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## Trump Says He Will 'Continue to Stand With the Jewish People'



US President Donald Trump leaves after a Hanukkah reception at the White House, Dec. 11, 2019. Photo: Yuri Gripas / Abacapress.com.

BY ALGEMEINER  
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US President Donald Trump issued a Hanukkah greeting on Sunday, as the Jewish winter holiday got underway.

"Melania and I send our warmest wishes to Jewish people in the United States, Israel and across the world as you commence the 8-day celebration of Hanukkah,"

Trump said on a statement. "More than 2,000 years ago, the Maccabees boldly reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, securing a victory for the Jewish people and their faith. They proudly lit the menorah to rededicate the Second Temple. Even though there was only enough olive oil to burn for one day, through divine providence, the flames miraculously burned for eight nights."

"As the Jewish community

gathers together to celebrate this special and sacred time of year, we are reminded of God's message of hope, mercy, and love," he added. "Throughout the coming eight days, each candle to be lit on the menorah will signal to the world that freedom and justice will always shine brighter than hate and oppression."

"Today, the relationship between the United States and

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## Netanyahu Accuses ICC of Antisemitism in Pursuit of War Crimes Probe

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused the International Criminal Court of antisemitism on Sunday over its chief prosecutor's plan to pursue a war crimes probe in the Palestinian Territories.

The right-wing leader, who is fighting for his political life in a March election, made the allegation with Judaism's holy Western Wall as a backdrop during a candle-lighting



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivers a statement to the media at the Palmachim Air Force Base near Rishon LeZion, Oct. 27, 2019. Photo: Abir Sultan / Pool via Reuters / File.

ceremony marking the start of the eight-day Hanukkah holiday.

"New edicts are being cast against the Jewish people — antisemitic edicts by the International Criminal Court telling us that we, the Jews standing here next to this wall ... in this city, in this country, have no right to live here and that by doing so, we are committing a war crime," he said.

"Pure antisemitism," Netanyahu said, raising an argument likely to strike a chord with many Israelis who

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## Opinion.

## The Hanukkah Challenge for Young Jews



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Hanukkah's popularity with American Jews was largely the result of a futile if determined effort to compete with Christmas. While enjoying freedom, prosperity, and influence that was unprecedented in the history of the Diaspora, American Jews needed a holiday that would allow them to play a part in the annual December festivities without abandoning their identity altogether.

That is why Hanukkah has become far more important to American Jews than it was to their ancestors in Europe and elsewhere, who regarded it as a minor winter festival. That also explains why it became a blue-tinsel version of Christmas. The tale of the Maccabees' struggle for Jewish independence and the miracle of the oil lamp that lasted eight days wound up being somehow adapted as merely a Jewish version of the December holiday spirit that celebrates good will towards all.

The fact that the Hallmark channel for the first time is broadcasting two Hanukkah movies they commissioned this year to go along with the innumerable Christmas presentations is the perfect illustration of how the Jews have made it in America.

There are those who will decry this, along with the orgy of gift-giving and conspicuous

consumption that is an American Hanukkah, as a symptom of the assimilation that is causing the implosion of the non-Orthodox population in the United States. They may have a point, especially when this is manifested in "Chrismukkah" celebrations that are ostensibly about equal time, but which also demonstrate a lack of respect for both faiths while creating a form of Jewish identity that's neither transmissible nor worthy of much interest or respect.

The fact that a Jewish festival can be the setting for greeting-card-style romances in which the candles that symbolize the Festival of Light now fit as well into the "White Christmas" tableaux of trees, Santas, elves, and yule logs that most Americans believe is an integral element of their culture may be worthy of satire. Still, it also demonstrates the greatness of a nation in which all people and faiths are entitled to claim a piece of the American dream. While Hallmark's library of Hanukkah movies may never produce the equal of Christmas classics like "It's a Wonderful Life," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," or "Christmas in Connecticut," it is far more productive to view this as an attempt at inclusion and Jewish success than anything else.

While there is nothing wrong with Jews enjoying holiday movies and the entertainment that goes along with this season, the focus on December romances should not distract us from the real message of Hanukkah. Far from being irrelevant to modern Jewish life, the message of the commemoration of the Maccabees' war on Hellenism is actually

a survival mechanism for young Jews that should not and cannot be ignored.

Much of the discussion about the wisdom of President Donald Trump's executive order seeking to combat antisemitism on American college campuses has been focused on whether there is something wrong with the government seeking to penalize institutions that enable Jew-hatred in one form or another. Sadly, many on the political left are either too obsessed with hatred of Trump to support anything that he does, or are so influenced by intersectional myths that they think any efforts to push back against the work of those who spread hate against Jews and Israel is a restriction of free speech.

That sort of delusional thinking is bad enough, but what this largely distorted debate has not addressed is what should be the attitudes of Jewish students towards the odium directed at them.

As far as most of academia and much of the organized Jewish world is concerned, the right response to the antisemitic garbage masquerading as human-rights advocacy from groups like Students for Justice in Palestine is a meek request for dialogue. We are told by those who claim to understand young Jews that the worst thing they can do is to call out these hate groups for what they are, and that they should avoid at all costs any advocacy that would involve confronting or calling out



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu lights the Hanukkah menorah at the Western Wall on Dec. 6, 2018, with U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman watching. Photo: Kobi Gideon/GPO.

those spreading this invective, including some who are Jewish.

If we truly want to honor the original spirit of Hanukkah, then we should not be encouraging Jewish students to build bridges or sit down for dialogue with those who spread antisemitism. Instead, we should be helping them to find the courage to stand up to their tormentors and answer the lies with the truth about Israel and its enemies.

Such a forthright response is widely deprecated because many, if not most, Jews seem to think that resistance to a popular culture that disparages Zionism is both futile and counterproductive (and intimidating, especially for the young). Refusing to accept the false premises that are the foundation of intersectional lies about the Jewish state would also require Jewish students to run the risk of being ostracized.

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## Times Columnist Fantasizes Falsely About 'Very Large Segment' of Anti-Israel US Jews



IRA STOLL  
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Actually, as Yoram Hazony, who actually wrote a book about nationalism, has pointed out, the concept dates back to the Bible: "God tells Abraham 'I'll make you a great nation.' God tells Moses they'll be 'a holy nation.'"

Fisher writes, again with a false and wholly-undeserved air of authority, that "national identity's rise, however, also turned minorities and migrants into second-class citizens — or even into perceived threats within."

Sorry, Max Fisher, that is not true. Actually, Jewish minorities and migrants were perceived threats and second-class citizens long before the 200-years-ago rise of nationalism, as anyone with even the most basic knowledge of Jewish history during the Crusades or the Spanish Inquisition or of years of dhimmitude under Muslim rule.

Fisher writes, again without any attribution or evidence, "Since World War II, American Jews have been on a generational drift from Jewishness as a national identity, which no longer felt as necessary."

That's not at all accurate, either. If anything, the long postwar reckoning with the Holocaust meant that American Jews have understood more than ever before the importance of Israel as a geographic refuge and

nuclear-armed protector of Jewish security. Many of the high points in American Jewish national identity — the 1960 release of the movie Exodus, the growth of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, fundraising for Israel's rescue and resettlement of Ethiopian Jews, the celebration of Israel's Six-Day War victory — happened after World War II.

Fisher writes, again with faux authority and without any attribution or evidence, "the creation of Israel put Jews on the opposite side of the question: Now they had to decide whether a Jewish national identity had room for minorities. Early Zionist leaders insisted that it did. But more recent Israeli leaders have promoted Israeli identity as exclusively Jewish and have imposed severe restrictions on Palestinians."

This, too, is not accurate. For example in 2015, the president of Israel, Reuven Rivlin, said in a major policy address, "We are all here to stay — Haredim and secular Jews, Orthodox Jews and Arabs.... we must ensure that no citizen is discriminated against, nor



The headquarters of The New York Times. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

favoured, simply because they belong to a specific sector." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke in 2018 about "the special status of the Druze community in Israel. The people of Israel, and I am part of it, love and cherish you. We greatly value our partnership and our alliance."

In a subsequent appearance on a *New York Times* podcast, the Daily, Fisher characterized American Jewish public opinion toward Israel in a way that contradicts other recent *Times* coverage.

Fisher spoke of what he called "this division, kind of, among the American Jewish community, where there are some who consider BDS to be beyond the pale anti-Israel, consider it to be anti-Semitic.... But there is also a very large segment of the American Jewish community that has been feeling very cool towards Israel, especially over the last 10 or 15 years and finds the idea of kind of hard-line pro-Israel policies generally and curbs on anti-Israel activism specifically to be something that don't really align with their values and with what they want."

A *Times* editorial, in contrast, referred to "Jewish students, most of whom support Israel." The *Times* editorial is closer to the truth of the matter than is Fisher's fantasizing about this nonexistent "very large segment" of anti-Israel American Jews.

Gallup, which polls these issues, reported in August 2019: "about nine in 10 American

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## World News.

## Elle Magazine List Features Activist Sarsour as One of Its 'Women of Color in Politics to Watch'

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A media watchdog group expressed strong reservations on Sunday after anti-Israel activist Linda Sarsour was included on a list published by *Elle* magazine of "20 Women of Color in Politics to Watch in 2020."

Sarsour, who has in fact referred to herself as "white" in the past, was included on the list of "the women in politics you'll need to know next year."

The Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA), which critiques anti-Israel bias in the media, noted an editor's note that said, "The below list was compiled by She the People, a national non profit network of women of color committed to social justice and voter mobilization. A previous version of this story did not make clear that the list was compiled by She the People and not *ELLE* magazine."

However, the group noted, "It was *Elle* that made the decision to publish this list on its platform, without considering the past positions and public statements of the women included."

"The list claims that Sarsour is 'guided by a radical love,'" CAMERA pointed out. "It makes no mention of the fact that Sarsour is a vocal proponent of the BDS movement, a movement that is based in hatred, and which seeks to eliminate the existence of Israel as a Jewish state. She's also been criticized for her association with Louis Farrakhan."

In 2015, Sarsour spoke at a rally organized by Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam leader who has a long history of antisemitic statements



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

and recently referred to Jews as "termites." Sarsour later posted a video of her speech and said, "I stand by every word."

"Most recently," CAMERA noted, Sarsour "came under fire for saying at a conference that Israel 'is built on the idea that Jews are supreme to everyone else.'"

Jonathan Greenblatt, head of the Anti-Defamation League, criticized this statement as racist, saying, "She slanders the founders of Israel as supremacists, invoking a centuries-old antisemitic trope when she describes them as having believed that Jews are 'supreme to everybody else.'"

Sarsour also said during an appearance in 2017 that she was "honored and privileged" to share a stage with convicted Palestinian terrorist Ramea Odeh.

"All of which makes one wonder, what, specifically, does *Elle* think makes Sarsour a 'woman to watch'?" CAMERA stated.

High-gloss magazines have a history with Sarsour, with *Glamour* magazine previously picking her as one of its "Women of the Year."

## PM Johnson Issues Hanukkah Message to Jews: 'Britain Would Not Be Britain Without Its Jewish Community'

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Newly-elected British Prime Minister Boris Johnson issued a Hanukkah message from 10 Downing Street on Sunday afternoon, noting the recent rise in antisemitism and telling British Jews, "Britain would not be Britain without its Jewish community."

This month's general election was a tense one for British Jews, with many fearing that Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn — who the overwhelming majority of British Jews consider an antisemite — might be elected.

Instead, Johnson's Conservatives swept to an overwhelming victory to a sigh of relief from the British Jewish community.

"There is every reason to be happy this time of year," Johnson said in the holiday

message posted to Twitter. "After all, quite aside from the joys of latkes and doughnuts ... who can argue with a festival where the kids get presents every day for more than a week?"

"And it is a time to celebrate not just the miracle of the oil but also your unique identity," Johnson continued. "To pop the Hanukkah or Menorah in the window and say to the world, just as Judah and his small band of poorly-equipped Maccabees said to Antiochus III and his mighty Greek army all those years ago, 'I am Jewish and I am proud of it.'"

Turning to the political anxieties of British Jews, Johnson said, "That's really important right now, because I know that recent years have not been easy ones for British Jews. In the media, on the streets, and particularly online, antisemites have, in alarming numbers, been

## Sanders: Netanyahu Is a 'Racist,' US Must Be Pro-Palestinian



Sen. Bernie Sanders speaking at a past J Street National Conference in Washington, D.C. Photo: Screenshot.

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/  
JNS.org

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) last week labeled Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu a "racist" and said the US policy must be "pro-Palestinian."

Speaking at the Democratic debate at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles on Thursday night, Sanders said, "We must

understand that right now in Israel we have leadership who has been indicted for bribery, who, in my view, is a racist."

While Israel has a right to exist in peace and security, said Sanders, the United States must formulate "pro-Palestinian" policy that would create a "level playing field in terms of the Middle East."

The Vermont senator noted that he was speaking as someone who had "lived in Israel" and was "proudly Jewish."

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**War Crimes**

believe that criticism, especially in Europe, of Israeli policies toward the Palestinians has its roots in anti-Jewish sentiment.

The Hague-based International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, said on Friday she would launch a full investigation into alleged war crimes in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip as soon as the court's jurisdiction had been established.

Israel captured those areas in the 1967 Middle East war and withdrew troops and settlers from the Gaza Strip in 2005.

Bensouda's announcement opens the possibility of charges being filed against Israelis or Palestinians. Israeli media, however, largely portrayed it as a bid to subject Israeli leaders and military officers to arrest and trial if they travel overseas.

Netanyahu's accusations appeared to be centered on a scenario in which Israeli settlement activities in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where the Western Wall stands

within the walled Old City, could be viewed by the court as war crimes.

ICC prosecutors have said a preliminary investigation on the West Bank focused on "reported settlement-related activities engaged in by Israeli authorities."

The Palestinians and many countries consider the settlements to be illegal. Israel disputes this, citing security needs and biblical and historical connections to the land.

The Palestinians have welcomed Bensouda's decision.

Netanyahu said on Friday the ICC had no jurisdiction to investigate events in the disputed territories, arguing it could only examine petitions submitted by a sovereign state.

The ICC has the authority to hear cases of war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity committed on the territory of the 123 countries that have signed up to it.

Israel has not joined the court, but the Palestinian Authority, which exercises limited self-rule in the West Bank, has done so. The Gaza Strip is run by the PA's rival, the Islamist Hamas group.

emboldened to crawl out from under their rocks and begin, once again, to spread their brand of noxious hatred far and wide."

"But as you kindle the Hanukkah light tonight and in the nights to come, I want you to remember this: When the Maccabees drove the forces of darkness out of Jerusalem, they had to do so on their own," Johnson said. "Today, as Britain's Jews seek to drive back the darkness of resurgent antisemitism, you have every decent person in this country fighting by your side. Because Britain would not be Britain without its Jewish community. And we will stand with you and celebrate with you at Hanukkah and all year round."

"Hag Hanukkah Sameach," the prime minister concluded.



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson welcomes Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu outside Downing Street in London, Sept. 5, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Hannah McKay.

## World News.



Israel's President Reuven Rivlin hosted an annual bar and bat mitzvah event for children who have been injured in terrorist attacks, complete with a performance by 2018 Eurovision Song Contest winner Netta Barzilai, Dec. 19, 2019, Photo: Kobi Gideon/GPO.

## Israel's President Celebrates Bar and Bat Mitzvahs of Kids Who Know Terror Firsthand

BY JNS.org

Israel's President Reuven Rivlin hosted a bar and bat mitzvah event on Thursday in Jerusalem for children injured or who have had family members injured in terrorist attacks, as he does every year.

Ahiya Emanuel Fisher, a bereaved brother who lost his sister Adva in a suicide attack, spoke of his loss.

"We are all kids who have grown up, but our growing up started long before we got to the age of bar mitzvah," he said. "From the pictures and stories, I have got to know Adva, the light she brought to our home. I am sure she is proud of me from above," he added.

Adva Fisher was murdered in 2003, at age 19, in a terrorist attack at the Geha junction. Two-and-a-half years later, her brother, Ahiya Emanuel, was born. At his bar mitzvah, Ahiya chose to donate all the gifts he received to people with special needs in her memory.

In addition to the celebration, the children got to hear from 2018 Eurovision Song Contest winner Netta Barzilai.

Rivlin spoke to the young people and said, "Today, you mark the transition from childhood to adulthood, the age when young men and women form their own opinions, come of age in the eyes of religion and are expected

to take responsibility for their actions. You have all, unfortunately, already experienced the loss of a father, mother, brother, sister or other relative. Some of you have been injured yourselves. Already as children, too soon, you were asked to grow up, and you did.

"I want to say that you became heroes. When I see you here—strong, bright and smiling—when I see your spirit, I feel that you are the ones who give me strength."

He added, "On this emotional day, the people of Israel are with you. Everyone is looking out for you and wishing you success and happiness. Your desire to keep on going—to grow, develop and mature, despite the difficulties and the pain—strengthens us all. Our responsibility today is to show you our love, our pride and to do everything we can to give you everything necessary for you to continue to flourish and be the pride of the Israeli people. To ensure your safety and security—yours and all the children of Israel. May you continue to grow and flourish without fear.

"We believe in you and love you. Mazal tov, from me and from all of Israel."

The Organization of Victims of Terror has held bar and bat mitzvah celebrations for the last 18 years.

Jewish civilization alive in every generation. Doing so now requires Jews, both young and old, to find the courage to embrace a sense of Jewish peoplehood that is waning in the face of assimilation and pressure from those who denigrate sectarian identity, as well as to stand up for Israel and Zionism. Anything less than that is not merely abandoning the field to the enemies of Jews, but betraying the true meaning of the miracle that is Hanukkah.

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the menorah and the fellowship of family and friends fill your hearts with happiness and a renewed sense of faith. Happy Hanukkah!"

Meanwhile, Trump's oldest daughter Ivanka — who converted to Judaism in 2009 before marrying Jared Kushner — posted a picture on Instagram on Sunday of two of her children lighting a menorah.

Ivanka Trump wrote, "Happy Hanukkah! May your Holiday Season be filled with joy, love and light. Chag Chanukah Sameach!"

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Hanukkah Challenge

But what those who counsel caution and dialogue under these circumstances forget is that the essence of Hanukkah is the willingness of a few brave Jews to stand up against the idols of popular culture in their own day. More to the point, the survival of the Jewish people has always rested on the notion that being a Jew means being willing to stand up against the pressure to conform.

The true miracles of Hanukkah are a reminder that it takes the extraordinary efforts and faith of ordinary Jews to keep the flame of

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Continue to Stand

Israel, one of our most cherished allies and friends, is stronger than ever," Trump asserted. "We will continue to stand with the Jewish people in defending the God-given right to worship freely and openly."

He concluded: "As our Jewish brothers and sisters gather around the menorah each night, we pray for a memorable and blessed celebration of the Festival of Lights. May the light of

## Elite Private New York School Faces Allegations of Escalating Antisemitism

BY JNS.org

A prestigious private school in New York is being criticized for failing to address growing antisemitism on campus, reported *Tablet* magazine.

"The school has a problem saying the words 'Jewish' or 'Jew,'" one Jewish parent of a student at the Ethical Culture Fieldston School in Riverdale, NY, told the magazine. "And calling out hate against this community."

Jewish parents traced back problems at Fieldston, which was founded by Jews, to the launch of its Affinity Group program in 2015, which organizes students by ethnicity and race from the third through fifth grades.

The school denied requests for a Jewish affinity group. When Jewish students expressed concerns about antisemitism, fellow classmates told them they should be considered white and privileged, and therefore could not be victims of discrimination.

When swastikas were found in halls and classrooms that same year, Fieldston responded by giving a presentation to students that did not mention how the symbol was used as a Nazi emblem. Facing backlash, the school later sent out a letter that identified swastikas "as a hateful symbol of the Nazi genocide, the Holocaust, antisemitism, fascism, and the destruction of European Jewry and other victims of the Nazi regime."

The leadership's response to incidents of antisemitism fit a pattern of "sincere if limited efforts to address it, or pro forma apologies, or simply indifference," one faculty member told *Tablet*.

The magazine outlined various issues Jewish parents had with the school, including the fact that following the deadly shooting at the Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh last year, the school sent out a letter that did not include the word "antisemitism" and highlighted the positive reaction by



Fieldston School in Riverdale, N.Y. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

the Muslim community of Pittsburgh. Then following the Chabad of Poway shooting in April, Fieldston distributed a letter that did not identify the victims as Jewish, but instead as "Passover worshippers" and contextualized the shooting among other recent events.

Jewish parents were recently outraged when Columbia University Law School adjunct Kayum Ahmed compared Holocaust survivors to Nazis while speaking to Fieldston high school students on Nov. 21.

School administrators waited until the Wednesday after Thanksgiving to issue a statement, in which Head of School Jessica Bagby said, "We are taking the opportunity brought by this incident not to discuss this particular speaker or his words, but to reaffirm our institution's firmly held values. We will not accept antisemitism. We will not accept racism. We will not accept sexism. We will not accept homophobia. We will not accept transphobia. We will not accept xenophobia. We will not accept hatred in all its ugly shapes and forms."

One father said the letter "was worse than doing nothing," noting the school's refusal to single out antisemitism and lack of condemnation of Ahmed's comments. He said, "It was simply a 'f\*\*k you,' and entirely infuriating." Another parent said she immediately began looking for a different school for her children.

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Fantasizes Falsely

Jews are more sympathetic to Israel than to the Palestinians. (That compares to about six in 10 of all Americans.) Additionally, 95% of Jews have favorable views of Israel, while 10% have favorable views of the Palestinian Authority — significantly more pro-Israel than the overall national averages of 71% favorable views of Israel and 21% favorable views of the Palestinian Authority."

Fisher made the same inaccurate characterization of American Jewish opinion in his *Times* column, claiming "American Jewish attitudes toward Israel are cooling." He provided no evidence to substantiate that claim. Again, Gallup looked at this question in 2019 and concluded, "The overwhelming majority of Jews were more sympathetic to Israel than the Palestinians in 2001-2014, and I see no signs that this relationship has changed in a meaningful way in recent years.... it's safe to conclude that the basic attitudes of Jews toward Israel have remained roughly the same."

Who is this fellow Fisher, you might be wondering?

Longtime *Algemeiner* readers may remember Fisher from 2018, when he was caught recycling on the *Times* front page a very sketchy anecdote about something he claims David Ben-Gurion said. Or from when,

earlier in 2018, he inaccurately claimed in the *Times* that the US has a history of neutrality in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Or from 2017 when, in the *Times*, he likened Israel to North Korea. Also in 2017, he wrote an article about the Holocaust Museum in Washington that gave the last word to a notorious anti-Israel activist, without identifying her as such.

In 2018, I wrote that Fisher "may have clinched the dubious distinction of being *The New York Times* columnist most predictably hostile to the Jewish state." I noted then that "Fisher was suspect from the moment the *Times* hired him back in 2016; as I wrote then, his work for Vox on Israel and the Palestinian Arabs had been thoroughly and effectively shredded by both David Bernstein of *The Washington Post* and Noah Pollak of *The Washington Free Beacon* ('Let us praise Vox Media and its stooges as they stagger and stumble from one hilarious mishap to another, smacking each other in the face with two-by-fours and stepping on rakes.')

So far there's been no correction on this latest Fisher column. If the *Times* had a public editor anymore, investigating how these mistakes got into the newspaper would be a good assignment.

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

U.S. News.

# USAID's Bonnie Glick Takes Lessons From Judaism as Deputy of US Development Agency

BY JACKSON RICHMAN/JNS.org

Deputy Administrator at the US Agency for International Development Bonnie Glick made headlines last week after *Bloomberg* reported that she placed a hold on US economic assistance to Lebanon—a story that she denies.

Her agency administers US civilian and development assistance to countries overseas.

"There was no hold on assistance to Lebanon," she told *JNS*. "We have a large assistance program in Lebanon that is robust and ongoing."

She added, "I am absolutely concerned that there be no spillover of US government assistance to benefit directly or indirectly Hezbollah, which is a terrorist organization," according to the government of the United States.

Earlier this year, Kosovo, the United Kingdom, Argentina and Paraguay designated Hezbollah, an Iran proxy, as a terrorist group.

*JNS talked with Glick by phone on Dec. 16. The interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.*

**Q: As one of the Jewish members of the administration, could you describe your background?**

**A:** I grew up in Chicago on the South Side in Hyde Park and went to a small Jewish day school called Akiba Schechter Jewish Day School through eighth grade. From there, I went to a public high school. When I went to college, I was very involved in Hillel at Cornell University and was also involved in the student struggle for Soviet Jewry. I went to graduate school and joined the US Foreign Service in the State Department and married my husband, who was also a Foreign Service officer. We came back to the United States from Ethiopia and Nicaragua, and started our family and decided that we were interested in the United States so that our kids would be closer to their parents.

When I was in Ethiopia, I was involved in "Operation Solomon," which was the airlift of 14,325 Ethiopian Jews to Israel in 36 hours by the Israeli military.

**Q: How does your Jewish background impact your work?**

**A:** When you think about Judaism and 613 mitzvot, I think we pretty much do all 613 here at USAID every day. The focus of our work is helping countries on their journey to self-reliance.

Sometimes, countries need help in the development areas like in education, water, sanitation and hygiene. Sometimes, they need help recovering from a disaster, whether that's a hurricane or an earthquake or in a case, like in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, they need to recover from a pandemic like Ebola. Or in the case of a country like Venezuela, they need help recovering from a socialist dictatorship that has ruined the country to the point where there is not a single functioning X-ray in all of Venezuela.

**Q: You recently were in Hungary. What did you do there as it pertains to antisemitism? What role does USAID have in combatting Jew-hatred?**

**A:** One of the key areas where USAID works is in promoting freedom around the world. The very focus of the United States is freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom to gather in groups.

In Hungary, the government sponsored the International Conference on Christian Persecution, which is sort of a misnomer. It's the counter-persecution of Christians. The Hungarian government has taken seriously there are Christian communities around the world that are under really direct threat from either the governments of the countries in which they live or from rogue elements within those countries. The Hungarians asked me to come because we are partners with the Hungarian government's aid arm in northern Iraq called "Hungary Helps." They had been solely focused with helping the community of Christians that was really devastated by ISIS. They've expanded their focus to help the Yazidis, who were even more brutally devastated by ISIS.

Hungary is able to do certain things that we in the United States are not able to do. They specifically go in and build churches, whereas USAID doesn't rebuild religious buildings. But USAID can help with community development around those churches in the case of northern Iraq. Help those communities re-establish themselves and allow people who either fled as refugees or were internally displaced in Iraq to return to their homes and to their communities.

At the conference, I not only talked about the persecution of Christians in northern Iraq or in northern Nigeria, but really to talk about the importance of protecting all religious and

ethnic minorities because from our perspective, a country cannot be truly democratic if it does not stand up for the rights of people who are not like the majority. Like Burma, where they've ethnically cleansed the Rohingya, or China, where Uighur Muslims are really tormented by the Chinese with over a million of the Uighur currently in labor camps that we have very little visibility into as the international community. From the information we have from those who've escaped the camps, and from the information we gather from Rohingya Muslims who are living in basically concentration camps in Burma, we learn about terrible treatment of Muslim minorities in those countries. For us, it's not enough to say we're protecting vulnerable Christians, but we're protecting vulnerable religious and ethnic minorities.

I talked, too, about resurgent antisemi-




USAID Deputy Administrator Bonnie Glick. Photo: Screenshot.

tism at home and abroad. Being in Europe where antisemitism has taken an incredibly ugly turn, vicious attacks on Jews as individuals, as well as attacks on Jewish communities, is something the European countries are being inured to. We know what happens when the Europeans are inured to antisemitism.

We see it here in the United States as

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## Opinion.

# The Executive Order That Defines and Combats Antisemitism Without Stifling Speech

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Is it antisemitism to support the destruction of the one and only Jewish nation-state — home to approximately half of the Jews in the world today? Is it antisemitism to say that Jews do not have a right to self-determination — that Jews have no right to exercise sovereignty within any borders in their ancestral homeland, the Land of Israel?

This question lies at the heart of today's debate over antisemitism.

When President Donald Trump signed the Executive Order on Combating Anti-Semitism last week, he answered this question in the affirmative by incorporating the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Definition of Antisemitism, which includes as a contemporary example of antisemitism, "Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor."

Applying Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to Jews, as the Executive Order does, is not new. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities that receive federal funding. National origin discrimination has been interpreted for years to include discrimination against those who have shared ancestry or ethnicity. In this way, Title VI protects religious groups such as Jews, Sikhs, and Muslims. That part of the Executive Order was not new. What is new is that the Executive Order requires all executive branch agencies and departments charged with enforcing Title VI (not just the US Department of Education) to apply the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism when determining whether unlawful conduct has been motivated by discriminatory intent. It is the "adoption" of this definition of antisemitism that is causing the ruckus.

It is important to note that there is *nothing* in either the IHRA Definition or the Executive Order that precludes *anyone* from criticizing the *policies* of the government of Israel. In fact, the IHRA definition explicitly states that "criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic." So why are some individuals opposed to this definition? Because it makes clear that opposing Israel's existence as a Jewish homeland is antisemi-

tism. Those who oppose Israel's right to exist as a Jewish nation-state condemn the Executive Order's adoption of the IHRA definition because it labels their position antisemitic. Antisemites don't like to be called antisemites.

It is not unlawful in the United States to make racist or anti-Jewish comments. In America, the First Amendment protects your right to express yourself as a bigot. Nothing in the Executive Order changes that fact. But the First Amendment does not insulate and prevent those who make racist or antisemitic comments from being labeled as racists and antisemites. By incorporating the IHRA definition, the Executive Order delineates what constitutes antisemitism so that it can be recognized, labeled, and condemned.

Those who believe that the Jews have a right to self-determination in some borders in the Land of Israel do not have to agree with the policies of the government of Israel. There are Jews in Israel and around the globe who support the right of a Jewish nation-state, but who do not support some or all of the policies of the current government. Criticizing those *policies* is not antisemitic. What is antisemitic, according to the IHRA Definition, is claiming that there is no right to a Jewish state within *any* borders.

Denying the right of Jewish self-determination is tantamount to supporting the destruction of the world's only Jewish nation-state. It means supporting the destruction of the safety net for Jews who are persecuted around the globe. And it demands that Jews shed what many consider a key component of their Jewish identity — namely, the yearning and determination of the Jews to return to Zion (Jerusalem) and reestablish Jewish sovereignty in their ancestral homeland. Those who support self-determination for other groups (like the Palestinians, the Kurds, or the Tibetans), but deny the right to Jewish self-determination apply a double standard to the Jews that is antisemitic.

Zionism is an inherent part of the Jews' shared ancestry and ethnicity. Zionism as the *political* movement of the Jewish people may have originated in the 19th century, but the "determination to return to Zion," is as old as Abraham and the Bible. To be a Zionist means to support the right of Jewish self-determination. Those who oppose Zionism deny Jews this right. Judea Pearl, father of the late journalist Daniel Pearl, coined a term for this. He calls it "Zionophobia" — an irrational fear or hatred of a homeland for the Jewish people. The IHRA definition recognizes that "Zionophobia" — denying this fundamental core Jewish belief — is antisemitism.

## Colleges have failed to recognize the problem

Not all Jews are Zionists, just as not all Jews observe the Sabbath or adhere to kosher dietary rules. However, just as it is antisemitic to attack, harass, or discriminate against Jews on the basis of their Sabbath or kashrut observance, so too is it antisemitic to attack, harass, or marginalize Jews who advocate, express, or support the Zionist part of their Jewish identity.

To combat antisemitism effectively, we must recognize that it targets *all* Jews. It doesn't matter how one identifies — Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Mizrahi, Conservative, Orthodox, Reform, Chassidic, *haredi*, Chiloni, Zionist, or non-Zionist. If a Jew is targeted because he or she expresses a component of his or her identity as a Jew, that is antisemitism. By incorporating the IHRA definition, the Executive Order does not define all Jews as Zionists. It merely recognizes that Jews (including students on college campuses) who view Zionism as a key component of their identity as Jews may not be harassed and demonized for expressing or supporting that part of their ethnic and religious identity.

On university campuses, anti-Zionist activity has moved well beyond speech. Today, students who express support for Israel's existence as the Jewish homeland are boycotted, harassed, demonized, excluded, and pushed to the periphery. It makes no difference whether or not these students support the policies of the current government of Israel. If they express support for the Jewish nation-state at all, they are treated by anti-Israel groups as "the enemy," and are forced to closet their Zionism and often their Judaism in order to be accepted as full members of the college community. Students report being afraid to wear items that distinguish them as Jewish, including *kippas*, Stars of David and even T-shirts with Hebrew letters, because such items render them targets for abuse.

University administrators have repeatedly failed to address this problem adequately, primarily because they have not understood when and how anti-Zionism becomes antisemitism. Equally important, administrators have not appreciated that failure to protect students who express the Zionist part of their Jewish identity from persistent and pervasive harassment and discrimination will subject the universities to legal liability under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Trump's Executive Order made both of these points abundantly clear. It clarified for universities that, as the IHRA definition provides, the following are some contemporary examples



Pro-Israel activists face down disruptive protesters at a University of California Irvine event with Reservists on Duty, May 3, 2018. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

of antisemitism:

- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.
- Applying double standards by requiring of [Israel] a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism ... to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the State of Israel.

Recognizing these as examples of antisemitism does not make expression of these views unlawful. Trump's Executive Order does not bar students or professors from expressing these perspectives, and it certainly does not prevent students or professors from engaging in constructive, challenging dialogue regarding the policies of the current government of Israel.

However, the Executive Order puts universities on notice that they must treat this type of antisemitism the same way they treat racism or other forms of discrimination. Universities must call out and condemn as antisemitic the persistent and pervasive demonization of Zionists, just as they would call out and condemn persistent and pervasive anti-black, anti-Hispanic, or anti-Muslim rhetoric. When antisemitic rhetoric is ignored, it escalates into antisemitic conduct. Universities, therefore, must act to prevent the creation of a hostile environment on campus. Failure to protect students will, according to Trump's Executive Order, result in legal liability and could cause the Department of Education to withhold federal funding from the offending institution of higher learning.

As antisemitism around the globe continues to rise, it is imperative that society define it. If we cannot define it, we will never be able to recognize and effectively combat it. Trump's measure took a bold and necessary first step by prescribing a domestic definition for federal agencies. Now we must utilize this definition to combat antisemitism in all its forms and from all sides of the spectrum — in academia, in politics, in the media, in places of worship, online and in our own communities.

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## Jewish Students Have Endured Enough



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The Executive Order that President Donald Trump signed on December 11 provides Jewish students the same protections granted to other minority groups under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. It does so by recognizing that Judaism is more than a religion, and that even non-practicing Jews

can be targeted with discriminatory acts based on their identity. The Order also adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism, that includes, "a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews" and prohibits "denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor."

The Executive Order was not enacted in a vacuum or as a proactive measure to avoid hypothetical cases of antisemitism. It was signed in response to the relentless harassment of Jewish students on college campuses

that is being orchestrated by members of the "progressive" movement. And it was signed to compensate for the apparent inability or unwillingness of most university administrators to intervene.

The harassment of Jewish students on college campuses has been a concerted campaign, carried out by national organizations, enabled by university administrators, and encouraged by a United States congresswoman. And now, with their brazen disregard for murdered Jews, "progressive" leaders from Congress to campus have revealed new and chilling dimensions to their own antisemitism.

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## Opinion.

# The Implications of the British Election for Jews and Israel



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For Britain's Jews, the Labour Party's antisemitism crisis was a paramount issue. The crisis, which began with BDS in Labour groups on university campuses, rapidly embroiled the entire party and its leadership. In the process it revealed a sordid antisemitic subculture among Labour activists and members and within Britain's left-wing and Muslim cultures.

At every turn more evidence was uncovered of Corbyn's personal antipathy toward Jews and Israel. The situation developed in very public view into ugly antisemitism, from the abuse thrown at public figures such as Rachel Riley, the documentation of antisemitism from hundreds of Labour Party members, leaks from within the party itself that showed strenuous efforts to cover up antisemitism, and even statements from intellectuals and dozens of Labour members urging voters not to vote for the party.

The response from British Jews was equally unprecedented: Jews and their allies

gathered in mass protest, and Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis warned gravely of the existential threat to British Jewish life.

The party's response to its antisemitism crisis was to dissemble, cover up, and blame the victims. The greatest lesson of the British experience for American Jews and for Israel is to avoid complacency. Famously reticent British Jews were late to speak out on the perversion of the Labour Party and did so in unity only a few months shy of the December election. Compounding the problem was the fact that in the years prior to the election, Labour-constructed Jewish front groups deliberately misled the Jewish community and Britain as a whole about the party's antisemitism crisis.

American Jews are far less quiet than their British counterparts, but their sheer political and religious diversity has long been a source of both strength and weakness. Still worse for Jewish unity is widespread communal ignorance and apathy, not least about Israel, and class-based pressures to conform to emergent social attitudes regarding "wokeness."

As in Britain, American Jewish complacency has been exploited by left wing groups — first by those constructed by the Obama wing of the Democratic Party like J Street, and

on another Twitter account.

Soon after Tlaib's shocking behavior, Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) followed suit. On December 14, three days after the President's Executive Order, and four days after the shooting, JVP sent an email to its constituents, which read: **"Trump's executive order will do NOTHING to keep Jewish students safe.** It won't protect against Nazis or Nazi recruitment ... and it won't protect Jewish religious spaces from armed attackers." Attempting to redirect attention to the murders of praying Jews at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and the Porway Synagogue near San Diego — committed by white men — JVP ignored the murders that had taken place just days earlier.

Tlaib, JVP, and all the other other "progressives" who have either remained silent or equivocated about the brutal Jersey City murders rely on the myth that antisemitism can only emanate from white supremacists. That myth helps them buffer the antisemitism within the progressive movement as merely the "political" views of "anti-Zionists." The Jersey City murderers — people of color — make it difficult for them to preserve that myth, and so they choose to remain silent.

By doing so, they have sent a message to Jewish students on campus to do the same, or risk being accused of racism. For many students, especially on small remote campuses like Oberlin, that accusation is a heavy burden to carry.

Given the extraordinary forces that have been bearing down on Jewish students from coast to coast, including undue influence from Congress, vast networks that comprise national organizations, and the remarkable lack of empathy that they have confronted from university administrators, President Trump's Executive Order is both appropriate and timely.

Jewish students have endured enough.

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then, more recently, by far left anti-Zionist groups like IfNotNow, which are funded by wealthy individuals and foundations. Legacy Jewish organizations have proven weak and hesitant about speaking out on the problem of left wing anti-Zionism and antisemitism, following their capitulation to political correctness over Islamic terrorism and the subversive effects of American radical Islam as a whole.

Making matters worse, American Jews and others are stymied by a stilted and misleading conception of antisemitism as an exclusively right-wing phenomenon. The latest bloody antisemitic violence in Jersey City showed that perpetrators from the left — in that instance members of a bizarre black sect inspired by the Nation of Islam — simply cannot be understood in the prevailing American constructs of racism, in which Jews are "white" and racism only emanates from "whiteness." As with continuing violence against "visible" Jews in New York, the denial of the fact that antisemitic violence can emanate from other minorities has blinded too many Jews to the nature of the problem and to its political enablers in the Democratic establishment. Reality has thus deepened divisions in the American Jewish community.

Adding to the problem, a long-standing bias among American Jews against both Christians and Orthodox Jews has created an instinct to unthinkingly adopt positions in opposition to those communities, regardless of broader communal self-interest. An unknown majority of American Jews will automatically support whatever Democratic candidate is nominated, regardless of professed socialism, antipathy toward Israel, or empowering effects on left-wing antisemitism, simply because that candidate is not President Donald Trump.

The endorsement of Corbyn by prominent "progressive" Democrats, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and the continuing rotation of antisemites and BDS supporters on Bernie Sanders' and Elizabeth Warren's campaign staffs shows their willingness to class antisemitism as a separate and lesser form of abuse. This is tantamount to its embrace, regardless of Sanders' Jewish background.

What remains unclear is whether Labour will introspect and change or even has the capacity to do so after its resounding defeat. Corbyn's refusal to resign as party leader before the election of a successor, and the laying of blame by frustrated Corbynites on the stupidity of the working class, "right wing media" such as the *BBC* (!), and, of course, the Jews, are obviously bad omens. And while these responses have been met with sharp criticism of the party's antisemitic conduct under Corbyn, especially by London Mayor Sadiq Khan, it remains to be seen to what extent this vile legacy will be eradicated under Labour's new leadership.

The Democrats' 2016 loss also sparked a sharp leftward turn and a continuing cycle of investigations and crypto-legal efforts to remove Trump. The polarization greatly exacerbated splits in American society, and introspection and centrism have been absent.

One lesson for the Democrats is that stridently left-wing positions that smack of punishment — confiscation, exorbitant taxation, nationalization — even in the name of fairness, are unwelcome to a majority of voters. That even Britain, a country with a long socialist history and long-standing nationalized institutions like the National Health Service, rejected Labour is telling.

Democrats might also conclude from the British election result that overt antisemitism is unwelcome. While it remains to be proven with detailed polling, it appears that the self-image and self-respect of a majority of voters rejected association with the crude antisemitism represented by Corbyn and the Momentum faction. In the far more vocally

philosemitic United States, the lesson for Democrats should be clear: they should expel antisemites from their ranks. Furthermore, much of the electorate recognizes, even if the media and intellectuals cannot, that Trump is a philosemite, however shockingly inarticulate and needy.

At the same time, the bizarre affections of Trump for Jews and Israel, and the excessive embrace between Trump and Prime Minister



British Jews protesting in London against Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn. Photo: antisemitism.uk

Benjamin Netanyahu, have synchronized with the gradual Corbynization of the Democratic Party. Like Labour, their turn away from Israel and Jews is structural, a function of their becoming a party of educated, middle class urbanites, disgruntled minorities, and smaller "woke" demographics. Their embrace of Third Worldism and socialism has alienated the American working class and shows little prospect of tacking back toward centrism, even if the elderly Joe Biden becomes the candidate. But centrism and a unifying national narrative are vital and American Jews should loudly insist on them, as economic and religious liberty are inextricably linked.

For Israel the implications of the British elections are more difficult to discern. British philosemitism has always been present but is easy to understate given the current political situation and the fraught history of Britain's relationship with the Middle East. American philosemitism is of an entirely different order, being foundational to the republic and its cultural makeup. With Democrats abandoning all aspects of American heritage and Republicans locked into a cloying, ignorant version, the prospects for Israel, and indeed America itself, are uncertain if not grim.

Reestablishing a bipartisan consensus on Israel may not be possible when a vocal faction of the Democratic Party vanguard believes American Jews are wealthy, manipulative "white people" and that their Israeli cousins are violent "settler-colonialists." Israelis would be wise to refrain from commenting on internal Democratic politics, but they will likely be forced to do so if only to counter the dominance of Palestinian, Islamist, and socialist voices within the party.

Traditional lines of argument about Israel being the only Middle Eastern democracy and a dependable ally in an unstable region are also unlikely to work given that Democrats appear anxious to jettison existing foreign alliances and re-embrace Iran. Nor will appeals to Israel's liberal society when the inevitable retort is that such claims simply whitewash the "occupation," which is equated with Israel's existence. Republican arguments that Israel is an expression of God's will only muddy waters and polarize debate further.

As the 2019 elections were for Britain, the 2020 elections will be an inflection point for the United States. Israelis, American Jews, and Americans of all religious stripes who are concerned about liberty and the two-party system should speak out now to forestall the victory of a Corbynesque faction in a global superpower.

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Endured Enough

My alma mater, Oberlin College, offers a vivid example. In the past three years, academic departments, Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), and Students for a Free Palestine at Oberlin have hosted a steady stream of well-known anti-Israel activists who espouse antisemitic rhetoric, including Robin Kelley, Ali Abunimah, Nyle Fort, Eli Valley, and Norman Finkelstein. Despite several requests from Jewish students and from myself to bring Alan Dershowitz and Kenneth L. Marcus to campus to broaden students' understanding of the complex issues surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the administration offered no assistance.

The result is a campus which 2017 Oberlin graduate Julia Redden describes as the place "where I suffered my worst experiences with antisemitism."

Students have been inundated with an anti-Israel agenda on their campuses from "progressive" members of Congress as well as from highly paid "progressive" activists. Earlier this year, Rashida Tlaib exploited the power of her office to voice her support for a Pitzer College faculty proposal to end the college's semester abroad program to Haifa, and in September, she gave a talk at Tulane University while wearing a keffiyeh, a symbol of Palestinian nationalism. According to the student newspaper, *The Tulane Hulla-baloo*, Tlaib "urged the audience to ... apply humanism to Palestine where people are dying because of Zionist colonialism."

The synergy among the sources of campus-based antisemitic rhetoric was further amplified when the United States witnessed the horrifying targeted murders of innocent Jews going about their daily lives in Jersey City. After the murders, Tlaib shared on social media, "This is heartbreaking. White supremacy kills." Then, after learning that the murderers were people of color, she deleted the tweet and posted a generic condemnation

## Impressions.

# Historical Revisionism at Cornell University

BY JOSH EIBELMAN

Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) and the Cornell chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) hosted a film screening on Sept. 22 of *Gaza Fights for Freedom*, a documentary produced by Abby Martin. For student organizations claiming to fight for truth and social justice, it is interesting that SJP and JVP chose to show a film created by a well-known conspiracy theorist. It should not be surprising, however, since the entire narrative SJP and JVP push consists of very thinly veiled historical revisionism.

Let's examine Martin's background. She started her career as a 9/11 "Truther" — a conspiracy movement that claims that the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks against the United States were actually an inside job planned by the US government. After starting her own 9/11 "truther" group in California, Martin joined *Russia Today*, a Russian state-owned propaganda mouthpiece that was forced by the US government to register as a foreign agent in 2017. As an *RT* reporter, Martin continued to push conspiracy theories, claiming that the American government faked terrorist attacks, including 9/11, as a pretext for the War on Terror. She also accused Israel of using "Hitler's methods," an antisemitic attack against the Jewish state, and has been repeatedly praised in the neo-Nazi website *The Daily Stormer*.

So why would SJP and JVP at Cornell screen a film produced by such a person?

It's because the entire narrative these organizations propagate consists of factual and historical distortions meant to demonize the sole Jewish state. In an op-ed published on Oct. 22 in *The Cornell Daily Sun* (Cornell's student newspaper), in which members of SJP and several other organizations explained their protests against the Cornell Board of Trustees meeting, the authors baselessly state that Israeli academic institutions "abet the murder of innocents." In step with Martin's conspiracies, the authors' assertion amounts to a modern version of the medieval blood libel — the idea that Jews commit ritual murder.

But why would ostensibly progressive organizations on campus peddle antisemitic conspiracy theories? It's because these organizations, at their core, are dedicated to Israel's eradication. Indeed, SJP member and JVP leader Max Greenberg admitted in the *Sun* on Oct. 11, 2018 that his organization is dedicated to Israel's destruction. And JVP's national founder, Rebecca Vilkomerson, has collaborated with white-supremacist publications, terrorist figures and other anti-Semitic organizations and individuals in the pursuit of Israel's elimination.

Some point to the "Jewish" in Jewish Voice for Peace to claim that it is impossible for such an organization to be antisemitic because it was founded and led by Jews. This is false. Being a member of a minority group does not immunize against bias against one's group or any other group. Whether groups such as JVP are expressing internalized antisemitism or fostering it for some other reason, one fact remains true: They do not speak for the majority of American Jews. Indeed, Gallup polling shows that 95 percent of American Jews have a favorable view of Israel.

Student groups such as JVP and SJP will likely never stop pretending to be progressive and never admit to being antisemitic. Thus, the job of calling out every single lie, slur, and defamation against Israel and the Jewish people has fallen on students like me.

With President Donald Trump's Executive Order on Combating Anti-Semitism, the tide may be turning. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 "prohibits

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# Progress on 'the Jewish Question'

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If you happen to be an antisemite, you've had a disappointing week. In Britain, the Labour Party suffered its worst defeat in decades. That British voters are eager to get on with Brexit was the main reason. But the election was also a stunning rejection of Jeremy Corbyn, the party leader, who has called members of Hamas and Hezbollah his "friends."

Though British Jews can breathe a sigh of relief, Corbyn is hardly unique. A report prepared by the Jewish Labour Movement and submitted to Britain's Equality and Human Rights Commission details the "relentless" antisemitism that has prompted many Jews to leave the party, and some to consider leaving the country (Jexit?).

If you happen to be an anti-antisemite, you should recognize that this was one battle in a forever war. Jew-hatred, an ancient and shape-shifting pathology, is on the rise almost everywhere, often with lethal results.

Antisemitism can't be cured, but it can be treated. Which brings us to the other most recent setback for this form of bigotry: President Donald Trump's executive order (EO) giving Jews on college campuses legal protections equal to those extended to other minorities facing discrimination.

How did this come about? In 2016, Sens. Tim Scott (R-SC) and Bob Casey (R-PA) introduced legislation based on a 2010 opinion from the Obama administration Department of Education stating that while Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 "does not cover discrimination based solely on religion, groups that face discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics may not be denied protection under Title VI on the ground that they also share a common faith."

Their legislation, which included a definition of antisemitism adopted by the State Department in 2010, unanimously passed the Senate, but was blocked in the House by Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) then-chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Sens. Scott and Casey pressed on and, last July, Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA) reintroduced the bill. House Democrats refused to bring it up for a vote. Indeed, that same month Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) sponsored a resolution designed to encourage anti-Israeli activism and boycotts. It didn't pass.

The next step, favored by presidential adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner, was the drafting of an EO authorizing, under Title VI, the withholding of federal funds to educational institutions that fail to counter antisemitism under the State Department definition. This approach has been supported by groups on both the right and the left.

There also has been opposition, for example from the American Civil Liberties Union. Faiz Shakir, former national political director of the ACLU, is currently campaign manager for Bernie Sanders. In 2000, Shakir co-chaired Islam Awareness Week at Harvard, which ended with a fundraiser for the Holy Land Foundation (HLF), a group later convicted in federal court of providing material support to Hamas, a "designated foreign terrorist organization." Jamil Dakwar, head of the

ACLU's Human Rights Program, also has a history of anti-Israel activism.

Though opponents of the EO charge that it threatens free speech, the EO states plainly that government agencies "shall not diminish or infringe" the First Amendment. And when the legislation that this EO is based upon was introduced, former Solicitor General Paul Clement and former White House Counsel Kathy Ruemmler — representatives of the Bush and Obama administrations respectively — wrote opinions stating it did not violate the First Amendment, nor raise other constitutional issues.

The other criticism being leveled at the EO is that, in the words of a *New York Times* news story, it "effectively interprets Judaism as a race or nationality, not just a religion." Untrue. The EO simply says that, "Discrimination against Jews may give rise to a Title VI violation when the discrimination is based on an individual's race, color, or national origin."

Also: Is the *Times* suggesting that antisemitism is only about Judaism, the religion of the Jewish people? When the Nazis were ascendant in Europe, millions of Jews — secular and observant alike — were sent to concentration camps and murdered. Following World War II, hundreds of thousands of



*Jeremy Corbyn leads a pro-Palestinian demonstration in London in 2014, one year before becoming Labour Party leader. Photo: File.*

Jews — not all of them religious — were forced to flee Muslim lands.

Identity is a puzzle — one we're unlikely to solve anytime soon. For now, suffice it to say that such terms as people, nation, tribe, ethnicity, and even race have fluid meanings.

An example: In 1939, when Bernard Lewis joined His Majesty's Armed Forces, he was asked his race. He didn't know what to say — until the presiding sergeant explained that there were only four choices: English, Scottish, Welsh, or Irish.

Sixty years later, established as a great historian, Professor Lewis would write that in America, "Every citizen, in addition to his US citizenship, has other identities, defined by race, by ethnic origin, or, often, origins, and by his personal or ancestral religion."

At issue now is what in past centuries was called "the Jewish question." Should the government turn a blind eye to discrimination based on this identity? Or do Jews, like other minorities, deserve protection? President Trump's decision, coupled with the defeat of Jeremy Corbyn, add up to an encouraging week — at least if you happen to be an anti-antisemite.

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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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. MERLEY ALLEYNE A/K/A MERLEY C. ALLEYNE, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Pursuant to CPLR 2004 Extending the Time To Set Sale and To Ratify Sale Nunc Pro Tunc filed June 14, 2019 and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 1, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 9, 2020 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 9101 Avenue N, 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 8275 and Lot 9. Approximate amount of judgment is \$365,355.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510655/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted. AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2015-1, Plaintiff, -against- JOSE VALDEZ; COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; GENESIS VALDEZ; NADIA COLON; EMMANUEL VALDEZ; NADIA VALDEZ; ISABELLE VALDEZ; YOLANDA RUIZ; MERIAM RUIZ, Index No. 510698/2016. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, June 25, 2019 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on July 3, 2019, Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 44 Hemlock Street, Brooklyn, New York 11208 at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York

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11201, Room 224, on January 9, 2020 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 4106; Lot: 60 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 510698/2016. The approximate amount of judgment is \$515,177.38 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2006-3, Adjustable Rate Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Sharifa Small, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/12/2016 and entered on 9/27/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 09, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 166 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1620, LOT: 50. Approximate amount of judgment is \$973,919.86 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 012554/2009. Jacob Gelfand, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff against REGINA WILLIAMS, ANDRE WILLIAMS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 27, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 9th day of January, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 587 Schroeders Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11239. (Block: 4586, Lot: 898) Approximate amount of lien \$ 185,859.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 505226-13. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL3, Plaintiff against KAMWIL DUPONT, et al, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 2, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 9th day of January, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. premises

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described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 31st Street distant 400 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 31st Street with the northerly side of Tilden Avenue; THENCE westerly parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE northerly parallel with East 31st Street, 25 feet; THENCE easterly again parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet to the westerly side of East 31st Street; and THENCE southerly along said westerly side of East 31st Street, 25 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises known as 108 East 31st Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226. (Block: 4901, Lot: 21). Approximate amount of lien \$ 560,911.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501492-14. Jacob Gelfand, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street, Suite 700 White Plains, N.Y. 10606 (914) 949-2574 AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Necta Dupuy; Frantzy Dupuy; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 18, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 9, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 8610 Avenue North, 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 8083 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$703,916.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 1128/13. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: October 25, 2019 For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff AGAINST Winston Rose; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 26, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 9, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 664 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 3840 Lot: 37. Approximate amount of judgment \$545,094.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6131/2013. Stuart Adler, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 7, 2019

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against ROSA ELISA PEREZ A/K/A ROSA E. PEREZ A/K/A ROSA PEREZ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 25, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 16th day of January, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 239 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207. (Block: 3436, Lot: 40). Approximate amount of lien \$ 205,480.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 512109-14. Julie Ann Clark, Esq., Referee. FEIN SUCH & CRANE, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ; 12/13/20/27; 1/3

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: DS TECHNICAL CREATIVE, LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/17/2019 . Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: David Scheideler 428 Lexington Ave Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: All lawful activity AJ; 12/13/20/27; 1/3/10/17

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR3, V. OLGA BORTNIKOVA; ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR3 is the Plaintiff and OLGA BORTNIKOVA; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 360 ADAMS STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on January 16, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2515 E 63RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234: Block 8461, Lot 18: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500890/2016. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 12/13/20/27; 1/3

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS ASPEN G REVOCABLE TRUST, Pltf. vs. SOPHIE GRAND, et al, Defts. Index #518773/2018. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Nov.

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13, 2019, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on January 16, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 1141 East 10th Street, Brooklyn, NY a/k/a Block 6536, Lot 69. Said property beginning at a point on the easterly side of East 10th Street, distant 342 ft. 8 inches Southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of East 10th Street with the southerly side of Avenue K, being a plot 100 ft. x 17 ft. 4 inches. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$333,277.72 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. CHARLANE BROWN, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #98018 AJ; 12/13/20/27; 1/3

REFeree'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - RIFKY GRUNHUT, A/K/A RIVKY GRUNHUT et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 3, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at room 261, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 16th Day of January, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, County of Kings, State of New York. Premises known as 1139 42nd Street, Brooklyn, (City of New York) New York 11219. (Block: 5592, Lot: 64) Approximate amount of lien \$772,321.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11902/2013. Mark Longo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: October 22, 2019 AJ; 12/13/20/27; 1/3

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-9, Plaintiff AGAINST Raja M. Javed a/k/a Raja M. Javid a/k/a Javed Raja, Khawar Latif Raja, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/3/2017 and entered on 1/24/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 16, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 2076 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 7807, LOT: 78. Approximate amount of judgment is \$594,467.91 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511373/2014. Richard Klass, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 12/13/20/27; 1/3

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff against EUGENE LEFKOWITZ A/K/A EUGENE LEFKOWITZ, et al

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## Tradition.

## Joseph and the Risks of Power



JONATHAN SACKS  
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Miketz represents the most sudden and radical transformation in the Torah. Joseph, in a single day, moves from zero to hero, from forgotten, languishing prisoner to viceroy of Egypt, the most powerful man in the land, in control of the nation's economy.

Until now, Joseph has rarely been the author of events. He has been the done to rather than the doer; passive rather than active; object rather than subject. First his father, then his brothers, then the Midianites and Ishmaelites, then Potiphar and his wife, then the prison warden, have all directed his life. Among the most important things in that life had been dreams, but dreams are things that happened to you, not things you choose.

What is decisive is the way last week's parsha ends. Having given a favourable interpretation to the dream of the chief butler, predicting



that he would be restored to office, and realising that he would soon be in a position to have Joseph's case re-examined and Joseph himself set free, the butler "did not remember Joseph, and forgot him." Joseph's most determined attempt to change the direction of fate comes to nothing. Despite being centre-stage for much of the time, Joseph was not in control.

Suddenly this changes, totally and definitively. Joseph has been asked to interpret Pharaoh's dreams. But he does far more than that. First he interprets the dreams. Second, he maps that onto reality. These were not just dreams. They are about the Egyptian economy in the course of the next 14 years. And they are about to become true now.

Then, having made this prediction, he diagnoses the problem. The people will starve during the seven years of famine. Next, with a stroke of sheer genius, he solves the problem. Store a fifth of the produce during the years of plenty, and it will then be available to stave off starvation during the lean years.

Margaret Thatcher was reported as having said, of another

Jewish adviser, Lord (David) Young, "Other people bring me problems, David brings me solutions." That was magnificently true in the case of Joseph, and we have no difficulty understanding the response of the Egyptian court: "The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. So Pharaoh asked them, 'Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?'" (Gen. 41:37-38)

At the age of 30, Joseph is the most powerful man in the region, and his administrative competence is total. He travels round the country, arranges for collection of the grain, and ensures that it is stored safely. There is so much that, in the Torah's words, he stops keeping records because it is beyond measure. When the years of plenty are over, his position becomes even more powerful. Everyone turns to him for food. Pharaoh himself commands the people, "Go to Joseph and do what he tells you."

So far, so good. And at this point the narrative shifts from Joseph, viceroy of Egypt, controller of its economy, to Joseph, son of

Jacob, and his relationship with the brothers who, 22 years earlier, had sold him as a slave. It is this story that will dominate the next few chapters, rising to a climax in Judah's speech at the beginning of the next parsha.

One effect of this is that it tends to move Joseph's political and administrative activity into the background. But if we read it carefully – not just how it begins, but how it continues – we discover something quite disturbing. The story is taken up in next week's parsha in chapter 47. It describes an extraordinary sequence of events.

It begins when the Egyptians have used up all their money buying grain. They come to Joseph asking for food, telling him they will die without it, and he replies by telling them he will sell it to them in exchange for ownership of their livestock. They willingly do so: they bring their horses, donkeys, sheep and cattle. The next year he sells them grain in exchange for their land. The result of these transactions is that within a short period of time – seemingly a mere three years – he has transferred to Pharaoh's

ownership all the money, livestock and private land, with the exception of the land of the Priests, which he allowed them to retain.

Not only this, but the Torah tells us that Joseph "removed the population town by town, from one end of Egypt's border to the other" (Gen. 47:21) – a policy of enforced resettlement that would eventually be used against Israel by the Assyrians.

The question is: was Joseph right to do this? Seemingly, he did it of his own accord. He was not asked to do so by Pharaoh. The result, however, of all these policies is that unprecedented wealth and power were now concentrated in Pharaoh's hand – power that would eventually be used against the Israelites. More seriously, twice we encounter the phrase *avadim le-Faro*, "slaves to Pharaoh" – one of the key phrases in the Exodus account and in the answer to the questions of the child in the Seder service (Gen. 47:19, 25). With this difference: *that it was said, not by the Israelites, but by the Egyptians.*

During the famine itself, the Egyptians say to Joseph (in next week's parsha), "Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and *we with our land will be slaves to Pharaoh...* Thus Joseph acquired all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for every Egyptian sold their field... and the land became Pharaoh's." (Gen. 47:19-20).

This entire passage, which begins in our parsha and continues into next week's, raises a most serious question. We tend to assume that the enslavement of the Israelites in Egypt was a consequence of, and punishment for, the brothers selling Joseph as a slave. But Joseph himself turned the Egyptians into a nation of slaves. What is more, he created the highly centralised power that would eventually be used against his people.

Aaron Wildavsky in his book about Joseph, *Assimilation versus Separation*, says that Joseph "left the system into which he was elevated less humane than it was by making Pharaoh more powerful than he had been." Leon Kass, in *The Beginning of Wisdom*, says about Joseph's decision to make the people pay for food in the years of famine (food that they themselves had handed over during the years of plenty): "Joseph is saving life by making Pharaoh rich and, soon, all-powerful. While we may applaud Joseph's forethought, we are rightly made uneasy by this man who profits from exercising his god-like power over life and death."

It may be that the Torah intends no criticism of Joseph whatsoever. He was acting loyally to Pharaoh and judiciously to Egypt as a whole. Or it may be that there is an implied criticism of his character. As a child, he dreamt of power; as an adult he exercised it; but Judaism is critical of power and those who seek it. Another possibility: the Torah is warning us of the hazards and obscurities of politics. A policy that seems wise in one generation discloses itself as dangerous in the next. Or perhaps Leon Kass is right when he

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Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered March 20, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York on January 23, 2020 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 155 Clymer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Block 2169 Lot 54. 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 \$824,153.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 5975/13. Dominic Famulari, Esq., Referee VERN810 AJ; 12/20/27; 1/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Tino Estrada, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/16/17 and entered on 5/30/17, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 23, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 584 Linwood Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4050, LOT: 124. Approximate amount of judgment is \$704,389.87 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 24323/2010. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Jaime Lathrop, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 12/20/27; 1/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Ellington Loan Acquisition Trust 2007-2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST Ludes Cesar, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/23/19 and entered on 11/13/2019, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 23, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1434 East 98 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 County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8262, LOT: P/O 61. Approximate amount of judgment is \$639,820.13 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 524590/2017. Mark Longo, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 12/20/27; 1/3/10

Public Notice: The Original Golden Coffee LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11.12.2019. Office: King County. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to Attn: Henrik Friedman, 416 Mayfair Dr. S.,

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Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: any lawful activity. AJ; 12/20/27; 1/3/10/17/24

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET LOAN OBLIGATION TRUST 2006-2, Plaintiff against LAURIE CADANER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 28, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 30th day of January, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 324A New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11213. (Block: 1276, Lot: 42) Approximate amount of lien \$ 906,835.29 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 12901-09. Leonard C. Spector, Esq., Referee. FEIN SUCH & CRANE, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ; 12/27; 1/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, Kings County. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff, -against- HAROLD ODLE; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; NEW YORK CITY, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; CARL ODLE, Index No. 508218/2017. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, May 16, 2019 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on May 23, 2019, Jacob Gelfand, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 464 East 55th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11203 at public auction at Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on January 30, 2020 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 4765; Lot: 11 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 508218/2017. The approximate amount of judgment is \$281,260.63 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 12/27; 1/3/10/17

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff -against- JAAKOV WINKLER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 16, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on January 30, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly side of 52nd Street, distant 360 feet 6 inches Westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Southerly side of 52nd Street with the Westerly side of 20th Avenue; being a plot 100 feet 2

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## Social.



A view of "Jacob's Ladder"—a painting by the world-renowned Jewish artist Marc Chagall, which will be put up for auction on Jan. 25. Photo: Tiroche Auction House.

## Israeli Auction House to Sell Chagall Painting in Israel, a First in More Than 20 Years

BY ELIANA RUDEE/JNS.org

Israel's largest auction house, the Tiroche Auction House, will put "Jacob's Ladder"—a painting by the world-renowned Jewish artist Marc Chagall—up for sale on Jan. 25. This will be the first time that a Chagall oil painting has been tendered in Israel in more than 20 years.

Amitai Hazan Tiroche, managing director of Tiroche Auction House, explained that "Jacob's Ladder" was infamously stolen from the Gordon Auction House in 1996, several days before it was set to be offered to the public. It was discovered more than 23 years later, and after undergoing a short legal process, was bequeathed by an Israeli court to the insurance company that had underwritten it.

"The painting depicts one of the most important biblical stories, symbolizing the history of the Jewish people and the Land of Israel," said Tiroche. "The ladder links the earth with heaven, and the angels rise and fall, alluding to the Divine prophecy descending upon human beings."

He added that "Chagall chose not to depict the scene in utopian colors, but rather to use dramatic colors according to the painting period of 1973 to 1974, near the difficult time of the Yom Kippur War."

In another version of the painting, which was completed in the 1950s, Tiroche maintained that Chagall used similar colors, but there is a marked difference in the "colors of war" he used in the to-be-auctioned painting, showing that perhaps the war was indeed difficult for the artist.

Chagall, the eldest of nine children, was born in 1887 to Chassidic parents in Lithuania. He was said to have felt the need to document Jewish life, particularly shtetl life in Russia, which was in the process of great change and eventually rewritten by two world wars. He spent much time in France, steeped in its "Golden Age" of artistic styles, before fleeing Europe for the United States in 1941. Chagall was lauded for his use of color, and not only worked in oils but stained glass, examples of which include the famed windows at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. He returned to France after World War II, working and living there until his death in 1985 at the age of 97.

Tiroche is the grandson of Jean Tiroche, a Holocaust survivor who established the first art gallery in Tel Aviv in the 1950s after immigrating from Poland to

Israel, going on to become an art dealer both there and in the United States. Although he did not appreciate it when he was a teenager, Tiroche told JNS that he used to frequent art museums with his grandfather, which he must have internalized into his DNA, he said, as he is now an "enthusiastic art collector."

The Tiroche Auction House was founded in 1992 by Jean Tiroche's son-in-law, Dov Hazan, and son, Mickey Tiroche, and was later joined by Galia and Amitai, the children of Hazan and Tiroche's daughter Orna.

### 'Increasing interest across the art world'

Though many bidders are owners of Israeli companies, CEOs and oligarchs from the top 1 percent to 2 percent of the Israeli economy, Tiroche said those seeking Israeli contemporary art have come from all over the world, including the United States, Australia, South America and China.

With a collection that spans the decades of pre-state Israel through the 1960s' abstract era and contemporary art, the auction house has sold paintings and art collections of prominent figures and estates, including Yitzhak Rabin, Golda Meir, Abba Eban, Ephraim Kishon and the Baron de Rothschild.

"While contemporary art continues to dominate the international market, the Israeli masters still see strong and increasing interest across the art world, with new bidders and acquisitions from the United States over the last three to four years," he added.

"Jacob's Ladder" will be part of the auction house's larger "Israeli and International Art Auction" in Herzliya Pituach, north of Tel Aviv, which includes works from one of the greatest collections of art in Israel by the late Ami Brown and his wife, Gabi.

The collection includes rare Judaica works of Reuven Rubin's "The Musicians of Safed" and Nachum Gutman's "Synagogue," along with a number of Yochanan Simon's important paintings from the kibbutz period, such as "Figures in the Kibbutz." Other iconic works include Yosl Bergner's "Jewish Klezmers," Ludwig Blum's "Tiberias, Sea of Galilee and Mount Hermon," Samuel Bak's "Mountain and Pear," Naftali Bezem's "Lovers and a Lion," Abel Pann's "Mother Sarah" and an "Untitled" by Lea Nikel.

Hoping to attract art collectors of all geographical locations, bidders may attend the auction in person, bid by phone, or participate live online via the Tiroche Auction House website.

## Idina Menzel Releases Holiday Album With Two Hanukkah Songs

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A new holiday album by Jewish singer and actress Idina Menzel includes two Hanukkah songs, one of which she performed last week at New York's famous Carnegie Hall.

The Tony Award winner and "Frozen II" star recently released an album called "Christmas: A Season of Love," her second holiday album to date.

One Hanukkah tune on the 18-track album, titled "Walker's 3rd Hanukkah," is the audio of Menzel and her 10-year-old son, Walker, saying the Hebrew blessing for lighting Hanukkah candles.

Menzel, who also stars in this month's film "Uncut Gems," explained in the track description, "I was trying to teach him what the prayer was to light the candles for the menorah at Hanukkah. I



Idina Menzel. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

want people to feel that it's very personal and they can relate to it no matter what religion and how they celebrate."

She told the *Jewish Journal* that although she's "not too religious," she tried to continue practicing Jewish traditions with her family.

"It was always a special time when the family would get together and light the menorah," she added. "There were tough times in my teenage years when my parents divorced and the holidays became a little more complicated for my sister and I. I get to sort of rewrite all of that now that I'm a mother and define what those traditions are with my son, which is really a gift."

The second Hanukkah song on the album, "Ocho Kandelikas," is in Ladino, a Jewish language of Latin origin also called Judeo-Spanish.

The song's title translates to "Eight Little Candles" and it was written by Sephardic composer Flory Jagoda in 1983, according to the website *Hey Alma*.

Menzel performed "Ocho Kandelikas," which has some English verses, live during her Carnegie Hall concert on Dec. 11 and showed off some of her dance moves on stage with her husband Aaron Lohr.

Menzel talked in a recent interview about celebrating Christmas, saying, "Even though I'm a Jewish girl, I grew up being envious of Christmas. My husband celebrates Christmas, so now I get to celebrate both Christmas and Hanukkah."

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says, "Joseph's sagacity is technical and managerial, not moral and political. He is long on forethought and planning but short on understanding the souls of men."

What this entire passage represents is the first intrusion of politics into the life of the family of the covenant. From the beginning of Exodus to the end of Deuteronomy, politics will dominate the narrative. But this is our first introduction to it: Joseph's appointment to a key position in the Egyptian court. And what it is telling us is the sheer ambiguity of power. On the one hand, you cannot create or sustain a society without it. On the other hand, it almost cries out to be abused. Power is dangerous, even when used with the best of intentions by the best of people. Joseph acted to strengthen the hand

of a Pharaoh who had been generous to him, and would be likewise to the rest of his family. He could not have foreseen what that same power might make possible in the hands of a "new Pharaoh who knew not Joseph."

Tradition called Joseph *ha-tzaddik*, the righteous. At the same time, the Talmud says that he died before his brothers, "because he assumed airs of authority." Even a tzaddik with the best of intentions, when he or she enters politics and assumes airs of authority, can make mistakes.

I believe the great challenge of politics is to keep policies humane and that politicians remain humble, so that power, always so dangerous, is not used for harm. That is an ongoing challenge, and tests even the best.

Shabbat shalom

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well, most recently, in Jersey City with the brutal murder of Jews in a kosher grocery store. It's important that we attribute to Americans the line that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance, though [Holocaust survivor and Nobel Prize laureate] Elie Wiesel said that "the opposite of love is not hate. It's indifference."

What we're seeing in the world in terms of its approach to antisemitism is a level of indifference that we haven't seen in a generation.

In the United States, you have people within the administration who are keenly aware of what it is like to live with antisemitism. The president signed an executive order on Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that will make it very difficult for universities around the country to adhere to what a lot of students are advocating, which is supporting the BDS movement. Colleges and universities [could] lose federal funding if they sign onto BDS.

**Q: US President Donald Trump has been vocal about focusing on "America First" and withdrawing from costly engagements abroad. Has this led to any impact on USAID programing?**

**A:** Our USAID logo tells the entire story, which goes along with the administration's mantra of "America First." The logo is two hands interlocked and it says, "USAID: From the American People." Development assistance is a critical component of our national security strategy. For us to disconnect from the world in terms of offering development assistance to countries along their journey to self-reliance would be to take a step back. What development assistance provides are jobs not only in developing countries, but in the United States.

By engaging with the private sector, we bridge the gap between the private sector and the public sector. We talk about how aid beneficiaries for education and sanitation are customers of American clients who send their technology and development overseas.

**Q: What has the impact been on USAID ceasing its operations in the West Bank and Gaza earlier this year?**

**A:** Earlier this year, at the request of the Palestinian Authority, the United States ceased providing

any assistance in the West Bank and Gaza under the Anti-Terrorism Clarification Act. The programming is not continuing. Where possible, we will work with Congress to reprogram funding that was intended for these programs to high-priority projects elsewhere in the world.

**Q: Is there anything you wish to add?**

**A:** I would like to wish you and your readers a Happy Hanukkah!

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discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance," which includes universities. This executive order would extend such protections to Jewish students, when they are being discriminated against on the actual or perceived basis of race, color, or national origin. The order also directs federal agencies to use the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism, which posits that denying Israel the right to exist and comparing Israeli policies to those of the Nazis is antisemitic.

I am all for free speech on campus. But just as African-American, Latino, gay, and other minority groups deserve protection from discrimination on campus, so do Jewish students. I sincerely hope to productively engage with students from SJP and JVP about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But as long as the words coming from these groups reek of hateful historical revisionism, no such dialogue will be possible.

*Josh Eibelman is a CAMERA on Campus fellow at Cornell University.*

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inches by 18 feet 3 inches by 100 feet 2 inches by 18 feet 3 inches. Block 5475 and Lot 23. Said premises known as 1940 52ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$554,292.43 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or

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the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 19421/2013. M. RANDOLPH JACKSON, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 9026.01  
AJ; 12/27; 1/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Amer Anwar a/k/a Amer Jamil Anwar; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 30, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2004 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210. 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 5231 Lot 60. Approximate amount of judgment \$381,930.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 50221/2014. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 11, 2019  
AJ; 12/27; 1/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Trust 2004-S2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff AGAINST Audrey Savin; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 2, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 30, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 8901 Avenue M, 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: 8068 Lot: 1. Approximate amount of judgment \$393,894.70 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 507884/2015. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 26, 2019  
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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Kepler Balde, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/2018 and entered on 10/18/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 30, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 12421 Flatlands Avenue, Unit 6B, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4423, LOT: 1412. Approximate amount of judgment is \$280,351.29 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504331/2014. For sale information,

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for the Holders of The Ellington Loan Acquisition Trust 2007-2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST Lester D. Henry, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/20/2017 and entered on 1/23/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 30, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 105 Rogers Ave A, Brooklyn, NY 11216-6006. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1233, LOT: 6. Approximate amount of judgment is \$981,240.61 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504795/2015. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name : NORTH KEERAGOO ARCHITECTURE PLLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 11/15/2019 Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC 69 Halsey Street,3RD floor Brooklyn, NY 11216 purpose: all lawful activity  
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INDEX NO. 518086/2017 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., PRIME MORTGAGE TRUST, CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. RACHEL SHAMI A/K/A RACHEL WEISS; EZRA SHAMI; if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; APPROVED FUNDING CORP; PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK; LUCKY K. CONTRACTING CO; NEW YORK

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CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; BENJAMIN ERBST; if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$728,000.00 and interest, recorded on March 1, 2006, at Instrument number CRFN 2006000115221, of the Public Records of KINGS County, New York, covering premises known as 2083 EAST 1ST STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11223. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. KINGS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Plaintiff designates KINGS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 2083 EAST 1ST STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11223 District: Section: Block: 7104 Lot: 511  
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