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An IAEA inspector at an Iranian nuclear facility. Photo: IAEA.

Jersey City Kosher Market Shooters Were Carrying Devastating Bomb

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Anderson fired an AR-15-style weapon and Graham was armed with a 12-gauge shotgun as they entered the store, officials said. A 9mm Glock and 9mm semi-automatic firearm were recovered inside the market, and a .22-caliber gun equipped with a homemade silencer was found inside the assailants' vehicle.

The four-hour gun battle at the JC Kosher Supermarket erupted after the assailants shot police officer Joseph Seals at a nearby cemetery and then fled in a white van. It ended after police crashed an armored vehicle through the wall of the market.



Police officers and local residents near the scene of the Dec. 10 attack on a kosher supermarket in Jersey City, NJ.

Photo: Reuters / Lloyd Mitchell.

The three civilian victims inside the market were co-owner Mindy Ferencz, 31, Douglas Miguel Rodriguez, 49, and Moshe Deutsch, 24.

An FBI investigation including a review of their internet search history showed they had run a Google search prior to the attack for "Bayonne Jewish Community Center," about three miles from the kosher market, said Matthew Reilly, a spokesman for Craig Carpenito, US Attorney for the Northern District of New Jersey.

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BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Senior law enforcement officials in New Jersey on Monday disclosed that the bomb discovered in the van of the two individuals who carried out an antisemitic massacre in Jersey City on Dec. 10 would have caused dozens more deaths had it been detonated.

According to the US Attorney's office and the local FBI in the state, the bomb found in the van of the two shooters — David Anderson, 47, and Francine Graham, 50 — was powerful enough to explode the length of five football fields, about 500 yards.

Anderson and Graham were killed by police in an exchange of fire after they fatally shot a police officer and then three civilians in a kosher market in Jersey City.

Authorities also disclosed that enough material to make a second bomb was found in the couples' van.

Britain, France and Germany will trigger the dispute resolution mechanism in the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, two European diplomats said on Tuesday, the biggest step the Europeans have taken in response as Tehran has backed off nuclear commitments.

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Opinion.

Oppose Iran Sanctions, but Support BDS Against Israel?



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The rising tide of Jew-hatred that is sweeping around the globe is no laughing matter. So the idea of having a vote to determine who is the "Antisemite of the Year" may strike some as more of a publicity stunt than a sober attempt to deal with the problem. But whatever one may think of such a dubious label or whether it treats the subject with the requisite seriousness, the point of the internet vote in which thousands took part was to call attention to the plague of antisemitism and how it is being legitimized. More to the point, it turned out that within days of the announcement, the "winner" of the title justified the choice with a statement that helped illustrate the way anti-Zionism is just another form of antisemitism.

The effort was sponsored by StopAntisemitism.org, which also recently published "The New Anti-Semites," an authoritative report on the way the BDS movement is steeped in hatred of Jews, as well as the way its left-wing supporters receive vocal support from the far-right. And the result of the poll was in keeping with that theme. Though she had steep competition from the Nation of Islam's Louis Farrakhan, Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, and white supremacist Richard Spencer, the person who received the most

votes was Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN).

In a year in which armed white supremacists have attacked synagogues killing and wounding Jews at prayer, and in which thugs have turned violent attacks on ultra-Orthodox Jews in the greater New York area a near daily occurrence, does Omar deserve the title?

You can make a good argument that, like the other publicity hounds that make "the Squad" of left-wing members of Congress, especially Reps. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Omar has been given far too much attention by the national press. Yet it's hard to ignore a member of Congress with 1.8 million Twitter followers that spews antisemitic invective about Jews having dual loyalty and buying Congress to support Israel. Even harder to ignore is that fact that Omar and her allies were, despite their humble status on Capitol Hill as insignificant Congressional freshmen, powerful enough to force House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to back off from efforts to censor Omar for her public antisemitism. And it can also be asserted that she and her colleagues have helped set the agenda for their party on issues like the Green New Deal, even if most House Democrats remain supportive of Israel rather than backers of BDS, as is the case with Omar and Tlaib.

Still, Omar deserves credit this week for illustrating not merely the hypocrisy of BDS, but how it treats Israel differently from other countries.

Omar was not alone in deploring President Donald Trump's order to have the US military kill Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard

Corps. The IRGC runs Tehran's activities as the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, and was responsible not only for torturing and killing Iranians who protested the regime, but also many thousands more in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen. And, of course, they commanded attacks on Jews and Israelis. Omar also decried the president's announcement that the United States would step up economic sanctions against Iran, which aim to force the rogue regime to give up its nuclear program, and cease its terrorism and illegal missile production.

She tweeted: "This makes no sense. Sanctions are economic warfare."

That's actually true. Restrictions on commerce with Iran are a way, short of an actual shooting war, for the United States to hold the theocratic regime accountable for its behavior. And if you think such tactics are unfair and can, as Omar also asserted, cause hardships for those being sanctioned, then it is possible to argue that the United States should never employ the strategy for fear of causing hardship to the Iranian people.

Omar, however, doesn't oppose all sanctions. She has repeatedly endorsed the BDS movement against Israel. She thinks the one Jewish state on the planet, which happens to be the only democracy in the Middle East, as well as the only nation in the region where all faiths may freely be observed and respected, should be subjected to the same kind of economic warfare.

Contrary to the claims of some of its apologists, the purpose of BDS is not to pressure Israel's government to change its policies. As

the founders of the movement and its leading advocates in the United States have repeatedly made clear, its goal is to eliminate Israel.

So if you support BDS against Israel but oppose sanctions against Iran — a brutal theocracy that oppresses its own people, seeks to impose its brand of Islamist tyranny on others via terrorism, and is dedicated to the goal of destroying Israel — then you are not merely being hypocritical. Singling out Jews for treatment that you think not even one of the worst governments on earth deserves is a form of bias that is indistinguishable from antisemitism.

While the designation of Omar as "Antisemite of the Year" was ignored by most people, her willingness to oppose sanctions on Iran while advocating them against Israel is something that should cause other House members to shun both the Congresswoman and fellow BDS supporter Tlaib as purveyors of hate. Instead, they continue to be treated as not merely respectable members of Congress, but also lauded by much of the media and pop-culture outlets as minority role models and opinion leaders.

Ilhan Omar may not have committed murder, but by helping to legitimize the kind of double standards and biases that define antisemitism, she is deserving of the same sort of opprobrium dished out to other extremists. The failure of the media to do so is an illustration of how Jew-hatred has sadly become mainstreamed.

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Why Does Europe Continue to Appease Iran?



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The American drone strike that killed the Iranian terror master Qassem Soleimani is without any doubt the biggest win against terrorism for the United States. That includes killing both Osama bin Laden and Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Iran's Soleimani was instrumental in so many terror operations around the world in the past 25 years. While the West should have been ecstatic at the passing of a man that had directly and indirectly killed hundreds of thousands of people, including during the Syrian war, Europe's overall reaction was one of criticism of its American ally. In contrast, when Iran struck bases in Iraq used by American forces in response, the reaction in Europe was much more timid. First, it is important to note that the Iranian regime has been at war with the West since it came to power in 1979, and that countries such as France and the United Kingdom have directly suffered casualties at the hands of Tehran. After swallowing 40 years of terror attacks without any real retaliation from the West, the American strike against Soleimani was the first answer.

To put things in perspective, Soleimani had been on the target list of not only Americans, French, and Israelis, but also the British. In 2007, the British SAS planned to assassinate him during the Iraq War, when he was identi-

fied as the man running the campaign against British troops in Basra. The plans were stopped by a personal intervention from Labor Foreign Secretary David Miliband, who was afraid of the unintended consequences in the region.

Despite the pedigree and CV of terror master Soleimani, reading and listening to some political leaders in Europe — and for that matter, some Democrats in the United States — one has the impression that a regular politician had been killed. The moral stance of those leaders is despicable when one knows how instrumental Soleimani was in helping Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad kill 500,000 of his own people. For proof, spineless European Council President Charles Michel said the "cycle of violence, provocations, and retaliations which we have witnessed in #Iraq over the past few weeks has to stop," putting on the same level terror attacks from Iran's proxies in Iraq and the US killing of Soleimani.

The Iranian lobby seems to be quite effective in Brussels. Indeed, three EU "foreign ministers" have been pro-Iranian regime:



Supporters of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) protest as European Union foreign ministers attend an emergency meeting in Brussels, Belgium, January 10, 2020.
Photo: REUTERS/Francois Lenoir.

Catherine Ashton, the Tehran-loving Federica Mogherini, and now the Spanish Socialist Josep Borell, who is well-known for his close connections to Tehran.

Time and again, the EU has chosen a rogue regime with European blood on its hands over a long-time steady ally.

Here is Tehran's track record in just the past few months: it attacked oil tankers in the UAE, seized a British tanker in the Strait of Hormuz, attacked Saudi Aramco oil facilities, kidnapped more Western nationals, killed hundreds of protesters in Iraq, killed its own people during the recent November demonstrations, shot down a US drone, killed an American contractor, and helped storm the American embassy in Iraq.

What did Europe's diplomacy do to sanction Iran for its nefarious actions? Nothing.

They actually rewarded Iran. The E-3 (France, Germany, and the UK) decided last year to set up a mechanism, called INSTEX, to circumvent the US sanctions on Iran. Germany has historically had excellent relations not only with Iran, but also with its Lebanese terror proxy Hezbollah. Germany has been very tolerant about illegal Hezbollah activities in the country, and in some areas of Berlin, it is not rare to see Hezbollah flags proudly displayed outside homes.

Europe has witnessed some of Iran's most aggressive action in the past two years. Iran has tried to carry out terror attacks in France, the Netherlands, and Denmark. The most sophisticated attack, which was foiled by European

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World News.

Iran Says It Has Made Arrests Over Plane Disaster as Protests Rage On

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Iran said on Tuesday it had arrested people accused of a role in shooting down a Ukrainian airliner and had also detained 30 people involved in protests that have swept the nation for four days since the military belatedly admitted its error.

Wednesday's shooting down of Ukraine International Airlines flight 752, killing all 176 people aboard, has led to one of the biggest public challenges to the Islamic Republic's clerical rulers since they took power four decades ago.

In a step that will increase diplomatic pressure, Britain, France and Germany launched a dispute mechanism to challenge Iran for breaching limits on its nuclear program under an agreement which Washington abandoned in 2018.

Since the United States killed Iran's most powerful military commander in a drone strike on Jan. 3, Tehran has faced escalating confrontation with the West and unrest at home, both reaching levels with little precedent in its modern history.

Iran shot down the airliner on Wednesday when its military was on high alert, hours after it had fired missiles at US targets in Iraq. After days of denying a role in the air crash, it admitted it on Saturday, calling it a tragic mistake.

Protesters, many of them students, have held daily demonstrations since then, chanting "Clerics get lost!" and calling for the removal of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, in power for more than 30 years.

Police have responded to some protests with a violent crackdown, video posts on social media showed. Footage showed police beating protesters with batons, wounded people being carried, pools of blood on the streets and the sound of gunfire.

Iran's police denied firing at protesters. The judiciary said 30 people had been detained in the unrest but said the authorities would show tolerance toward "legal protests."

"Where is justice?"

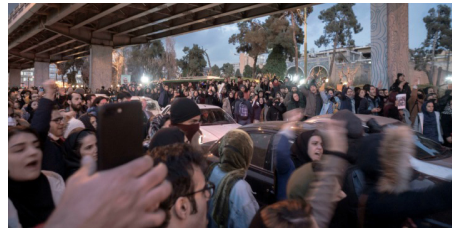
Video posts on Tuesday showed scores gathered peacefully at two Tehran universities. "Where is justice?" one group chanted.

The extent of the unrest is difficult to assess because of limits on independent reporting. Demonstrations tend to gather momentum later in the day and clashes have been at night.

President Hassan Rouhani promised a thorough investigation into the "unforgivable error" of shooting down the plane. He spoke in a television address on Tuesday, the latest in a series of apologies from a leadership that rarely admits mistakes.

Judiciary spokesman Gholamhossein Esmaili said some of those accused of having a role in the plane disaster had been arrested, although he did not say how many or identify them.

Most of those on board the flight were Iranians or dual nationals. Canada, Ukraine,



Protesters demonstrate in Tehran, Iran, Jan. 11, 2020, in this picture obtained from social media by Reuters.

Britain and other nations who had citizens on the plane have scheduled a meeting on Thursday in London to consider legal action against Tehran.

The disaster and subsequent unrest comes amid one of the biggest escalations between Tehran and Washington since 1979.

Missiles launched at a US base in Iraq killed an American contractor in December, an attack Washington blamed on an Iran-backed group. Confrontation eventually led to the US drone strike on Jan. 3 that killed Qassem Soleimani, architect of Iran's regional network of proxy militias.

Iran's government was already reeling from the reimposition of sanctions by the United States, which quit an agreement with world powers under which Tehran would secure sanctions relief in return for scaling back its nuclear program.

Seeking compliance

Since Washington withdrew, Tehran has stepped back from its nuclear commitments and has said it would no longer recognize limits on enriching uranium. After months of threatening to act, European signatories to the deal, France, Britain and Germany, activated the agreement's dispute mechanism on Tuesday.

The European Union's top diplomat said the European move aimed to bring Tehran bank to compliance, not impose sanctions.

Iran's leaders have been facing a powerful combination of pressure both at home and abroad.

Just two months ago, Iran's authorities put down anti-government protests, killing hundreds of demonstrators in what is believed to be the most violent crackdown on unrest since the 1979 revolution.

Elsewhere in the Middle East, where Iran has wielded influence through a network of allied movements and proxies, governments that include powerful Iran-sponsored armed factions have faced months of hostile demonstrations in Lebanon and Iraq.

Iran's president said in his address that those responsible for shooting down the plane would be punished, describing the military's admission of its mistake "a good first step."

Rouhani also said the government would be accountable to Iranians and those nations who lost citizens. Iranian state television said aviation officials from Canada, which had 57 citizens on the doomed flight, as well as from Iran and Ukraine, met in Tehran on Tuesday to discuss the investigation.

The investigation uncovered social media posts by Anderson in which he called Jewish people "imposters" (sic) who "inhabited synagogues of Satan," Reilly said.

First Herbalist Conference in Israel Comes Under BDS Attack



Logo of Ancient Roots Israel. Photo: Ancient Roots Israel.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

An inaugural Israeli conference for herbalists has come under pressure from supporters of the Palestinian-led boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign, though organizers plan to continue with the gathering and raise awareness of plant medicine.

Betina Thorball — a volunteer organizer of the Ancient Roots Herbal Conference, planned for Feb. 9-11 near the Sea of Galilee — said the event had initially attracted 11 speakers and aimed to accommodate some 50 attendees. It was a grassroots effort, she said, brought forward with no organizational affiliation or financial support. Yet the planned gathering drew the ire of BDS supporters earlier this month, prompting a backlash that saw two speakers back out of their commitment, and the president of the American Herbalists Guild (AHG) — who previously recorded a congratulatory video message for the conference — withdraw her support, according to organizers.

The boycott calls were led in part by Shabina Laffleur-Gangji, a self-professed BDS supporter and AHG staff member who was recently appointed as the new editor of the *Journal of the American Herbalists Guild*.

In a Facebook post on Jan. 3, Laffleur-Gangji complained that the conference "had no Palestinian or Muslim speakers included in their line up," and included a speaker who made offensive comments about Palestinians.

"We decided something needed to happen and reached out to the herbalists involved," who then "made the decision to retract their support for the conference in solidarity with folks in living under the brutal force of Israeli apartheid," she added.

Ancient Roots organizers said boycott advocates targeted some of their speakers and supporters with "serious harassment endangering their work and livelihood by a campaign that is fostering the politics of division."

On its website, Ancient Roots said it "respects political diversity," but believes political "discussions should take place in other forums and not in the context of an herbal conference."

Sara-Chana Silverstein, a lactation consultant and AHG member who plans to speak at the Israeli conference, raised concerns over whether Laffleur-Gangji's

backing of BDS would impact her editorial work and engagement with Israeli herbalists.

"We can't stand quiet," she said. "Because then it will happen to the [physical therapists], to the [occupational therapists], to the speech therapists."

"What if we wanted to organize a conference on Down syndrome children ... in Israel," asked Silverstein, who recently published the herbalist guide *Moodtopia*. "We can't let BDS stop that conference. That's not okay."

Thorball, who helped plan the Ancient Roots gathering, told *The Algemeiner* that it "was about trying to start something like this in Israel and [seeing] where it takes us."

"Announcing this to our respective networks, several speakers came forward, others were asked directly, and yes there were speakers of Arab ethnicity amongst them," she said. One of the confirmed speakers is of Moroccan-Jewish heritage, and while an Arab and a Druze speaker were also considered, one could not participate due to scheduling conflicts in one case, and logistics in the other, she said.

Following the withdrawals, organizers were pressed to find new speakers on short notice, "but some qualified people came forward and offered and we gratefully accepted," Thorball added.

The controversy still took its toll on the conference, she noted, as organizers spent their time on "damage control to our event and we could no longer engage in marketing to the local communities."

While ticket sales have declined amid a lack of promotion, organizers said they received a couple of ticket requests this Monday.

AHG and Laffleur-Gangji did not immediately respond to requests for comments.

BDS advocates have previously targeted gatherings in Israel for boycott and cancellation, saying they help normalize the country and ignore violations against Palestinians. The campaign says it aims to address the perceived injustice of Israel's founding in 1948, and has been criticized as antisemitic by major Jewish communal groups in the United States and globally. The co-founder of the boycott movement, Omar Barghouti, has endorsed "armed resistance" against Israel and rejects the state's continued existence, saying Jewish people do not have the right to self-determination in the Levant.

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"They were targeting Jewish people and also law enforcement," Reilly said on Monday.

World News.



A worker tends to systems in the back of a Mobileye autonomous driving test vehicle, at the Mobileye headquarters in Jerusalem, May 15, 2018. Picture taken May 15, 2018. Photo: REUTERS/Ronen Zvulun.

In the Race for Autonomous Vehicles, Israel's Mobileye Looks to China

BY LILACH BAUMER/CTech

For automotive chip developer Mobileye, the road to private autonomous vehicles goes through becoming a MaaS (mobility as a service) company with its robotaxi ventures, according to CEO and co-founder Amnon Shashua.

In 2015, Tesla founder and CEO Elon Musk forecasted autonomous vehicles would hit the roads by 2018. In late 2017, shortly after chipmaker Intel bought Mobileye for \$15.3 billion as a way to get a leg-up in the autonomous vehicle race, Shashua put the timeline at 2021. But earlier estimates have since been pushed back, and major industry players have acknowledged that the technology and its adoption may take longer to materialize. Ford took a step back last year, shifting focus to level 4 and semi-autonomous vehicles. Carlos Tavares, the head of the PSA Group, said in February 2019 that the consumer autonomous vehicle revolution may never happen due to the cost of the technology, and in September, Morgan Stanley cut its valuation for Alphabet's Waymo, stating the technology is taking longer to develop than expected.

For Mobileye, the change came in 2018. Back then, the company realized three factors were acting as a barrier for the widespread adoption of consumer autonomous vehicles: the cost of developing the technology, the lack of appropriate infrastructure, and the slow work of the regulators. Robotaxis, according to Shashua, are the answer: a fleet operator will bear the initial costs of the technology better, and the service will be easier for authorities to regulate and adapt to. "In terms of cost per kilometer for users," Shashua told Calcalist last week, "our data shows that ride-sharing robotaxis will not cost more than public transportation, which is subsidized by the state."

Last week, at a press conference held at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) 2020 in Las Vegas, Shashua announced a new autonomous taxi venture in partnership with South Korean city Daegu. The project, for which Mobileye will supply the technology, joins three others the company is currently developing: one in Tel Aviv with Volkswagen and Champion Motors, one in Paris with state-owned public transportation operator RATP Group, also known as the Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens, and one in China, with Chinese electric auto manufacturer NIO.

Mobileye usually looks for a technological partner, like RATP, Shashua said, but Daegu was willing to put down significant funding for the opportunity to host robotaxis. It is the recently announced NIO partnership, however, that

has Mobileye's co-founder particularly enthusiastic. Last year at CES, Mobileye announced a partnership with the Beijing Public Transport Corporation and Beijing Beytai, a company providing system integration, big data processing, and analysis, to commercially deploy autonomous public transport services in China. That collaboration has yet to take off, Shashua said. Now, it is NIO that will provide Mobileye with a gateway into China.

As part of their collaboration, NIO vehicles will be mapping the Asian nation for Mobileye's high-definition maps, a necessity for both robotaxis and autonomous vehicles. But more than that, the company will be integrating Mobileye's self-driving system — its silicone, hardware, and sensors — into its vehicles, Shashua said. "That means that in 2022, a person buying a NIO vehicle in China will be buying a car capable of changing into an autonomous vehicle at the push of a button." This holds true for Mobileye as well, enabling the company to buy ready-made vehicles for its fleets instead of retrofitting vehicles with its technology.

As Mobileye has stated several times in the past, 2022 is the planned timeline for the commercial deployment of the first few thousand robotaxis across Mobileye's various collaborations. But in China, Shashua said, 2022 could signal the start of consumer autonomous vehicle sales, three years ahead of the rest of the world, which is not expected to reach that point before 2025, according to Mobileye's current timeline.

"China announced that electric vehicles are going to be the standard as of 2025," Shashua said. "They announced autonomous vehicles are a very important direction. It is a very significant territory with very advanced regulation," he added. According to Shashua, China is the first country to adopt a standard based on Mobileye's RSS (responsibility sensitive safety) model, released two years ago, which aims to advance a global autonomous vehicle safety standard. "China is a very important territory for us," Shashua said.

But while China may be getting its consumer autonomous vehicles soon, the rest of the world might have to wait a bit longer, and settle for robotaxis in the meanwhile. Mobileye is planning to add robotaxi ventures in six additional cities in the next few years. That will enable Mobileye to adapt its technology not just to different driving cultures, but to different regulation standards as well, Shashua said. Regulation is the bottleneck for autonomous vehicle adoption, and Mobileye is working with many regulators to advance its integration, he said. "The more places we have succeeded

Netanyahu Sends Letter to Israeli-American Woman Imprisoned in Russia

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently sent a personal letter to a young Israeli-American woman imprisoned in Russia, pledging that he would be "with you always, until your release and after."

Naama Issachar, 26, was arrested at a Moscow airport in April after a small amount of cannabis was discovered in her luggage. She was convicted of drug smuggling, a charge she denies, and given seven years in prison. It is widely believed that political motives are behind the heavy sentence, and a campaign is underway to free her.

In his letter, which was posted to his Twitter account on Monday, Netanyahu said he was writing "in the name of the entire people" of Israel.

"The citizens of the nation are thinking of you, and they are showing immense interest in every bit of information on your wellbeing," he assured Issachar.

"Now and forever, our people has been characterized by mutual responsibility," Netanyahu wrote. "We don't abandon anyone to their fate, and this is how it is in your case."

"The State of Israel and I are investing



Protesters call for the release of Naama Issachar, an Israeli-American woman imprisoned in Russia on drug charges, at Habima Square in Tel Aviv, Oct. 19, 2019. Photo: Tomer Neuberg / Flash90.

constant efforts to bring about your release," he assured Issachar. "We are in contact with your family, and in every conversation, we emphasize our responsibility to bring you home as soon as possible."

"We all send you strength to deal with the difficult challenge that has been imposed on you; we all send you our great love; and we are all united in the expectation of seeing you in Israel soon," Netanyahu said.

Handwritten at the end of the letter, Netanyahu wrote, "With you always, until your release and after."

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Appease Iran

security services, was a 2018 plot to bomb a huge rally near Paris organized by the MeK, the largest exiled Iranian opposition group.

Worsening French-Iranian relations after this foiled attack caused French authorities to fear a redux of the 1985-86 Iran-led terror campaign in France. This pushed French President Emmanuel Macron to defuse the tension by having a much more lenient foreign policy vis-à-vis Iran. Thus, France, which had been leading the global anti-Iran front since the 1980s, began bending backwards last year to please Iran. For instance, Macron instructed French secret services to tone down their criticism of Iran, especially regarding the state terrorism accusations. He also proposed offering Iran a \$15 billion line of credit in September if it returned to the fold. While France tried to placate Iran, Tehran decided to take two French citizens hostage.

The tool of kidnapping Western citizens is something of a trademark for the rogue regime in Tehran: at least 14 foreign and dual nationals, especially French and British, are known to be detained in Iran. Europe has historically given in to the Iranian regime's demands in order to get their citizens freed. Recently, Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif confirmed that the UK offered the release of £400m "owed" to Iran from a decades-old deal in return for Tehran freeing British-Iranian charity worker Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe.

The UK has been the main European target of Iranian nefarious acts along with France. This should not be a surprise, since in 2016, Iran's supreme leader said, "For centuries, Britain has always been the source of wickedness and evil among nations of our region. The strikes that these Britons have blown against the lives of our neighbors are

incomparable to others."

So Iran conducted an aggressive campaign against the UK, not only by kidnapping citizens, but also by conducting a brutal cyberattack on the British Parliament in 2017 that hit dozens of MPs and 9,000 email accounts, including that of then-Prime Minister Theresa May.

After the UK bravely placed Iran's most potent terror proxy, Hezbollah, on its terror organizations list last year, including both the political and military wings, a mind-boggling story came out. The British government covered up its 2015 discovery of a Hezbollah bomb factory near London. Reportedly, the discovery was covered up to avoid shedding a bad light on Iran after the nuclear deal was signed.

One of the main reasons for Europe to be very timid with Iran is concern that Iran could carry out, through its proxies, a major terror campaign on the continent. This argument is not taken lightly in European capitals, especially since Iran called last year for Europe to normalize trade ties with the Islamic Republic despite US sanctions or face "consequences."

While continental Europe has been appeasing Iran, as we saw after the killing of terror master Soleimani, the UK is showing some signs of rebellion. Indeed, in a very British understated way, Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he "will not lament" the death of Iran's top general, who "posed a threat to all our interests," and warned the Iranians not to attempt "retaliation or reprisals" against America.

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with the regulation, the more locations will be encouraged to take on autonomous vehicles in their territories," he said.

Shashua credits Mobileye's pivot to Intel. "We dare a lot more now that we have a parent

behind us," he said. "MaaS, getting into service, for example, is not something Mobileye would have dared do."

The author was a guest of Intel subsidiary Mobileye at CES.

U.S. News.

New York Private School Fires Teacher for Anti-Israel Posts, Obscene Gesture at Rabbis

BY JNS.org

Fieldston, an elite New York educational institution already criticized for failing to address growing antisemitism on its campus, has fired a teacher for anti-Israel social-media posts and making an obscene gesture at guest speakers during a school assembly.

History teacher JB Brager, who is Jewish, accused Israel of exemplifying “ethno-nationalist settler colonialism” in response to Fieldston inviting two pro-Israel rabbis, Ammiel Hirsch and Joshua Davidson, in the aftermath of the school receiving backlash over inviting Columbia University Law School adjunct Kayum Ahmed, who told students at an assembly on Nov. 21 that “Jews who suffered in the Holocaust and established the State of Israel today—they perpetuate violence against Palestinians that [is] unthinkable.”

“For a school assembly on antisemitism, SURE GO AHEAD and invite two white men who run Reform congrega-



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

tions, both of whom are Zionists, one that wrote that the ‘most insidious strain [of American antisemitism] is that of anti-Zionist intersectionality [on the far-left],’ said Brager, who also tweeted that Zionists weren’t welcome at her birthday party.

In a statement to the New York Post, Fieldston said it “does not comment on personnel matters. We can reaffirm, however, that the school does not tolerate hurtful, offensive or exclusionary content or comments from any member of the community.”

“Students, parents, employees and other members of our community all face consequences for misbehavior of this nature,” added the school.

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Trigger

In one of the strongest calls yet from Europe for a new agreement to replace the 2015 deal that Washington abandoned two years ago, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the way forward was to agree a new “Trump deal.”

Washington’s European allies have tried to keep the nuclear agreement from collapsing since President Donald Trump pulled the United States out of it in 2018. Under the agreement, international sanctions against Iran were lifted in return for Tehran agreeing to curbs on its nuclear program.

But Washington has reimposed sanctions, denying Iran most of the economic benefits. Iran has responded by gradually exceeding many of the limitations it had signed up to in the deal. This month it said it would abandon limits on its production of enriched uranium, a step the Europeans said was likely to force them to respond.

The European diplomats said Britain, France and Germany would notify the European Union later on Tuesday that they were triggering the dispute resolution mechanism.

Under the mechanism outlined in the deal, the EU would then inform the other parties — Russia and China as well as Iran itself. There would then be 15 days to resolve the differences, a deadline which can be extended by consensus.

The process can ultimately lead to a “snapback” — the reimposition of sanctions in place under previous U.N. resolutions.

Credibility

“At one point we have to show our credibility,” said one of the European diplomats. The second diplomat said: “Our intention is not to restore sanctions, but to resolve our differences through the very mechanism that was created in the deal.”

Washington’s exit from the nuclear pact, and the severe economic distress caused by the American sanctions that

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followed, have fed one of the biggest escalations in hostility between the US and Iran since Iran’s 1979 Islamic Revolution.

That has accelerated sharply since Jan. 3, when the US killed the most powerful Iranian military commander, Qassem Soleimani, in a drone strike in Baghdad.

On Jan. 8, Iran accidentally shot down a Ukrainian airliner while its forces were on high alert following strikes on US targets. After days of denials, the Iranian authorities acknowledged responsibility for the crash, and have since faced days of anti-government demonstrations at home.

Trump says his aim in quitting the nuclear deal was to force Iran to sign up to a more stringent pact. Tehran says it will not renegotiate as

long as US sanctions are in place.

Britain’s Johnson, a conservative who has pitched himself as an ally of Trump who can help bridge the diplomatic gap between the United States and Europe, said he wanted to avoid a military conflict with Iran.

“Let’s dial this thing down,” he said in an interview with the BBC.

On the deal, he said: “If we’re going to get rid of it, let’s replace it and let’s replace it with the Trump deal... President Trump is a great dealmaker, by his own account. Let’s work together to replace the JCPOA and get the Trump deal instead.”

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Opinion.

Defending Bret Stephens

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The rising myth of “Jewish privilege” deprives Jews of the right to victimhood. Now, a recent controversy in the American Jewish community — the one surrounding New York Times star columnist and top Jewish advocate Bret Stephens — would deprive the Jews of even feeling pride.

Earlier this month, I attended the #NoHateNoFear March across New York’s Brooklyn Bridge. The march was vital as Jews in America are murdered, stabbed, verbally attacked, and physically assaulted in incidents becoming almost routine. The crime each time: being a Jew.

But that wasn’t the only reason I decided to attend the march. I went also because I wanted to validate the feelings of American Jews and tell them that they too can be victims of rampant, baseless, and violent hatred.

It’s a point that must be made in the strongest terms, if only because so many Americans continue to believe that Jews can’t be victims of anything at all. Jews, on the contrary, are torn from their victimhood and paraded on its opposite — the pedestal of “privilege.” Jews are not privileged. Any material success they’ve achieved has come against often insurmountable obstacles.

As a matter of fact, Jews are the smallest and most vulnerable minority in America today.

There are only five million Jews in the United States, less than 2% of the total population. Still, based on the 2018 FBI hate crime index, Jews are three times more likely to experience a reported hate crime than African-Americans.

If antisemitism is America’s most potent hatred, how could it be the most ignored?

The Bret Stephens controversy offers

precious insight.

In a recent column in the Times, “The Secrets of Jewish Genius,” Bret offered some observations and an explanation for this phenomenon. While his explanation is agreeable — he claims “it’s about thinking different” — one of his observations was not: he quoted from a study where Jews of Ashkenazi origin scored highly on a standardized test distributed among individuals of different groups. One of the men behind that study promoted eugenics and espoused racist views.

I am personally and strongly opposed to the argument that Jews are successful because they are smarter (a claim that Bret did not make), and I’m generally opposed to arguments about IQ. When I served as rabbi at Oxford University during the 1990s, a controversial best-selling book was published called *The Bell Curve* by two Jewish authors that made a similar assertion that Ashkenazi Jews have the highest IQs. I vigorously protested the book in published essays at the time not only because I am half Ashkenazi and half Sephardic, but because, as I said at the time, I believe the mind is a muscle.

The more we exercise the mind, the smarter we become, like any other corporal faculty. The less we exercise our brains, the duller our minds become. I believe passionately that education improves our mental faculty, just as good nutrition improves our physical faculties. To the extent that we Jews are perceived as smart, it’s because of our emphasis on textual study and education. And to the extent that Jews are successful, it’s not because of any superiority in IQ, but because of our unique values, like rejecting aristocracy in favor of a meritocracy, and an emphasis on spiritual struggle rather than perfection, with its accompanying acceptance of failure as a path to growth.

Studies that conclude that our genes account for our achievements contravene core Jewish values about the equality of humankind. Indeed, Bret agreed with this argument

and quoted the IQ study not to support its conclusions but only to note that Ashkenazi Jews once tested well in something academic.

Ironically, if there is indeed a secret to Jewish genius, it’s precisely that Jews don’t believe the brain is an Operating System you download from your parents. Besides the situations and environments that get in the way, known as “nurture,” there are also the decisions that we make. And we also achieve things by setting values.

If you decide to value family now, your future will be one of family happiness. If you decide to work hard now, your future will be one of prosperity. If you decide to quit smoking, your future will be one of greater health. It doesn’t always work, but it’s more accurate than soothsayers or astrologers, whether in ancient Egypt or *The New York Times*.

But the point is that, applied to the brain, the same holds true: if you decide to invest in your mind — an area which the Jews have continually emphasized — your future might just be one of high test scores and Nobel prizes, not because of any IQ superiority but because the mind-as-muscle will have had significant exercise.

Jews know intelligence has nothing to do with the mental set they are born with. They could work their mind like a muscle in a gym called Torah — and if not that, then in physics, mathematics, economics, or just plain old life.

We know Bret himself understood this from how beautifully he phrased it: “What makes Jews special is that they aren’t. They are representational.”

The fact that so many jumped to condemn Bret — especially from within the Jewish community — shows how uncomfortable Jews are made to feel for taking pride in their national achievements. It shouldn’t be troublesome to argue that 3,000 years of national journeying have taught the Jews a thing or two.

Let me be clear that I disagree passionately with offensive studies that

Journalist Bret Stephens.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

suggest that Jews, or any other ethnic group, have higher or lower IQs. I consider such studies to be bad science, offensive, and an affront to Jewish values. But I believe that Bret’s entire purpose in raising that point was to reject it as an explanation for Jewish prosperity in favor of his core argument that Jews, as non-conformist outsiders, succeed because they think outside the box. Other nations take pride in their national achievements. So should the Jews.

In a speech delivered before a French Revolutionary Assembly in 1789, Count Stanislas de Clermont-Tonnerre argued that, “We must refuse everything to the Jews as a nation and accord everything to Jews as individuals.” It was a depraved policy that deprives Jews of all communal rights; 230 years on, why is it being resurrected?

The Jews are no better than any other nation, but we are certainly no worse. Other nations feel victimhood when they come under rampant attack. So will the Jews. It’s not something we wish to wallow in. But neither is it something that should be suppressed. Jews right now are under significant attack. We are victims of senseless hatred. And we must fight back.

America and the world must accept these truths. The Jews, after all, are not just any nation. They are a nation that is very much in danger yet very much alive. We will not cower. We will not be afraid. Am Yisrael Chai.

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Soleimani’s Killing Dramatically Improves Odds for Middle East Peace

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In the immediate aftermath of the killing of Iranian Quds Force commander Qassem Soleimani, the media were aflame with predictions that World War III was imminent. Instead, it now seems likely that his well-deserved death has opened up untold possibilities for Middle East peace.

The general’s abrupt departure from this mortal coil defused the rash brinkmanship of the Iranian leadership, and removed the primary provocateur of so much violence and misery in the Middle East.

Soleimani had a special place at the top

of the ayatollahs’ theocracy. He and his Quds Force had the specific responsibility to spread Iran’s power throughout the world — and particularly the Middle East. “Quds” is the Arabic name for Jerusalem, and that city is an ultimate target of Iran’s terrorist game-plan. The “liberation” of Jerusalem, after all, would mean the utter destruction of the “Little Satan” — Israel.

As Julian Reichelt, the editor-in chief of Germany’s *Bild* newspaper, wrote, “President Trump has freed the world of a monster whose aim in life was an atomic cloud over Tel Aviv.”

Soleimani’s portfolio was worldwide in scope, but his principal efforts were directed towards establishing Iranian hegemony in the Middle East. To this end, he had an active hand in every conflict in the Middle East for decades. If there was trouble to make in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen, or anywhere else, Soleimani was the principal troublemaker.

Lebanon’s Hezbollah supporters attend a funeral ceremony rally to mourn Qassem Soleimani, head of the elite Quds Force, Lebanon, January 5, 2020.
Photo: Reuters / Aziz Taher.

Israel was, of course, an obsession for Soleimani. He was the principal architect, funder, and orchestrator of the north-south pincer situation that Israel now confronts. In Lebanon to the north, Iran’s proxy Hezbollah is a terror organization with over 100,000 missiles aimed at Israel. Through Soleimani’s expertise, Hezbollah now rules Lebanon politically as well as militarily.

In Gaza to the south, Hamas was a major beneficiary of Soleimani’s funding and his provisioning of smuggled armaments, including the ubiquitous rockets that have tortured southern Israel for over a decade. But — as if to illustrate Soleimani’s bloodthirsty intentions — his first love in Gaza was the even more radical terror group Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ). PIJ, the number two military force in Gaza, is even more committed to reckless terror than Hamas.

Soleimani’s exploits in Iraq and Syria are well-covered in our media. Essentially, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad continues to rule only because of Soleimani’s efforts on his behalf. The Iranian general has brought in terror proxies from Lebanon and other areas to do Assad’s dirty work in putting down the civil war in Syria, and in crushing the equally loathsome Islamic State insurgency. In fact, Soleimani’s fingerprints are all over every human-rights abomination in Syria, including his genocidal action against the rebel-held city of Aleppo.

Soleimani’s control of the Assad regime in Syria is matched by his similar successes in Iraq. Iraq, like Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen, is now effectively an Iranian puppet state thanks to Soleimani’s bloody efforts.

Finding anyone to replace him in sheer savagery and competence could prove an impossible job for Iran’s Supreme Leader. Moreover, other senior key Iranian proxy leaders were also wiped out in the US strike in Iraq that killed Soleimani. At a minimum, the planning, coordination, and execution of Iran’s nefarious plans have been disrupted in a major way. This can only be a positive development in the Middle East.

If Lebanon’s Hezbollah is stymied in its efforts to build factories to upgrade its rockets with precision guidance systems, Israel will be the major beneficiary. If expeditionary Iran-proxy Hezbollah militias are disrupted in

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Opinion.

Soleimani's Death Opens Door to Alternative Security Arrangements in the Gulf



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In line with an Iranian plan launched at last year's UN General Assembly by president Hassan Rouhani that calls for a security architecture that would exclude external forces, Tehran is arguing that an expulsion of all US troops from the Middle East would constitute revenge for the killing by the US of Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Iranian Quds force.

While it likely would be a drawn-out process, Iraq's parliament took a first step in this direction by unanimously asking the government, in the absence of Kurdish and Sunni Muslim deputies, to expel US forces from the country. Ultimately, Iran may get only part of what it wants, at best. Iraqi leader Adel Abdul Mahdi has dialed back his initial support for parliament's demand, saying any withdrawal would involve only US combat forces and not training and logistical support for the Iraqi military. Similarly, Gulf states like Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, and Qatar are unlikely to expel US forces and bases.

That does not mean the foundation for the Gulf's security architecture, which exists under a US defense umbrella primarily to shield the region's energy-rich monarchies from Iranian aggression, is not shifting. In fact, it was already shifting prior to the killing of Soleimani.

Saudi Arabia and the UAE have long supported President Donald Trump's maximum pressure campaign against Iran, which so far has involved the US withdrawal from the 2015 international agreement that curbed Iran's nuclear program and the imposition of harsh economic sanctions — but both countries began hedging their bets in the second half of last year.

While the Gulf states may have privately celebrated the death of Soleimani, an architect of Iran's destructive and self-aggrandizing use of proxies across the Middle East, they may fear that his killing has opened a Pandora's Box that could lead the region to all-out war.

Saudi Arabia and the UAE called for de-escalation in the wake of the killing. Khalid bin Salman, the kingdom's deputy defense minister and brother of Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman (MBS), traveled to Washington and London to urge restraint.

Ironically, the killing of Soleimani — rather than strategically pleasing Gulf leaders

— may have reinforced their concerns that they can no longer fully rely on the US as their sole security guarantor.

If the US's refusal last year to respond forcefully to a string of Iranian provocations sparked Gulf doubts, Soleimani's killing raises the specter of US overreach when it does.

Notwithstanding Gulf animosity toward Iran and anti-Shiite sentiment in some Gulf quarters, Trump's threat to attack Iranian cultural sites likely reinforced their concern.

The Gulf states' hedging of their bets does not mean Rouhani's proposal is any more attractive to them, but it has led to direct and indirect diplomacy by the UAE and Saudi Arabia to reduce tensions with Iran. Soleimani was killed on the morning he reportedly was to deliver to Abdul Mahdi, the Iraqi prime minister, an Iranian response to a Saudi initiative to defuse tensions. While Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's proposal is a nonstarter, it contains one element that could prove to have legs: some form of non-aggression agreement or understanding between the Gulf states and Iran.

The notion of an understanding on non-aggression would align with a Russian proposal for an alternative multilateral arrangement that calls for a regional security conference along the lines of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Unlike Rouhani's proposition, the Russian proposal would involve multiple external powers, including Russia, China, and India, but — in the knowledge that no country can yet replace the US militarily — be centered around US military muscle.

The proposal, endorsed by China, could cater to Trump's demand for burden-sharing and financial compensation for a continued US role in security across the globe.

Russian officials and surrogates for the Kremlin stress that the proposal seeks to capitalize on the US's mushrooming predicament in the Middle East, but does not mean Russia is willing to make the kind of commitment that would position it as an alternative to the US. Similarly, the nature of China's participation in last month's first-ever joint Chinese-Russian-Iranian naval exercise signaled that closer Chinese military ties with a host of Middle Eastern nations will not translate into Chinese aspirations for a greater role in regional security any time soon.

China contributed elements of its anti-piracy fleet that were already in Somali waters to protect commercial vessels as well as peace-keeping and humanitarian relief personnel

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encroaching on — and threatening — Israel's Golan Heights from Syria, the threat level to Israel will be mitigated. And if Hamas and PIJ suffer a funding crisis and a shortage of rockets to lob at Israel's south, that will be a very welcome development.

Freed of Soleimani's potent tentacles, Iraq and other countries may have the opportunity to extricate themselves from Iran's oppressive, murderous machinations.

In other words, Soleimani's removal opens up many good possibilities, particularly for Israel.

As for the dire downside predicted worldwide upon Soleimani's elimination, the Iranians have so far disappointed. After years

of giving Iran's Quds Force a relatively free hand in exporting chaos around the world, perhaps the United States and others will conclude that a passive approach to Iran's infamies has only invited more infamies. Perhaps America's bold move in eliminating Soleimani has exposed Iran's vulnerability to forceful, dramatic action.

US interests, as well as Israel's precarious situation, will almost surely be improved now that the main architect of Middle East terror and aggression has been removed from the battlefield.

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Blaming Antisemitism on Capitalism



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It is progress of sorts. This week, one of the leading magazines of the American left published an article that took the phenomenon of antisemitism seriously.

I call it progress because for a good 20 years, the vocal and resurgent Socialist left on both sides of the Atlantic has denounced antisemitism not as something that non-Jews "do" to Jews, but as something that the Jewish establishment and its Israeli masters "do" to adversaries of Zionism, non-Jew and Jew alike. In this environment, some left-wingers have even worn the badge of antisemitism with a perverse pride, as if it were a medal bestowed in the struggle to speak truth to power on behalf of the Palestinians.

But now, faced with a rising tide of antisemitic violence in America and internationally, some on the left are acknowledging that hatred of Jews is a disturbing reality within our society, and not some ideologically contrived phantom. "After dropping for more than a decade, the number of anti-Jewish attacks more than doubled between 2015 and 2017," writes Aaron Freedman in the latest issue of Jacobin magazine. "In 2018 — the year that a gunman murdered eleven congregants at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue, the deadliest antisemitic assault in US history — the number of antisemitic assaults doubled. In New York City, where nearly one in every seven people is Jewish, antisemitic crimes have jumped 21 percent in the past year."

In his article, Freedman argues that he has uncovered both the reason for antisemitism's stubborn persistence and, by the same token, the key to its defeat. The emboldening of white nationalism in the Trump era is the "main" part of the story, he says, but he goes on to observe that "Trump's victory alone does not explain the spate of incidents in New York, committed in many cases by black individuals in both planned assaults and apparently random street encounters."

Freedman also acknowledges the lack of creative thinking on the left when it comes to antisemitism, along with the tendency to overlook the problem entirely when it comes from minorities — African-Americans, Muslims — who are themselves the targets of racism. "While progressives have admirably emphasized solidarity between groups facing racism and antisemitism, they have largely failed to articulate a response beyond throwing up their hands and feebly condemning 'the world's oldest hate,'" Freedman writes.

What follows is a rallying assurance that antisemitism can actually be defeated. "Antisemitism is neither eternal nor inevitable," he insists. "It is not a natural feature of human society, sprouting up among us as predictably as weeds in a garden," so long as we rip out the phenomenon at its roots. For that operation to succeed, according to Freedman, no less than the overthrow of capitalism is required.

Many readers will be familiar with this argument, which has been made in one form or another on the left since the middle of the 19th century. It holds that capitalism distracts its enemies by directing them to scapegoats, typically the Jews, who then take the heat for the unfairness and excesses of the system, enabling the ruling class to continue undisturbed its exploitation of nature and labor

in the pursuit of fiscal profit. August Bebel, a German Socialist, even coined the term "Socialism of Fools" to describe this tendency of blaming inequality and deprivation on supposedly "Jewish" machinations.

For Freedman, there is still plenty of mileage in this vintage notion. "The foul stench of antisemitism lingers in the air of capitalist society because it is cruelly rational," he asserts. "As long as there are capitalists, they will need groups to blame for their oppression. The only way to defeat antisemitism, then, is to win socialism."

Freedman unfortunately glosses over the anticipated objection of some readers — namely, that we already tried this, and it didn't work. The institutionalized oppression of Jewish communities in the Soviet Union and other Communist countries "was not the result of too much socialism, but too little," claims Freedman. "By the 1930s Soviet democracy was dead, and the institutional power and wealth of the pre-Communist ruling class had been replaced not by common ownership but by the party elite."

This formulation is problematic not because it is technically false, but because of the vital explanatory layers that it leaves out. Soviet democracy didn't suddenly disappear with the death of Vladimir Lenin; the historical record amply shows that the Bolsheviks were actively suppressing dissent well before Stalin purged the Central Committee of the ruling Communist Party in the 1930s. The Jewish community, no less than other groups in Soviet Russia, knew this from firsthand experience. Shortly after the 1917 revolution, Zionist organizations were banned, the teaching of Hebrew was proscribed, and Jewish culture became the exclusive preserve of the "Yevseksiya," as the Jewish section of the Communist Party was known.

All this was in keeping with the historic suspicion on the left of Jewish nationalism, separatism, and self-expression: Allow too much of any of these, and the battle for socialism will be compromised. Indeed, Karl Marx himself argued that if Jews were to be emancipated, both the Jews and society more broadly had to first ditch "Judaism" — a term understood by the founder of communism to be synonymous with the "huckstering" that distinguished modern capitalism. "Judaism," aka capitalism, is for Marx the main source of antisemitism, and without capitalism, there will be no purpose to either antisemitism or to the continued existence of the Jews as a distinct people.

It follows, therefore, that if a new generation of socialists is to tackle the question of antisemitism in our own time constructively, it needs to be cognizant of these and similar historical experiences that Jews have encountered from the left. Critically, the dogma that capitalism necessarily breeds antisemitism while socialism is innately hostile to it is perhaps the weakest aspect of this thinking.

Unpalatable as this is for many on the left, those Jewish generations that survived the Holocaust experienced a relative golden age at the same time that capitalism, exemplified by the muscle of the American economy, transformed the lifestyles and social expectations of the post-war world. Far from being the source of antisemitism, capitalism has exposed the frailty of antisemitic beliefs: their abject failure to compete in any marketplace of ideas that is not controlled by a totalitarian state, alongside a reliance upon ignorance and unprocessed rage for their promotion. The left needs to look elsewhere for the answers it seeks.

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Impressions.

Israel's 'Year of Elections' Has Changed Us, And Not For The Better

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Something bad is happening here in Israel in this year of campaigns and elections. Without anyone noticing, our language is changing. The Hebrew we use is no longer the same Hebrew. It's divisive, accusatory, combative and full of generalizations.

For too many of us, hatred and dispute have become our defining characteristics. Normality, and the terminology of normality, have been deleted from our code of personal and public behavior. Someone changed the record, and we never noticed. It is no longer possible to talk without slandering, to argue without ridiculing, to debate without annihilating the person in front of you.

It's not only Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who has changed our language (and he has). It's something deeper. It's the assumption that if we speak quietly, we are not heard, and that words that don't contain enough mudslinging will fall on deaf ears.

The assumption is that arguments and content are of marginal importance, while what really matters is how they are presented to the public. And when the message becomes marginalized, it can be changed like socks based on political needs, since what really matters is how much it echoes.

This is how terms that define groups of association, identity and outlook, such as "right," "left," "ultra-Orthodox" or "Arab," have become insults designed to delegitimize entire sectors.

No one looks at the complexities. There are no shades of gray anymore. The right is "messianic," and "messianic" is bad; Israeli Arabs are "supporters of terrorism" because some Israeli Arab Knesset members have forgotten that they serve in the Israeli Knesset and not in the Palestinian parliament; and the ultra-Orthodox—well, Yisrael Beiteinu's incitement-ridden and almost anti-Semitic campaign makes them out to be freeloaders and exploiters.

Who dares today to point out the good sides of ultra-Orthodox society? Who will spend time reading an informative article like the one Gershon Hachohen published in the last issue of the ultra-Orthodox journal HaUma, in which he pointed out that none other than Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, defined the Zionist idea—and himself—as messianic?

The left, whose mother party formed the foundation of the state and which alongside its serious mistakes inculcated humane and socialist values in us all, has become a profanity on the right; while the right, which moved the nation forward in many important fields, is seen by the left as the source of all impurity. Everything is mixed up, and intentionally so. The resulting concoction poisons not only our language, but also our souls.

A heavy darkness

Two decades ago, the writer S. Yizhar noted that there were two Jewish peoples living in the Land of Israel, who spoke different languages and responded differently to the same events. Yizhar was

referring to the Israeli people and the Jewish people. They indeed saw the nation's existence differently, not to mention Judaism and everyday life.

"Each side understands and feels differently. So much so that what one sees as an achievement, the other sees as a loss, and what one sees as an honor, the other sees as disrespect, and what excites one depresses the other—and nearly no bridge remains," Yizhar observed.

The mix of hate, insult and brainwashing that the public is forced to confront today cannot even be defined as a dispute between the two Jewish peoples, as Yizhar defined it, or indeed as any dispute at all. The worst thing is that there are no longer two different or conflicting worldviews that can be debated.

That's how far gone we are. We could live with

the parties that—for the third time in under 12 months—are aiming their campaigns at us are blinding our eyes and our thinking to the extent we don't remember that it's possible to see things differently. Are we so dazzled that we can't even see ourselves in the mirror? Almost every event that takes place here is roped into smearing the "other," and nothing is evaluated on its own merits.

Remembering Lifa

It's time to put aside the poisonous campaign shrapnel, if not for our own sake then for our children's. I find it harder and harder to explain to my own kids who is against whom and what all the arguments are about.

Instead of insulting others, maybe we should all try to battle for their right to make their opinions heard, even if those opinions seem awful.



Ayelet Shaked, Rafi Peretz, Naftali Bennett and Betzalel Smotrich at the launch of a housing plan of the Yemina Political alliance, ahead of the upcoming September 17 election, in Elkana, August 21, 2019. Photo by Ben Dori/Flash90

Yizhar's diagnosis, because when both extremes are defined, bridges can be built. Today, on the other hand, the boundaries are intentionally blurred because what is important has become trivial—in matters of security and national borders, society, and the economy.

Almost everything is instinctual and personal, and everyone is spraying campaign poison that dulls thought and common sense. The pollution that surrounds us blunts our senses and dulls our minds to the point where we can't even define our disputes and are just shooting blind.

The darkness is so heavy that we've forgotten that there is something bigger than our different paths, that we exist along with others and that the "tribe of Israel" exists simultaneously with the tribal wars. We have forgotten that whatever our different paths may be, the Jews of this land share characteristics of Judaism, and a common past and present of culture and memory and Jewish existence. We have forgotten that instead of boycotting, we can accept, and that the whole—the people of Israel—is greater than the sum of its parts.

Just like in José Saramago's *Blindness*, it's as if we've been struck by "white darkness," and

We need to respect political rivals and give them their due credit. Respect them, restrain ourselves, accept them and most of all, listen to them. We need to remember the words of Lifa the cart driver in Yeheil Mar's poem, who said, "A little less is a little more," or as we might put it today, that more is sometimes less and the perfect is the enemy of the good. "Pull the reins and then let them go a little," Mar wrote. Even in a different time, when ideologies are supposedly "dead," and everything is personal, things can be different.

Israeli society was built on values such as sacrifice and giving, modesty and personal example, and most of all on looking out for each other. But in this year of campaigns, it often seems as if the Jewish people have stopped acting as a collective, and that huge groups are showing more loyalty to themselves than to Israel as a whole.

If we are fated to face another two months of campaigning, all of these things must be discussed, if only to remind us where we come from and where we must not end up.

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Public Notice: The Original Golden Coffee LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11.12.2019. Office: King County. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to Attn: Henrik Friedman, 416 Mayfair Dr. S., Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: any lawful activity.
AJ; 12/20/27; 1/3/10/17/24

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

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff, -against- HAROLD ODLE; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; NEW YORK CITY, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; CARL ODLE, Index No. 508218/2017. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, May 16, 2019 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on May 23, 2019, Jacob Gelfand, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 464 East 55th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11203 at public auction at Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on January 30, 2020 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County

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of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 4765; Lot: 11 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 508218/2017. The approximate amount of judgment is \$281,260.63 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
AJ; 12/27; 1/3/10/17

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff -against- JAAKOV WINKLER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 16, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on January 30, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly side of 52nd Street, distant 360 feet 6 inches Westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Southerly side of 52nd Street with the Westerly side of 20th Avenue; being a plot 100 feet 2 inches by 18 feet 3 inches by 100 feet 2 inches by 18 feet 3 inches. Block 5475 and Lot 23. Said premises known as 1940 52ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$554,292.43 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 19421/2013. M. RANDOLPH JACKSON, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 9026.01
AJ; 12/27; 1/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Amer Anwar a/k/a Amer Jamil Anwar; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 30, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2004 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 5231 Lot 60. Approximate amount of judgment \$381,930.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502221/2014. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 11, 2019
AJ; 12/27; 1/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Trust 2004-S2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff AGAINST Audrey Savin; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 2, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at

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the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 30, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 8901 Avenue M, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 8068 Lot: 1. Approximate amount of judgment \$393,894.70 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 507884/2015. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 26, 2019
AJ; 12/27; 1/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Kepler Balde, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/2018 and entered on 10/18/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 30, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 12421 Flatlands Avenue , Unit 6B, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4423, LOT: 1412. Approximate amount of judgment is \$280,351.29 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504331/2014. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www. Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Leonard Spector, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 12/27; 1/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for the Holders of The Ellington Loan Acquisition Trust 2007-2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST Lester D. Henry, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/20/2017 and entered on 1/23/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 30, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 105 Rogers Ave A, Brooklyn, NY 11216-6006. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1233, LOT: 6. Approximate amount of judgment is \$981,240.61 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504795/2015. Leonard Spector, Esq, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 12/27; 1/3/10/17

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name : NORTH KEERAGOOD ARCHITECTURE PLLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 11/15/2019 Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC

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69 Halsey Street, 3RD floor Brooklyn, NY 11216 purpose: all lawful activity
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INDEX NO. 518086/2017 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., PRIME MORTGAGE TRUST, CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. RACHEL SHAMI A/K/A RACHEL WEISS; EZRA SHAMI; if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; APPROVED FUNDING CORP; PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK; LUCKY K. CONTRACTING CO; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; BENJAMIN ERBST; if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day

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of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$728,000.00 and interest, recorded on March 1, 2006, at Instrument number CRFN 2006000115221, of the Public Records of KINGS County, New York, covering premises known as 2083 EAST 1ST STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11223. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. KINGS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Plaintiff designates KINGS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 2083 EAST 1ST STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11223 District: Section: Block: 7104 Lot: 511
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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, -against- LEAH DEMBITZER INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST OF LEAH DEMBITZER UNDER AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 4, 2001; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; BANK OF AMERICA N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FLEET NATIONAL BANK; YISROEL JAKOBOVITS; MR. BARBER (FIRST NAME REFUSED); FAIGY "DOE" (LAST NAME REFUSED); DAVID DEMBITZER; ABRAHIM "DOE" (LAST NAME REFUSED); MATI JAKOBOVITS; JOE "DOE" (LAST NAME REFUSED); ESTI DEMBITZER; DEBBIE BARBER, Index No. 512614/2015. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, March 28, 2019 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on April 9, 2019, Gregory M. Laspina, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 1417 57th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11219 at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, Room 224 on February 6, 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: 5692; Lot: 63 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 512614/2015. The approximate amount of judgment is \$245,367.42 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite

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Tradition.

Faith in the Future



JONATHAN SACKS
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Some measure of the radicalism that is introduced into the world by the story of the Exodus can be seen in the sustained mistranslation of the three keywords with which God identified Himself to Moses at the Burning Bush.

At first, He described Himself as follows: "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." But then, after Moses heard the mission he was to be sent on, he said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is His name?' Then what shall I tell them?" That was when God replied, cryptically, Ehyeh asher ehyeh (Ex. 3:14).

This was translated into Greek as ego eimi ho on, and into Latin as ego sum qui sum, meaning 'I am who I am,' or 'I am He who is.' The early and medieval Christian theologians all understood the phrase to be speaking about ontology, the metaphysical

Himself at the beginning of the Ten Commandments not by saying, "I am the Lord your God who created heaven and earth," but rather, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

Far from being timeless and immutable, God in the Hebrew Bible is active, engaged, in constant dialogue with His people, calling, urging, warning, challenging and forgiving. When Malachi says in the name of God, 'I the Lord do not change' (Malachi 3:6), he is not speaking about His essence as pure being, the unmoved mover, but about His moral commitments. God keeps His promises even when His children break theirs. What does not change about God are the covenants He makes with Noah, Abraham and the Israelites at Sinai.

So remote is the God of pure being – the legacy of Plato and Aristotle – that the distance is bridged in Christianity by a figure that has no counterpart in Judaism, the son of God, one person who is both human and Divine. In Judaism we are all both human and Divine, dust of the earth yet breathing God's breath and bearing God's image. These are profoundly different theologies.

"I will be what I will be"



nature of God's existence as the ground of all being. It meant that He was 'Being-itself, timeless, immutable, incorporeal, understood as the subsisting act of all existing.' Augustine defines God as that which does not change and cannot change. Aquinas, continuing the same tradition, reads the Exodus formula as saying that God is 'true being, that is, being that is eternal, immutable, simple, self-sufficient, and the cause and principal of every creature.'

But this is the God of Aristotle and the philosophers, not the God of Abraham and the Prophets. Ehyeh asher ehyeh means none of these things. It means 'I will be what, where, or how I will be.' The essential element of the phrase is the dimension omitted by all the early Christian translations, namely the future tense. God is defining Himself as the Lord of history who is about to intervene in an unprecedented way, to liberate a group of slaves from the mightiest empire of the ancient world and lead them on a journey towards liberty. Already in the eleventh century, reacting against the neo-Aristotelianism that he saw creeping into Judaism, Judah Halevi made the point that God introduces

means that I will enter history and transform it. God was telling Moses that there was no way he or anyone else could know in advance what God was about to do. He told him in general terms that He was about to rescue the Israelites from the hands of the Egyptians and bring them to a land flowing with milk and honey. But as for specifics, Moses and the people would know God not through His essence but through His acts. Therefore, the future tense is key here. They could not know Him until he acted.

He would be a God of surprises. He would do things never seen before, create signs and wonders that would be spoken about for thousands of years. They would set in motion wave after wave of repercussions. People would learn that slavery is not an inevitable condition, that might is not right, that empires are not impregnable, and that a tiny people like the Israelites could do great things if they attached their destiny to heaven. But none of this could be predicted in advance. God was saying to Moses and to the people, You will have to trust Me. The destination to which I am calling you

is just beyond the visible horizon.

It is very hard to understand how revolutionary this was. Ancient religions were deeply conservative, designed to show that the existing social hierarchy was inevitable, part of the deep structure of reality, timeless and unchangeable. Just as there was a hierarchy in the heavens, and another within the animal kingdom, so there was a hierarchy in human society. That was order. Anything that challenged it represented chaos. Until Israel appeared on the scene, religion was a way of consecrating the status quo.

That is what the story of Israel would overturn. The greatest empire on earth was about to be overthrown. The most powerless of people – foreigners, slaves – were going to go free. This was not simply a blow to Egypt. Although it would take thousands of years, it was a deadly blow to the very concept of a hierarchical society, or of time as what Plato called it, "a moving image of eternity," a series of passing shadows on a wall of reality that never changes.

Instead, history became an arena of change. Time became something understood as a narrative, a journey or a quest. All this is hinted at in those three words, "I will be what I will be." I am the God of the future tense.

So Judaism, in the concept of a Messianic age, became the only civilisation whose golden age is in the future. And throughout the Torah, the promised land lies in the future. Abraham does not acquire it. Nor does Isaac. Nor does Jacob. Even Moses, who spends forty years leading the people there, does not get to enter it. It is always just beyond. Soon but not yet.

I think this is one of the most important ideas of Judaism. I wrote a book about it, called Future Tense. I remember one evening when Elaine and I had the privilege of discussing this with the founder of positive psychology, Martin Seligman, in his home in Philadelphia. He was toying with a similar idea. After years of practising psychology he had come to the conclusion that the people with a positive psychology tended to be future-oriented, whereas those with a negative mindset – he called this, in a brilliant phrase, "learned helplessness" – were often fixated on the past.

A few years later, he and three other scholars published a book on the subject called Homo Prospectus. What is it, he asked, that makes Homo sapiens different from other species? Answer, we have an unrivalled ability "to be guided by imagining alternatives stretching into the future – prospection." We are the future-oriented animal.

I wish this were more deeply understood, because it is fundamental. I have long argued that a fallacy dominates the scientific study of humankind. Science searches for causes; a cause always precedes its effect; therefore science will always seek to explain a phenomenon in the present by reference to something that happened in the past – anything from the genome to early childhood

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501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings US Bank National Association as Trustee for CMALT REMIC Series 2007-A5-REMIC Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-A5, Plaintiff AGAINST Junior Newton, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/17/2019 and entered on 5/28/2019, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 06, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 864 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4505, LOT: 119. Approximate amount of judgment is \$585,352.63 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 522995/2016. Joel E. Abramson, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Nomura Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-AF1, Plaintiff -against- Neetra Estwick a/k/a Neetra L. Estwick, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Enterprise, Ltd., Green-Point Mortgage Funding, Inc., City of New York Environmental Control Board, City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, Davon Dockery, John Smith (Name Refused), Natasha Dockery, Venita Balthazar, Shaquana Dockery, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on November 13, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on February 6, 2020 at 2:30 PM premises known as 92 Williams Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. 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. Block: 3682 Lot: 52 Approximate amount of lien \$587,649.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 508277/2014 Joel Abramson, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: December 19, 2019 FILE #: WELLS 66234
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Shakir Mustafa; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 23, 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 February 6, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 444 Autumn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn,

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County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4171 Lot 21. Approximate amount of judgment \$331,359.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 504909/2018. Joel Abramson, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 5, 2019 66950
AJ; 1/3/10/17/24/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, series 2006-9, Plaintiff AGAINST Todd Milner; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 31, 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 February 6, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 619 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238-4129. 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 1155 Lot 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$822,695.83 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500138/2015. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 23, 2019
AJ; 1/3/10/17/24/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff AGAINST Tyrelle Johnson a/k/a Tyrelle K. Johnson; Andrew Adams; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 24, 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 February 6, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 10 Pleasant Place, Brooklyn, NY 11233. 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 1568 Lot 31. Approximate amount of judgment \$418,417.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 505826/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 4, 2019 66930
AJ; 1/3/10/17/24/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST ANDREW GRANT, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-10-2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 13, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 433 Jerome Street, 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,

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Social.



Lionel Richie in a video message ahead of his March 2 concert in Tel Aviv. Photo: Screenshot.

'I Can't Wait to Perform in Israel,' Lionel Richie Tells Fans Ahead of Tel Aviv Concert

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

American singer Lionel Richie said in a video message last week that he was excited to perform in Israel on March 2 as part of his "Hello" world tour.

"Hello Israel, this is Lionel Richie, and I can't wait to perform in Israel for the first time ever," the "All Night Long" singer, 70, said. "We're going to dance all night long. So go to vote and I'll see you on the second of March in Tel Aviv. See you then."

The performance at Tel Aviv's Menora Mivtachim Arena, which was initially scheduled for September, will take place the same day as Israel's Knesset elections

and will start earlier than originally announced to avoid a conflict with the 10 p.m. publication of the exit polls. The concert was scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m. but will instead commence at 7 p.m.

The anti-Israel group Code Pink tried pressuring Richie in August to cancel his concert in Israel but the singer instead blocked Code Pink's Twitter account.

The Grammy-winning singer and songwriter has been a longtime supporter of Israel and in 2013 he entertained guests at a fundraiser in Los Angeles for the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF), according to The Jerusalem Post.

ABC's Remake of Israeli TV Show 'Baker and the Beauty' to Air April 6th

BY LAUREN IZSO

ABC has dropped a first official trailer for its modern-day Cinderella story TV series "The Baker and the Beauty," which will air on April 6th, and is based on an Israeli format.

Assi Azar, an Israeli television host, developed the original Hebrew series and is serving as an executive producer for the new US version. He is also known for being one of four hosts of last year's Eurovision song contest, held in Tel Aviv.

After the trailer was released, Azar posted on Instagram, "I'm grateful, I'm not yet able to deal with how big this is, I'm crossing my fingers they'll love it there like they loved it here."

The show centers around two main characters:

Daniel (Victor Rasuk), who works at a family-owned bakery, and Noa (Nathalie Kelley), an international socialite and fashion mogul he falls in love with.

Deadline.com called it a "romantic comedy that pulls inspiration from such popular rom-coms as Notting Hill, Roman Holiday and My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

The series is a collaborative project between Universal Television and ABC Studios, in association with the Israeli broadcasting company Keshet. Keshet's Avi Nir, Alon Shtruzman, Peter Traugott and Rachel Kaplan are executive producers on the series, along with Assi Azar.

"The Israeli show stayed focused primarily on the Baker and the Beauty, and it was a half-hour show," Creator and Executive Producer Dean Georganis said during a recent press conference. Unlike the Israeli version, the US

Brooklyn Nets Warm Up in Shirts Featuring ADL Logo 'No Place for Hate'

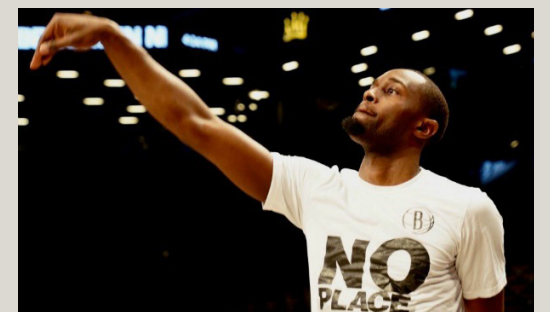
BY JNS.org

Prior to playing the Atlanta Hawks on Sunday night at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY, the home team Brooklyn Nets warmed up in shirts that read "No Place for Hate," featuring the Anti-Defamation League's logo.

The motto is the ADL's education program for fighting hatred, bullying and bias in public schools.

The initiative came in the aftermath of recent antisemitic attacks in New Jersey and New York.

"Tonight, we're warming up in #NoPlaceForHate shirts in collaboration with the @ADL to



Brooklyn Nets small forward Theo Pinson puts in some practice times at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., wearing a "No Place for Hate" T-shirt. Photo: ADL.

show that #WeGoHard against hate," tweeted the Brooklyn Nets, adding a link where people can learn more about the ADL program.

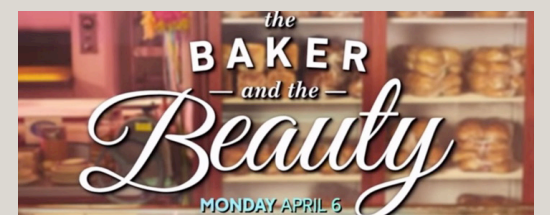
The Nets won the basketball game 108-86.

show's episodes will each run for one hour, allowing the plot to revolve around the entire family.

The original Hebrew series, which is now available on Netflix, launched in Israel in 2013 and ran for two seasons, starring Israeli actress Rotem Sela. Azar and Sela are close friends in real life, hosting many reality shows and events together. Azar had reportedly intended that the lead role be for Israeli supermodel Bar Refaeli, but Sela took it on after Refaeli dropped out of the project.

Sela took to her Instagram page as well, posting a trailer along with the caption, "Baker and the Beauty is coming to America!"

In addition to the US, the rights to remake "Baker and the Beauty" have also been sold in several other countries, including Greece, the Netherlands, India, Russia and Brazil.



ABC's 'The Baker and the Beauty.' Photo: YouTube screenshot.

Tradition.

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Future

experiences to brain chemistry to recent stimuli. It will follow that science will inevitably deny the existence of human freewill. The denial may be soft or hard, gentle or brutal, but it will come. Freedom will be seen as an illusion. The best we can hope for is Karl Marx's definition of freedom as "consciousness of necessity."

But this is a fallacy. Human action is always oriented to the future. I put the kettle on because I want a cup of coffee. I work hard because I want to pass the exam. I act to bring about a future that is not yet. Science cannot account for the future because something that hasn't happened yet cannot be a cause. Therefore there will always be something about intentional human action that science cannot fully explain.

When God said, "I will be what I will be," He was telling us something not only about God but about us when we are open to God and have faith in His faith in us.

We can be what we will be if we choose the right and the good. And if we fail and fall, we can change because God lifts us and gives us strength.

And if we can change ourselves, then together we can change the world. We cannot end evil and suffering but we can diminish it. We cannot eliminate injustice, but we can fight it. We cannot abolish sickness but we can treat it and search for cures.

Whenever I visit Israel, I find myself awestruck by the way this ancient people in its history-saturated land is one of the most future-oriented nations on earth, constantly searching for new advances in medical, informational, and nano-technology. Israel writes

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the Gulf

rather than combat troops. Though they are keen to hedge their bets, the Gulf states might want to take their time as they consider a more multi-lateral security arrangement that includes but goes beyond the US.

Their problem is that fast-moving and unpredictable developments in the Middle East could change their calculus.

That is also true for Russia and particularly China, which has long maintained that its security interests in the region, based on the ability to free-ride on the US defense umbrella, are best served by mutually beneficial economic and trade relations. That approach could prove increasingly unsustainable.

Said Jiang Xudong, a Middle East scholar at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences: "Economic investment will not solve all other problems when there are religious and ethnic conflicts."

Xudong could just as well have included power struggles and regional rivalries in his analysis.

Dr. James M. Dorsey, a non-resident Senior Associate at the BESA Center, is a senior fellow at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at Singapore's Nanyang Technological University and co-director of the University of Würzburg's Institute for Fan Culture.

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its story in the future tense.

And the future is the sphere of human freedom, because I cannot change yesterday but I can change tomorrow by what I do today. Therefore, because Judaism is a religion of the future it is a religion of human freedom, and because Israel is a future-oriented nation, it remains, in the Middle East, an oasis of freedom in a desert of oppression. Tragically, most of Israel's enemies are fixated on the past, and as long as they remain so, their people will never find freedom and Israel will never find peace.

I believe that we must honour the past but not live in it. Faith is a revolutionary force. God is calling to us as once He called to Moses, asking us to have faith in the future and then, with His help, to build it. Shabbat shalom

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County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4030 Lot 39. Approximate amount of judgment \$753,960.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #503926/2014. Bruno F. Codispoti, Esq., Referee Carter Conboy Case Blackmore Maloney & Laird, PC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, NY 12211 26743 67079
AJ; 1/10/17/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston 2006-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Shira Frank, Avraham Frank, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/26/2017 and entered on 5/11/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 13, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 799 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. 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: 6496, LOT: 53. Approximate amount of judgment is \$573,284.05 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 3261/2009. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Jeffrey R. Miller, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 1/10/17/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AP3, Plaintiff -against- MARIA POSNER A/K/A M. POSNER A/K/A MARIA POSNET, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ALLIANCE MORTGAGE BANKING CORP, CHEMICAL BANK, THE FIRE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, GEORGE BRYANT, HENRY CLARK, SHAWN CAMPBELL, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 20, 2016 I, the undersigned

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Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on February 13, 2020 at 2:30 PM premises known as 309 ARLINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. ALL that certain plot, piece of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 3927 Lot: 61 Approximate amount of lien \$479,903.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 501183/2015 JEFFREY R. MILLER, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: January 3, 2020 FILE #: WELLS 66757
AJ; 1/10/17/24/31

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS GOSHEN MORTGAGE LLC, AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE FOR GDBT I TRUST 2011-1, Plaintiff -against- CHRISTOPHER CLEMENTE; MARSHELLE MCCROREY A/K/A MARSHELLE VICTORIA MCCROREY; COURTNEI CLEMENTE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated October 23, 2019 and entered on November 14, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on February 13, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of East 96th Street, distant 278.15 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of East 96th Street and the southerly side of Flatlands Avenue; being a plot 20 feet by 100 feet by 19.78 feet by 100.01 feet. Block: 8204 Lot: 26 Said premises known as 1183 EAST 96TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$585,911.49 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 511952/2017. JEFFREY MILLER, ESQ., Referee Kosterich & Skeete, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 68 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Tuckahoe, NY 10707
AJ; 1/10/17/24/31

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: LAW OFFICE OF MAARIA MAHMOOD, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 12/12/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Law Office of Maaria Mahmood, PLLC 615 W. 186th street New York, NY 10033. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 1/10/17/24/31; 2/7/14

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: KING HI CLOTHES & ENTERTAINMENT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 04/08/2019. 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: Haakim Wasiym Bell P.O. Box 802 bronx, NY 10451. Purpose: all lawful activity
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CINE MAGIC SUNSET PARK STUDIOS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/2020. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 11 Kent Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.
AJ; 1/17/24/31; 2/7/14/21

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-7, V. JEAN SCHICK A/K/A JEAN SHICK; ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 21, 2018, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-7 is the Plaintiff and JEAN SCHICK A/K/A JEAN SHICK; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 360 ADAMS STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on February 20, 2020 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 615 HENDRIX ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11207: Block 4075, Lot 7: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 4267/2008. Doron Leiby, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
AJ; 1/17/24/31; 2/7

ADMINISTRATION CITATION File No. 2018-2423 SURROGATE'S COURT QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, TO: The heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of MARGARET FRIESON a/k/a MARGARET L. FRIESON, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence TOMMY C. FRIESON DIANE FRIESON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF QUEENS COUNTY A petition having been duly filed by SN SERVICING CORPORATION, as servicer for ELL 09-2009, LLC, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, who is domiciled at 323 Fifth Street, Eureka, California, 95501 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435 on March 5, 2020 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of MARGARET FRIESON a/k/a MARGARET L. FRIESON lately domiciled at 91-31 175th Street, Jamaica, New York 11432, in the County of Queens, State of New York, granting Limited Letters of Administration upon the estate of the decedent to Tommy C. Frieson, Diane Frieson, or any other distribute, or if they fail to qualify to the Public Administrator of Queens County, and if permitted to renounce the right to Letters, then to Petitioner's nominee Oscar Prieto upon duly qualifying, that the quality of

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the representative under the foregoing letters be limited to accepting service of process on behalf of the estate of the deceased in a foreclosure action on a first mortgage held by the petitioner, its successor and/or assigns, dated October 21, 1998 and recorded at Book 5087, Page 1052 in the Office of the Queens County Clerk on January 19, 1999 in the original principal balance of \$56,100.00, on the Decedent's real property located at 139-38 232ND STREET, LAURELTON, NY 11413. HON. PETER J. KELLY, Surrogate James Lim Becker, Chief Clerk Dated, Attested and Sealed, January 8, 2020. Name of John J. Ricciardi, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner: Gross Polowy, LLC Tel. No. 716-204-1700 Address of Attorney: 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 412, Westbury, New York 11590 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed, you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. 67694
AJ; 1/17/24/31; 2/7

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: 22 NORTH 6TH STREET 8B LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 10/07/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 22 North 6th Street 8B LLC 16 Melbourne Road great neck NY 11021 . Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 1/17/24/31; 2/7/14/21

Notice of location of limited liability company(LLC) Name: SKY CASTLES CONSTRUCTION LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 10/24/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Legal-corp Solutions, LLC 11 Broadway Suite 615 New York, NY 10004. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 1/17/24/31; 2/7/14/21

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AF2, Plaintiff AGAINST Roberto Martinez; Deborah Martinez; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 4, 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 February 20, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 938 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. 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 1714 Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,100,693.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 504322/2014. 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: December 20, 2019 67254
AJ; 1/17/24/31; 2/7