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Israel's UN Envoy Slams International Community for Adopting 'Palestinian Way'



Danny Danon, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations. Photo: UN Photo / Loey Felipe.

BY ALGEMEINER
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Israel's UN envoy called out the international community on Tuesday for adopting a "one-sided approach" that perpetuated his country's conflict with the Palestinians. Speaking a plenary session marking the 72nd anniversary of the UN General Assembly's 1947 passage of Resolution 181

(i.e. the "Partition Plan," which recommended the division of British Mandatory Palestine into independent Jewish and Arab states), Ambassador Danny Danon said the world had over the past seven decades "gone from holding a pragmatic approach to fully embracing the Palestinian method and perspective."

"This new approach — call it the 'Palestinian way' — stands in the way of ending the conflict

as it encourages the Palestinians to refuse direct negotiations," he added. "The international community should be able to criticize the Palestinians when they do something wrong, in the same way that it doesn't hesitate to do so when it believes Israel has acted in error."

Danon also drew attention to the plight of Jewish refugees from around the Middle East.

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Trump Says Iran Is Killing Thousands for Protesting

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that Iran was killing thousands of people for protesting and urged the world to take more notice.

Disturbances in Iran began in mid-November over gasoline price hikes but quickly turned political, with demonstrators demanding the removal of the top leaders of the country in the bloodiest anti-government protests since



People walk near a burnt bank, after protests against increased fuel prices, in Tehran, Iran, Nov. 20, 2019. Photo: Nazanin Tabatabaee / WANA (West Asia News Agency) via Reuters.

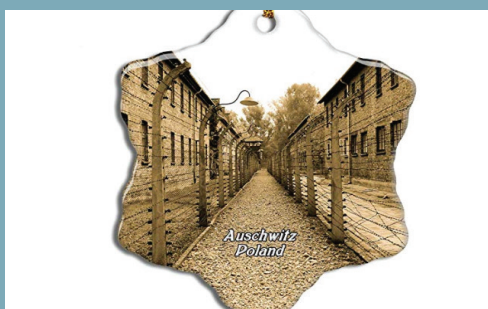
the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

"Iran is killing perhaps thousands and thousands of people right now as we speak, that is why they cut off the internet so people can't see what is going on," Trump said during a visit to London for a NATO Summit.

"Not just small numbers which are bad, big numbers which are really bad, and really big numbers ... It is a terrible thing and the world has to be watching."

Amazon Removes Ornaments

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Opinion.

New York Times Faulted for 'Irredeemable and Indefensible' Coverage of British Chief Rabbi



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The *New York Times* is drawing criticism for its handling of a warning by British Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis about antisemitism in the British Labour Party.

The *Times* news article reported that "Rabbi Mirvis leads a body of Orthodox congregations not only in Britain but across the Commonwealth; in Britain, those synagogues account for just over half of total synagogue membership, according to a 2010 report." The *Times* went on, "Not all British Jews recognize the chief rabbi as the leader of their communities."

The *Times* also reported, "some people warned that Rabbi Mirvis had sidestepped a greater threat posed to Jews and other British minority groups by Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who has himself been accused of making racist and Islamophobic remarks and energizing parts of the far right similar to those responsible for recent attacks on Jews in the United States." It attributed this view to "an organization called Jews Against Boris." The *Times* didn't say how many members Jews Against Boris has, or what proportion of British Jews it represents.

It's a classic *Times* double standard.

When an Orthodox rabbi warns against antisemitism on the left, the *Times* bends over backwards to undercut his authority. Contrast it to how the *Times*, in three recent news articles, handled a Reform rabbi's criticism of decisions by the Israeli and American governments or politicians.

Here is the *Times* reporting in December 2017 about reaction to President Trump's decision to move the American embassy in Israel to Jerusalem: "Jerusalem has always been the most delicate issue in every discussion about peace," said Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, the largest branch of American Judaism. "So we're very concerned that the announcement will either delay or undermine the very, very important resuming of a serious peace process." Nothing from the *Times* in that article about how many American Jews Rabbi Jacobs does or doesn't represent or about how not all American Jews recognize his authority.

Here is the *Times* reporting in July 2018 on reaction to the new Israeli law declaring Israel the nation-state of the Jewish people: "We will use all of the legal means available to us to challenge this new law and to promote Reform and Progressive Judaism in Israel," said Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the New York-based Union for Reform Judaism. Nothing from the *Times* in that article, either, about how many American Jews Rabbi Jacobs does or doesn't represent or about how not all American Jews recognize his authority.

Here is the *Times* reporting in September 2019 about Prime Minister Netanyahu's floating the idea that he would annex parts of the West Bank: "These are unilateral moves endangering Israel as a Jewish and democratic state and further limiting the possibility of a two-state solution," Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, said in a statement. "Such serious pronouncements don't belong in the final week of a heated campaign." Again, Reform Rabbi Jacobs, criticizing Netanyahu, escapes the treatment the *Times* visits upon Orthodox Rabbi Mirvis, criticizing Labour and Jeremy Corbyn. Again, the *Times* doesn't say how many American Jews Rabbi Jacobs does or doesn't represent, and it doesn't report about how not all American Jews recognize his authority.

The *Times*' heavy-handed, inconsistent treatment of Rabbi Mirvis attracted plenty of negative attention on Twitter. The executive editor of the *Washington Examiner Magazine*, Seth Mandel, asked, "Is it just me or does this @nytimes story on Chief Rabbi Mirvis' denunciation of Labour's antisemitism include zero British Jews supporting it, only Jews opposing it?"

Said Mandel, "The NYT is just printing bald antisemitic propaganda, of the sort you'd see on Iranian state tv in response to Mirvis." He went on, "it shows how misinformed you are if you read the NYT. The paper takes token dissenting voices in the Jewish community and presents them as representative of the



Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Britain's chief rabbi, on Remembrance Sunday, at The Cenotaph in Westminster, London, Nov. 10, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Simon Dawson.

larger community. You have to go out of your way to be this inaccurate. This shows how bias often manifests. Take a hot-button subject and portray an exact balance of opinion on it among a community that is *not* evenly divided. The only way NYT could present this as even is if they talked to *literally* no one on the majority side."

Mandel went on, "this kind of reporting is just completely ethically irredeemable and indefensible." The *Times* reporter, Benjamin Mueller, replied to an email from the *Algemeiner* seeking a response to Mandel's criticism by referring the *Algemeiner* to an earlier article of his that quoted a wider array of British Jews.

A former editor at the *Times*, Mark Horowitz, responded to Mandel by writing, "I didn't believe this could be true, but then read the article and he's right. Very odd given

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How to Understand the US Failure in the Middle East



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I've written about the malevolent influence of Arabists in the US government. After leaving public service, many seek to influence policy and public opinion. One example is a recent *Washington Post* article written by former diplomats Aaron David Miller and Daniel Kurtzer, who boast of their 50 combined years of service in public diplomacy, which corresponds with five decades of misguided policies. Repeating a series of fallacies of Arabist thinking, the article castigates the Trump administration's conclusion that Israeli settlements are not illegal and laments the unwillingness of prior administrations (except for George H.W. Bush) to coerce Israel to stop their expansion.

Their discomfiture is based on the misconception that settlements are the obstacle to peace. "Palestinians cannot trade land for peace," they write, "if they don't possess the land."

The popular notion that settlements are the impediments to peace is easily disproven by history. The Arabs had no interest in peace when no settlements existed prior to 1967, the Palestinians had none in 1979 when there were fewer than 10,000 settlers, none when they were offered a Palestinian state and the dismantling of settlements in 2000, and none when Israel evacuated all the settlements in

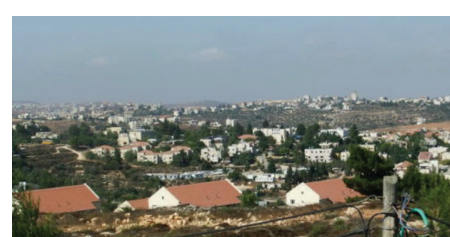
Gaza in 2005. Oh, and both Jordan and the Palestinians signed peace agreements without requiring that Israel evacuate any settlements.

They also neglect to mention the impact of George H.W. Bush's decision to link loan guarantees to Israeli settlement construction. First, it did not stop Israel from building settlements. Second, it angered the Israelis, and third, it did not advance the peace process one iota, in part because of its one-sided punishment of Israel.

Other examples they give also leave out critical facts. They mention that Jimmy Carter insisted Israel freeze settlements during the Camp David negotiations, arguing this would encourage other Arab states to join the peace process. But Begin froze settlements for three months and the Arab states ostracized Egypt.

They mention that the Mitchell Report on the second intifada recommended that Israel freeze settlement activity. They ignore the fact the uprising had nothing to do with settlements and went on even after Israel had offered to dismantle most of them and allow the Palestinians to establish a state.

The third example, Obama's demand for a settlement freeze, further undermines their



The Jewish community of Beit El in Judea and Samaria. Photo: Yaakov via Wikimedia Commons.

case. Obama was not evenhanded; he was more sympathetic to the Palestinians, who had never insisted on a freeze. Despite Israel freezing settlements for 10 months, the Palestinians refused to negotiate.

Miller and Kurtzer leave out inconvenient truths because another tenet of Arabist thinking is that Israel must be forced to adopt the policies they believe are in Israel's best interests. Arabists argue this is necessary because the conflict impedes US-Arab relations. They continue to believe this even as the improvement in US-Arab relations has followed the strengthening of US-Israel ties.

Nowhere in the authors' article do they suggest any pressure or blame be placed on the Palestinians. They say only that "the onset of Palestinian terrorist campaigns in the mid-90s made toughening up US policies against settlements, let alone sanctioning Israel, unimaginable." It was apparently imaginable, however, despite unabated terrorism before and after that period. This myopia about the blameless Palestinian victims, which has also taken root among "progressives," is one reason their prescriptions are farcical.

Miller and Kurtzer revert to the notion that the United States must be "evenhanded" to play a role in the peace process, placing our democratic ally, Israel, on par with the anti-American, corrupt, terror-sponsoring autocrats from the Palestinian Authority. Again, that approach has a nearly eight-decade record of catastrophe.

Their assertion that Trump's decision

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World News.

Israeli Company Seeks to Use Space Technology to Solve Pressing Pollution Problem on Earth

BY LAUREN IZSO

An Israeli company says it is using space travel technology to help solve one of the most pressing problems down on Earth — the reliance on diesel fuel, a major source of pollution.

Israeli startup GenCell has developed an electric generator based on a hydrogen-energy technology used to power some of the most-famous space missions in history.

Most generators in existence today — found off the power grid or in locations where a backup power source is necessary in case of an outage — require diesel, a poisonous fossil fuel.

"We are the only one right now that can compete with the diesel generator, which is a 100-year-old technology," GenCell CEO Rami Reshef told *The Algemeiner*. "We are cleaner and cheaper."

GenCell utilizes a unique scientific method, which has been able to reduce the cost dramatically, compared to its competitors, according to Reshef. "We call it a generator, but it's far away from anything we are familiar with," he noted.

While hydrogen power is becoming



A GenCell generator. Photo: Courtesy.

more and more popular, Petah Tikva-based GenCell extracts it from ammonia, making it more affordable than other "green" options, and even diesel.

The company's technology is currently at the forefront of the Israel's "hydrogen economy," with the support of the country's Energy Ministry, which calls it a leader in manufacturing commercial hydrogen power.

Reshef says billions of people around the world currently live in areas that are at risk of natural disasters — increasing constantly due to global warming — and power outages in those areas are common.

GenCell, founded in 2011 by Reshef, Ginnadi Finkelstein and Gil Shavit, also aims to protect critical infrastructure at risk of power outages.

"We can take this technology and improve the lives of what we call developed economies, by backing up all the critical points in the society such as medical facilities, financial institutions, homeland security, emergency services, anything and everything that cannot tolerate an outage," Reshef said.

If any such critical infrastructure loses power, not only is there a financial risk, but lives are put in danger too.

GenCell says its generator has a faster reaction rate than others, so less data is lost in power transitions.

The product is already in use at one of Israel's hospitals: Hillel Yaffe Medical Center in Hadera.

Ronen Edri, director of the hospital's technical and engineering department said the generator "enables our staff to carry out

medical procedures with full confidence and peace of mind," resulting in better patient care.

Hydrogen fuel cell technology is more than 150 years old. One of its most well-known uses was in the Apollo moon program during the 1960s and 1970s, where cost was of little concern. The spacecraft that brought Neil Armstrong to the Moon in 1969 was powered by such technology.

Reshef said the hydrogen energy industry is booming, and GenCell's product will make green energy more cost efficient. Growing concerns about climate change have also led to a push to make diesel fuel obsolete.

There are approximately 1.2 million telecommunications bases around the world, currently powered by diesel fuel, Reshef said. A GenCell case study estimates that the industry would save billions of dollars each year by investing in its technology.

United Nations data shows that nearly two billion people live disconnected from the power grid, and Reshef believes GenCell could replace the diesel-fueled energy they currently consume. The World Health Organization estimates that roughly 4.6 million people die each year as a direct or indirect result of pollution, and unless something is done to eliminate diesel, Reshef says that number will only increase.

While fossil fuels may be wasteful and create immense pollution, hydrogen-based fuel cells have not yet proven to be the perfect solution. According to chemical engineering professor Dr. Eran Edri, while it may not be a silver-bullet solution to the world's energy problems, it's certainly an important component. "The hydrogen economy is an important part of any future energy economy," he told *The Algemeiner*.

Reshef is hopeful that society is moving in the right direction, and in the next decade diesel, among other fossil fuels, will no longer be used. "More and more countries and governments are pushing for it," he said. "Hydrogen cars in California, New York, China, Japan, and hydrogen busses for public transportation. The general feeling is that we are heading in the right direction, unfortunately not at the right speed."

Gideon Friedmann, acting chief scientist of Israel's Energy Ministry says hydrogen-fueled vehicles are even more efficient and sustainable than electric ones. "The hydrogen cycle does not pollute," he pointed out. "For transportation, it can serve to fuel electric vehicles equipped with electricity producing fuel cells, making them significantly longer range compared to battery electric vehicles."

Friedmann added, "Israel is at the forefront of academic research in hydrogen energy," and GenCell is one of Israel's leaders in commercializing this technology.

Reshef and the other GenCell co-founders are hopeful that green energy alternatives like theirs will be revolutionary, but leaders around the globe must be on board.

"I'm calling on any world leaders to save this planet, and leave something to the next generation, and its time to say no to diesel and fossil fuels," he says. "There are enough alternatives that can replace them. It will not be overnight, it will take years, but it's completely possible."

Rabbi 'Shocked and Traumatized' After Brutal Antisemitic Attack in North London



Police in London are investigating an antisemitic attack on a visiting Israeli rabbi. Photo: Press Association / Reuters.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A leading Orthodox rabbi from Israel was reported on Monday to be "shocked and traumatized" after he was subjected to a vicious antisemitic assault by two men in the Stamford Hill area of north London while walking from Shabbat services at a local synagogue.

Details of Friday night's assault on the unnamed rabbi were disclosed by the head of a group that provides security to the Jewish community, during an interview on Monday with the *Hackney Gazette* newspaper.

The rabbi "had been walking home at 9:45 p.m. when he was attacked by two young men," Rabbi Hershel Gluck — the chair of the Shomrim organization in Stamford Hill, which is home to a large Orthodox Jewish community — told the paper.

"He said to them he didn't have any money, or a phone as it was Shabbat," Gluck explained. "But they just carried on hitting

him and shouting antisemitic abuse."

The assailants shouted "F__ the Jews" and "Kill Jews" during the attack.

Gluck said the victim was "a notable rabbi from Israel, a very scholarly, learned man who a lot of people turn to with queries and questions."

The rabbi — who has since returned to Israel — remained in a "shocked and traumatized" state, Gluck said.

London police are investigating the attack, though no arrests have been made. Rabbi Gluck said inquiries were underway to obtain any CCTV from the scene.

"The authorities really need to take this seriously," he added. "It cannot continue. We need better protection. If something like this happens they need to take care of the situation."

Both UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Labour Party opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn condemned the attack as they campaigned ahead of the British general election on Dec. 12.

Brown University Committee Votes in Favor of BDS

BY JNS.org

The Advisory Committee on Corporate Responsibility in Investment Policies (ACCRIP) at Brown University in Providence, RI, voted on Monday in favor of the BDS movement that aims to boycott Israel.

The final tally of the committee was six in favor, two against and one abstention.

The ACCRIP, which consists of university students, faculty, staff and alumni, vote on resolutions surrounding "ethical and moral issues or issues of alleged social harm with respect to the activities of corporations in which the University is an investor," according to its website.

The resolution consisted of the following language:

"We recommend that the Brown Corporation exclude from Brown's direct investments, and require Brown's separate account invest-

ment managers to exclude from their direct investments, companies identified as facilitating human rights violations in Palestine. In addition, the Investment Office will share with all investment managers the University's desire to adhere to this investment philosophy. We recommend that the Corporation and Brown's separate account investment managers maintain the withdrawal of investments from said companies until they cease to engage in social harm ..."

The vote occurred several months after Brown students voted overwhelmingly in favor of a referendum, calling on the school to separate itself from companies that conduct business with the State of Israel.

Brown University has 1,000 Jewish undergraduates and 200 Jewish graduates, according to Hillel International. Chabad at Brown also serves Jewish students on campus.

World News.



An antisemitic float on display at the 2019 Aalst Carnival in Belgium. Photo: courtesy of FJO.be.

Belgian Jews Pledge to Maintain Pressure on Antisemitic Aalst Carnival After Organizers Sever Links With UNESCO

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A leader of the Belgian Jewish community has warned the annual carnival in Aalst will remain under close scrutiny for the crude antisemitic caricatures it features, after the mayor of the town dismissed critics over the weekend by announcing that he was withdrawing the carnival from the UN's international cultural heritage list.

Despite severing links with UNESCO, the UN's cultural and educational agency, the Aalst carnival organizers were "not at liberty to spew any more antisemitic dirt," Hans Knoop — the head of the Belgian Forum of Jewish Organizations — told *The Associated Press* news agency on Sunday.

"We will keep a close eye on Aalst," Knoop pledged.

Knoop was speaking following a TV interview in which Christoph D'Haese — the Flemish nationalist mayor of Aalst — declared that he had lost patience "with the grotesque complaints," adding that "Aalst will renounce its UNESCO recognition."

An annual event with its origins in the Middle Ages, the Aalst Carnival was recognized in 2010 by UNESCO as belonging to the "Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity."

Ostensibly dedicated to humor, the carnival has included floats that mock the Holocaust and invoke the antisemitic stereotype of Jews as grasping moneylenders.

A float at the March 2019 carnival featured two giant figures of observant Jews depicted as caricatures with side curls and large noses, sitting on bags of money. Past displays have included a float at the 2013 carnival that featured individuals dressed as Nazi SS officers alongside individuals dressed as Orthodox Jews, holding canisters labeled "Zyklon B" — the deadly poison gas used by the Nazis in Auschwitz and other extermination camps.

At no point in his interview with the *VTM* network did D'Haese acknowledge the offense caused by the floats. "It was clear that we had to go, so we kept the honor to ourselves," he stated.

UNESCO had been due to discuss the removal of the Aalst Carnival from the cultural heritage list at an upcoming agency meeting on Dec. 12.

The Aalst carnival has already made clear that further antisemitic spectacles can be expected at its next outing in Feb. 2020. Revealing their plans last October, the organizers published 150 antisemitic caricatures as a riposte to Jewish leaders and politicians who called for their actions to be subject to criminal proceedings under Belgian laws against hate speech.

New Initiative Seeks to Remember the 'Forgotten' Mideast Jewish Refugees

BY JNS.ORG

The nine young Iraqi Jewish men hanging in the center of Liberation Square in Baghdad in January 1969 after being accused by the Baathist regime of espionage were the subject of great interest that day, as hundreds of thousands of Iraqis came to view their corpses—not only causing a terrific traffic jam in Baghdad, but also sowing deep fear throughout the millennia-old Jewish community there. Seven months later, three more Jews were executed.

The horrific episode was part of the history of the estimated 900,000 Jews born in Iran and

the Arab world who were forced to flee their ancient homes during the mid-20th century.

Few Jews remain in Arab countries and Iran; nevertheless, a new effort is underway to set a global day of commemoration to remember the Jewish communities throughout the Middle East, in addition to the graves that cannot be visited by family and for whom no one recites Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for mourning the dead.

"There is a common story among the Jews throughout the Middle East that has been forgotten, not mentioned and silent for the last half-century, and we feel—as people who came from there—that this is a story

that is a vital part of Israel, the whole Middle East and of Jewish history," David Dangoor, a businessman, philanthropist and vice president of the World Organization of Jews from Iraq, told *JNS*.

In 2014, Israeli Knesset member Shimon Ohayon first introduced a law to make Nov. 30 the official day to recall the ordeals of Jews from Arab countries throughout the Middle East and North Africa.

Today, based on this effort, a new initiative is being spearheaded by Dangoor with the goal to recruit synagogues around the world to say a special prayer on the Shabbat closest to that date.

We have now "an opportunity to raise awareness" on this topic "and to pay our respects to all those of our ancestors who are buried there whose graves are in disrepair and which we cannot visit. ... It is intended to be recited around the world and to create a sense of community."

On Nov. 29, 1947, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 181 recommending a partition of British Mandate Palestine, and called for a Jewish state and an Arab state, which the Jews accepted and the Arabs rejected. Immediately after the vote, the Arab countries turned on their Jewish populations, confiscating their businesses and stripping them of their rights, much like the Nuremberg laws of 1935. Many Jews were persecuted and murdered, and thousands were forced to flee their homes. For this reason, the next day, Nov. 30, was chosen as a day to remember.

"There is that linkage," said Dangoor. "It is a date around which a lot of commemoration can coalesce."

This past weekend, more than 50 synagogues in the United States and Canada, as well as in the United Kingdom, France and Israel, all recited the prayer composed by Rabbi Joseph Dweck, senior rabbi of the Spanish-Portuguese community in London, in commemoration of the people who were persecuted, exiled or killed for being Jewish. Last year, only 12 synagogues participated in the effort; the initiative is clearly gaining traction.

Part of the text reads: "We have seen with pained hearts the murder of our brothers and sisters and the burning of our synagogues and our Torah scrolls by the hands of our Arab neighbors amongst whom we have dwelt for generations. ... Lord full of mercy ... give rest on the wings of the Divine Presence ... to the souls of our brothers and sisters who died and who were murdered by the hands of cruel enemies in the Arab Lands. Our dwelling places became fiery furnaces and our friends turned to foes."

Acknowledging that the commemoration's true intent is still unclear, noted Dangoor, "we need to feel our way. Is it the expulsion? Is it the murders of so many Jews? Or is it the loss of heritage?"

In part, he said, "it is a political statement to say, 'We were here and we were expelled and we want the world at least not to forget that.' Some of it is a genuine desire to commemorate one's ancestors and the martyrs who were killed along the way."

'These are our ancestors'

In addition to the aspect of remembering those Jews whose stories have been forgotten, this effort simultaneously exposes the history of the Jews who lived in these lands long before the advent of Islam.

When Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem and destroyed the First Temple in 586 BCE, he exiled many Jews to Babylon, what is today known as Iraq. Thus, Jews called Baghdad their home for more than 2,500 years.

A good portion of Israelis link their backgrounds and traditions to the Middle East, North Africa and Arab countries. "This is also an opportunity for us to make the point that

we are the indigenous people, and the story of sitting and weeping by the rivers of Babylon is not of some long extinct tribe. These are our own ancestors," affirmed Dangoor.

There was a time when the Iraqi Jewish community was the epicenter of Jewish life, and Jews were valued and respected and considered by their Muslim brethren as Arabs. In fact, Dangoor's own mother was crowned as the first-ever "Miss Iraq."

Dangoor commissioned the internationally acclaimed film "Remember Baghdad," which tells the story of Jews who fled Iraq. The Iraqi embassy sent a delegation to the screening and expressed their desire to re-establish relations with the Jews of Iraq and their descendants.

'Iraq needs to change its stance'

Israel is, of course, a major sticking point in any potential rapprochement between Iraq and its Jews.

According to Dangoor, "a lot of the clerics—the Shi'ites and the ones who have allegiance to Iran—are much more zealous in not wanting to have any connection with Israel, whereas others now see Israel as a very positive potential force in the Middle East, but they can't come out openly and say that. They do see the Jews as a bridge."



Iraqi Jews leaving Lod airport in Israel on their way to the Ma'abara transit camp, 1951. Photo: Israel Government Press Office.

Surprisingly perhaps, "many Iraqis openly play recordings of Israeli singer Dudu Tassa," said Dangoor. "So, culturally, Israel is not viewed as 'bad,' but for some—mainly those linked to fundamentalists and to Iran—they stop at anything that smacks of recognition of Israel. So it is a nuanced situation."

Will Iraq now open its doors to Jews?

According to Dangoor, Iraq finds the former Jewish community to be "a good vehicle to make this rapprochement without appearing to recognize Israel."

"They realize how important the Jews were in Iraq," he added. "Really, Iraq needs to change its stance and show that it absolutely, positively values and cherishes the Jewish part of its history."

Affirming the prominent Jewish presence there, a 1917 British intelligence document records that the Jews of Baghdad once comprised 40 percent of the population. Interestingly, the report insists on the validity of the numbers "in anticipation of racial claims which are sure to be made sooner or later."

Two years ago, a delegation of heads of Iraqi cultural organizations asked to meet with heads of the Jewish community of Iraq in London. They were impressed by how much success Iraqi Jews have had in the United Kingdom and asked why they can't replicate their success in Iraq.

"We said we would love to," recalled Dangoor. However, he also told them that the Iraqi government "must make it clear that the current equivocal position on the Jews sometimes seen as part and parcel of Iraqi heritage—and at other times no more than representatives of an enemy state—must change. That needs to be brought up to date and normalized."

Asked why the initiative is only now getting off the ground, Dangoor said "it is a question mark as to why it hasn't occurred, but it is starting to occur, and it is going to occur in a gradual and cumulative way. It's a process of accretion. Every little bit will build a structure that is no doubt overdue."

U.S. News.

In Evading US Sanctions, Europe is Ignoring 'Justice' for the Iranian People

BY JACKSON RICHMAN/JNS.org

Six European have joined the Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges, or Instex—a financial mechanism to evade US sanctions on Iran.

“As founding shareholders of the Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges, France, Germany and the United Kingdom warmly welcome the decision taken by the governments of Belgium, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, to join INSTEX as shareholders,” said France, the United Kingdom and Germany in a joint statement on Saturday.

The vehicle has not yet conducted any transactions.

The United States withdrew in May 2018 from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, reimposing sanctions lifted under it, along with enacting new financial penalties against Tehran.

Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs cried foul.

“With hundreds of innocent Iranians murdered during the latest round of protests rolling in their graves, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden could not have picked worse timing,” it said in a statement on Sunday.

It rhetorically asked, “We ask these European countries: What message are you sending to the Iranian people? Would it not be more effective and ethical to designate the regime officials responsible for the murder of innocent civilians? How is the Iranian regime and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps [IRGC] to understand this gesture?”

“Europe continues to pretend that it's serious about Iran and proliferation, but proves once again that it isn't,” Danielle Pletka, senior vice president for foreign and defense policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute, told JNS. “Overlooking Iranian malfeasance is a feature, not a glitch in Europe's foreign policy.”

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said in a statement: “At a time when the Ayatollahs' abuse of the Iranian people is particularly egregious and the regime's aggression in the region is increasingly flagrant, these countries joining INSTEX will essentially be seen as a green light for further atrocities. In their effort to rescue the [Iran nuclear deal], these countries are rewarding Iran's destructive actions and enabling its quest for regional hegemony at all costs.”

Behnam Taleblu, a senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, told JNS that amid the latest protests in the Islamic Republic, Europe is looking the other way.

“Talk about wrong place, wrong time. Rather than standing with the Iranian people during this historic and dark moment, European nations are working overtime to resurrect a deal which is essentially dead,” he said. “The demand on the streets of Iran is not for limited enrichment. It is for justice—for an Iranian government that puts the interests of Iranian first

and does not conduct a revolutionary foreign policy. Bandwagoning with other European nations to join INSTEX signals ignorance or of tone-deafness to this.”

Instead, continued Taleblu, “this is a time for Trans-Atlantic unity. The barbarism of the regime against its own people must be condemned by all who claim to stand for human rights.”

At the end of the day, “European nations are failing to put their money where their mouth is on Iran. The country, with all its problems and prospects, is much larger” than the Iran deal, he said.

A US State Department spokesperson told JNS, “The immediate priority for any government is to stand with the Iranian people and isolate the regime for murdering hundreds of innocent Iranians and injuring thousands more.”



A large pile of Euro currency. Photo: Images Money/Flickr.

“As Secretary [Mike] Pompeo has indicated, INSTEX is not problematic as long as it is aimed at facilitating the movement of humanitarian and other goods in a manner consistent with existing sanctions authorities.”

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US Failure

flouts international law is also wrong as I documented in my previous column. To briefly recap, one Carter administration official speciously concluded that settlements were illegal. Numerous legal scholars disputed this, as did Israel's Supreme Court and President Reagan. John Kerry called them “illegitimate” and abstained but did not vote for the UN resolution labeling them illegal (which is irrelevant anyway since the UN gives political opinions not legal ones).

People like Miller and Kurtzer never admit that the policies they advocate, the same ones they pursued at the State Department, were disastrous. It kills them to see Trump finally place the onus for the absence of peace where it belongs — on the Palestinians. Instead of white-washing Palestinian irredentism and terror, Trump is the first president to punish them for their destructive behavior. By recognizing Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, he has accepted the reality Miller and Kurtzer continue to deny, that Israel will not withdraw from either place. They still cling to the paradigm of two-states with a divided Jerusalem.

One thing Miller and Kurtzer are correct about is that the settlement decision appeals to the president's base. That, however, does not make it wrong.

The Washington Post does not publish op-eds on how to run a business by people who spent 50 years running companies into the ground — so why does it and other media outlets give a platform to people who essentially did the same thing for our Middle East policy?

Opinion.

Arab-Israeli Progress: Grateful for a Ray of Light

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“There’s a crack in everything,” Leonard Cohen famously wrote in one of his songs. “That’s how the light gets in.”

For the better part of a century, one issue in particular has stubbornly resisted that poetic prophecy — the issue of relations between Israel and Arab nations. On that front, what has gotten in through the cracks is resentment, violence and darkness, not light.

Even the “successful” efforts, such as Israel’s peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, have led to, at best, a “cold peace” of convenience. The much-ballyhooed Oslo peace process of 1993, which was supposed to end the intractable conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, today feels like a bitter and distant memory that only made the conflict even more intractable.

Into this darkness enters a group of prominent Arabs who decided they’ve had enough. Enough with the animosity. Enough with the boycotts. Enough with failure.

On November 19, this group entered a London hotel to begin rewriting history.

This was not one of those contrived photo ops between adversaries who pretend

to smile for the benefit of powerful sponsors, usually the United States. Over the years, God knows we’ve seen hundreds of these faux peace meetings between Israelis and Palestinians — and what have they gotten us? Not just failure after failure, but cynicism and despair.

This London conference was different — it was not between Arabs and Jews but between Arabs and Arabs. It was not interfaith but intrafaith.

The attendees were not there to negotiate land and water rights; they were there to negotiate love, friendship, and integration; to discuss how to repair relations with the Jewish state.

We were lucky enough to find an experienced freelance reporter in London, Jenni Frazer, who covered this historic conference for *The Jewish Journal*. This is how she begins her story:

“On a cold Tuesday morning, in a relatively anonymous west London hotel, a little bit of history was made.

“It’s not unusual to see veiled or headscarved women in this area, or prosperous men gathering in the Millennium Gloucester hotel’s lobby, all obviously Middle Eastern in origin. But it is almost certainly the first time that the men and women from the Arab world, gathering in this hotel, had such striking things to say about their countries’ fractured relationships with Israel and Jews — not least condemning the boycott and

Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement — and how to go about mending these broken bridges.

“Thirty people from all walks of civil society, from 15 Arab countries, took part in the creation of a new body, the Arab Council for Regional Integration. Their mission is one of ‘peace and love and friendship,’ whose aim is to repair relations with the Jewish state.”

I encourage you to read the entire story to see how the conference came about, what it accomplished in London, and what it hopes to accomplish in the future. If the miracle of peace ever comes about, history may look back on that cold Tuesday morning in London as the little moment of truth that started it all.

What I find especially poignant is that this ray of light is coming at a moment of growing darkness for world Jewry. In fact, the day after the conference, the Anti-Defamation League released its global survey showing that about one in four Europeans polled “harbor pernicious and pervasive attitudes toward Jews.”

On the day that we were covering the London story, I was at a luncheon in Los Angeles for donors and activists fighting BDS. The last thing on everyone’s mind was that a ray of light may come from the “other side.” Unfortunately, especially in recent years and especially on college campuses, Jews have been conditioned by reality to see mostly anger and hatred coming from the other side.

The anti-Israel movement, in the United



The Israeli flag at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Photo: Hynek Moravec via Wikimedia Commons.

States and abroad, has mushroomed out of all proportion. No failure of Israeli policies can justify the level of animosity and discrimination directed at the Jewish state from all sides of the ideological spectrum.

For decades now, the pro-Israel community has assumed that those best positioned to fight Jew-hatred and BDS were the Jews themselves. The London conference has shuffled the cards. “You’re not alone,” the founders of the new group seem to be telling us. “We may be on the other side, but we understand your side, too.”

It’s tempting to be cynical and say there’s no way 30 prominent Arab figures can move the boulder of a century-old conflict. That may be true, but it would be taking the road most traveled.

The Jewish way is to never give up on hope. Certainly not when that hope comes from an unlikely group of courageous people who found a little crack in the darkness — and showed us a ray of light.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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New US Policy on Settlements Won’t Worsen Israeli-Palestinian Conflict



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

with Judea-Samaria and Jerusalem. Article 49 was drafted in the aftermath of World War II. It was specifically aimed at countering what the Nazis did, such as the deportation of German Jews to death camps in Poland.

The quote that the congressional letter includes leaves out an important word. The beginning of that paragraph in Article 49 states that it is referring to “forcible transfers.” The Democrats left out the word “forcible.” I wonder why. Maybe because it would make clear that Article 49 does not apply to Israel? The Jewish residents of Judea-Samaria and Jerusalem were not forced by the Israeli government to live there. They chose to take up residence in a region that has been at the center of the Jewish national homeland for

more than 3,000 years.

Which brings us to the final point. The term “Occupied Territory,” as used by Article 49 and cited by the Democratic members of Congress, refers to a country like Nazi Germany, which illegally occupies somebody else’s territory.

But Judea-Samaria and Jerusalem were never somebody else’s territory. Throughout history, they were never part of a sovereign country other than the Jewish kingdoms. The Jewish claim to that land is rooted in history, international law, and of course, the Bible. The Arab claim is based on lies, wars and terrorism.

The critics of Israel who organized the Democrats’ letter evidently have chosen to accept the Arab lie that Judea-Samaria and Jerusalem belong to the Arabs, not the Jews. The fact that the critics were able to rope so many members of Congress into adopting that position is tragic. But that, it seems, is today’s sad political reality.

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“There were an estimated 850,000 Jews who were forced out of Arab countries and Iran and became refugees in the 20th century,” he said. “These Jews were subject to brutal attacks and harassment and were forced to flee leaving everything behind: in Iraq, Egypt, Morocco, Iran, and many other countries. And still, we don’t hear the international community speak of them when they discuss the refugees of the conflict, perhaps because it doesn’t serve the Palestinian narrative.”

Israel, Danon revealed, planned to

existence of a Jewish state? More entrenched than the Palestinian Authority’s refusal even to negotiate with Israel? More entrenched than an entire generation of Palestinian Arab youth being raised — in the aftermath of the Oslo accords — on hatred of Jews and glorification of terrorism?

The letter asserts, absurdly, that the US policy harms the possibility of “a contiguous Palestinian state” and therefore “jeopardizes Israel’s future.” I wonder how many of the signers have any idea what a “contiguous” Palestinian state is.

It refers to the idea of a “State of Palestine” that is one unit, physically linked, running from Gaza through Judea-Samaria and including parts of Jerusalem. Obviously, such an entity would be stronger and pose a much greater threat to Israel than the current reality of two physically separated Palestinian entities. Yet in the Orwellian language of the Democrats’ letter, a more dangerous Palestinian entity is good for Israel’s future, and a less dangerous Palestinian entity “jeopardizes Israel’s future.”

But there are two other aspects of the congressional letter that so far have received scant or no attention.

The first is the letter’s complete misrepresentation of international law. The letter points out that Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention “affirms that any occupying power shall not ‘deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies.’”

That’s correct, but it has nothing to do

submit a resolution to the General Assembly formally recognizing the Jewish refugees from the Arab world and Iran.

“Israel took in these refugees and integrated them into our society,” he noted. “The international community on the other hand ignored them and built corrupt institutions that only serve so-called Palestinian refugees. In order to right the historical injustice that was done to the Jewish refugees of this conflict, I will propose a resolution to the Assembly that will acknowledge the wrong done to the ‘forgotten’ Jewish refugees and will make right the injustice that they suffered.”



STEPHEN M. FLATOW/
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The letter from 107 Democratic members of Congress declaring that Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria, and much of Jerusalem, are illegal is wrong on so many levels that I wonder if even most of the signatories themselves understand the implications of what they signed.

Members of Congress are busy men and women. I get that. They don’t have time to carefully read every request that comes across their desks. They can’t familiarize themselves with every nuance of the issue under consideration. They often must rely on their senior staff to provide guidance. If that’s what happened here, then they received very poor guidance indeed.

Most of the letter consists of predictable slogans and irrelevancies. For example, it warns against “settlement expansion into the occupied West Bank,” which is irrelevant because the new US policy refers to existing Jewish communities and has nothing to do with whether or not they “expand.”

The letter also claims that the new US policy could “lead to a more entrenched conflict.” More entrenched than a 100-year-long Palestinian Arab war against Jews and the

Opinion.

What the Arab World Could Accomplish if It Made Peace With Israel



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This isn't science fiction. This is fact. Israel is one of the few nations on earth that either has or can develop solutions to end world hunger — something that affects millions upon millions of people.

All across my region in particular (speaking of Asia and Africa), nations are clamoring for advanced farming techniques and technology to offset material shortages, low soil fertility, water scarcity, and energy depletion — all of which are the result of unprecedented population growth.

Israel has developed advanced agricultural techniques, and, despite its small size, become a global leader in the field through innovations such as drip irrigation, which has truly made the desert bloom. Similarly, the Jewish state has developed grazing systems and new approaches to the distribution of livestock, thus leading to groundbreaking increases in dairy productivity.

Evidence of Israel's excellence in these fields can be seen in the number of foreign specialists (in particular, of late, from India) coming to Israeli universities and research centers to gain the knowledge and experience needed to help their own peoples.

This is even more of an achievement when one considers that Israel's universities, research centers, and government are today far more focused on the hi-tech industry than on agriculture. Most of Israel's best and brightest gravitate towards software development and defense technologies — unfortunately slowing the advancement of agricultural technologies so needed by the rest of the world. Even so, Israel remains home to more than 200 advanced agricultural research centers.

Fortunately, with so many countries sending delegations to learn from Israel's agricultural experts, some of that hi-tech brainpower is being directed towards this critical field. Much of the world, from India to Mongolia to the West Coast and Horn of

Africa, looks to the Jewish state to provide the solutions they so desperately need.

Since the 1950s, Israel has succeeded in reclaiming most of its ancient lands from the deserts and swamps, and turning them into green areas suitable for cultivation and grazing. At the same time, primarily through MASHAV — the Israel Foreign Ministry's Agency for International Development Cooperation, the Jewish state has advanced agricultural methods and standards throughout the world.

And what of the neighboring Arab states?

In my home country of Jordan, the agricultural sector suffers from many complex and sometimes fatal problems. Israel and Jordan are officially at peace, and the Jewish state has the ability to green the deserts of Jordan, if only that peace were warmer.

Just look at what Israel did with the leased enclaves of Naharayim and Tzofar (which Jordan this year reclaimed rather



A Jordanian flag is seen in an area known as Baquora in Arabic and Naharayim in Hebrew, in the border area between Jordan and Israel, Nov. 13, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Muhammad Hamed.

than renew the leases to Israeli farmers). Both of these enclaves are filled with lush green farmlands, while the surrounding Jordanian-controlled areas remain arid and yellow. If we could only truly cooperate, Jordan would reap the benefits of Israeli technology and agricultural know-how.

The same is, of course, true for the other Arab states. If only they would make peace with Israel, so many of their problems related to hunger and lack of water could be solved — just as Israel is doing for so many countries in Africa and other parts of Asia.

A version of this article was originally published in *Israel Today* magazine's December issue.

detainees and political prisoners are held by Israel, some of them under administrative detention, which allows authorities to detain people without charge or trial.

However, there are no Palestinian "political prisoners" (a term widely understood as referring to people "imprisoned for their political beliefs") in Israeli prisons. And, in fact, the source cited in that sentence, the anti-Israel NGO B'Tselem, doesn't cite any "political prisoners" in its list of prisoners.

Amnesty International, in its 2017/18 annual report, does list one Palestinian, Ahmed

Jewish Life and Memory in Hebron



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The Torah portion of Chayei Sarah last month recounted Abraham's purchase of a burial cave for Sarah, marking the beginning of Jewish history in the Land of Israel. It elevated Hebron to a place rivaled only by Jerusalem in the millennia-old saga of the Jewish people.

This week began with an announcement by Israeli Defense Minister Naftali Bennett that planning had begun for a new Jewish neighborhood in the ancient biblical city, where centuries of Jewish history had been brutally destroyed in 1929 as rampaging Arabs tortured, castrated and murdered 69 Jewish men, women and children.

The tiny Jewish community in Hebron, restored to life after the Six-Day War returned Jews to their biblical homeland in Judea and Samaria, has nonetheless struggled to survive. Murderous Palestinian attacks were ignored by an indifferent Israeli government that resisted efforts to rebuild, enlarge and protect the Jewish enclave. Several years after the deadly rampage of Baruch Goldstein in 1994, which killed 29 Muslims in prayer at the Machpelah shrine in retaliation for the repetitive murders of Hebron Jews, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu bowed to American pressure and accepted the Hebron Protocol.

It divided Hebron into Arab and Israeli zones, returning Jews to a ghetto in their ancient holy city. Even there, they were vastly outnumbered by Palestinian residents. Inside Machpelah, Jews were only permitted to pray in the majestic Isaac Hall (where the Goldstein massacre occurred) several days each year, including on Shabbat Chayei Sarah. Since then, thousands of Israelis and Jewish visitors have returned to the burial site of their biblical patriarchs and matriarchs in their ancient capitol city, where King David ruled before relocating his throne to Jerusalem. Ironically, the obstacle to the return of Jews to Jewish-owned property, even where Jewish legal title is indisputable, has been the government of Israel.

As I know from several visits to Hebron, including twice to Machpelah to celebrate Shabbat Chayei Sarah, the Hebron partition agreement has confined Jews to a tiny, vulnerable enclave. Israeli soldiers in full battle gear are always on patrol. There are few pedestrians. Many shops are shuttered closed. Decrepit empty buildings, which the Israeli government has refused to permit Jews to renovate and inhabit, fill the desolate Jewish neighborhood. Much of the Jewish sector resembles a war zone.

Few Israelis, or Jews anywhere, care about the history of their ancient community. But



Israeli flags hang on the new Beit Rachel and Beit Leah buildings in Hebron. Photo: Yishai Fleisher.

Hebron Jews remain determined and persistent. For three thousand years, Hebron has symbolized something that is ineradicable from Jewish consciousness: the power of memory. In every generation, tiny handfuls of Jews have retained a deeply primal connection to the hallowed burial site of their biblical patriarchs and matriarchs. Just as Zionist pioneers returned to their biblical homeland to revive Jewish sovereignty, so Jews have returned to Hebron to restore their ancient holy city.

In his history of the Jewish people, Paul Johnson writes: "When the historian visits Hebron today he asks himself: where are all those peoples who once held the place?" Canaanites, Edomites, Romans, Byzantines, Crusaders, Mameluks and Ottomans "have vanished into time, irrevocably. But the Jews are still in Hebron." Jews, he concluded, "are the most tenacious people in history. Hebron is there to prove it." Jewish Hebron, writes Kiryat Arba historian Arie Klein, "connects the nation to its past... to its identity."

Yet Hebron Jews are the pariahs of the Jewish people, the Jews most relentlessly castigated for returning to their biblical burial site and capital city. To Israeli historian Idith Zertal and journalist Akiva Eldar, they epitomize "the hothouse of the entire settlement project with its subversion and defiance of the law and of Israeli democracy." Rarely in modern Jewish history have Jews been so reviled by other Jews as the Jews of Hebron. Yet they remember what their critics are determined to forget: Jewish history in the Land of Israel.

The Israeli defense minister's announcement indicated that planning has begun for a new Jewish neighborhood near the old Hebron market, land under Jewish ownership for nearly two centuries. Creating "territorial continuity" between the existing Avraham Avinu quarter and the Machpelah holy site, it would double the number of Jews in Hebron. There was predictable outrage from the Israeli left. One Knesset member condemned "the war against peace"; another described Hebron as "the capital of Israel's apartheid" community.

But Hebron Jews know that any claim that the burial site of the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Jewish people — and their first capitol city — is inconsequential denigrates millennia of Jewish history.

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UK Paper Revives Lie of Palestinian 'Political Prisoners' in Israel



ADAM LEVICK
JERUSALEM

A *Guardian* article ("Lawyer criticises secretive Israeli case against Gaza aid worker," Nov. 28), by its Jerusalem correspondent, Oliver Holmes, included the following claim:

More than 4,700 Palestinian security

Qatamesh, as a "prisoner of conscience" — but this doesn't appear to be true, as reports at the time noted that he was arrested because he was a "senior member" of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine terror group. Note that, following a complaint by UK Media Watch, *The Guardian* amended a 2013 article that initially referred to more than 100 pre-Oslo Palestinian prisoners, all of whom were convicted of violent offenses, as "political prisoners." *The Guardian* editors' note clarified that it is only PA authorities who

— as is often the case — were characterizing them as "political prisoners."

Their latest use of the term "political prisoners" represents another example of *The Guardian* blindly accepting Palestinian propaganda as fact, and we've complained to the readers' editor asking that it amend the sentence in question.

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Impressions.

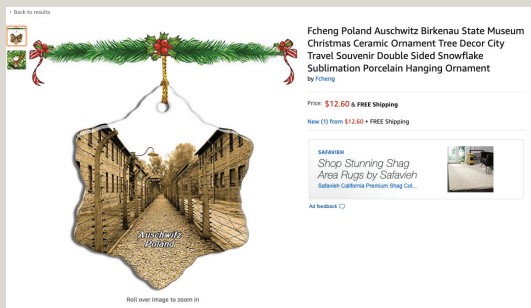
Amazon Removes Christmas Ornaments With Auschwitz Image From Site Following Complaints

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

E-commerce giant Amazon on Sunday took down from its website Christmas ornaments on sale that featured images of the former Auschwitz concentration camp following complaints by consumers and the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum.

"All sellers must follow our selling guidelines and those who do not will be subject to action, including potential removal of their account. The products in question have been removed," an Amazon spokesperson told *The Algemeiner*.

One of the controversial items shows the iconic image of train tracks leading to the entrance of the death camp, while another features the former Jewish ghetto in Krakow.



A Christmas ornament sold on Amazon that features an image of reconstructed barracks at the Auschwitz concentration camp. Photo: Screenshot.

According to the Amazon listing, the items were created by a maker called Fcheng, but are being shipped and sold on the site by Eidecot. The seller did not immediately respond to *The Algemeiner's* request for comment.

"Selling 'Christmas ornaments' with images of Auschwitz does not seem appropriate. Auschwitz on a bottle opener is rather disturbing and disrespectful. We ask @amazon to remove the items of those suppliers," the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum posted on its official Twitter account prior to Amazon taking action.

At the time of publication the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum's Twitter post had already garnered 1,900 retweets and 6,000 likes.

Many social media users expressed their frustration with the sale of the items on Amazon, calling it "repulsive," "appalling" and "sick."

One Twitter user wrote, "Monetizing the monstrosity that was the Holocaust is disgusting and reprehensible," while another asked, "Why would you want this on your Christmas tree?"

Others noted that they had contacted the seller and Amazon to complain about the products.

In August, Amazon in the United Kingdom stopped the selling of a clothing line that featured a photograph of a Holocaust victim being executed.

How Does One Hurt and Humiliate a Person (or a People)?

BY RUTA BLOSHTEIN

How does one hurt and humiliate a person (or a people)?

By actions.

2020 has been declared "The Year of the Vilna Gaon and the Jewish Heritage" in Lithuania. Sounds solemn? It only sounds so. Empty pots make the most noise. What are these words based on? On plans to build a convention center on Jewish graves? On the remains of the Vilna Gaon's family members and tens of thousands of other Jews. How does that sound? Like a mockery of the close to 50,000 Jews and non-Jews from around the world who signed the protest petition. How does that sound? Like laughing at the sorrow of the venerable rabbis, of the great

by groups of people nowadays infamous for their intolerance towards Jews and other ethnic minorities. That is a blasphemy if there ever was one.

By the way, would Litvaks from Belarus and Latvia, and the Litvak parts of Poland and Ukraine, agree with this jumble? Is anybody paying any attention to the opinion of local or foreign Litvaks? Has anybody even asked for opinions?

By spoken words.

According to the old legend about Vilnius, a druid by the name of Lizdeika explained Grand Duke Gediminas's dream about a howling wolf: "My Great Duke, the iron wolf means that there will be a capital city here, and the howling of the wolf — that the fame of the city will travel all



Vilnius, Lithuania. Photo: David Holt via Wikimedia Commons.

leaders of Litvak yeshivas. How does that sound? Like an attack on the very spirit of the religious and moral norms of the entire nation.

By written words.

The "Litvak Symbol" coin, being produced by the state for this "occasion," is nothing but yet another disgrace. The "official" (state-sponsored) Lithuanian Jewish Community, while not having much to do with religion, is juggling the sacred names and symbols like a circus performer. Using the name of the Vilna Gaon, this is what is in play. The defilement of the Gaon's fathers and mothers' remains has already been approved. Now there is the aggressive mutilation of the menorah. The menorah is an important Jewish religious symbol derived from the golden candelabrum of the ancient Temple of Jerusalem that must (obviously) retain its historical shape if it is to be a menorah. It has managed to do so over millennia up to this new mutilation: brutally squeezing it into the symbol favored and used

around the world."

What is the fame that this country chooses to let go into the world as we approach the 700th anniversary of the capital city's founding? Is it the fame of honor and nobility? Or is it the infamy of meaninglessness and empty words, covered over with solemn slogans and painfully mangled holy symbols?

The author, a native of Vilnius who has worked for years in the Judaica department of Lithuania's Martynas Mažvydas National Library, is a prominent member of Vilnius's small Orthodox Jewish community. She is the author of the international petition to save the Old Vilna Jewish Cemetery. English translations of some of her writings appear in her DH section. This translation of the Lithuanian original, incorporating several words added by the author (for clarity), has been approved by the author.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FM1, Plaintiff AGAINST SHERYLL MIZELL, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 26, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on December 19, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 287 EMPIRE BLVD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1308, LOT 61. Approximate amount of judgment \$830,653.03 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 508980/2015. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 66512
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File No.: 2014-2301/C CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Minnie Bell Watts, Estate of Greta Waggoner, Estate of Arthur L. Waggoner, Harry Cole, Estate of George Cole, Christine Cole, Joshua Cole, Sherrene Whyte, Imani Jolie Cole, Aniyah Sanaa Richardson, Zhane Avanni Cole, Brylise Nyae Cole, Shanika Richardson, Arthur Waggoner, as distributee in Estate of Greta Waggoner & as distributee in the Estate of Arthur Waggoner, post deceased husband of Greta Waggoner Shannon Waggoner, as distributee in Estate of Greta Waggoner & as distributee in the Estate of Arthur Waggoner, post deceased husband of Greta Waggoner Sharn Waggoner, as distributee in Estate of Greta Waggoner & as distributee in the Estate of Arthur Waggoner, post deceased husband of Greta Waggoner Donald Brown Jr., Torry Brown, Chastity Cook, Christopher Brown, Estate of Leslie Wilson, Donyae Wilson, Dawn Vencil, De'Arielle Wilson, Cassi Pendergrass, Dwayne Core, Mary Collins, Eve Francis Chandler, Estate of Helen McCord Forrest, Fred Earl McCord, Forsetta L. McCord, Jamika E. Davis, Estate of Herman Cole, Herman Cole, Jr., Sylvester W. Cole, King Cole, Corine Cole Nelson, Estate of Frank Cole III, Bernita Cole, Carlos Cole, Arnitra Cole, Marlon Cole, Catherine Cole, Annie Lois Heard, Shana Williams, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Lillie Irving, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and

cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested, a copy of this citation and account and all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian ad Litem, Christine Wallace, Esq., as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Lillie Irving, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 109-31 177th Street, Jamaica, NY 11433, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Lillie Irving, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 9th day of January, 2020 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$11,354.72 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 7th day of November, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation Clare Warnock Gerard J. Sweeney, Esq. 1981 Marcus Avenue, Ste 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 PH: 718 459 9000 Direct Dial: 516 888 9433 FAX: 718 459 3163
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: LA VEA STATIONERY LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/27/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY

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has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: La VEA Stationery LLC 85 E 43RD st., Apt. A1 Brooklyn, NY 11203. Purpose: all lawful activity
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File No.: 2017-1809/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: HRA-OLA-LRLU, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of JORGE REGUEIRO, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested a copy of this citation and account and all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, Imaan Moughal, Esq. as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of JORGE REGUEIRO, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of New Surfside Nursing Home, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of JORGE REGUEIRO, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 9th day of January, 2020 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$14,552.07 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim from NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$67,650.81 should not be paid; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship. Dated, Attested and Sealed 7th day of November, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County JAMES LIM BECKER Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718)

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459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation AJ; 11/15/22/29; 12/6

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MANA 2007-A1, Plaintiff, vs. FABIENNE NELSON, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 18, 2017, an Order Appointing a Substitute Referee to Sell filed on February 22, 2018, and an Ex Parte Order Extending Time to Set Sale filed on August 7, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 19, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 933 East 106th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8214 and Lot 28. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 19374/13. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 11/15/22/29; 12/6

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff AGAINST Ilda Clarke; Daniel Clarke; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 28, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on December 19, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1057 East 95th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8164 Lot 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$389,164.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 506396/2014. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: October 10, 2019
AJ; 11/15/22/29; 12/6

AP Auto Enterprises, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/23/19. County: Kings.

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Tradition.

Laban the Aramean



JONATHAN SACKS
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The events narrated in this week's parsha – Jacob's flight to Laban, his stay there, and his escape, pursued by his father-in-law – gave rise to the strangest passage in the Haggadah. Commenting on Deuteronomy 26:5, the passage we expound on Seder night, it says as follows:

Arami oved avi. Go and learn what Laban the Aramean sought to do to our father Jacob, for Pharaoh condemned only the boys to death, but Laban sought to uproot everything.

There are three problems with this text. First, it understands the words *arami oved avi* to mean, "[Laban] an Aramean [tried to] destroy my father." But this cannot be the plain sense of the verse because, as Ibn Ezra points out, *oved* is an intransitive verb. It cannot take an object. It means "lost," "wandering," "fugitive," "poor," "homeless," or "on the brink of perishing." The phrase therefore means something like, "My father was a wandering Aramean." The "father" referred to is either Jacob (Ibn Ezra, Sforno), or Abraham (Rashbam), or all the patriarchs (Shadal). As for the word Aram, this was the region from which Abraham set out to travel to Canaan, and to which Jacob fled to escape the anger



of Esau. The general sense of the phrase is that the patriarchs had no land and no permanent home. They were vulnerable. They were nomads. As for Laban, he *does not appear in the verse at all*, except by a very forced reading.

Secondly, there is no evidence that Laban the Aramean actually harmed Jacob. To the contrary, as he was pursuing Jacob (but before he caught up with him) it is written: "God appeared to Laban the Aramean in a dream by night and said to him, 'Beware of attempting anything with Jacob, good or bad'" (Gen. 31:24). Laban himself said to Jacob, "I have it in my power to do you harm; but the God of your father said to me last night, 'Beware of attempting anything with Jacob, good or bad.'" So *Laban did nothing to Jacob and his family*. He may have wanted to, but in the end he did not. Pharaoh, by contrast, did not merely contemplate doing evil to the Israelites; he actually did so, killing every male child and enslaving the entire population.

Third, and most fundamental:

the Seder night is dedicated to retelling the story of the Exodus. We are charged to remember it, engrave it on the hearts of our children, and "the more one tells of the coming out of Egypt, the more admirable it is." Why then diminish the miracle by saying in effect: "Egypt? That was nothing compared to Laban!"

All this is very strange indeed. Let me suggest an explanation. We have here a phrase with two quite different meanings, depending on the context in which we read it.

Originally the text of *Arami oved avi* had nothing to do with Pesach. It appears in the Torah as the text of the declaration to be said on bringing first-fruits to the Temple, which normally happened on Shavuot.

Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt... Then the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm... He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the first-fruits of the soil that You, Lord, have given me." (Deut. 26:5-10).

In the context of first-fruits, the literal translation, "My father was a wandering Aramean," makes eminent sense. The text is contrasting the past when the patriarchs were nomads, forced to wander from place to place, with the present when, thanks to God, the Israelites have a land of their own. The contrast is between homelessness and home. But that is specifically when we speak about first-fruits – the produce of the land.

At some stage, however, the passage was placed in another context, namely Pesach, the Seder and the story of the Exodus. The Mishnah specifies that it be read and expounded on Seder night. Almost certainly the reason is that same (relatively rare) verb *h-g-d*, from which the word Haggadah is derived, occurs both in connection with telling the story of Pesach (Ex. 13:8), and making the first-fruits declaration (Deut. 26:3).

This created a significant problem. The passage does indeed deal with going down to Egypt, being persecuted there, and being brought out by God. But what is the connection between "My father was a wandering/fugitive Aramean" and the Exodus? The patriarchs and matriarchs lived a nomadic life. But that was not the reason they went down to Egypt. They did so because there was a famine in the land, and because Joseph was viceroy. It had nothing to do with wandering.

The Sages, however, understood something deep about the narratives of the patriarchs and matriarchs. They formulated the principle that *ma'asei avot siman lebanim*, "What happened to the fathers was a sign for the children." They saw that certain passages in

Genesis could only be understood as a forerunner, a prefiguration, of later events.

The classic example occurs in Genesis 12 when, almost immediately after arriving in the land of Canaan, Abraham and Sarah were forced into exile in Egypt. Abraham's life was at risk. Sarah was taken into Pharaoh's harem. God then struck Pharaoh's household with plagues, and Pharaoh sent them away. The parallels between this and the story of the Exodus are obvious.

Something similar happened to Abraham and Sarah later on in Gerar (Gen. 20), as it did, also in Gerar, to Isaac and Rebecca (Genesis 26). But did Jacob undergo his own prefiguration of the exodus? He did, late in life, go down to Egypt with his family. But this was not in anticipation of the Exodus. It was the Exodus itself.

Earlier, in our parsha, he had gone into exile, but this was not because of famine. It was out of fear for Esau. Nor was it to a land of strangers. He was travelling to his mother's own family. Jacob seems to be the only one of the patriarchs not to live out, in advance, the experience of exile and exodus.

The Sages, however, realised otherwise. Living with Laban, he had lost his freedom. He had become, in effect, his father-in-law's slave. Eventually he had to escape, without letting Laban know he was going. He knew that, if he could, Laban would keep him in his household as a kind of prisoner.

In this respect, Jacob's experience was closer to the Exodus than that of Abraham or Isaac. No one stopped Abraham or Isaac from leaving. No one pursued them. And no one treated them badly. It was Jacob's experience in the house of Laban that was the sharpest prefiguration of the Exodus. "What happened to the fathers was a sign for the children."

But where does Laban come into the phrase, *Arami oved avi*, "A wandering Aramean was my father"? Answer: only Laban and Laban's father Betuel are called Arami or *ha-Arami* in the whole Torah. Therefore Arami means "Laban."

How do we know that he sought to do Jacob harm? Because God appeared to him at night and said "Beware of attempting anything with Jacob, good or bad." God would not have warned Laban against doing anything to Jacob, had Laban not intended to do so. God does not warn us against doing something we were not about to do anyway. Besides which, the next day, Laban said to Jacob, "I have it in my power to do you harm." That was a threat. It is clear that had God not warned him, he would indeed have done Jacob harm.

How can we read this into the verse? Because the root *a-v-d*, which means "lost, wandering," might also, in the *piel* or *hiphil* grammatical tenses, mean, "to destroy." Of course, Laban did not destroy "my father" or anyone else. But that was because of Divine intervention. Hence the phrase could be taken to mean, "[Laban] the Aramean [tried

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SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Thriftway, Attn: Alex Perchuk, 2116 Ave P, 2nd Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: any lawful act. AJ; 11/22/29; 12/6/13/20/27

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

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS INDEX NO. 503069/2019 REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff, Plaintiff designates KINGS as the place of trial situs of the real property vs. ENOS BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, BYRON BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, EVON BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, MELODY BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, CLIVE BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN 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; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE LINDEN GARDENS CONDOMINIUM, SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 250/260 LINDEN BOULEVARD, APARTMENT 4G BROOKLYN, NY 11226 District: Section: Block: 4868 Lot: 1030 "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

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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 \$600,000.00 and interest, recorded on August 12, 2009, at Instrument number CRFN 2009000252225, of the Public Records of KINGS County, New York, covering premises known as 250/260 LINDEN BOULEVARD, APARTMENT 4G BROOKLYN, NY 11226. 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. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Christina Bruderman, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675 AJ; 11/29; 12/6/13/20

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006- WMC2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2, Plaintiff AGAINST Sadaqat Choudhary a/k/a Sadaqat A. Choudhary; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 14, 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 9, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 7601 20th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11214. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 6240 Lot 10. Approximate amount of judgment \$732,600.13 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500807/2015. Jack Segal, 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 AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

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Tiffany Haddish singing 'Hava Nagilah' on 'The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon.' Photo: Screenshot.

Tiffany Haddish Performs 'Hava Nagila' on 'Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Comedian and actress Tiffany Haddish performed an impromptu version of the popular Hebrew song "Hava Nagila" on Sunday on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon."

Haddish, 39, was on the talk show promoting her new Netflix comedy special "Black Mitzvah" being released on her birthday, Tuesday, which is also the day she is throwing a bat mitzvah celebration for herself. She

discovered her Jewish roots at the age of 27 when she met her father, an Eritrean Jew.

After Fallon mentioned that Haddish's Netflix special opens with her being carried on stage in a chair by four men while she sings "Hava Nagila," he offered her a microphone and asked if she could sing the same tune on his show.

Haddish's rendition of the song made the audience go wild and at the end she added that the Jewish melody was one of her favorite songs.

IDF Humanitarian Aid Team Heads to Albania Following Earthquake

BY JNS.org

An Israel Defense Forces emergency humanitarian aid delegation has left for Albania following the 6.4-magnitude earthquake that devastated the country on Nov. 26, the IDF announced on Tuesday.

"We just dispatched an IDF humanitarian aid delegation to Albania following the devastating earthquake that took 50+ lives and left thousands injured," the military posted on the official IDF Twitter feed, adding the hashtag "#IDFinAlbania."

The Israeli team will join disaster experts from the United States, France, Italy, Greece, Romania, Turkey and Serbia.

The 10-member IDF team will focus on deter-

mining the structural soundness of the buildings still standing after the natural disaster, and is led by Israel's Home Front Command and supported by the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Authorities have estimated that 7,900 buildings have been damaged throughout Albania by the quake, with some 6,000 people having been left homeless. An estimated 1.9 million people have been affected by the quake.

Israel sent humanitarian aid teams to Haiti in 2010, Nepal in 2015, Mexico in 2017 and Brazil following the Minais Gerais dam collapse earlier this year.

Though Albania is a Muslim-majority country, it maintains good diplomatic relations with Israel, having established formal ties in 1991.

Tiffany Haddish Talks About Bat Mitzvah Party, Why Her Friends Should Study Torah

BY JNS.org

Tiffany Haddish's bat mitzvah celebration on Dec. 3—the same day her Netflix series "Black Mitzvah" will debut—is set to be a grand affair with lots of dancing and celebrity guests, she told the Hey Alma website.

The 39-year-old's party will include a grand entrance, candle-lighting ceremony, montage and "lots and lots of dancing," she said.

Her former colleagues, from when she worked as an MC at bar and bat mitzvahs, will celebrate with



Tiffany Haddish at 2018 MTV Movie & TV Awards. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

her, along with celebrities such as Sarah Silverman, Billy Crystal and Sinbad.

Haddish's Netflix special is also a celebration of her bat mitzvah. It opens with the comedian and actress being carried on stage in a chair by four men while she sings "Hava Nagila."

The "Girls Trip" star met her father, an Eritrean Jew, at the age of 27. She said she had already learned about the Torah while working the bar and bat mitzvah circuit, and after meeting her Jewish father decided to fully embrace her Jewish heritage.

"The main thing I hope that I take away from [my bat mitzvah] is that I inspire some of my friends to maybe study the Torah," she said. "Inspire my friends to, you know, dig a little more into their background and their history, and build more community and create conversation."

Haddish added, "I feel like more people should figure out who they really are. Find out your bloodline, what you are, study that and learn from that. I've learned so much; I've been studying the Torah, I've been learning Hebrew. I'm so excited about the opportunity to open other's eyes to the Torah and to the Jewish religion."

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to] destroy my father." This is how Rashi understands it.

What then are we to make of the phrase, "Pharaoh condemned only the boys to death, but Laban sought to uproot everything"? The answer is not that Laban sought to kill all the members of Jacob's family. Quite the opposite. He said to Jacob: "The women are my daughters, the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks. All you see is mine" (Gen. 31:43). Jacob had worked for some twenty years to earn his family and flocks. Yet Laban still claimed they were his own. Had God not intervened, he would have kept Jacob's entire family as prisoners. That is how he "sought to uproot everything" by denying them all the chance to go free.

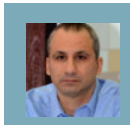
This interpretation of *Arami oved avi* is not the plain sense. But the plain sense related this passage to the bringing first-fruits. It was the genius of the Sages to give it

an interpretation that connected it with Pesach and the Exodus. And though it gives a far-fetched reading of the phrase, it gives a compelling interpretation to the entire narrative of Jacob in Laban's house. It tells us that the third of the patriarchs, whose descent to Egypt would actually begin the story of the Exodus, had himself undergone an exodus experience in his youth.

Ma'asei avot siman lebanim, "the act of the fathers are a sign to their children," tells us that what is happening now has happened before. That does not mean that danger is to be treated lightly. But it does mean that we should never despair. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their wives experienced exile and exodus as if to say to their descendants, this is not unknown territory. God was with us then; He will be with you now.

I believe that we can face the future without fear because we have been here before and because we are not alone.

You Can't Make Peace With Antisemites



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The time has come for Israel to stop willfully ignoring the phenomenon of Holocaust denial in the Arab world, and start fighting it. Dialogue and rapprochement cannot possibly start from a position of antisemitism and Holocaust denial.

In Israel, as well as in several Western countries, Holocaust denial is a criminal offense punishable by a prison sentence. In Arab countries, this is far from the case. In these countries, not only is the Holocaust not taught in schools, but its existence is actively denied — an act of harm directed at both Israel and the Jewish people in general.

In a particularly gruesome example, journalists and researchers in Jordan attended a conference on October 14 entitled "The Holocaust — The Biggest Lie in Modern History."

A video posted by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) exposed racist utterances by several of the panelists. The number of victims to perish in the concentration camps was stated as having been between 600,000 and 800,000, and only half of them, so it was ahistorically alleged, were Jews.

In another antisemitic trope, one panelist evoked the "destructive influence" of Jews in German society. It was suggested, despite the abundance of documented and readily accessible evidence, that nothing — no bodies, ashes, gas chambers, or anything else — has been found to support the premise that the Holocaust ever happened. Evoking Joseph Goebbels' famous quip that persistently repeating a big lie will eventually lead people to believe it, one panelist described

the (supposed) "Jewish version" of the Holocaust as, "Lie and lie again until you believe yourself."

This despicable conference could not have taken place without the approval of the Jordanian government, whose officials publicly and blatantly deny the Holocaust. Doing so is to falsify history and science, and reject facts and decades-long academic research. Events like this encourage Holocaust denial and spur antisemitism, which is on the rise throughout the Arab world and across the globe.

It was overwhelmingly clear that the purpose of the conference was to demonize Jews and delegitimize Israel by minimizing both the importance and scope of the Holocaust, which is misperceived by Arabs and their Western champions as the foremost justification for Israel's establishment. No one who supports such an event can be considered a real peace partner.

In a misguided effort to prioritize other matters, Israel has failed to expose and counter the growing phenomenon of Holocaust denial in the Arab world in general and the Palestinian Authority in particular — not least since Mahmoud Abbas blatantly expressed such denial in his Soviet-written doctoral dissertation and attendant book. The time has come to stop ignoring this phenomenon and start fighting it. Dialogue and rapprochement cannot possibly start from a position of antisemitism and Holocaust denial.

Dr. Edy Cohen is a researcher at the BESA Center and author of the book The Holocaust in the Eyes of Mahmoud Abbas (Hebrew).

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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

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that I just read in the Guardian that 84% of British Jews believe Labour is antisemitic, 87% that Corbyn is antisemitic, and 93% won't vote Labour."

Another Washington-based journalist, Melissa Braunstein, tweeted, "In the midst of reporting on British Labour's raging #antisemitism problem, @nytimes tries to discredit Rabbi Mirvis as a #Jewish spokesman and find the super-minority of Jews who don't think Labour's a problem. This is offensively bad."

In earlier recent coverage of the same topic, the *Times* pathetically tried to explain away Labour's antisemitism by claiming, "Some of Mr. Corbyn's supporters also stridently oppose Israel, occasionally resorting to anti-Semitic tropes to make their points."

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

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Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 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 AJ; 12/6/13/20/27