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Thousands Rally in Support of Israel's Netanyahu After Graft Indictment



Supporters of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu demonstrate in Tel Aviv, Nov. 26, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

**BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF**

Several thousand Israelis rallied on Tuesday in support of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as he faces the gravest threat to his political survival after corruption charges and two failed elections.

Held under the banner "Stop the Coup," the protest failed to draw

the huge crowds its organizers — members of Netanyahu's Likud party — had hoped to attract and only a handful of the faction's senior lawmakers and cabinet ministers attended.

Netanyahu was charged on Thursday with bribery, fraud and breach of trust. He denies wrongdoing in all three of the criminal cases and has cast the investigations against him as an attempted coup aimed at ousting a

popular right-wing leader.

Israeli media put the number of demonstrators at about 2,000 to 3,000 people while Likud said 15,000 attended the rally.

"The legal establishment's goal is to topple an elected prime minister," said Ron Nahmani, 70, who had come to the protest. Addressing the crowd, Likud lawmaker Miki Zohar said the justice system was playing a

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Jewish Member of UK Parliament 'Bombarded' With Death Threats

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A prominent Jewish member of the UK parliament spoke on Tuesday about the growing volume of threats she has received from political extremists as the British general election approaches on Dec. 12.

Ruth Smeeth — who has represented the Stoke-on-Trent North electoral district for the Labour party since 2015 — told local broadcaster *StokeonTrentLive* that she had been threatened by fanatics on both the left and right ends of the political spectrum.



Jewish MP Ruth Smeeth. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Around half the threats have been antisemitic in nature, Smeeth revealed. The first death threat came when she was chosen as a candidate for the constituency in 2014 — and the situation had "snowballed" since then.

"Something horrible is happening," Smeeth said. "There is a general election on and it will only get worse. I'm not asking for sympathy, I just feel like I need to put down a marker to say this is not normal and it is not acceptable."

Smeeth has publicly opposed Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn's tolerance of antisemitism in the party's ranks.

The MP said that she no longer left her house on her own, and that her home and office had been turned

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Opinion.

Jewish Perceptions of European Antisemitism Are Worryingly Precise



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The following quotes are from Jewish citizens of various European countries, gathered during a survey earlier this year on Jewish perceptions of antisemitism that was carried out by the European Union.

“Anti-Semitism and racism are like the Wiener Schnitzel. They are part of the Austrian cultural heritage, just as xenophobia and ‘we are different.’ There is nothing to fight against, just suppressing the consequences has to suffice.”

“The way things are now, I experience, for example, that ‘Jew’ is a widespread cuss word in Copenhagen. As a Jew who has grown up in Denmark, I have always avoided showing/telling people I am a Jew.”

“For the past 12 years, anti-Semitism has no longer been a taboo in Germany, and so it occurs more often—verbally and physically, on German streets and in social media.”

“I can’t be discriminated against [here in Poland] if no one knows that I am a Jewish. I answer a direct question about my nationality with a lie.”

“At work and in the media and social media, anti-Semitism [in France] is a daily

and unrepressed occurrence.”

There is an air of resignation that hangs over these comments—a sense that hostility towards Jews is something that must be managed, rather than defeated. The Austrian respondent quoted above wittily described antisemitism in his country as akin to a schnitzel, an indelible part of that country’s social and cultural fabric that can produce deadly consequences if we are not sufficiently careful. The respondents in Denmark and Poland adopted a similar stance, effectively arguing that the most efficient way of avoiding antisemitic harassment was not to admit to being Jewish in the first place.

As difficult as these quotes are to read, they are nonetheless in keeping with the statistical data presented in the European Union survey of European Jews. A full 85 percent of respondents across the continent agreed that antisemitism was a “problem,” with a plurality describing it as a “big problem.” As the EU observed in the summary accompanying the report, “hundreds of respondents personally experienced an anti-Semitic physical attack in the 12 months preceding the survey. More than one in four (28%) of all respondents experienced anti-Semitic harassment at least once during that period. Those who wear, carry or display items in public that could identify them as Jewish are subject to more anti-Semitic harassment (37%) than those who do not (21%).”

Another, more recent survey of antisemitism by the Anti-Defamation League last week—this time conducted among non-Jews on four continents, including those 12 European nations whose Jewish citizens were polled by the EU survey—shows, rather depressingly, that current Jewish anxieties in Europe are grounded upon a more or less accurate reading of their surrounding reality. Consider, for example, the statement in the ADL poll that “much of our lives are being controlled by secret conspiracies arranged by powerful groups.” In France, 52 percent of respondents agreed this to be the case, while in Germany the statement won 37 percent agreement, and in Spain 58 percent agreement. Similarly, the three most common antisemitic stereotypes in Europe neatly encapsulate the triangular denunciation of the Jews: They dominate our economy and our financial markets; they are more loyal to the State of Israel than they are to us; they talk endlessly of their suffering during the Nazi Holocaust.

Critically, both the EU survey of Jews and the ADL survey of non-Jews underline the distribution of antisemitic attitudes on the extremes of left and right, as well as across different religious and ethnic communities. Of the hundreds of Jewish respondents questioned by the EU who had personally experienced antisemitic harassment, 30 percent said the perpetrator was someone with “Muslim extremist” views, 21 percent



A member of Berlin’s Jewish community speaking to journalists at the trial of a Syrian immigrant who assaulted a man wearing a kippah. Photo: Reuters/Hannibal Hanschke. Illustrative.

said they had been targeted by someone with “left-wing” views, and 13 percent by someone with “right-wing” views. According to the ADL survey, antisemitism is a greater presence on the left in Belgium and the Netherlands, while in Germany and Austria, antisemitism stems principally from the right.

What the ADL survey also showed is that whether the manifestation of antisemitism is greater on the left or on the right, the underlying animus—Jewish wealth, Jewish disloyalty, Jewish tribalism—is the same for both. Among European Muslims, the ADL found that acceptance of antisemitic stereotypes was substantially higher in these communities—on average almost three

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New York Times Tries Explaining Away British Labour’s Antisemitism



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A *New York Times* news article reports about how “Britain’s Jews Are Feeling Politically Homeless” amid the rise of Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn.

The *Times* reports that British Jews “flinch at handing power to Mr. Corbyn, seen by many as the only person who can stop Brexit, pained as they are by an avalanche of anti-Semitism accusations against the party.” That’s an odd formulation; it’s not the accusations that are causing the pain but the antisemitism.

The *Times* article’s low point is this breathtaking paragraph: “Scholars say certain strains of anticapitalism have historically risked casting Jews as a class of rich conspirators oppressing working people. Some of Mr. Corbyn’s supporters also stridently oppose Israel, occasionally resorting to anti-Semitic tropes to make their points.”

These “scholars” go unnamed by the *Times*, their identity undisclosed to *Times* readers. The larger problem, though, is the confusion of cause and effect. Blaming antisemitism on anticapitalism is backwards. It’s just as plausible that the antisemitism is the cause of the anticapitalism as that the anticapitalism is the cause of the antisemitism. Anticapitalism is, like antisemitism, so

irrational that it defies logical explanation. But one possible explanation for why some people hate capitalism is that these people hate Jew, so they hate capitalism, which is a system that allows Jews to prosper.

If my logic here about capitalism seems speculative, it may be clearer for readers to follow in the case of Israel, where the *Times* makes a similar, parallel error, again getting the story backward. It’s not, as the *Times* suggests, that anti-Israel sentiment “occasionally” spills over into antisemitism. Hating Jews isn’t, as the *Times* portrays it, some unfortunate if somewhat rare side effect of hating Israel, like, say, an upset stomach from ibuprofen. In the non-*Times* reality, antisemites hate Israel because they hate Jews, and because Israel is the Jewish state. It’s not the anti-Israelism that causes the antisemitism; it’s the antisemitism that causes the anti-Israelism.

Veering into antisemitism doesn’t help



Britain’s opposition Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn leaves his house in London, Aug. 6, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Toby Melville.

opponents of Israel “make their points,” as the *Times* describes; it undercuts the validity of those points, discrediting them.

In addition, it’s also not only “some of Mr. Corbyn’s supporters” who “stridently oppose Israel”; Corbyn himself has made a career of it.

What other hatreds are there where the *Times* makes such effort to make excuses for the haters, to find the most charitable possible way of explaining away the hate?

I suppose it’s encouraging to see the *Times* covering the story of antisemitism in Europe. But if the *Times* is going to be offering these sorts of apologies—they were just resorting to antisemitism “occasionally,” to “make their points” against Israel—it almost might be better for the Jews and maybe also for the *Times* if the *Times* ignored the story altogether. After all, for a lot of people who follow this issue, mention of strident opponents of Israel “occasionally resorting to anti-Semitic tropes to make their points” first brings to mind not supporters of the British Labour party, but the *Times* itself, which apologized earlier this year for publishing what the paper eventually conceded was an antisemitic political cartoon.

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

World News.

Israeli Defense Firm Develops Cutting-Edge Cyber Defenses to Protect Critical Infrastructure

BY JNS.ORG

The cyber threat posed by Israel's enemies to the country's critical infrastructure and other key targets is high, and Israeli authorities are working closely with defense companies to build up cutting-edge defenses.

In recent years, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems has won major cyber-defense contracts totaling tens of millions of dollars in Israel and abroad. The company has become a significant cyber player over the past seven years. Clients now include Israel Railways, the Bank of Israel's National Credit Registry and Israel's Computer Emergency Response Team center, known as CERT (a civilian center that deals with cyber challenges), in Beersheva.

Israel's rail network is considered critical infrastructure, and Rafael has constructed a Cyber Security Operations Center (CSOS) for Israel Railways to help the organization deal with the more than 10 million monthly cyber-attack attempts aimed at gathering critical intelligence and other forms of hacking against the train's subsystems.

Rafael also built defenses for Argentina's Defense Ministry and military ahead of preparations for the G20 summit held last year in that country.

"The things we do are certainly challenging and innovative," Michael Arov, cyber-technology product-line manager at Rafael, told *JNS*. "The Israel Railways project is one of them."

Arov, who is responsible for all of the company's cyber activities, said trains are becoming more computerized, which means that the cyber "attack surface" rail networks present to those with hostile intentions is also increasing.

"Israel Railways is considered critical infrastructure because of the damage that can be caused [to the country through it]. Our first goal is to safeguard human lives and create a situation in which it will be hard—in the cyber world, we don't say 'impossible' because nothing is impossible—but to make it very hard to harm lives," said Arov.

Preventing catastrophic scenarios like collisions and derailments is a top priority, he added.

In order to achieve this, "one has to understand first what the cyber situation is, in all of the subsystems," said Arov. "A train network is a system of systems. There are lots of subsystems, and they all have to be in tune with one another. If not, the entire system goes out of sync."

The critical control panels, the power supply, the train doors and most importantly the signaling system all require close monitoring and defense.

"The real-time signal system is what decides which train, with which driver, is where and on what track. This is the holy grail of every attacker. It is the most critical system for train safety," said Arov.

The train system's Cyber Security Operations Center (CSOC) provides a constant overview and will sound a real-time alert when something suspicious takes place.

The CSOC draws attention to problems as they are detected. Operators can then



A view of the new Tel Aviv-Jerusalem fast train just outside of Jerusalem, Sept. 25, 2018. Photo: Yossi Zamir/Flash90.

manage the risks—like deciding whether or not to halt train traffic or avoid using a certain part of the track.

"In the end, the solution is stable, holistic and does not harm functionality," said Arov. "We understand we have to support the main process and not disrupt the train's functions."

'Privacy is a central issue'

When it came to setting up a defense program for the Bank of Israel's National Credit Registry, Rafael faced a different set of demands. Unlike the country's rail system, cyber attacks on the registry were not potentially life-threatening, according to Arov, but could still cause significant damage to the country.

The registry contains plenty of sensitive data in one location, and Rafael had to devise a way that allowed non-governmental organizations, like credit bureaus, to access the figures without leaks.

"We built a system that intimately supervises what information is being accessed, grants authorizations, conducts checks and monitors all connections between the computer system and the business-transactions world," said Arov. "This was a different kind of problem that required a different solution from the train network."

Yet here, too, Rafael built a CSOC that creates a single picture of all cyber activities and provides real-time alerts.

"Privacy is a very central issue in this kind of project. There is data here that would be very interesting to others. Even registry employees cannot access restricted data without triggering an alert. Privacy is severely enforced here," he added.

In recent years, Israeli authorities have created more order in terms of defining their jurisdiction in the sensitive world of cyber defense, after years of uncertainty.

The Israel National Cyber Directorate is responsible for policy on defending core national infrastructure. The Shin Bet domestic-intelligence agency plays a central role in national cyber defenses, too.

Ultimately, Arov said, despite the appearance of so many companies and so much investment into cyber defense, the threat is here to stay.

"Our sense is that products are not the 'be all and end all' in this world. Even if you have a really good lock on your door at home, it doesn't mean that someone can't breach it. The solution has to be comprehensive. One also has to deal with windows, and intruders

IRGC Commander to US, Allies: 'If You Cross Our Red Lines, We Will Annihilate You'



Hossein Salami, deputy head of Iran's Revolutionary Guard, speaks during Tehran's Friday prayers, July 16, 2010. Photo: Reuters / Morteza Nikoubazi / File.

BY JNS.ORG

The head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Hossein Salami, warned on Monday that the United States, Israel, Britain and Saudi Arabia would be destroyed "if they cross our red lines."

"You have experienced our power in the battlefield and received a powerful slap across your face and could not respond; the world has come to observe some of these slaps, while it has not in some other cases. You should wait. If you cross our red lines, we will annihilate you," said Salami, Iran's *Fars News*

Agency reported.

Referring to what he claimed was US support for the recent protests in Iran, he said, "We were monitoring. The US brought all its power onto the scene, including pressure, maximum psychological warfare and internal mercenary infantries."

The Iranian general also asserted that a US aircraft carrier had entered the Persian Gulf following the riots, adding, "But I tell them [the United States] that it is too late. I also tell the Zionists [Israel] not to pin hope on the US. It comes too late, when you have already been annihilated."

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times as high—than among the national populations in the six countries examined: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

There is other data on antisemitism that has been gathered in the last 12 months that only bolsters this grim picture. Jewish communities in Germany, France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Denmark have all reported significant increases in antisemitic offenses. At the same time, all of these communities are careful to emphasize that these increases may in fact be bigger than recorded since the majority of victims of antisemitism do not report their experiences to either communal bodies or law-enforcement agencies.

All in all, then, 2019 has been a year in

which we learned a great deal about how Jews in Europe see antisemitism and how non-Jews see it, as well as the scale of the problem and the types of anti-Jewish themes that continue to resonate. We have also learned that even with tougher legal sanctions, there is a limit to what governments are able or willing to do to counter antisemitism. The data suggests that it is at the level of what is sometimes called "civil society"—our schools and colleges, our houses of worship, our political associations and especially our social-media platforms—that the real work of combating antisemitism remains to be done.

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Death Threats

into "fortresses" because she had been "bombarded" with death threats. Last Thursday, a death threat was hand-delivered to her office.

"Broadly speaking, none of the tangible threats have been from this area before, but I assume the one on Thursday was," she said during her radio interview. "What made me think is that me and my team just treated it as something normal. The stuff that might have

shocked us four years ago is now normal."

Police had told Smeeth that she was "in the top 10 MPs that could be targeted," she said.

"I think it's because I'm Jewish, and because I'm a woman," Smeeth said.

On Monday, Britain's chief rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis, said Corbyn was unfit to be prime minister because he had failed to stem antisemitism "sanctioned from the top" and now gripping his party.

can come in through the ceiling and walls. Locks are great, they are part of the solution, but they're not enough," he argued. "It is

important to understand the big picture. In the end, cyber defense is not a one-off event."

World News.



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos at the 2019 annual shareholders meeting in Seattle. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

Christian Zionist Group Dropped by Amazon, Claims It Is Being Targeted for Pro-Israel Views

BY JNS.ORG

Proclaiming Justice to The Nations (PJTN), a Tennessee-based non-profit evangelical Christian organization committed towards standing with Israel and fighting antisemitism, has been removed from the AmazonSmile program, which enables Amazon customers to donate a percentage of their purchase to their favorite charity.

PJTN President Laurie Cardoza-Moore told *JNS* that “all of a sudden, we began being inundated with e-mails from supporters whose AmazonSmile donations to Proclaiming Justice to the Nations had been repeatedly rejected. They were being instructed to choose another charity, despite wanting to support PJTN.”

After reaching out to Amazon for an explanation—assuming it was a technical glitch—the retail giant informed PJTN that customers would no longer be able to donate towards the organization using the AmazonSmile platform, following the listing of PJTN as a “hate group” by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC).

The SPLC, whose website says that part of its mission is to monitor domestic hate groups in the United States, has PJTN listed on its “hate map” as being one of 36 Tennessee-based hate groups. SPLC specifically accuses PJTN of being “anti-Muslim.”

An email request by *JNS* to SPLC asking for an explanation about their listing of PJTN went unanswered as of press time.

When asked by *JNS* what would cause the SPLC to label her organization as being anti-Muslim, Cardoza-Moore responded, “Proclaiming Justice to the Nations exists to fight the oldest hate on earth: antisemitism. We were given no explanation as to why we were blacklisted. If our work highlighting antisemites like [Reps.] Ilhan Omar [D-Minn.] and Rashida Tlaib [De-Mich.] got us on the list, we’ll wear it as a badge of honor. Despite the financial penalties that we are facing with AmazonSmile, will not be silenced for fulfilling our biblical responsibility to defend the State of Israel and Jewish people in the face of growing global antisemitism.”

She added that “sadly, the SPLC lost its way long ago, becoming a tool to shame any organization that doesn’t share their extremist agenda.”

Cardoza-Moore said that initially, she thought it was a joke that PJTN had been placed on the SPLC list of hate groups alongside the KKK. However, she said that

“I have now learned that this political witch hunt against those who don’t share SPLC’s extremist liberal views has been adopted as a religious doctrine by Amazon. This could dramatically affect our ability to raise funds and function as a nonprofit organization.”

She added that it appears that Amazon “has become the nation’s new moral compass powered by the subversive Southern Poverty Law Center. Charities should not be persecuted in this way; this has to stop.”

An Amazon spokesperson confirmed to *JNS* via email that PJTN had been dropped, saying in a general statement that according to their policy, “organizations that engage in, support, encourage or promote intolerance, hate, terrorism, violence, money laundering or other illegal activities are not eligible.”

The statement mentioned that since 2013, Amazon has relied on the SPLC along with the US Office of Foreign Assets Control (of the US Department of the Treasury) to make its determination on which organizations are eligible for the AmazonSmile program.

Cardoza-Moore says that as a result of being dropped, she is calling on her donors to bypass Amazon in order to help support Israel and combat antisemitism.

“We have asked our donors to continue supporting PJTN directly instead of through AmazonSmile. Nobody will silence us, even when we stand up against giants like Amazon; we know that we have truth and justice on our side,” she said.

“Our answer to this hateful blacklisting will be to continue building more PJTN chapters across the United States and beyond. We will continue to fight antisemitism and defend the State of Israel, wherever and whenever necessary,” she continued. “We will endeavor to reach more people than ever because our message is needed now, more than ever.”

A statement from PJTN said that in recent months, the organization has led the struggle against the BDS movement in the United States with a wave of state resolutions, and has exposed textbooks used in public schools that it says are indoctrinating children with inaccurate historical information and bias that do not reflect American values.

In 2016, *JNS* reported that PJTN drafted the state of Tennessee’s anti-BDS resolution, which passed in the General Assembly, making it one of the first states to pass such state-level legislation against BDS.

Britain’s Chief Rabbi Warns ‘Poison’ of Antisemitism Has Taken Root in Labour

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Britain’s chief rabbi said opposition Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn was unfit to be prime minister because he had failed to stem antisemitism “sanctioned from the top” and now gripping his party.

His comments stirred up campaigning ahead of the Dec. 12 vote where the United Kingdom faces a stark choice between Prime Minister Boris Johnson offering Brexit and Corbyn proposing a radical socialist vision for the world’s fifth-largest economy.

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, in an article in *The Times*, questioned how complicit in prejudice an opposition leader would have to be to be considered unfit for office.

“It is a failure of leadership. A new poison — sanctioned from the top — has taken root in the Labour Party,” wrote Mirvis, of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth.

“Be in no doubt, the very soul of our nation is at stake.”

Such an intervention from a religious leader is unusual.

Anglican leader Justin Welby said it was unprecedented and indicated the fear felt by many Jews.

Ever since Corbyn became Labour leader in 2015, he has been dogged by criticism from members, lawmakers and Jewish leaders that he has failed to tackle antisemitism in the party.

Nine lawmakers quit Labour in February, citing its leadership’s handling of the accusations among their reasons, and in



Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Britain's chief rabbi, London, Nov. 10, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Simon Dawson.

May Britain’s equality watchdog launched an investigation into possible discrimination by the party.

Mirvis said Labour leaders’ response as their supporters drove lawmakers, members and staff out of the party for challenging anti-Jewish racism had been “utterly inadequate.”

Corbyn has also been criticized for the party’s delay in fully adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s definition of antisemitism.

A Labour spokesman claimed Corbyn was a lifelong campaigner against antisemitism and the party was rooting out discrimination with suspensions and education programs.

“A Labour government will guarantee the security of the Jewish community, defend and support the Jewish way of life, and combat rising antisemitism in our country and across Europe,” the spokesman said.

With just over two weeks until the election, a poll by Kantar showed Labour had squeezed the Conservative lead to 11 points from 18 over the last week.

‘My Faith Is What Drives Me To Do This,’ Says UK Muslim Woman Who Defended Jewish Family

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The brave Muslim woman who rushed to the defense of a Jewish family who was being harassed by an antisemite while traveling on the London Underground has been reunited with the family’s father, who gave her a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her actions.

A man was arrested on Saturday evening after a viral video of the incident showed a Jewish family being harassed and “targeted with antisemitic abuse” on the London Underground, British Transport Police said.

In the video, a man is seen loudly reading a passage from the New Testament that addresses “them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not,” while pointing to a kippah-clad Jewish man who was traveling with his wife and three young children.

The man was then confronted by Asma Shuweikh — a 36-year-old Muslim woman who was on the same train — who acted, she later explained, because “I thought it is my duty as a mother, as a practicing Muslim, as a citizen of this country, to have to say something.”

In a statement released by the UK’s

Campaign Against Antisemitism, the father of the family — who did not wish to be named — said he was “extremely grateful” to Shuweikh for stepping in.

“We are certain that without her intervention and distraction, he would have continued his abuse which could have escalated to physical violence,” he said.

“This Tube journey has left me with mixed feelings about society,” he added. “On the one hand my wife, my children and I were subject to vile abuse in a full Tube carriage, however I am grateful for those who stood up for me.”

Speaking to London’s Jewish News, Shuweikh described her meeting with the father as “lovely.”

“He came and gave me beautiful flowers and we sat down and had a coffee and we were talking about our experiences and our backgrounds,” she said.

Shuweikh added that she had previously faced Islamophobic abuse, describing an incident in which a motorist threw jelly beans at her face while she was driving.

“It hit me in the eye, and he swore at me,” Shuweikh said. “We get these things. It’s unacceptable, and I’m the kind of person that if I see that, I can’t be quiet. My faith is what drives me to do this.”

U.S. News.

Columbia University to Hold Israel Divestment Referendum; Supporters Chant 'From the River to the Sea, Palestine Will Be Free'

BY SHIRI MOSHE

Student leaders at Columbia University in New York voted on Sunday to hold a referendum on divestment from Israel, following a multi-year push by anti-Zionist students and protests from the campus Jewish community.

Columbia College Student Council (CCSC) representatives voted 25-12 via secret ballot in favor of the initiative, which was brought forward by members of Columbia University Apartheid Divest (CUAD).

The measure, which will appear on the Spring 2020 elections ballot, will ask students whether the university should divest "from companies that profit from or engage in the State of Israel's acts towards Palestinians that, according to CUAD, fall under the United Nations International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid acts against Palestinians," the student-run *Columbia Spectator* reported.

CAUD has called on university officials to divest since 2016, drawing opposition from Jewish and Zionist groups on campus. An earlier CUAD attempt to pass the ballot initiative was voted down by the CCSC this past March by a margin of 20-17, and in 2017 by a margin of 26-5.

Following the vote, supporters of the referendum were recorded chanting, "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free." The slogan has been used by Palestinian nationalists — from advocates of the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaign to members of the US-designated terrorist group Hamas — to refer to the establishment of a Palestinian state in the territory between the Jordan River and Mediterranean Sea, in place of Israel.

Ofir Dayan — president of Columbia Students Supporting Israel (SSI), who shared footage of the chants with *The Algemeiner* — said the call was genocidal by referring to "the elimination of the only Jewish state."

"The role of student government is to unify people, to teach tolerance and acceptance, not to encourage people to call for genocide," she said.

Dayan also took issue with "the wording of the referendum," arguing, "it's completely not neutral."

"This has nothing to do with fostering dialogue, with peace or security — it has everything to do with dialogue that does not include Jewish students, does not include pro-Israel students," she continued. "We're going to fight this referendum with all our powers, because we understand that the sole purpose of it is to marginalize us."

The Zionist student group Aryeh also condemned the referendum, calling the CCSC vote "both appalling and reprehensible."

"Aryeh is deeply disappointed in the CCSC representatives who voted in favor of the referendum, ignoring the overwhelming concern voiced by Jewish students in the room for their safety and well-being on Columbia's campus," the group stated. "While we articulated that we believe in both a Palestinian and a Jewish state, CUAD shamefully revealed that they do not believe in the right of a Jewish state to exist."

"Having to defend the right for Jewish self-determination for the third time in four years has made the Jewish community feel targeted and isolated," Aryeh added, before applauding "SSI, JStreet CU, and Hillel, and the CCSC representatives who came together and stood up for the Jewish community in the face of such intolerance."

Supporters of the resolution pointed to its endorsement by several student groups, among them the Black Students' Organization, Columbia Queer Alliance and Native American Council, and said the referendum would create space to hold important conversations.

"It is not a matter of silencing the opinions people already hold nationally and on this campus," Siri Ketha, a junior and member of Students for Justice in Palestine, told the *Spectator*. "In fact, not allowing this question to pass would be a direct impediment to the so-called dialogue you wish to foster. How could dialogue be fostered if this conversation keeps getting confined to this room specifically?"

In a statement released Sunday evening, Columbia's Office of University Life pointed out that the Student Council's

vote "does not express a view for or against the referendum question," but rather "seeks the views of Columbia College students."

Divestment decisions are not made through referendums, but "a process involving the University's Advisory Council on Socially Responsible Investing (ACSRI), which advises Columbia's Trustees on ethical and social issues that arise in the management of the investments in the University's endowment," it explained.

The body, which includes students, faculty, staff, and alumni, "is empowered to review and analyze proposals from members of the Columbia community; if ACSRI agrees to a proposal, it then presents that proposal to the President and University Board of Trustees."

Columbia President Lee Bollinger has previously rejected the idea of divesting the

university's endowment from companies over their ties to Israel, saying in March, "I don't support that. ... We should rarely, rarely make a decision not to do something unless there is a consensus in the campus that this is wrong."

"On the issue raised, there is not a consensus; there is a whole host of views about this," he noted. "On the cases where [change] has happened, there has been a consensus."

A similar referendum passed at Barnard College in 2018, following a student government hearing that was criticized for excluding the voices of students opposed to the BDS campaign. The measure was later criticized and rejected by Barnard President Sian Leah Beilock.

CAUD and CCSC did not immediately respond to *The Algemeiner's* requests for comments.

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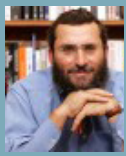
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Opinion.

Trump Recognizes the Jewish Connection to the Biblical Lands of Judea and Samaria



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Donald Trump once again proved his unequalled friendship with Israel. When his administration announced what should have been a non-controversial recognition of the fact that Israeli settlements are not illegal, it generated a predictable response. The usual suspects came out to denounce him and predict the end of the world, just as they did when he withdrew from the catastrophic Iran nuclear deal, recognized Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, and moved our embassy from Tel Aviv to the Jewish people's eternal capital.

This decision completes the reversal of the disastrous policies pursued by his predecessor. It is particularly galling to read all the former State Department officials complaining. These are the same individuals who spent decades pursuing their ideas for achieving peace, which all failed. Nevertheless, they have the chutzpah to pontificate as experts on peacemaking.

We are hearing the usual hue and cry about the death of the peace process.

What peace process?

The last time a comprehensive peace deal was discussed by an Israeli prime minister and a Palestinian president was in 2008. That's right, before Barack Obama became president. If anything killed the peace process, it was President Obama's policies. Buying into the nonsensical argument made by the Palestinians and others that settlements — rather than the Palestinians refusal to accept Israel's existence as a Jewish state — were an obstacle to peace, he insisted that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declare a freeze on construction of new settlements, which he enacted for ten months. Trump's critics conveniently forget the Palestinians

still refused to negotiate. In fact, despite bending over backwards to satisfy Palestinian concerns while routinely criticizing Israel, no progress was made toward an agreement. If anything, President Obama set the process back nearly a decade.

Despite all evidence to the contrary, critics continue to recite the "settlements are the obstacle to peace" mantra, which is as mythical as the calls for Israel to trade "land for peace" that ceased after Israel evacuated the Gaza Strip and was rewarded with more than a decade's worth of rocket and terror attacks and three wars. It is convenient to forget that no peace was achieved from 1948 to 1967 when there were ZERO settlements. The Egyptians, acting on behalf of the Palestinians, rejected an autonomy proposal offered by Menachem Begin when there were fewer than 10,000 settlers.

If their concern was the growth of settlements, the Palestinians should have signed a peace agreement long ago. But their conviction that Israel will disappear blinds them to the reality that the longer they wait, the more Jews will live in Judea and Samaria. By the time they decided to sign the Oslo agreement, nearly 150,000 Jews populated the area. They didn't make peace.

They got another chance when Ehud Barak offered Yasser Arafat a state and the withdrawal of most settlements in the 2000 Camp David talks. By then, there were more than 200,000 settlers. At the time of the talks between Mahmoud Abbas and Ehud Olmert in 2006, that number had grown to 260,000 and Abbas rejected a deal similar to the one Barak had offered Arafat. By the end of the misguided peace initiatives of the Obama administration, that number had grown to 400,000.

For those ignorant of more ancient history, let me remind you that the Palestinians have never had a state in recorded history. Judea and Samaria have never been "Palestinian" and therefore it is not occupied territory and Jews have as much right to live

there as they do. Actually, Jews have a greater claim given that they have lived in the area for more than 3,700 years and, if not for foreign conquerors, would have had a state for that entire period instead of the nearly 450 years of the Israelite monarchy and the Hasmonians.

Judea and Samaria were supposed to be part of the Jewish homeland promised by the Balfour Declaration and ratified by the League of Nations. It was Winston Churchill who decided to divide Palestine and create the entirely new country of Transjordan, and it was the Jordanian Legion that seized and occupied the West Bank (which got that name from its relationship to the Jordan River) from 1949 until 1967. During those 19 years, the Palestinians never claimed the land was theirs or demanded a state.

President Trump recognized that a fraudulent evenhandedness that put Israel, a human-rights abiding democracy, in the same box as the Palestinian autocracy not only failed to bring about peace, but also distorted American policy and values. The United States is not ambivalent about which party is an ally that shares our values and interests, and which does not. It is absurd to believe that we should treat Israel, the only free country in the Middle East with Western liberal values, the same as the Palestinian Authority, which is essentially a dictatorship that glorifies terror and denies even its own people the rights we take for granted. The president should be applauded for recognizing this distinction.

The Palestinians have been operating under the assumption that time is on their side because their population size would eclipse that of the Jews, a Muslim state such as Iran would obtain a nuclear weapon to wipe Israel off the map, or the international community would join the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign to delegitimize and, ultimately, destroy Israel.

The Palestinians are not easily disabused of their fantasies; however, the president's actions have punctured them. For the first



A general view picture shows houses in the Israeli settlement of Maale Adumim, in the West Bank, Feb. 15, 2017. Photo: Reuters / Ammar Awad / File.

time, the United States is not putting one-sided pressure on Israel to capitulate to Palestinian demands and rewarding the Palestinians for their obstinance with financial aid and diplomatic sympathy. The president has made it clear that Jerusalem is Israel's capital. And now he has ended the phony characterization of settlements as illegal and the obstacle to peace.

It was unfortunate to witness several of the Democratic presidential candidates immediately condemn the Trump administration's proclamation that settlements are not illegal. This opens the door to a reversion to the bad old days when Israel was routinely pilloried publicly while the Palestinians were coddled. Several Democratic candidates immediately criticized the president's decision on settlements. Most have said they will rejoin the nuclear deal, and some have suggested they will use foreign aid to paternalistically pressure Israel to adopt policies they think are best for Israelis.

But there should be a bipartisan consensus that Jews have a right to live anywhere in Biblical Israel, especially in Judea and Samaria where the patriarchs and matriarchs are buried, the Tabernacle at Shiloh stood for nearly 400 years, and King David was crowned. To suggest these lands are not Jewish is to erase most of Biblical history. To prohibit Jews from settling in these lands is to erase the Jewish connection to the very cradle of its formation and civilization.

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Enter Michael Bloomberg, and His Draw for Jewish Votes



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With Michael Bloomberg's announcement that he will be running for president as a Democrat, the former New York mayor may have given American Jews a reason not to decamp for the GOP en masse.

Yes, I realize that the Democratic Party has been home to American Jews since the New Deal. So cozy has this domestic arrangement been that nearly 80 percent self-identify as Democrats. Even pro-Israel Republican presidents—the

current incumbent, especially—have been exasperated by this staunch party solidarity. But apparently, American Jews are not a single-issue constituency.

The party that American Jews have been calling home for decades now has some restrictive covenants—a new welcome mat adorned with progressive engraving and fine print. And soon, Jews may no longer feel so welcome.

The progressives—or Democratic Socialists, who some bluntly call themselves—are setting the agenda for the party on issues such as universal health care, free college tuition, aggressive taxation, climate change, open immigration and even Israel. Why Israel became a foreign-policy priority can only be imagined, but three of the candidates—



Former New York City Mayor and possible 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg speaks at the Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, US, January 29, 2019. Photo: REUTERS/Brian Snyder.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Mayor of South Bend, Ind. Pete Buttigieg—recently announced that military aid should be conditioned on Israel's policies toward the Palestinians.

Where do the other Democratic candidates stand on Israel? Find out at the

next debate. Israel will surely be a talking point, and not a friendly one. It will be blamed for the impasse in peace and the use of excessive military force. Palestinian terrorism, of course, will go unmentioned.

Congress, too, is showing less love for Jews. The so-called "Squad" of four freshmen congresswomen, buttressed by the Black Caucus, has sounded dog whistles that antisemites hear clearly. New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez described Israel's defense of its southern border as a "massacre." Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar accused Jewish-Americans of dual loyalty and suggested that US foreign policy is directed by Jewish money that demands support for Israel.

The new inhospitality has even infected female empowerment. Ask the Jewish women who founded the Women's March. They found themselves lectured on how Jews funded the slave trade and that, as white privileged women, they should defer to those who deserve to lead a progressive movement. That leadership, repulsively, included the embrace of Louis Farrakhan. Meanwhile, Sanders' candidate whisperer, Linda Sarsour,

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Opinion.

Crown Heights Through a Looking Glass



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Reported anti-Jewish hate crimes in New York outnumbered anti-black hate crimes almost threefold during the third quarter of 2019. The city's politicians and media are, belatedly, taking notice of the uptick in "knockout attacks" on Brooklyn's Lubavicher Jewish community.

To understand this disturbing trend, it's necessary to cut through obfuscations and phony explanations. Conspiracy theories are very much in vogue today, with *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* even debunked at the House impeachment hearings. However, if there is a real playbook used by those explaining away today's bigotries, it's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* where Humpty Dumpty instructs Alice: "When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less... The question is, which is to be master — that's all."

The phenomenon of "hate crimes" is much manipulated and distorted today.

When Brooklyn's Crown Heights erupted in three days of antisemitic rioting in 1991, the media initially headlined it as a black-white clash without highlighting Jews as victims.

The New York Times ultimately settled on the alternative strategy of consistent under-reporting further attacks on Hasidic Jews. Since the 2016 presidential election, the strategy has shifted to blaming President Donald Trump and New York's army of mostly imaginary white Klansmen. Graffiti artists who deface subways, we are told, don't really understand what a swastika is!

During 2018, antisemitic hate crimes in New York remained under-reported. This is what happened when Farrukh Afzal jumped out of his car shouting "Allah" to beat up an elderly Jewish man walking to synagogue in Borough Park. WABC soon omitted his invocation of "Allah" from its reporting. Afzal was first charged with a hate crime, later reduced to second-degree assault or "road rage" or mental illness.

Here are some unfiltered reasons for the new eruptions in Crown Heights:

- Mayor De Blasio's "decriminalization" policies have begun to bear unwanted fruit. The overall decline in crime rates

since the 1990s has not yet been reversed, but violent crimes have begun to spike. Are we headed back to the 1970's when Jules Feiffer's "Little Murders" satirized a sniper on every rooftop? Historian David Nirenberg shows how medieval violence against Jews during Holy Week was usually stylized and circumscribed. Are we moving toward a "postmodern" world in which antisemitic acts will be more spontaneous — spreading like a contagion by internet copycats?

- Birth rates of males, who are responsible for most violent crimes, have been declining for decades. However, there was a jump during the good economic times before the 2008-2009 Financial Collapse. Now, these youngsters of all ethnicities are entering their crime-prone teenage years. Jews should be concerned.
- In 1991, Crown Heights' "turf wars" involved Orthodox Jews assailed by African Americans and Caribbean immigrants. Now, a new wild card — antisemitic Muslim immigrants — are involved in some New York neighborhoods.

The last explosive factor is the internet's impact. Antisemitism is accelerating as it's being globalized, while old-fashioned pogrom-era mobs are being replaced by "flash mobs" of haters mobilized in minutes. Thrills today matter more than booty. This may be why assailants swoop in-and-out to attack without even stealing wallets or purses — rather like Native American warriors exultantly "counting coup."

Whenever Simon Wiesenthal would speak to college students, inevitably this question would be posed: Could the Holocaust happen again? Wiesenthal would answer: "The only difference between the Nazi Genocide and the Inquisition was technology. Had twentieth century technology been available, no Jew would have survived in Spain; no Catholic in England, no Protestant in France." He would add this warning: "Hate+Crisis+Technology can set the stage for a new genocide."

Unless changed, our future may be taking shape in the experimental test tube of Crown Heights.

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a proven record on the environment, public health, gun control and even a tax policy designed to narrow the inequality gap. The latter is the central issue of our time. After all, in 10 years, "Occupy Wall Street" went from tent show to main event.

Yes, Bloomberg is a white billionaire, making him a pinata for progressives. But he is self-made, and a proven chief executive in both the private and public spheres. What's more, he has no history of shady deals, "Access Hollywood" tapes, hush-money payments to porn stars or insults to war heroes, women or the handicapped. His tax returns won't be declared a state secret. And since his campaign will be self-financed, he won't be beholden to anyone—foreign dictators included.

A Democratic Party headed by Bloomberg will offer progressives a choice without sacrificing a chance at regaining the

The PFLP: Abbas' Dirty Terrorist Secret



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mid all the hubbub over the latest wave of Palestinian Arab rocket attacks against Israel, one extremely important part of the story passed almost unnoticed. I call it Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' dirty little secret.

A news brief carried by one of the wire services reported that the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) announced that it has "expanded its rockets' range beyond Gaza border communities."

The significance of the news, as presented by the media, was that a terrorist faction was boasting of new rocket ranges that could intensify the conflict. But the real significance is the fact that the PFLP is being coddled by "moderate" Palestinian leaders, even as it continues to play an active role in the terrorist war against Israel.

Remember: The entire premise of the Oslo Accords and the various "peace processes" that followed was that the Palestinian Arab leadership, headed by Yasser Arafat and his deputy, Mahmoud Abbas, had sincerely given up terrorism and the goal of destroying Israel.

Arafat and Abbas claimed that they had become "moderate," and that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Palestinian Authority — which Arafat led, and which Abbas now leads — were committed to peace. The PLO consists of 10 individual factions. The largest, headed by Abbas, is Fatah. The second largest is the PFLP.

Since joining the PLO at its inception in 1967, the PFLP has perpetrated numerous heinous terrorist attacks, including hijackings of airplanes and the murder of an Israeli cabinet minister. That was all supposed to have come to an end when the PLO claimed to give up terrorism at the Oslo signing in September 1993.

Except that the PFLP never gave up terrorism. It's just that nobody talks about it. The US government knows that. That's why the PFLP remains on the official US list of terrorist groups to this day, even after other PLO member-factions were removed from that list. Former President Bill Clinton didn't take the PFLP off that list. Neither did George W. Bush or Barack Obama. Neither has Donald Trump.

White House. He's the best candidate to take on Donald Trump. Compared to everyone else, he's the only adult in the room.

Of course, Trump is not without some appeal to American Jews. After all, during his first term, he has played Santa in the Holy Land, bestowing Israel with many gifts that arguably no one else would have ever granted. Where's the gratitude, even if you find him repugnant?

While that's true, his policies have been more impulsive than ideological, guided by an unscripted worldview that favors chaos and despots, and disdains coherent strategy. How else to explain his flirtations with the alt-right from a man with Jewish grandchildren?

Meanwhile, during Israel's last war in Gaza in 2014, with Hamas rockets lighting



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

Photo: Flash90.

But how could it be otherwise, when the PFLP's post-Oslo résumé includes such atrocities as the synagogue massacre of five rabbis (four died at the scene, and one died 11 months later from head injuries) and an Israeli Druze police officer in Jerusalem's Har Nof neighborhood five years ago this week?

Despite that massacre and other outrages, Abbas has never taken any action against the group. He never expelled the PFLP from the PLO. He never outlawed the PFLP. He never sent his security forces to confiscate their weapons or shut down their safe houses. He has knowingly tolerated the terrorists of the PFLP.

And so, the PFLP has continued to grow — to the point that it even took part in the latest rocket terrorism against Israel. Which is why American advocates of the Palestinian cause, such as J Street, never mention the PFLP. Because calling attention to it means acknowledging that Abbas aides and abets them. And that would make it much harder to convince people that Abbas (now in the 14th year of a four-year term as president) should be given a fully sovereign state in Israel's backyard.

Understandably, Abbas is hoping that the rest of us won't notice the terrorists who are operating under the umbrella of his PLO.

American Jewish and Zionist groups should be making the PFLP problem a major issue. They should be confronting our elected officials, educating the public and speaking out in every possible forum about the shocking fact that Israel's so-called "peace partner" is actually a partner of terrorists.

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up the sky and the administration of former President Barack Obama announcing a federal ban on travel to Israel, Bloomberg flew to Tel Aviv for no reason other than to be there.

As for their eternal domicile in the Democratic Party, if Bloomberg isn't heading the ticket in 2020, Jews might find themselves heading for the exits at a convention where they've just been evicted. Of course, knowing the perseverance of Jews and social justice, some will choose to stay, anyway.

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proclaimed that feminists can't be Zionists.

On college campuses, gay Jewish students, Jewish feminists, and Jewish eco-and social-warriors have been booted from the intersectional freight train that rolls over anyone with a kind word to say about Israel or a critical one about Palestinian violence.

Don't be surprised if some Jews won't take the hint, even though there is no subtlety to the progressive wing of the Democratic Party. They are decidedly direct. That won't divert the thinking of some liberal Jews, however, who care about only one thing: defeating Donald Trump.

Enter Michael Bloomberg. In a crowded field of candidates, some playing to the cheap seats of the Democratic left, he represents a resolute centrist of independent mind with

Impressions.

The Attitude of Gratitude: Jewish Insights to Share at Thanksgiving

BY DEBORAH FINEBLUM/JNS.org

Thanksgiving. They got it from us.

The evidence: Things that aren't taught in school, such as the Pilgrims modeling their autumn thanksgiving holiday after the Jewish harvest holiday of Sukkot, celebrated just a few weeks earlier.

This is actually not surprising, considering that the Pilgrims — goofy hats and all — modeled their society after the ancient Hebrews — to the point that they actually learned Hebrew, including while afloat on the Mayflower.

"Look on the back of a draft of the Mayflower Compact, and you see the English-Hebrew worksheets they were studying at the time," says author, historian, and commentator Sha'i ben-Tekoa. In fact, says ben-Tekoa, the Pilgrims saw themselves in distinctly Biblical terms. "They believed that in settling the new land, they were like the Israelites crossing into the Promised Land."

What's more, another meaning of *hodu*, the Hebrew word for "turkey," is to thank — a word that appears many times in the Torah.

In fact, the founding fathers were thinking of declaring Hebrew as one of the country's official languages, alongside English. What's more, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, and John Adams considered having the official seal of the new country feature Moses leading the Jews across the Red Sea. "Early America was drenched with the Hebrew Bible," ben-Tekoa adds. "So American fascination for and support of Israel started back then."

From the start, American Jews saw their religious identity and their national one as two halves of a coherent whole.

It's "the belief that Judaism and Americanism reinforce one another, the two traditions converging in a common path ... an ongoing effort on the part of American Jews to interweave their 'Judaism' with their 'Americanism,'" Jonathan Sarna, the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University wrote 20 years ago in *The Cult of Synthesis in American Jewish Culture*.

And the synthesis in question often peaked on Thanksgiving, writes Sarna. On Thanksgiving of 1844, Isaac Leiser, the *chazzan* (cantor) at Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia, told his congregants that "as Israelites, we have an additional cause of thanksgiving" and went on to detail "America's special meaning for the Jew."

Nearly eight decades later, in 1922, *America and the Jew: A Pageant for Thanksgiving Day*, debuted at Boston's Temple Israel as performed by the Sunday-school children, reports Sarna. The play, which told the story of the "joyful harvest," was seen by 1,200 people who were impressed, Rabbi Harry Levi reported at the time, with "its emotional appeal and religious effectiveness." And over the years, it made the rounds of several other Reform congregations around the country.

The attitude of gratitude — or as they say in Hebrew, *hakiras hatov* — is a central theme in Judaism. Consider: The matriarch Leah gave the name Yehuda to her fourth son, meaning "Now I will thank God,"

which is how the Jews eventually became Yehudim (the people who thank).

In fact, opportunities to give thanks abound throughout the Jewish calendar. We're reminded of the times of the Temple in Jerusalem when each spring, farmers would bring *bikurim* — baskets filled with the first fruits of their harvest — to the *kohanim* (priests) in the Holy Temple in gratitude for abundant crops. And many an animal was sacrificed as a peace offering, given (and the meat shared between the one who brought the sacrifice and the *kohanim*) from a heart filled with gratitude for God's bounteous gifts for surviving a dangerous ordeal or after successfully fulfilling a vow.

"When you're a traditional Jew, gratitude is baked into prayer from the moment we wake up," says Erica Brown, director of the Mayberg Center for Jewish Education and Leadership at the George Washington

University. For Rabbi Michael Beals, Psalm 100 always comes to mind. "How *do* we serve God with joy?" he asks. "It's with gratitude. Coming together strengthens what we have in common, which is so much more than what separates us. And the thing that best connects us is gratitude."

"It's a melting pot, America, and the Jews who came were grateful the country protected their freedom of religion," says Rakel Berenbaum, whose "Portion from the Portion" column, with its *parshah*-related recipe is a staple of the Orthodox Union's Torah Tidbits magazine.

And since today's Jews have ancestors from all over, she suggests an international potluck Thanksgiving. "The Persians can bring their rice and the Russians their sauerkraut. That way, we learn about Jewish culinary traditions from around the world, and best of all, no one person has to do all the cooking."



A Thanksgiving dinner. Photo: Wiki Commons.

University in Washington, D.C. "Blessings over food and aspects of nature make us conscious of everyday gratitude and create a structure for thanks."

And for Jews, Thanksgiving is a guilt-free holiday (at least, if you resist the urge to overeat).

"Here in the United States, Thanksgiving is one of the few legal holidays without paganism or other religious overtones," says Rabbi Chaim Wolosow, co-director of the Chabad Center of Sharon, Massachusetts, "so all those who are wary of the other Christian holidays can truly enjoy this one since it's completely pareve."

In fact, some families simply postpone the turkey, the stuffing, and the cranberry sauce for 24 hours and celebrate a Shabbat Thanksgiving on Friday night.

And because the holiday has no overt religious overtones, Americans of varying faiths are able to celebrate it together. For the last 15 years, members of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, Delaware, have joined with those from area churches and mosques the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to break bread together (hold the turkey; this is a vegetarian affair), fundraise for local food banks, and share gratitude-themed readings from their scriptures.

Brown has an observation ... and a suggestion.

"With today's Thanksgiving so dominated by food and football, we often minimize the thanks because we lack a structure for it," she says.

To focus the celebration on the holiday's true meaning — with a Jewish flare — Brown opts for creating a pre-turkey gratitude conversation by hiding a question under each dinner plate to be answered before the main course.

Here are a few of her under-plate questions to get you started and inspire you to add your own:

1. What are three things you are grateful for at work, school, or in your volunteer job?
2. What are three specific things you are grateful for about your family?
3. What foods are you most grateful for?
4. What are you thankful for as an American (if you are an American)?
5. What are you most grateful for in your Jewish life?
6. What is something that once caused you pain, but that you are now grateful for?

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Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff
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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 Courthouse, 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
AJ; 11/8/15/22/29

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 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
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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; 11/1/8/15/22/29; 12/6

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)

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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
AJ; 11/8/15/22/29

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.
AJ; 11/8/15/22/29; 12/6/13

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.
AJ; 11/8/15/22/29; 12/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FM1, Plaintiff AGAINST SHERYLL MIZELL, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 26, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on December 19, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 287 EMPIRE BLVD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1308, LOT 61. Approximate amount of judgment \$830,653.03 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 508980/2015. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 66512
AJ; 11/15/22/29; 12/6

File No.: 2014-2301/C CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Minnie Bell Watts, Estate of Greta Waggoner, Estate of Arthur L. Waggoner, Harry Cole, Estate of George Cole, Christine Cole, Joshua Cole, Sherrene Whyte, Imani

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Jolie Cole, Aniyah Sanaa Richardson, Zhane Avanni Cole, Brylise Nyae Cole, Shanika Richardson, Arthur Waggoner, as distributee in Estate of Greta Waggoner & as distributee in the Estate of Arthur Waggoner, post deceased husband of Greta Waggoner Shannon Waggoner, as distributee in Estate of Greta Waggoner & as distributee in the Estate of Arthur Waggoner, post deceased husband of Greta Waggoner Sharn Waggoner, as distributee in Estate of Greta Waggoner & as distributee in the Estate of Arthur Waggoner, post deceased husband of Greta Waggoner Donald Brown Jr., Torry Brown, Chastity Cook, Christopher Brown, Estate of Leslie Wilson, Donyae Wilson, Dawn Vencil, DeArielle Wilson, Cassi Pendergrass, Dwayne Core, Mary Collins, Eve Francis Chandler, Estate of Helen McCord Forrest, Fred Earl McCord, Forsetta L. McCord, Jamika E. Davis, Estate of Herman Cole, Herman Cole, Jr., Sylvester W. Cole, King Cole, Corine Cole Nelson, Estate of Frank Cole III, Bernita Cole, Carlos Cole, Arnitra Cole, Marlon Cole, Catherine Cole, Annie Lois Heard, Shana Williams, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Lillie Irving, 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, Christine Wallace, Esq., as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Lillie Irving, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 109-31 177th Street, Jamaica, NY 11433, 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 Lillie Irving, 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 9th day of January, 2020 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 \$11,354.72 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

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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 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 7th day of November, 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 Clare Warnock Gerard J. Sweeney, Esq. 1981 Marcus Avenue, Ste 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 PH: 718 459 9000 Direct Dial: 516 888 9433 FAX: 718 459 3163
AJ; 11/15/22/29; 12/6

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: LA VEA STATIONERY LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 09/27/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: La VEA Stationery LLC 85 E 43RD st., Apt. A1 Brooklyn, NY 11203. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 11/15/22/29; 12/6/13/20

File No.: 2017-1809/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: HRA-OLALRLU, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of JORGE REGUEIRO, 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, Imaan Moughal, Esq. as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of JORGE REGUEIRO, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of New Surfside Nursing Home, 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 JORGE REGUEIRO, 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 9th day of January, 2020 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

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Tradition.

Isaac and Esau



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

It's a haunting question. Why did Isaac love Esau? The verse says so explicitly: "Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebecca loved Jacob" (Gen. 25:28). Whichever way we read this verse, it is perplexing. If we read it literally, it suggests that Isaac's affections were governed by no more than a taste in a particular kind of food. Surely that is not the way love is earned or given in the Torah.

Rashi, citing a Midrash, suggests that the phrase translated as, "who had a taste for wild game," and referring to Isaac, in fact refers to Esau, and should be read "there was hunting in his mouth," meaning that he used to entrap and deceive his father by his words. Esau deceived Isaac into thinking that he was more pious and spiritual than in fact he was.

Bolstering this interpretation, some suggest that Isaac, having grown up in the household of Abraham and Sarah, had never encountered deception before, and was thus, in his innocence, misled by his son. Rebecca, who had grown up in the company of Laban, recognised it very well, which is



why she favoured Jacob, and why she was later so opposed to Isaac's blessing going to Esau.

Yet the text suggests undeniably that there was a genuine bond of love between Esau and Isaac. The Zohar says that no one in the world honoured his father as Esau honoured Isaac. Likewise, Isaac's love for Esau is evident in his desire to bless him. Note that Abraham did not bless Isaac. Only on his deathbed, did Jacob bless his children. Moses blessed the Israelites on the last day of his life. When Isaac sought to bless Esau, he was old and blind, but not yet on his deathbed: "I am now an old man and don't know the day of my death" (Gen. 27:2). This was an act of love.

Isaac, who loved Esau, was not deceived as to the nature of his elder son. He knew what he was and what he wasn't. He knew he was a man of the field, a hunter, mercurial in temperament, a man who could easily give way to violence, quickly aroused to anger, but equally quickly, capable of being distracted

and forgetting.

He also knew that Esau was not the child to continue the covenant. That is manifest in the difference between the blessing Isaac gave Jacob in Genesis 27 (believing him to be Esau), and the blessing in Genesis 28 that he gave Jacob, knowing him to be Jacob.

The first blessing, intended for Esau, is about *wealth* – "May God give you of the dew of heaven and the fat of the earth" – and *power*, "Let peoples serve you, and nations bow to you." The second blessing, intended for Jacob as he was leaving home, is about *children* – "May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples" – and a *land* – "May He give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of ... the land God gave to Abraham." The patriarchal blessings are not about wealth and power; they are about children and the land. *So Isaac knew all along that the covenant would be continued by Jacob; he was not deceived by Esau.* Why then did he love him, encourage him, wish to bless him?

The answer, I believe, lies in three extraordinary silences. The most pointed is the question, *What happened to Isaac after the*

Binding? Look at the text in Genesis 22 and you will see that as soon as the angel has stopped Abraham from sacrificing his son, Isaac drops out of the picture completely. The text tells us that Abraham returned to the two servants who accompanied them on the way, but there is no mention of Isaac.

This is a glaring mystery, tantalising the commentators. Some go so far as to say that Isaac actually died at the Binding and was brought back to life. Ibn Ezra quotes this interpretation and dismisses it. Shalom Spiegel's *The Last Trial* is a book-length treatment of this idea. Where was Isaac after the trial of the Binding?

The second silence is the death of Sarah. We read that Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and weep for her. But the primary mourner in Judaism is traditionally the child. It should have been Isaac leading the mourning. But he is not mentioned in the entire chapter 23 that relates to Sarah's death and its consequences.

The third is in the narrative

in which Abraham instructed his servant to find a wife for his son. *There is no record in the text that Abraham consulted with Isaac his son, or even informed him.* Abraham knew that a wife was being sought for Isaac; Abraham's servant knew; but we have no idea as to whether Isaac knew, and whether he had any thoughts on the subject. Did he want to get married? Did he have any particular preference as to what his wife should be like? The text is silent. Only when the servant returns with his wife-to-be, Rebecca, does Isaac enter the narrative at all.

The text itself is significant: "Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi." What was this place? We have encountered it only once before. It is where the angel appeared to Hagar when, pregnant, she fled from Sarah who was treating her harshly (Gen. 16:14). An ingenious Midrash says that when Isaac heard that Abraham had sent his servant to find a wife for him, he said to himself, "Can I live with a wife while my father lives alone? I will go and return Hagar to him." A later text tells us that "After Abraham's death, God blessed his son Isaac, who then lived near Beer Lahai Roi" (Gen. 25:11). On this, the Midrash says that even after his father's death, Isaac lived near Hagar and treated her with respect.

What does all this mean? We can only speculate. But if the silences mean something, they suggest that *even an arrested sacrifice still has a victim.* Isaac may not have died physically, but the text seems to make him disappear, literarily, through three scenes in which his presence was central. He should have been there to greet and be greeted by the two servants on his safe return from Mount Moriah. He should have been there to mourn his departed mother Sarah. He should have been there to at least discuss, with his father and his father's servant, his future wife. Isaac did not die on the mountain, but it seems as if something in him did die, only to be revived when he married. The text tells us that Rebecca "became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death."

That seems to be the message of the silences. The significance of Beer Lahai Roi seems to be that Isaac never forgot how Hagar and her son – his half-brother Ishmael – had been sent away. The Midrash says that Isaac reunited Hagar with Abraham after Sarah's death. The biblical text tells us that Isaac and Ishmael stood together at Abraham's grave (Gen. 25:9). Somehow the divided family was reunited, seemingly at the instigation of Isaac.

If this is so, then Isaac's love for Esau is simply explained. It is as if Isaac had said: I know what Esau is. He is strong, wild, unpredictable, possibly violent. It is impossible that he should be the person entrusted with the covenant and its spiritual demands. *But this is my child.* I refuse to sacrifice him, as my father almost sacrificed me. I refuse to send him away, as my parents sent Hagar and Ishmael away. My love for my son is unconditional. I do

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rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$14,552.07 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim from NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$67,650.81 should not be paid; 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 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 7th day of November, 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; 11/15/22/29; 12/6

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: QUALITYSNAPZ,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 03/09/2017. Office location: Bronx county . SSNY Has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC 4460 Byron Ave bronx, NY 10466. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 11/15/22/29; 12/6/13/20

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MANA 2007-A1,

not ignore who or what he is. But I will love him anyway, even if I do not love everything he does – because that is how God loves us, unconditionally, even if He does not love everything we do. I will bless him. I will hold him close. And I believe that one day that love may make him a better person than he might otherwise have been.

In this one act of loving Esau, Isaac redeemed the pain of two of the most difficult moments in his father Abraham's life: the sending away of Hagar and Ishmael and the Binding of Isaac.

I believe that love helps heal both the lover and the loved.

Shabbat Shalom

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Plaintiff, vs. FABIENNE NELSON, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 18, 2017, an Order Appointing a Substitute Referee to Sell filed on February 22, 2018, and an Ex Parte Order Extending Time to Set Sale filed on August 7, 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 19, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 933 East 106th 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 8214 and Lot 28. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 19374/13. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 11/15/22/29; 12/6

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff AGAINST Ilda Clarke; Daniel Clarke; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 28, 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 December 19, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1057 East 95th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8164 Lot 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$389,164.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 506396/2014. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: October 10, 2019 AJ; 11/15/22/29; 12/6

AP Auto Enterprises, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/23/19. County: Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Thriftway, Attn: Alex Perchuk, 2116 Ave P, 2nd Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: any lawful act. AJ; 11/22/29; 12/6/13/20/27

BARRY R. CLARKE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/19. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, c/o Barry R. Clarke, 144 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11226. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. AJ; 11/29; 12/6/13/20/27; 1/3

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS INDEX NO. 503069/2019 REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff, Plaintiff designates KINGS as the place of trial situs of the real property vs. ENOS BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, BYRON BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, EVON

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Social.



Actor Sacha Baron Cohen arrives at the European Premiere of *Alice Through the Looking Glass* at a cinema in London, Britain, May 10, 2016. Photo: REUTERS/Paul Hackett/File Photo.

Sacha Baron Cohen Slams Social Media Giants for Hate Speech on Platforms

BY JNS.org

British Jewish actor Sacha Baron Cohen, upon accepting the Anti-Defamation League's International Fellowship Award in New York City on Thursday, criticized social-media giants for allowing hate speech to flourish on their platforms.

He called the steps taken by social-media companies to reduce hate and vile conspiracy theories on their sites as "mostly superficial."

He told the crowd: "I believe it's time for a fundamental rethink of social media and how it spreads hate, conspiracies and lies."

The actor, who stars in the *Netflix* series "The Spy," particularly blasted Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg, and his "simply absurd" and "ludicrous" speech last month at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, where he warned against new laws and regulations to combat hate speech on companies like his.

"This is not about limiting anyone's free speech.

This is about giving people, including some of the most reprehensible people on earth, the biggest platform in history to reach a third of the planet. Freedom of speech is not freedom of reach," he said. "Sadly, there will always be racists, misogynists, antisemites and child abusers. But I think we could all agree that we should not be giving bigots and pedophiles a free platform to amplify their views and target their victims."

Baron Cohen also attacked what he called the "Silicon Six": Zuckerberg at Facebook, Google CEO Sundar Pichai at Google, Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin, YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki and Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey. He claimed that the billionaires—all Americans—"care more about boosting their share price than about protecting democracy."

He added that if these Internet companies really want to make a difference, they should "hire enough monitors to actually monitor, work closely with groups like the ADL, insist on facts, and purge these lies and conspiracies from their platforms."

Leonard Cohen's Son Releases Posthumous Album of Legendary Singer's Unfinished Work

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

The son of the late legendary Jewish singer Leonard Cohen released on Friday a posthumously-completed album of music left unfinished by his father.

The new album, "Thanks for the Dance," is made up of half-finished songs and vocal takes Cohen recorded during sessions for "You Want It Darker," his 14th studio album released in October 2016, just a few weeks before his death.

The singer's son Adam Cohen, also a musician, who served as producer on "You Want It Darker," said the new songs should not be considered as



Leonard Cohen in concert in 2008. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

"discarded songs or B sides." He told *The New York Times*, "They're a continuation. Had we had more time and had he been more robust, we would have gotten to them."

He added that he and his father discussed finishing the songs before the latter's death. "The conversations were about what instrumentation and what feelings he wanted the completed work to

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Helena Bonham Carter Learns of Grandfather Who Helped Jews Escape the Holocaust

BY JNS.org

Actress Helena Bonham Carter discovered that her grandfather helped thousands of French Jews escape the Holocaust in a new TV series starting next week in the United Kingdom.

"My Grandparents' War," a four-part series, has Hollywood stars "undertake a fascinating journey into their family's past by retracing the footsteps of their grandparents" during World War II, according to the show's synopsis. The show, produced by British indie

Wild Pictures, commemorates the 80th anniversary of the start of the Second World War.

In one episode, Carter, 53, who is Jewish on her mother's side, learns that her maternal grandfather, Eduardo Propper de Callejon, was a Spanish diplomat who went against his government and helped Jews escape the Holocaust during the Nazi invasion of France, reported *Jewish News*. The actress also finds out that her British paternal grandmother, a mother of four and liberal politician, fought anti-Semitism as a volunteer air-raid warden.

She said about the discoveries she made that "part of me feels like this was just the beginning because this whole thing was a gift for me."

"For me, my family is extraordinary," she added. "I was born too late, and they died too soon, so for me it was like I met them properly and had a conversation with them, and I also want to carry on conversing with my mum. The conversations that I've started, I feel like there's a lot more. I'm almost evangelical in saying that it's one of the most important things I've done."

During the episode, Bonham Carter also interviews her maternal grandmother and states for the record, "We should have all our children and grandchildren talk to [our] parents, and there should be this handing down. What also struck me is that there is all this silence around trauma, so it needs time for people to make sense of it. It's the time for people to speak and for us to find out."

Opinion.

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Careless in Gaza

CLIFFORD D. MAY/
JNS.org

Israel fought a battle in Gaza last week, but not against Hamas. That's the news. The rest will be commentary.

The battle was between Israel and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), a terrorist organization (so designated by the United States, the European Union, and others) whose goal is to burn Israel to the ground and establish an Islamic state on its ashes.

PIJ is Hamas' ally, but also its rival. Estimated to have 6,000 fighters compared to Hamas' 30,000-man army, it was founded by Palestinians inspired by the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran. Since then, it has been supported and directed by the theocrats in Tehran who regard the annihilation of Israel as a goal that unites Islamists, whether Shiites like themselves, or Sunnis such as PIJ and Hamas

Hamas is more tolerant of PIJ than of its Sunni ally/rival, Fatah, the controlling faction in the Palestinian Authority (PA). In 2007, Hamas and Fatah went to war over who



Palestinian supporters of Hamas participated in a violent rally marking the 31st anniversary of the founding of the terror organization that runs Gaza, in the West Bank city of Nablus, on Dec. 14, 2018.

Photo: Nasser Ishtayeh/Flash90.

would rule Gaza. When the smoke cleared and the blood dried, Hamas emerged as the victor, and since then, PA leader Mahmoud Abbas dares not set foot on Gazan soil.

While Hamas leaders also look to Tehran for backing and are respectful of the ruling mullahs, they do not welcome PIJ escalating the conflict with Israel either on orders from those mullahs or on its own initiative. The conflict last week is the result of PIJ doing exactly that.

In the past, Israel's policy has been to hold Hamas responsible for any attacks coming from the

territory it controls. This time, however, Israel made an exception. Khaled Abu Toameh, for my money the most knowledgeable journalist covering the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, reported that Israel, via Egypt, communicated to Hamas leaders that so long as they refrained from joining PIJ in this latest round, they would not find themselves in Israel's crosshairs.

The tension between the two terrorist groups went public last Friday, when Mahmoud Zahra, a senior Hamas official, attempted to pay his condolences to the family of Baha Abu al-Ata, a top PIJ commander assassinated three days earlier in a pre-dawn Israeli airstrike.

PIJ supporters blocked his car, threw rocks, and chanted anti-Hamas slogans. Zahra's bodyguards hustled him away. Israel officials blame Abu al-Ata for numerous rocket and sniper attacks on Israeli cities and towns over many years, including some as recent as this month.

IDF Spokesperson Brig. Gen. Hidai Zilberman told an Israeli news outlet that Abu al-Ata was a "ticking bomb." Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Avi Dichter (Likud) added: "We had to make sure PIJ would understand that they can't shoot at Israel whenever they want."

PIJ's initial response was to fire 450 missiles at Israeli civilian residential areas. Israel's Iron Dome air defense system knocked out most of the rockets that posed a threat. Israel also retaliated with a 48-hour operation code-named "Black Belt," hitting PIJ weapons factories, storage facilities, training centers, and the homes of PIJ operatives.

No military in the world is more surgical than the IDF, but PIJ, like other terrorist groups, uses human shields, which virtually ensures non-combatants will be killed.

Israel's enemies then charge Israelis — not PIJ — with war crimes.

Late last week, Egypt brokered a ceasefire which, as I write, appears to be holding.

So what has this most recent battle changed?

First: It seems to me that Israel has reinforced deterrence, a key objective. Its national security professionals have demonstrated that they are hard at work, despite the fact that Israel's politicians,

after two elections, remain unable to form a coalition to replace the caretaker government led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Second: Netanyahu's long-standing strategy vis-à-vis Hamas — sometimes called "mowing the lawn" — has again proven itself the least bad option. More hawkish Israelis have called for defeating Hamas once and for all, but if such decisive action led to either PIJ taking over Gaza or Israel having to assume responsibility for the territory, the victory would be Pyrrhic.

Hamas remains Israel's sworn enemy. But its restraint in this instance suggests that its leaders see an informal truce as being in their interest. How long that might last is hard to say. They will not want to give even the appearance of having lost their jihadi zeal.

Why do they now want what the Israelis call "quiet for quiet"? Probably just to rearm for the next round of violence. Is it possible that Hamas wants to spend some time and resources alleviating the poverty and squalor that have deepened in Gaza over due to years of conflict? I'll believe it when I see it.

One more outcome: Tehran's imperialist ambitions have suffered a setback. Israel has dealt Iran's most obedient proxy in Gaza a serious blow. This comes at a difficult moment for the theocrats. In Lebanon, even the Shiite community is protesting the economic corruption and mismanagement of a political elite headed by Hezbollah, the theocrats' satrap. In Iraq, demonstrations continue and are being directed specifically against Iran's presence and power.

And inside Iran over recent days, protests have been growing — both in number and violence — in reaction to the economic hardships imposed by a regime obsessed with revolutionary empire-building. Among the chants: "No to Gaza, no to Lebanon, my life is for Iran!" and "Oil money is gone! Spent on Palestine!"

Come to think of it, that too is news, not just commentary.

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gone too far.

"I'm hearing threats. I'm hearing baseless slander. It's shocking," Mandelblit said at a judiciary conference in southern Israel. Two of the lead prosecutors on the Netanyahu investigations have had to have bodyguards assigned to them, he said.

Netanyahu, Israel's longest serving leader and in power since 2009, presently heads a caretaker government after two inconclusive elections this year. He is not obliged

by law to leave office over the charges and has vowed to stay in power.

But the indictment against him, the first of a sitting Israeli premier, has prompted calls from the center-left opposition for him to step down, and has stirred up a leadership challenge from within his Likud party.

Israel is facing unprecedented political turmoil after neither Netanyahu nor Gantz failed to form a coalition government

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evoke — sadly, the fact that I would be completing them without him was a given," he said.

Leonard Cohen was already unwell, suffering from leukemia and compression fractures of the spine, when he recorded these final vocals. His decision to have his son produce the sessions was partially because "he didn't want some stranger in his living room," Adam explained, adding that despite his weakness, "most of the time, even in acute pain, he would muster the energy to put on a suit and a fedora."

Leonard Cohen died on Nov. 7, 2016, after a fall, and it took Adam about seven months following his father's passing to muster up "a tiny bit of courage" to listen to the unfinished songs.

In the foreword to "The Flame," a collection of Leonard Cohen's work that was published in 2018, Adam wrote that even toward the end of his life, his father was determined to bring his final poems and songs up to his usual standards, and that "it was what he was staying alive to do." Adam also noted that his father "was very conscious to be writing from the rung of life at which he found himself."

"He was not trying to be a nostalgia act, like so many of his contemporaries," he said. "He wasn't going backwards. He would say to me, 'I am taking the inner life very seriously.' And I think that's why it resonates so deeply to us. It wasn't an act. This was a devotional investigation into wherever he found himself."

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Netanyahu's centrist rival Benny Gantz, who heads the Blue and White party said on Twitter: "In a healthy democracy, a prime minister does not organize a demonstration against the justice system."

Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit, who made the decision to charge Netanyahu, said that attacks on the legal system had

following elections held in April and in September. With the political deadlock unresolved, Israel could

be facing a third ballot within a few months.