC.; PRA FUNDING, LLC; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; KINGS SUPREME COURT; NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL SERVICES; CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC, ASSIGNEE OF CALVARY SPV I LLC, ASSIGNEE OF SPRINT; ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC;

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MIDLAND FUNDING NCC-2 CORP; NYC ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NYC TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NYC DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PARKING VIOLATION BUREAU; EMMA JEAN PIERRE, Index No. 6953/2009. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, January 3, 2017 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on January 26, 2017, Elena K. Makau, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 689 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11230 at public auction in Room 224 at Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 21, 2019 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 5240; Lot: 80 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 6953/2009. The approximate amount of judgment is \$1,476,235.56 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
AJ; 10/18/25; 11/1/8/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTINA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FRO CARLSBAD FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. MEIR WEISS; WILLIAM SPIEGEL, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 31, 2018 and a Decision and Order filed September 10, 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 21, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1524 49th 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 5453 and Lot 1004. Approximate amount of judgment is \$645,305.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501008/2014. Philip J. Smallman, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.  
AJ; 10/18/25; 11/1/8/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. BRENDA A. BULL, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on September 15, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 21, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 609 East 96th 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 4756 and Lot 31. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 12064/13. Dominic J. Famulari, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Enid Mason; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 18, 2016 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 21, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 722 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210-1938. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 4984 Lot: 27. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,503.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20693-13. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: August 27, 2019 65240  
AJ; 10/18/25; 11/1/8/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: BKLN CLEAN LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 06/22/2017. 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: BKLN Clean LLC 445-56 Street Apt. 1 Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Shellyann Chinkeefatt a/k/a Shellyann F. Chinkeefatt, Administratrix of the Estate of Sandra Perez; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 4, 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 December 5, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 510 Watkins Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 3605 Lot 131. Approximate amount of judgment \$236,599.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 517795/2017. Paul Groman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: September 27, 2019  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series NC 2005-HE8, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series NC 2005-HE8, Plaintiff AGAINST Alisa Smith a/k/a Allisa Smith Skeffers; Arieta Smith; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 16, 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 December 5, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 525 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that

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certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4955 Lot 66. Approximate amount of judgment \$706,479.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 521173/2016. Gregory Laspina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: October 14, 2019 66035  
AJ; 11/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Trust 2006-HE8, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006 HE8, Plaintiff AGAINST Hoathi Kilichowski a/k/a Hoa Kilichowski; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 2, 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 December 5, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 686 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 2598 Lot 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,690,463.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 507853/2014. Steven J. Baker, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: October 14, 2019 65713  
AJ; 11/1/8/15/22/

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff against GALO MONTESDEOCO A/K/A GALO MONTESDEOCA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 28, 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 5th day of December, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11221. (Block: 3284, Lot: 39). Approximate amount of lien \$ 639,228.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 7907-13. Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue - Suite 840 New York, N.Y. 10170 (347) 286-7409  
AJ; 11/1/8/15/22/

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Plaintiff, vs. CARLOS VILLANUEVA, RAMPHIES LOPEZ, et al., Defendants NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of

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a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County on September 12, 2019, I, Bruno Codispoti, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on December 5, 2019 at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, at 2:30 P.M., the premises described as follows: 57 Stillwell Place Brooklyn, NY 11236 SBL No.: Block: 8055 Lot: 56 ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 511340/2014 in the amount of \$824,574.03 plus interest and costs. Lydia M. Rainey, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 500 Bausch & Lomb Rochester, New York 14604 Tel.: 855-227-5072  
AJ; 11/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. KEHINDE AYOOLA A/K/A KOHINDE AYOOLA A/KA/ KEHINEE AYOOLA, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Ex Parte Order Extending Time to Set Sale duly filed on September 11, 2019 and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed March 15, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 5, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1593 East 94th 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 8297 and Lot 33. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21398/13. Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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File No.: 2018-1980/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of MARIA JALBA, 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 account and all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem Lorraine Falco, Esq. as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of MARIA JALBA, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 25-85 36th Street, Astoria, NY 11103, 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 Administrator of the Estate of MARIA JALBA, 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 12th day of

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## Tradition.

## A Palace in Flames



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

Why Abraham? That is the question that haunts us when we read the opening of this week's parsha. Here is the key figure in the story of our faith, the father of our nation, the hero of monotheism, held holy not only by Jews but by Christians and Muslims also. Yet there seems to be nothing in the Torah's description of his early life to give us a hint as to why he was singled out to be the person to whom God said, "I will make you into a great nation

returned and queried who had broken his gods, Abraham blamed the biggest idol. "Are you making fun of me?" demanded his father. "Idols cannot do anything." "In that case," asked the young Abraham, "why do you worship them?"

On this view, Abraham was the first person to challenge the idols of the age. There is something profound about this insight. Jews, believers or otherwise, have often been iconoclasts. Some of the most revolutionary thinkers – certainly in the modern age – have been Jews. They had the courage to challenge the received wisdom, think new thoughts and see the world in unprecedented ways, from Einstein



... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

This is surpassingly strange. The Torah leaves us in no doubt as to why God chose Noah: "Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generations; Noah walked with God." It also gives us a clear indication as to why God chose Moses. We see him as a young man, both in Egypt and Midian, intervening whenever he saw injustice, whoever perpetrated it and whoever it was perpetrated against. God told the prophet Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart; I have appointed you as a Prophet to the nations." These were obviously extraordinary people. There is no such intimation in the case of Abraham. So the Sages, commentators, and philosophers through the ages were forced to speculate, to fill in the glaring gap in the narrative, offering their own suggestions as to what made Abraham different.

There are three primary explanations. The first is *Abraham the Iconoclast, the breaker of idols*. This is based on a speech by Moses' successor, Joshua, towards the end of the book that bears his name. It is a passage given prominence in the Haggadah on Seder night: "Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshipped other gods" (Josh. 24:2). Abraham's father Terah was an idol worshipper. According to the Midrash, he made and sold idols. One day Abraham smashed all the idols and left, leaving the stick with which he did so in the hand of the biggest idol. When his father

in physics to Freud in psychoanalysis to Schoenberg in music, to Marx in economics, and Amos Tversky and Daniel Kahneman in behavioural economics. It is as if, deep in our cultural intellectual DNA, we had internalised what the Sages said about Abraham ha-Ivri, "the Hebrew," that it meant he was on one side and all the rest of the world on the other.

The second view is set out by Maimonides in the Mishnah Torah: *Abraham the Philosopher*. In an age when people had lapsed from humanity's original faith in one God into idolatry, one person stood against the trend, the young Abraham, still a child: "As soon as this mighty man was weaned he began to busy his mind ... He wondered: How is it possible that this planet should continuously be in motion and have no mover? ... He had no teacher, no one to instruct him ... until he attained the way of truth ... and knew that there is One God ... When Abraham was forty years old he recognised his Creator." According to this, Abraham was the first Aristotelian, the first metaphysician, the first person to think his way through to God as the force that moves the sun and all the stars.

This is strange, given the fact that there is very little philosophy in Tanach, with the exception of wisdom books like Proverbs, Kohelet and Job. Maimonides' Abraham can sometimes look more like Maimonides than Abraham. Yet of all people, Friedrich Nietzsche, who did not like Judaism very much, wrote the following:

Europe owes the Jews no small

thanks for making people think more logically and for establishing cleaner intellectual habits... Wherever Jews have won influence they have taught men to make finer distinctions, more rigorous inferences, and to write in a more luminous and cleanly fashion; their task was ever to bring a people "to listen to reason."

The explanation he gave is fascinating. He said that only in the arena of reason did Jews face a level playing-field. Everywhere else, they encountered race and class prejudice. "Nothing," he wrote, "is more democratic than logic." So Jews became logicians, and according to Maimonides, it began with Abraham.

However there is a third view, set out in the Midrash on the opening verse of our parsha:

"The Lord said to Abram: Leave your land, your birthplace and your father's house . . ." To what may this be compared? To a man who was travelling from place to place when he saw a palace in flames. He wondered, "Is it possible that the palace lacks an owner?" The owner of the palace looked out and said, "I am the owner of the palace." So Abraham our father said, "Is it possible that the world lacks a ruler?" The Holy One, blessed be He, looked out and said to him, "I am the ruler, the Sovereign of the universe."

This is an enigmatic Midrash. It is far from obvious what it means. In my book *A Letter in the Scroll* (published in Britain as *Radical Then, Radical Now*) I argued that Abraham was struck by the contradiction between the order of the universe – the palace – and the disorder of humanity – the flames. How, in a world created by a good God, could there be so much evil? If someone takes the trouble to build a palace, do they leave it to the flames? If someone takes the trouble to create a universe, does He leave it to be disfigured by His own creations? On this reading, what moved Abraham was not philosophical harmony but moral discord. For Abraham, faith began in cognitive dissonance. There is only one way of resolving this dissonance: by protesting evil and fighting it.

That is the poignant meaning of the Midrash when it says that the owner of the palace looked out and said, "I am the owner of the palace." It is as if God were saying to Abraham: I need you to help Me to put out the flames.

How could that possibly be so? God is all-powerful. Human beings are all too powerless. How could God be saying to Abraham, I need you to help Me put out the flames?

The answer is *that evil exists because God gave humans the gift of freedom*. Without freedom, we would not disobey God's laws. But at the same time, we would be no more than robots, programmed to do whatever our Creator designed us to do. Freedom and its misuse are the theme of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and the generation of the Flood.

Why did God not intervene?

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December, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as 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 \$30,858.32 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 each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited

Why did He not stop the first humans eating the forbidden fruit, or prevent Cain from killing Abel? Why did the owner of the palace not put out the flames?

Because, by giving us freedom, He bound Himself from intervening in the human situation. If He stopped us every time we were about to do wrong, we would have no freedom. We would never mature, never learn from our errors, never become God's image. We exist as free agents only because of God's *tzimtzum*, His self-limitation. That is why, within the terms with which He created humankind, He cannot put out the flames of human evil.

He needs our help. That is why He chose Abraham. Abraham was the first person in recorded history to protest the injustice of the world in the name of God, rather than accept it in the name of God. Abraham was the man who said: "Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justly?" Where Noah accepted, Abraham did not. Abraham is the man of whom God said, "I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just." Abraham was the father of a nation, a faith, a civilisation, marked throughout the ages by what Albert Einstein called "an almost fanatical love of justice."

I believe that Abraham is the father of faith, not as acceptance but as protest – protest at the flames that threaten the palace, the evil that threatens God's gracious world. We fight those flames by acts of justice and compassion that deny evil its victory and bring the world that is a little closer to the world that *ought to be*.

Shabbat Shalom

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with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship. Dated, Attested and Sealed 11th day of October, 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; 11/1/8/15/22/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: KIDZ INSPIRED,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 08/23/2019. 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: Leslie Hendrickson 374 E 53rd ST Brooklyn ,NY 11203 Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 11/1/8/15/22/

1010 Avenue K LLC Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC): 1010 Avenue K LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on 10/23/2019. NY office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is Thomas V. Tuffey, Esq. 4024 Ave U - 2nd Floor, Brooklyn NY 11234. Purpose: any lawful purpose. AJ; 11/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST DAINTY A. CLARKE, CYNTHIA V. WAGGONER, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 21, 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 December 12, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 705 LINWOOD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4083, LOT 9. Approximate amount of judgment \$506,908.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 4415/13. M. Randolph Jackson, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 66187 AJ; 11/8/15/22/29

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff against WILLIAM A. STALLONE, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 29, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360

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## Social.



NASA astronaut Jessica Meir waves at the camera during a spacewalk with fellow NASA astronaut Christina Koch (out of frame). They ventured into the vacuum of space for seven hours and 17 minutes to swap a failed battery charge-discharge unit (BCDU) with a spare during the first all-woman spacewalk, Oct. 18, 2019. Photo: NASA via Wikimedia Commons.

## Jewish Astronaut Jessica Meir Shares Photos of Israel Captured From Space

BY JNS.org

Jewish astronaut Jessica Meir, 42, shared photos of Israel she took from space.

Meir joined the crew of the International Space Station in September and in October became part of the first-ever female spacewalking team. Meir, who is the fourth Jewish woman and 15th Jewish astronaut overall to be part of a space mission, brought an Israeli flag to the space station as one of her allowed personal items.

Meir's late father, born in Iraq, immigrated with his family to pre-state Israel as a young child and later fought in Israel's War of Independence in 1948, according to JTA. He became a doctor and took a job in Sweden, where he met Meir's mother; together, they moved to Maine when Meir's father was offered a job there.

"My father's globe spanning journey as a surgeon from the Middle East, to Europe, and eventually to the U.S. was an inspiration to many in my immediate and extended family. #TheJourney," tweeted Meir on Friday.

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin responded to the photos in a tweet, saying, "Dear Jessica, that you for taking us with you on your space voyage. We are proud of you and send warm regards from Israel."

Meir is expected to stay on the ISS until the spring of 2020.



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#TheJourney



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called Ezra, which sought to promote the use of Hebrew in everyday life. Tellingly, it was his "first public initiative."

Ben-Gurion was born at a time in which Zionism, the belief in Jewish self-determination, was nascent. The Jewish faith has long called for a return to Zion, the Jewish people's ancestral homeland. But spurred by increasing antisemitism and the growing recognition that they would never be allowed to fully assimilate, Jewish thinkers like Moses Hess, Leon Pinsker, and, much later, Theodore Herzl argued for the creation of a Jewish national home. At the time of Ben-Gurion's birth — and indeed, for much of his life — it was a movement supported by a small, albeit growing, number of Jews.

As the son of one of the first Zionist activists in Plonsk, David Gruen was, in his own words, "born a Zionist." In 1906, at the age of 20, he left Europe and landed in Jaffa, then part of the ailing Ottoman Empire. He soon took the Hebrew name of David Ben-Gurion and sought to refashion himself into the archetype of the "new Jew" that the Zionist movement idealized; sturdy and tough pioneers who were self-reliant and worked the soil. But like other new arrivals, he was often starving and sick. He took to organizing workers instead.

When World War I erupted, Ben-Gurion was studying law in Istanbul. Siding with the Central Powers, the Ottoman Empire repressed its minorities. Ben-Gurion was deported and spent much of the war in the US, either on tours extolling Zionism or in the New

## Amazon Prime Teases New Series Starring Al Pacino as Nazi Hunter

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Amazon Prime Video released on Friday a short teaser trailer for "Hunters," a new series that stars Al Pacino as a hard-nosed Nazi hunter in the 1970s. The series is executive produced by Oscar-winner Jordan Peele.

"This is not murder," says Pacino with a thick accent in the clip before his character is shown drawing an "X" through a photograph of a uniformed Nazi. "This is mitzvah." The video also shows various scenes of violence.



Al Pacino in a teaser trailer for "Hunters."  
Photo: Screenshot.

Pacino plays Meyer Offerman, who joins a "rag-tag team of Nazi Hunters on their quest for righteous revenge in 1977 New York City," according to Amazon. The show's official description, reported by *The Wrap*, explains, "The Hunters, as they're known, have discovered that hundreds of high-ranking Nazi officials are living among us and conspiring to create a Fourth Reich in the US. The eclectic team of Hunters will set out on a bloody quest to bring the Nazis to justice and thwart their new genocidal plans."

This will be Pacino's first television role. The 10-episode series, which was originally titled "The Hunt," will premiere in 2020 and is inspired by true events, according to *Deadline*.

Amazon Studios head Jennifer Salke told *Deadline* last year that the series is "edge-of-your-seat entertainment that is not only culturally relevant but deliciously original."

York Public Library writing a book promoting settlement in the Jewish people's ancient homeland.

By November 2, 1917, the British government was on board, with a majority of the cabinet declaring itself in "favor" of the "establishment in Palestine" — then but a small area of the Ottoman Empire — of a "national home for the Jewish people," as stated in what came to be known as the Balfour Declaration. The post-war years witnessed Ben-Gurion's slow and unsteady rise as leader of the Histadrut, the national trade union that he founded in 1920.

Control of the Histadrut gave Ben-Gurion influence in the Yishuv, as the pre-state Jewish community in British-ruled Mandate Palestine was known — but not necessarily in the Zionist community outside its borders. There, Ben-Gurion faced rivals like Chaim Weizmann, a chemist whose charm and friendly relations with key British politicians made him Zionism's preeminent leader for the first few decades

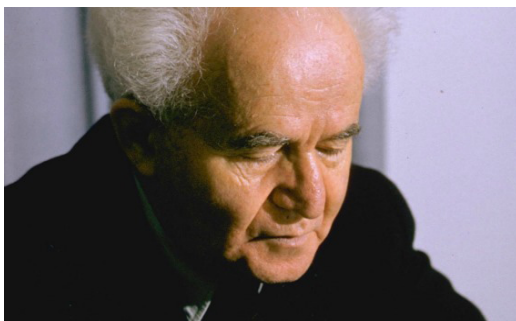
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of the 20th century.

But in the face of an Arab population whose hostility to Jewish social and political equality manifested in an orchestrated terror campaign, the British began to turn away from the Balfour Declaration. With war clouds gathering over Europe, the British unsuccessfully sought to appease key Arab leaders like Amin al-Husseini — a future Nazi collaborator — by preventing Jewish immigration into Mandate Palestine at the very moment when the Third Reich's campaign



Israel's first prime minister David Ben-Gurion.  
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of genocide was taking hold, effectively sending countless numbers of the continent's Jews to their deaths.

British backtracking helped boost Ben-Gurion's standing. By the end of the next war, "the Old Man" as he was now known, was effectively Zionism's outstanding leader. With the UN's November 29, 1947 vote to partition Mandate Palestine into two states, one Arab and one Jewish, he became indispensable. The armies of five Arab countries, in conjunction with al-Husseini's forces, rejected the opportunity for Palestinian Arab statehood and declared war on the fledgling Jewish nation.

Israel managed to fend off its attackers, but suffered a high casualty rate, losing an astonishing one percent of its population. Elected as Israel's first prime minister, Ben-Gurion and the party that he founded, Mapai, dominated Israeli politics in its foundational years. With keen pragmatism, he made decisions that shaped Israel for decades to come.

A self-described socialist, Ben-Gurion nonetheless sided with the US during the Cold War. Although a man who idealized the kibbutz, the collective agrarian communities that populated Israel's countryside, he revered science, even offering the largely ceremonial post of president to Albert Einstein (Einstein declined and Weizmann received it instead). The one constant was his unbending belief in the necessity of Jewish statehood and self-reliance.

At the time of his death in December 1973, Ben-Gurion had been out of office for a decade. The man who had come to a rural outpost of the Ottoman Empire and briefly made a living squashing grapes in a barrel to create wine had lived to see the creation — for the first time in two millennia — of a Jewish state, which had successfully fought three wars, integrated nearly a million Jewish refugees expelled from Arab states, and

possessed nuclear weapons.

The return of Jewish sovereignty, a historical occurrence born amid world wars and the tragedy of the Holocaust, is a story perhaps unparalleled in modern history. But Segev's biography of Israel's outstanding leader, the indispensable man who acted as its shepherd, does not do it justice.

Segev is part of the "revisionist" group of Israeli academics and journalists who, for the last three decades, have been determined to reinterpret Israel's founding period. As the historian and future Israeli politician Michael Oren noted in a 2007 review of Segev's 1967, the revisionist used "rhetorical acrobatics" and "glaring omissions" to make the novel case that Israel — and not the Arab nations that explicitly sought its destruction — was somehow responsible for the Six Day War.

Segev uses a similar level of selectivity to portray Ben-Gurion, and implicitly Israel's founding, in a negative light.

As the historian Efraim Karsh noted in his Wall Street Journal review of the book, Segev displays a penchant for selectively quoting Ben-Gurion and other Zionist leaders, often taking their remarks on everything from Arabs to the Nazis out of context.

Francine Klagsbrun, the author of an excellent recent biography of Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, has also observed that Segev misleadingly imparts a sinister connotation to the idea of "Hebrew labor," which is "widely understood to refer to manual work by Jews."

Segev, however, portrays it as a "means for Jews to displace Arab workers and control the labor market." He even, she observes, tries to link it as a partial motive for Israel's 1948 War of Independence — a war of self-defense that the Arabs chose. In fact, before that war, Arab immigration to Mandate Palestine increased as a result of Zionism — with many arriving to take advantage of the jobs and industry created by the Jewish rebirth in the desert.

Segev's sleight of hand is meant to serve the narrative that undergirds his entire book: "The supposedly deliberate and aggressive dispossession of the Palestinian Arab population," as Karsh puts it. And quotes are not the only thing Segev twists to serve that vision.

Regrettably — and ironically, given his mission — Segev largely ignores the decisions made by the Palestinian Arabs themselves. There is scant mention of the Palestinian Arab leadership, depriving them of independent agency.

Indeed, Amin al-Husseini — the leader of the Palestinian Arab movement opposed to Zionism — barely makes an appearance in Segev's 806-page book. That al-Husseini, along with other Arab notables, initially sought to join the Syrian Mandate — with King Faisal of

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Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 12th day of December, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, together with any improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, designated on the Tax Map of the City of New York, for the Borough of Brooklyn, as said Tax Map was on May 27, 1981, for Block 7949, Lot 235, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Preston Court distant 527.85 feet Westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of Preston Court with the Westerly side of East 56th Street; RUNNING thence Northerly at right angles to Preston Court and part of the distance through a party wall 165.73 feet to land now or formerly of the right of way of the Long Island Railroad Company; THENCE Westerly along said land of the Long Island Rail Road Company 20.01 feet to a point; THENCE Southerly at right angles to Preston Court 165.34 feet to the Northerly side of Preston Court; THENCE Easterly to the Northerly side of Preston Court 20 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises known as 21 Preston Court, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234. (Block: 7949, Lot: 235). Approximate amount of lien \$ 303,103.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500904-14.

the Hashemite family from present-day Saudi Arabia on the throne — is omitted. When al-Husseini and others orchestrated anti-Jewish violence in April 1920, it was done to a background of chants of "Faisal is our King." This, and the fact that many leading Palestinian Arab families — including anti-Zionists like the Husseinis and the father of Ahmad al-Shukeiri, the first head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) — actually secretly sold land to Jews, is also ignored.

Segev gives short shrift to Palestinian culpability — including the constant rejection of a Palestinian state if it meant living next to a Jewish one. In so doing, he fails to tell the full story of Israel's creation and the trials experienced by its first prime minister.

The decision to shape the biography of a complex man around a pre-fashioned narrative is regrettable. Still, key aspects of Ben-Gurion's character come through: his indomitable will, his eclectic interests and passions, and his unfortunate tendency to demonize his political opponents.

The British statesman and author Benjamin Disraeli once wrote, "Read no history: nothing but biography, for that is life without theory." This biography, unfortunately, is undercut by its penchant for pushing the author's theories at the exclusion of historical fact.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: NINETY-FOURTH & SOLES, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 06/24/2019. 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: Joseph R.Jean JR 1128 east 43RD Street Brooklyn, NY 11210. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, SELENE FINANCE, LP, Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH ALONZIA A/K/A DEBORAH R. ALONZIA; DELILAH COLLINGTON, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 28, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 12, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 931 East 88th 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 8025 and Lot 28. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 1365/14. Jeffrey Robert Miller, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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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, NY. on the 12th day of December, 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, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400  
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SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR RAMP 2005SP3, Plaintiff against HURBY L. GIBBS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on August 21, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Court-

house, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 12th day of December, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York. Said premises known as 2179 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, NY. 11226. (Block: 5165, Lot: 51). Approximate amount of lien \$ 606,491.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 27190-09. Kent D. Arthur, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name:BEDROCK STRATEGIES, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/13/2019. 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: Alex Castro 887 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226 purpose: all lawful activity  
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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 December 12, 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  
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605 HALSEY STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/19. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 151-69 134th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
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Notice of Formation of BRANED ENTERPRISES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/28/19. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 56 Gold St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Damascus Bakery, Inc. at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.  
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