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## Report: Netanyahu Says Annexation to Be Pursued in Stages



Houses in Maale Adumim, in the West Bank, Feb. 15, 2017. Photo: Reuters / Ammar Awad / File.

**BY BENJAMIN  
KERSTEIN**

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday that he wanted to annex half of Area C in the West Bank and annexation would likely happen in stages.

Israeli daily *Yediot Ahronot* reported that, speaking at a Likud faction meeting, Netanyahu said that the annexation map was "still being worked on" and would be

published "when its finished."

He added that, at the moment, he was aiming to annex half of Area C.

Under the Oslo Accords of the 1990s, Israel was given full security and administrative control over Area C, where there is a relatively small Palestinian population. Under most peace proposals made in recent decades, large parts of it would be annexed by Israel.

Israel's *Channel 13* reported

that at a meeting with representatives of the "Bitachonistim" ("Security") movement, Netanyahu said that annexation would not occur all at once, but rather be pursued in stages.

Netanyahu also told members of his right-wing Likud party that he did not currently know where his coalition partners in the centrist Blue and White party stood on annexation, but that the

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## Massive Negative Impact on Israeli Economy From Covid-19

**BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN**

New statistics from the Israeli Employment Service released Tuesday revealed the massive negative impact of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic on the Jewish state's economy, with minorities and low-wage workers hit particularly hard.

Israeli news site *N12* reported that, according to the numbers, 23.5% of Israelis were seeking employment by the end of May. In February, just before the pandemic struck, the number was 3.9%.



Customers visit a nail salon, in Tel Aviv, Israel, June 4, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

The Employment Service stated that the sudden shift from near-full employment to record unemployment rates would decrease workers' bargaining power, depress wages and increase underemployment, especially among low-wage workers.

Israel's minority communities have been particularly hard-hit by the pandemic. While 20.7% of Jews have been able to return to work, only 9.2% of Muslims, Christians and Druze had succeeded in doing so.

Moreover, the small rate of recovery appeared not to

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## Opinion.

## Jews Should Not Help ‘Tear It All Down’



JONATHAN S. TOBIN  
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As long as we're tearing down monuments and statues to alleged racists, why not trash the antisemites while we're at it?

That's the attitude of some Jews to the rerun of China's Cultural Revolution currently playing on our television screens in which woke protesters are seeking to erase all evidence of alleged evil racists on display in the public squares of the world. The reaction to the callous murder of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis policeman has provoked a necessary debate about police brutality and racism, even though many of those who are seeking to guide that discussion are operating under some misconceptions about the facts of police killings.

The problems with the protests go beyond such distortions, or even the fact that in some cases, rioting and looting followed. What we are now faced with is a surge of revisionism, moral preening, and virtue signaling about racism that is seeking to retrospectively erase or “cancel” — to use the language of social media — much of our history, art, and literature that is alleged to represent its racist past.

A fair-minded observer might respond to this spasm of iconoclasm by suggesting that we not stop with statues of those who owned or

traded slaves, fought for the Confederacy, sought to have American slaves returned to Africa (Abraham Lincoln), or defended British imperialism (Winston Churchill). We could then go on to include prominent antisemites on the list of those to be toppled from their famous perches.

If we were to do that, rampaging Jews could join the anarchists in the streets and start by decapitating most busts or statues of leaders of the Roman empire for their atrocities against the Jewish people — a task that would include dynamiting the Arch of Titus, which depicts the enslavement of Jews and the looting of the Second Temple, and renaming Hadrian's Wall in northern England (named for the emperor who built the amazing structure that stretches across the entire island of Britain, but who also laid waste to Judea, murdering countless Jews during the Bar Kochba revolt).

We could go on to knock down statues of all medieval and early modern European monarchs who discriminated against or persecuted and murdered Jews (it would be easier to list the ones who didn't attack the Jews than the ones who did), as well as some, but not all, of the popes. The list of antisemitic modern statesmen, in addition to thinkers and writers, is equally lengthy.

And since a recent feature on NPR suggested that people reject their white privilege, as well as atone for racist thoughts and actions (whether or not they are personally guilty of such behavior) by “decolonizing your bookshelf” through discarding all books that are tainted by racism or merely white

privilege, we could also insist that antisemitic authors be canceled. That means goodbye William Shakespeare (“Merchant of Venice”), as well as just about everyone in the Western canon in the medieval and early modern period, and even seemingly enlightened writers like Voltaire. Throw out your copies of Charles Dickens (Oliver Twist), Anthony Trollope (*The Way We Live Now*), T.S. Eliot, Ezra Pound, Evelyn Waugh, Graham Greene, and lots of others.

As for music, you could demand that opera companies adopt Israel's ban on the music of Richard Wagner, and that just about all of the European composers of the 17th, 18th, as well as many in the 19th and early 20th centuries be canceled for their antisemitism.

As for art, troubling depictions of Jews in Christian religious art abound, so museums should be compelled (by their generous Jewish donors) to toss them or at least send them to storage. As for the modern era, there are lots of troubling examples, but let's insist that we see no more of the great paintings of Edgar Degas, Pierre-August Renoir, and Paul Cézanne because of their antisemitism, which manifested itself in support for the false charges against French-Jewish Capt. Alfred Dreyfus.

If you feel like defacing national monuments, you could spray paint something nasty about Franklin Roosevelt on the one in his honor for his refusal to rescue Jews during the Holocaust. Or you could visit Grant's Tomb in New York City and remind the few who visit that shrine to the man who won the Civil War



Police in riot gear keep protesters at bay in Lafayette Park, near the White House, in Washington, DC, May 31, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Jonathan Ernst.

that at one point he tried to throw Jews out of Tennessee and Kentucky.

And if you're in the mood to delete films from streaming service catalogs, such as the way “Gone With the Wind” is being axed, you could demand that they toss out Martin Scorsese's “Last Temptation of Christ” or Mel Gibson's “The Passion of the Christ” for the way Jews were depicted in them or the way they reinforced deicide myths (even though most Christians just think they're stories about Jesus and generally ignore the troubling parts about Jews).

That's a lot of canceling on our list, and I've barely scratched the surface of all we could do.

But we shouldn't do any of that.

The world, including the Jews, would be diminished by the erasure of the great works of Western civilization that can be linked to antisemitism. We should seek to provide

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## Nazi Headstones and Confederate Statues Should Be Treated the Same



BEN COHEN/  
JNS.org

The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) agreed recently to the removal of a small number of headstones in US military cemeteries that were engraved with the Nazi swastika and the Iron Cross.

The stones marked the graves of captive German soldiers who were interred at two cemeteries in this country after World War II — Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in Texas and Fort Douglas Post Cemetery in Utah. In addition to the offending symbols, their headstones also carried the following inscription: “He died far from his home for the Führer, people, and fatherland.”

One might have assumed that, given their content, removing the headstones would not have been an issue for the VA.

In fact, the department's first response was to insist that they remain in place.

In a mid-May letter to the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF), an advocacy group that brought the headstones' existence to light, the VA argued that it had a “duty” to preserve the markers. But then several members of Congress objected to the presence of the headstones, leading the department to reverse its initial decision. It was “understandably upsetting to our veterans and their families to see Nazi inscrip-

tions near those who gave their lives for this nation,” VA Secretary Robert Wilkie acknowledged at the beginning of June. “That's why VA will initiate the process required to replace these POW headstones.”

Not surprisingly, amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and the Black Lives Matter protests sparked by the police murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, the Nazi graves incident at the VA didn't receive much media airplay. Still, the issues raised by this episode, along with its outcome, are relevant to the ongoing national clash over the continued presence of Confederate statues and war memorials in US cities.

The last time that the visual baggage of the Confederacy animated the country to this extent was in 2017, with the violent white-supremacist show of force in Charlottesville, Virginia. Back then, as now, President Donald Trump made no secret of where he stood, using his Twitter feed to decry “the removal of our beautiful statues and monuments” and



White nationalists participate in a torch-lit march on the grounds of the University of Virginia, ahead of the Unite the Right Rally, in Charlottesville, Virginia, Aug. 11, 2017. Photo: Reuters / Stephanie Keith.

asking rhetorically, “Robert E Lee, Stonewall Jackson — who's next, Washington, Jefferson?”

Trump made the same point in similar fashion amid the latest round of protests against racism, which have included widespread demands for the renaming of US military bases named in honor of Confederate commanders. “These Monumental and very Powerful Bases have become part of a Great American Heritage, and a history of Winning, Victory, and Freedom,” he tweeted — again glibly subsuming the secessionist, slave-owning Confederacy within the broad, triumphant sweep of American history.

This is a deeply suspect line of argument, and the episode over the presence of Nazi headstones in our military cemeteries helps explain why.

In that example, what was being objected to was not the physical remains of the German POWs, but the horrendous manner in which that presence was acknowledged. Some neutral inscription on the headstones would have been respectful and civilized, and a far cry from the encomium to Hitler that ended up on them. With the removal of the headstones, an unseemly wrong — the presence of the symbols of a mortal enemy in the very locations where American veterans are buried — has been righted. And I would argue that the same moral logic applied here should apply to the Confederate memorabilia around us.

Now, you might object that one cannot in decency compare the officers and soldiers of the Confederacy with the external enemy that

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## World News.

## Spain's Balearic Islands, Renowned Mediterranean Party Spot, Adopt Anti-BDS Law

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The parliament of Spain's Balearic Islands passed a bill earlier this month condemning the anti-Israel boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement.

The legislation approved on June 6 described BDS as discriminatory and denounced antisemitism as defined by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), which includes anti-Israel racism.

All major parties in the legislature voted for the bill.

MP Maxo Benalal, chairman of the Jewish community of Ibiza, introduced the bill in parliament, and was aided by the Lawfare Project and the umbrella group the Federation of Jewish Communities.

Ignacio Wenley Palacios, senior counsel of the Lawfare Project in Spain, said, "Boycotts by public institutions have all the attributes of the most intolerable discrimination."

"They deny relations and the provision of public services to individuals not because of their behavior, but because of something they cannot change nor avoid — their country of



People sunbathe at Playa De Palma beach, in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, June 14, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Enrique Calvo.

origin," he added.

The World Jewish Congress (WJC) tweeted in response to the news, "Identifying and defining antisemitism are critical steps in eradicating it. Thank you."

Spanish pro-Israel group ACOM called the passage of the bill a "sensational victory against the intolerant."

By adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism, the group said, the legislation meant that "the boycott activities of the BDS movement, which seek to discriminate against those who support the Jewish state and its companies and citizens, are part of antisemitic behavior."

## Antisemitic Vandals Hang Sheet Spray-Painted With 'Vulgar Insults' Over Holocaust Memorial in Nashville

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A memorial to the Holocaust at a Jewish community center in Nashville, Tennessee, was defaced over the weekend with white supremacist symbols and antisemitic insults.

Local media reported that on Saturday, the memorial at the Gordon Jewish Community Center in west Nashville had been covered with a white bed sheet spray-painted with what witnesses described as "vulgar insults in a message of hate."

"We condemn such bigotry and violence, which has no place in Nashville or anywhere in America," the community center's leadership declared in a statement.

The statement expressed confidence in the current security arrangements for the center.

"We are fortunate to have an excellent security team in place to protect us," the statement said. "They work hand in hand with local and national authorities to keep us and our campus safe. At a time when our nation is



The memorial to the Holocaust in Nashville, Tennessee. Photo: Courtesy of nashvilleholocaustmemorial.org.

confronting racism and anti-Semitic attacks are rising, our JCC community continues to stand united with those who condemn discrimination in all its forms."

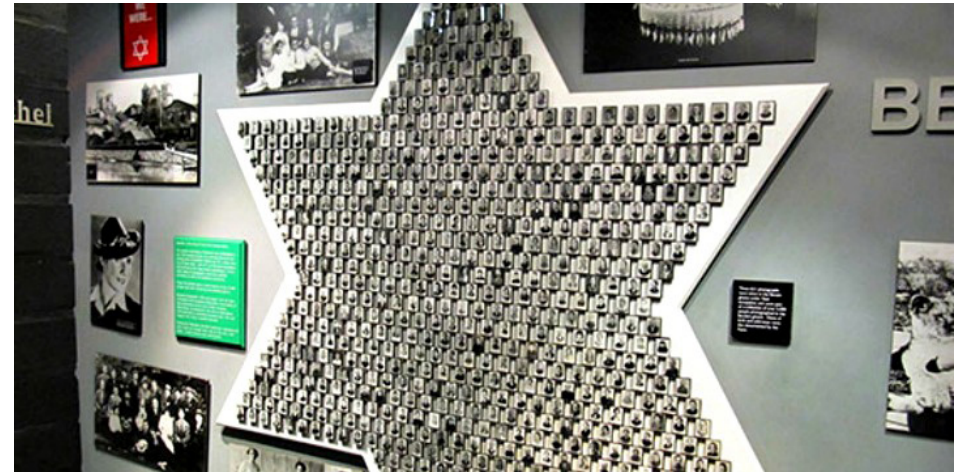
The goal of the Holocaust memorial is to teach the history of the Nazi genocide of the Jews "through the personal stories of the Nashvillians who are represented there," according to its website. "The name of each European hometown of the survivors is presented at the pathway leading up to the memorial."

sectors that have seen a high rate of return to work were medical (27.7%), finance (26.7%) and education (25.2%), all relatively high-paying.

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include low-wage workers. The professional

## Argentine Journalist Slammed for Bracketing 'Zionism' With 'Nazism' and 'Stalinism'



Part of an exhibit on the Holocaust supported by the IHRA. Photo: Courtesy of IHRA.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

An Argentine journalist was under fire on Monday for an article in which he bracketed Nazism with Zionism — a few days after the Argentine government formally adopted a definition of antisemitism that rejects such a comparison as antisemitic.

In an article for *La Gaceta de Tucumán* — a newspaper serving Argentina's northwestern province of Tucumán — staff writer Federico Türpe referred to "great propaganda apparatuses" of the previous century, "such as those of Nazism, Zionism, Stalinism or Peronism."

Responding to the article, Pablo Yedlin — who represents Tucumán in the Argentine parliament — pointed out that Türpe's grouping of Zionism with the National

Socialist ideology that dominated Germany under Hitler was antisemitic according to the definition of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), adopted by the Argentine government on June 7.

Among the manifestations of antisemitism identified by the definition is the "[D]rawing (of) comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis."

Yedlin tweeted that the article contained an "unfortunate grouping" of ideologies, remarking that Stalinism and Nazism were responsible for several million deaths and that the comparison with Zionism was "banal."

Türpe replied to the criticism by doubling down on his article, calling Yedlin "paranoid" and "misguided."

"Zionism's propaganda program is phenomenal and documented," Türpe insisted.

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Annexation

Trump administration did not want to see annexation proceed without a consensus in the current government.

Defense Minister Benny Gantz and Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi, both of Blue and White, have sent mixed signals on the annexation issue.

Yedlin reported that even the two men's

closest associates did not know their positions on the matter.

A senior coalition source said, "They still haven't formulated their stance."

According to Israeli news site *Walla*, Netanyahu also said that he would not bring the Trump peace plan to a full Knesset vote.

Instead of doing so, Netanyahu stated, he would "conduct negotiations on the basis" of the plan.

## Gaza Rocket Strikes Southern Israel; IDF Retaliates Against Hamas

BY JNS.org

Israel struck several Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip on Monday night after a rocket launched from the coastal enclave fell in Israeli territory, according to the Israel Defense Forces.

"In response to the rocket that was fired from Gaza into Israel earlier this evening, our fighter jets and tanks just targeted underground Hamas infrastructure and military posts," the Israeli military said in a statement.

The rocket landed in an open area in the Eshkol region, and no injuries or damage

were reported, according to the military.

The conflagration comes after Israel approved the latest Qatari aid package for Gaza, to the tune of \$50 million, which is reportedly to be delivered later in the week, and amid heightened tensions due to Israel's plan to extend its sovereignty to the Jordan Valley, and parts of Judea and Samaria.

According to Al-Jazeera, senior Hamas official Salah al-Bardawil said at a news conference in the Gaza Strip on Monday that "it is the duty of each free Palestinian citizen to rise up against this flagrant aggression on our land."

## World News.



Mayor of Warsaw and the presidential candidate of the main Polish opposition party Civic Platform (PO) Rafal Trzaskowski attends election rally in Zakopane, Poland, June 6, 2020. Photo: Marek Podmokly / Agencja Gazeta via Reuters.

## Polish State TV Uses Jewish Property Restitution Issue to Attack Opposition

BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Polish public television has raised the sensitive issue of Jewish property restitution during the country's presidential campaign by accusing the main opposition candidate, Rafal Trzaskowski, of putting foreign interests first.

Poland was home to one of the world's biggest Jewish communities until it was almost entirely wiped out during World War Two by the Nazis who set up death camps such as Auschwitz on Polish territory.

Jewish former property owners and their descendants have been campaigning for compensation since the fall of communism in 1989. But the nationalist ruling Law and Justice party (PiS) says Poland itself was also a victim of Nazi Germany and that it is for Berlin to compensate former Polish Jews.

The prime time news show on state-owned TVP suggested on Sunday that Trzaskowski, presidential candidate of the centrist Civic Platform (PO), would use public money to compensate Jews for their losses and fail to defend national interests if he beat the

incumbent, Andrzej Duda, in the June 28 vote.

President Duda is close to PiS.

TVP quoted a 2015 interview with Trzaskowski saying Poland "needs to talk with Jewish communities and try to solve this problem (of property restitution)." It also suggested Trzaskowski's "thinking is not based on Polish interests."

Previously, the show has said Trzaskowski has close ties to George Soros, the billionaire financier who supports liberal causes in eastern Europe.

"(Trzaskowski) is a man (...) who represents foreign interests in our country," PiS MP Arkadiusz Mularczyk told Reuters, adding that the PO candidate took "his mandate" from Berlin or Brussels and would not stand up for Polish interests.

A spokesman for PO said it was difficult to comment on such "absurdities."

"Public television in Poland is more similar to public television in Russia or Belarus than to public television in a democratic country," said Jan Grabiec.

Trzaskowski has said he will reform TVP if he wins the presidency.

## Israel Passes Law Allowing Ministers to Temporarily Give Up Parliament Seats

BY JNS.org

Israel's Knesset on Monday passed a law allowing legislators appointed ministers or deputy ministers to resign temporarily from their parliamentary seats and enable other members of their party to take their place.

Under the so-called "Norwegian Law," if such a minister or deputy minister later resigns, is dismissed or is appointed prime minister, vice prime minister or acting prime minister, he or she automatically returns to the Knesset at the expense of the new MK. The law allows for between one and five members of a party who are also ministers or deputy ministers to give up their parliament seats in favor of party members below them on their party's list. The bill was approved in its second and third readings, with 66 votes in favor and 43 against. It required 61 votes to pass.

The passing of the law was a condition of the coalition agreement signed between Israeli

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Vice Premier Benny Gantz. The legislation is important to Gantz's Blue and White Party, as 12 of the 15 Blue and White members elected to the Knesset during the March elections are ministers or deputy ministers and thus are unable to formulate laws or sit on Knesset committees, leaving only three of the party's MKs to do this work. Proponents of the law argue that it is a welcome first step towards a separation of powers in Israel, where, currently, members of the executive are also members of the legislature, unlike in the United States.

Opponents of the law claim that it is a waste of badly needed funds, because it will cost the public millions more dollars per year. Opposition head Yair Lapid slammed the government on Twitter, claiming: "Instead of unemployment benefits for freelance workers and grants for the unemployed, they are wasting public funds on [political] jobs."

## Israel Signs Deal to Acquire COVID-19 Vaccine From US Company Moderna

BY CTech/YNet News

Israel has signed a deal to procure a coronavirus (Covid-19) vaccine, already in advanced stages of development, from US biotech company Moderna, according to local reports.

Ministry of Health officials confirmed on Sunday that negotiations were ongoing and reportedly an agreement was signed on Tuesday morning under which Moderna will supply Israel with vaccines, assuming it proves it developed an effective one. Moderna announced it was concluding its phase two testing for the vaccine and plans to begin phase three with 30,000 participants in July. The company claimed it could start production of the vaccine as soon as September of this year.

In phase one, the vaccine was administered to 45 volunteers and showed promising results and was found to be safe. Phase two, which is nearly complete, was to test the safety and efficacy of the vaccine that was shown to be safe for use on humans. Although no data was made available to the public, results are believed to reveal those who were vaccinated showed an increased amount of antibodies surpassing that of patients who have recovered from the virus.

Moderna's vaccine called mRNA-1273 counters Covid-19's ability to enter cells by preventing the production of the spike protein which would allow the virus to latch on to the cell, thereby preventing the disease from developing and allowing the body's immune system to destroy the virus before any disease occurs.

If the third phase of testing by Moderna is successful, the company believes it would be able to begin mass production of a vaccine in the coming months with an estimated one

billion doses completed by the middle of 2021.

Moderna is not the only pharma company working on a vaccine. Chinese company CanSino has also reported success in its first phase of testing on humans, which ended in April. It also says it is nearing completion of phase two and expects to begin phase three in the course of the summer. The company's vaccine works similarly to Moderna's version and a successful trial would mean the population of China would likely benefit from it first.

British and Swiss company AstraZeneca is also developing a vaccine. The company is cooperating with Oxford University scientists in the production of ChAdOx1, tested thus far on animals including chimpanzees, and is preparing to begin testing on humans next week. Residents of the UK are set to be first in line to receive the vaccine.

The American pharmaceutical giant Pfizer has already produced a vaccine, which the company claims tricks the body into thinking it has been invaded by Covid-19, promoting the production of antibodies to fight off the virus. The vaccine, called BNT162, which contains various proteins, will be in first and second phase testing within weeks.

Johnson & Johnson also reported it is set to begin mass production of a vaccine. AD26, which was developed by the company, will begin phase one of clinical trials in September.

French Sanofi reported it was in collaboration with GSK to develop an adjuvanted vaccine, using innovative technology from both companies. It plans to begin clinical trials on humans in the next couple of months. Using adjuvant technology would reduce the number of antibodies needed to produce vaccines, therefore accelerating time to market.

## US May Withhold Aid to Jordan Over Extradition of 'Sbarro' Terrorist

BY JNS.org

The US may consider halting aid to Jordan in an effort to secure the extradition of Ahlam Aref Ahmad al-Tamimi, a Jordanian terrorist on the FBI's Most Wanted list for her role in the suicide bombing at a Jerusalem pizzeria in 2001 that killed 15 people, including two American citizens.

Henry Wooster, nominee for the role of US ambassador to Jordan, made the threat to withhold aid to pressure Jordan to extradite Tamimi in a written statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, according to the AP. "The United States has multiple options and different types of leverage to secure Ahlam Aref Ahmad al-Tamimi's extradition," wrote Wooster. "We will continue to engage Jordanian officials at all levels not only on this issue, but also on the extradition treaty more broadly. US generosity to Jordan in Foreign Military Financing as well as economic support and other assistance is carefully calibrated to protect and advance the range of US interests in Jordan and in the region."

The extradition issue is likely to be raised this Wednesday when Jordan's King Abdullah



An FBI "Most Wanted Terrorist" poster for Palestinian terrorist Ahlam Ahmad al-Tamimi, one of the masterminds of the Aug. 9, 2001 bombing of the Sbarro pizzeria in Jerusalem. Photo: FBI.

II is scheduled to speak to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee via video to voice his opposition to Israel's plan to extend sovereignty to the Jordan Valley and parts of Judea and Samaria.

Tamimi, who selected the target and drove the bomber there, was arrested by Israel weeks after the attack and sentenced to 16 life terms, but was released in the 2011 Israel-Hamas prisoner swap and moved to Jordan. She has appeared frequently in the media, expressing no remorse for her role in the deaths of innocent civilians.

U.S. News.

# Former ADL Exec Appointed to Head Security Training Initiative for US Jewish Communities

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Veteran US Jewish advocate Evan Bernstein was announced on Monday as chief executive officer of the Community Security Service (CSS) — an independent organization focused on protecting the Jewish community and its institutions through what it calls the “best-in-class training to build on-the-ground volunteer led CSS physical security teams and safety programs.”

CSS said in a statement that Bernstein was coming to the organization “with substantial leadership experience of more than 20 years and has been at the forefront of fighting anti-Semitism and all forms of hate, including a long tenure at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), where he served for seven years as the organization’s regional director for New York and New

Jersey, and subsequently as Vice President of its Northeast Division overseeing the Connecticut and Boston-based regional offices.”

Against a background of a rise in antisemitic incidents, Bernstein would now lead a push to introduce CSS to “even more Jewish communities across the country, building nationwide and central office infrastructure, the addition of new board members, and the future establishment of a security advisory board,” the statement said.

“We are ramping up our efforts to create a more robust operation that meets the latest security demands we see first-hand in our work with communal organizations,” Edward Sugar — CSS Board Chair — said. “With new resources, funding, leadership, and dedicated community members, we are now in a better position to push back against the rising tide of incidents singling out Jewish institutions and



The facade of the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Nov. 3, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Alan Freed / File.

equip them with the critical tools needed to create secure environments.”

Bernstein said that he was “honored to have been selected to lead a national organization whose singular ever-critical mission is to protect Jewish life and Jewish way of life.”

# ‘Rabble-Rouser’ Yair Netanyahu’s ‘Racist’ Obama Tweet Slammed by Abe Foxman

BY BEN COHEN

Yair Netanyahu — the 28-year-old son of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — was upbraided on Tuesday by a senior American Jewish leader for his tweet promoting the discredited conspiracy theory that former US President Barack Obama was born in Kenya.

“One is tempted to ignore the racist rants of a young rabble-rouser, but this is too serious, especially at this time,” Abraham Foxman — the National Director Emeritus of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) — told The Algemeiner, when asked for his reaction to the younger Netanyahu’s earlier posting on Twitter.

On Tuesday morning, Netanyahu shared a post by Malik Obama — the estranged half-brother of the ex-president who lives in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi — showing a fabricated birth certificate purportedly belonging to Barack Obama.

The fake certificate has been doing the rounds of social media since at least 2009 and contains several obvious clues as to its false nature. For example, it lists the country of birth as the “Republic of Kenya” in the year 1961 — but Kenya did not become a republic until 1964. Additionally, some versions of the certificate shared by supporters of the so-called “birther” movement have carried the birth registration number 47044; Obama was 47 when he became the 44th president of the United States.

“Yair Netanyahu may think he’s speaking out as an individual, but the world looks at his family name and sees him as a representative of the State of Israel, or at least as acting on the behest of his father,” Foxman said.

Added Foxman: “The son of the prime minister of Israel believes that he can sound off without any regard for, in this case, the feelings and sensitivities of American Jews. He tweets a discredited, offensive and racist meme about President Obama at a time of major upheaval here. He should delete it and apologize.”

Yair Netanyahu’s social media activity has regularly courted controversy. Currently without a job and living at his parents’ official residence in Jerusalem, Netanyahu had been working for the Israeli legal NGO Shurat Ha-Din when he was suspended in March 2019 for a Twitter post deriding Israeli President Reuven Rivlin’s commitment to the rights of Arab citizens of Israel.

In Dec. 2018, he was briefly suspended from Facebook after posting that peace in the region would not come until “all the Jews” or “all the Muslims” departed from Israel.

“I prefer the second option,” he wrote.

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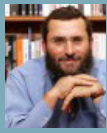
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## Opinion.

# The Demonization of Netanyahu Adviser Aaron Klein



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For too long in America, we've seen people fired, forced to resign, or otherwise de-platformed for nothing more than expressing an unpopular political opinion. With time, this 'cancel-culture' has become increasingly intense. Lately, it can even be seen seeping into the mesh of the Israeli political and media establishments.

In the United States, this "spirit of ferocious intellectual intolerance," as my friend, The New York Times' columnist Brett Stephens calls it, reached a crescendo last week with the resignation (or forced-firing) of New York Times Editorial Page editor James Bennet, a distinguished journalist with impeccable liberal credentials, who did nothing wrong but publish an op-ed by a sitting American Senator expressing what turned out to be mainstream views. The opinion — namely, that America should deploy active duty troops to major American cities in response to looting and rioting — was at the time supported by 52% of American voters, as Stephens pointed out in a brilliant op-ed earlier this week. Personally, I was opposed to deploying American troops. But the idea that a distinguished editor was fired over publishing Senator Tom Cotton's opinion is shocking. And yet, cascades of condemnations and a New York Times staff revolt would quickly culminate in Bennet's resignation.

Looking past the uproar it's clear that ideas today are judged less by their merits than popularity and mass-appeal. That trend has empowered another: the masses have now become judges, juries, and executioners of people's entire careers.

As a result, politics and media are beginning to feel less like the Roman Forum than the Roman Coliseum — where only the crowd-pleasers survive.

Which brings us to Aaron Klein, who

was tapped last week to serve as strategic and communications advisor to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Considering Netanyahu is himself a nearly unparalleled strategist and communicator, it follows that he'd only draft the highest-caliber assets. Indeed, Klein's credentials are solid and assuring. Before helping Netanyahu and Likud win their last election — his work was praised by campaign chairman Israel Katz — Klein had worked for more than fifteen years as a journalist, strategist, and author specializing in politics and the Middle East.

And yet, some in Israel have protested his appointment. Of course, they don't call into question his integrity or abilities, but rather a few obscure political opinions he expressed over the past fifteen years. News outlets on both sides of the aisle dug through a decade of news content, each intent on proving that Klein was a right-wing extremist. Some slammed him for slamming President Obama, even as Obama empowered genocidal Imams with \$150 billion and legitimized their nuclear ambitions with his Iran deal and refused to veto a United Nations motion against Israel, itself an American first. Others warned that Klein's appointment might offend Biden, summing it up as a "short-sighted move" bent on "antagonizing Democrats."

But since when has expressing right-wing views become "antagonizing" to democrats? Surely Israel as a democracy, like the United States itself, has people on the right and the left, and like the wings of a bird which achieves flight through antithetical propulsion, we need both.

I have known Aaron Klein as a professional colleague for some 15 years and have long valued him as someone dedicated in body, heart, and soul to the Jewish state. As far back as a decade ago, we hosted radio-shows on WABC 770AM in New York City, America's most listened-to talk-radio station. In the years since, I've written intermittently for Breitbart News, for whom he founded and led the Jerusalem-based Middle-East Bureau. From what I have seen, read and heard, I know

Aaron to be a man of firm moral grounding — a Jewish patriot with a passion for truth and burning Jewish pride.

Most importantly for a man in his position Klein has exhibited insight and understanding on many of Israel's key political issues.

For example, Israel is regularly pressured into making dangerous territorial concessions. In the wake of the fifteen-year fiasco in Hamas-held Gaza, it's an easier motion to oppose today. But in 2005, much of Israel was swept up in a fever to unilaterally withdraw from the enclave. Dashing for a quick-fix, many were oblivious to the risks. To his credit, Klein was on the scene, telling the truth about the elements Israel would be empowering and the Jews it was evicting. He lived there on the ground for six months, covering the Gush Katif residents being forcibly evacuated from their own homes. He gave a voice to the heroic, yet much-maligned settlers, whose very presence on that land stopped it from becoming the giant unified rocketropolis that it is today. And I was a personal witness to so much of this as my children were, arguably, the last to actually plant trees in Gush Katif (on Tu B'Shvat) the year it was handed to the Hamas terrorists.

In the years since Israel's withdrawal, tens of thousands of rockets have been fired and thousands of innocents sacrificed in furtherance of Hamas' stated goal of murdering every Jew the world over

Responding to that tragic tendency, Klein has fought to make the malice of Israel's enemies known. Pursuing high-risk interviews, Klein spoke directly with terrorist chieftains (including some from Hamas) laying bare the barbarity of their plans and world-views. In others, he forced political and religious leaders to take a stand on the terrorist issue, unmasking Hamas-sympathizers like English Parliamentarian George Galloway and the Imam of the planned Ground-Zero mosque.

With all of this and more, Klein has emerged as a leader in the field of combatting BDS and heralding the merits and virtues of Israel for the world to see. Yes, he clashed

mightily with the Obama administration. So did the elected government of Israel as well as AIPAC and even leading Democrats like Senators Charles Schumer and Robert Menendez, as well as 78% of the Israeli population. I worked closely with activists and politicians on both sides of the aisle to oppose the catastrophic Iran deal which was a disgrace to the United States. Were we all 'antagonizing democrats'?

Ultimately, the jabs hurled Klein's way are symptomatic of a stadium mentality with which so many view the Jewish State. Worse, they demand Israel play by their rules.

To give an example: Israel mulls annexation, and as if on cue, the coliseum crowds emerge. The Palestinian Authority, the UN, and the EU chime in. Dignitaries warn that the Jewish annexation of their own historic homeland could lead to 'disaster,' 'escalations,' or even Israel's collapse. A group of 400 Jewish studies professors equate annexation to "Apartheid." Even the Emirati ambassador to the US Yousef al-Otaiba felt the need to warn Israel against annexation, publishing an op-ed in Hebrew and in Israel's leading newspaper Yedioth Aharonoth — a PR event facilitated by a man I admire, Haim Saban.

But with all this, Israel has so many mouths to please.

Of course, there should be different views on annexation. It's a complex issue that Israelis should analyze, discuss and decide on. But trading partners, Jewish-studies professors, and the ambassador to a foreign nation from an even more foreign nation? Respectfully, since when did their voices matter more than Israelis themselves? And I say this as an American Jew who loves Israel.

The annexation debate has proven that no country has to put up with non-stop micro-management like Israel does. Klein's appointment has shown that Israel mustn't just impress American Presidents, but their potential successors, too.

I urge Prime Minister Netanyahu, Aaron Klein, and their detractors, to recall this simple, unbreakable truth. When you have inherent merits, you need no one's approval. Israelis can think for themselves.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach's holocaust memoir, "Holocaust Holiday: One Family's Descent into Genocide Memory Hell," written with historical contributions by Mitchell Bard, will be published later this year. Follow him on Twitter and Instagram @RabbiShmuley.

## Do Jordanians Want a Palestinian State?



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NEW YORK

Israel is reportedly considering applying sovereignty to territory in the West Bank. King Abdullah II of Jordan and his foreign minister both strongly oppose the annexation and describe it as illegal. There are reports that Benny Gantz will soon visit Amman to discuss the situation with our king.

All Arab countries are publicly opposing the annexation, but Jordan is at the center of this issue given its location and that it previously ruled the territories in question. Jordan is now using that unique position to take a number of steps against the Israeli move, especially in Washington and European capitals.

But do Jordanians support the eventual establishment of an independent armed Palestinian state on their borders?

One can't simply forget the events of Black September in the 1970s or the Lebanese civil war of the 1980s, both of which were caused by the Palestinians. And then there's all the smaller terrorist attacks and airplane hijackings by Palestinians. In short, we've come to know the Palestinians as a people who quickly turn to violence and terrorism given the opportunity.

Dr. Saud Al-Sharafat, director of the Sharafat Center for Globalization and Terrorism Studies and Research in Amman, is against the annexation process, and his position is the same as that of the Jordanian government and the king.

He says that the timing is inappropriate, and that the move will harm Israel's long-term interests. This is especially true in regard to Israel's relations with Jordan, which fears

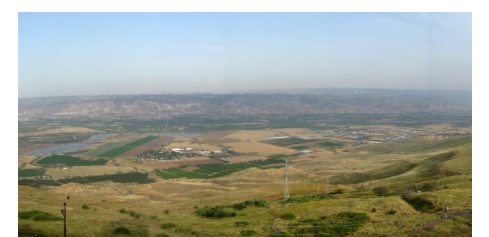
the "alternate homeland" scenario; this plan would see the forced transfer or displacement of Palestinians to Jordan. Dr. Al-Sharafat wants to see all parties return to the negotiating table under the auspices of the Americans.

Jordanian Awad Al-Maharmeh stated, "I am satisfied with saying that I do not support the establishment of an armed Palestinian state on the borders of Jordan, but Palestinian autonomy only." As for Israel's plans to annex some of the territory, on that topic, he refused to comment.

A Jordanian entrepreneur residing in Chile said, "Jordanian lands for me, as a Jordanian, are holy lands from the Jordan River to the borders of Saudi Arabia, from the borders of Syria and Iraq to Aqaba. But the Palestinian issue does not at all concern me."

Laith Haddad is a Jordanian singer living in the United Arab Emirates. "I am in favor of an unarmed Palestinian state... If a Palestinian state were to be established, it must be demilitarized," he said. As for Israel annexing some of the territory, Haddad insisted that Israel didn't have the right to do so. "However," he added, "as a Christian, I also recognize that these lands have been Jewish since the time of the biblical Exodus."

A retired engineer and professor of theology at a Christian college in Amman called Israel's plans to annex the Jordan Valley



The Jordan Valley. Photo: Юкатан via Wikimedia Commons.

another act of "occupation." But he added that he "does not encourage the establishment of an Islamic Palestinian state west of the river. I prefer to see the West Bank under Jordanian guardianship, and let the Palestinians self-rule in a demilitarized state."

Finally, Modar al-Momani, a Jordanian-born international journalist based in Jerusalem, said, "The safest solution is two neighboring states, which just like any two countries in the world, would be governed by international law. And this according to the 1967 border lines."

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## Opinion.

# An Open Letter to Eliot Engel's Primary Opponent



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Those murderous acts have not spared your own district. Just a year and a half ago, Ari Fuld, son of Rabbi Yonah Fuld, was knifed to death by a Palestinian terrorist.

And let us not forget the countless other American victims of Palestinian terrorism, including Taylor Force, an American veteran who was murdered in Tel Aviv by Palestinian terrorists. In 2018, the Taylor Force Act was passed in Congress. The bill calls for America to decrease aid to the PA until it stops supporting terrorist families.

Due to the PA's "pay to slay" policy, the families of these terrorists will be receiving financial support from the PA for life. Knowing that their families will receive money, this policy has also inspired others to commit more heinous acts of terror.

Countless Riverdalians now live in Israel, including my daughter and her family. Some live in the town of Efrat, just south of Jerusalem, in Gush Etzion. In the center of Gush Etzion, many, including Ezra Schwartz, a teenager from Boston, were viciously murdered by Palestinian terrorists.

Furthermore, the human rights abuses of the PA (and the Hamas terrorist organization, for that matter) don't merely extend to Israelis, but Palestinians as well. In fact, according to a 149-page report released in 2018 by Human Rights Watch, the organization describes what it calls "arbitrary arrests" and "systematic torture" by the PA and Hamas towards innocent Palestinians.

Mr. Bowman, you have said before that "this is not about singling out Israel and targeting Israel." Yet it seems to me, at least in regard to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, that this is exactly what you are doing.

And so, in light of all this, my questions are very specific: Do you support the Taylor Force Act? Are you prepared to say that you oppose the PA's policy of financially supporting families of terrorist murderers? And will you condemn the human rights abuses of the PA and Hamas?

Additionally, your position on BDS is not clear.

Most recently, there was a bill in Congress



New York congressional candidate *Jamaal Bowman*. Photo: *Jamaal Bowman for Congress/Facebook*.

entitled "Opposing efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel." When the time came to vote on it, 398 Congresspersons voted yea, 17 voted nay. Reps. AOC, Ilhan Omar (D-MN), and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) were among the few nay votes.

How would you have voted on this resolution? How can we be sure that having received a strong endorsement from AOC (who also co-sponsored a different pro-BDS resolution proposed by Omar), that you don't support her on this issue? Are you able to definitively commit yourself to never supporting BDS?

Speaking of Reps. Omar and Tlaib, you tweeted that "@IlhanMN @RashidaTlaib do not hate Israel." As many know, both Omar and Tlaib have made highly antisemitic statements in recent years, and their antisemitism has been condemned by the Anti-Defamation League and the Simon Wiesenthal Center, among many others. Do you still stand by your defense of these Congresswomen?

Mr. Bowman, you have raised questions about Israel's human rights record and labeled Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as "authoritarian." However, Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. It has just gone through its third election in 18 months. Yet you've said nothing about the PA, whose president, Mahmoud Abbas, is now in his 15th year of a four-year term. Will you similarly label Abbas an authoritarian?

I look forward, and I believe our community looks forward, to hearing your responses to the specific questions that I've raised.

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Avi Weiss

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time, a staggering human cost.

In institutional terms, some current signs can be seen of a move against the commemoration of the Confederacy. Defense Secretary Mark Esper has mooted a "bipartisan discussion" on the renaming of military bases, while the US Navy has outlawed the display of Confederate flags aboard its ships and in other facilities. But as the Jewish experience reminds us only too well, changes in institutional behavior aren't necessarily mirrored in public opinion. Especially with Trump in the White House, the segment of opinion that twists its perverse regard for the Confederacy into an American value will continue to assert itself aggressively.

The only response to this misrepresentation is to point to the historical record. "These bases are, after all, federal installations, home to soldiers who swear an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States," the former head of the CIA, Gen. David

# More Antisemitic Activity at UMass Amherst Is Not a Surprise

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*Baker Hall at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst*. Photo: *Wikipedia Commons*.

The university's Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) chapter immediately rushed to their own defense, denying any involvement in the incident. They released a backhanded "condemnation" of the act that mentioned nothing about antisemitism, but instead made the incident about themselves. Entitled "End the Criminalization of Palestinian Identity," the statement alleged that the act of vandalism caused anti-Palestinian discrimination.

This disgraceful display of antisemitism is nothing new at UMass Amherst. The SJP chapter there has a long track record of contributing to the college's hateful climate.

Only a few weeks earlier, the chapter waged an online attack on the UMass Black Student Union and a Jewish student group for co-hosting a Zoom lecture with a black Jewish Israeli. Calling this event "a larger effort by the Israeli government," SJP harped on the speaker's association with AIPAC, playing into the trope that Jewish organizations are conniving and always have an ulterior motive.

The speaker was supposed to discuss her experiences as a black Jewish Israeli, but SJP attempted to dehumanize her as nothing more than a Zionist stooge, blindly carrying out the "nefarious" interests of the Israel lobby.

SJP preached that they must shut down dialogue at all costs when it comes to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, because it "normalizes the occupation." This absurd claim violates the principles of academic freedom, which maintain that while dialogue is welcome on a college campus, inciting hatred against Jewish students on campus is not.

Despite this, some faculty supporters of SJP, like UMass professor Sut Jhally, often propagate antisemitism in the classroom. He produced the movie, *The Occupation of The American Mind: Israel's Public Relations War in the US*, narrated by rock star activist Roger Waters. The film itself is a hodgepodge of doctored footage stitched together in an attempt to give credence to antisemitic conspiracy theories of Jewish-controlled governments and media.

All of this from a professor tasked with teaching communications.

But UMass isn't the only school harboring Jew-hatred. Students for Justice in Palestine chapters have popped up on campuses everywhere. Their antisemitic tirades have had a detrimental effect on campus life for Jewish students.

A 2015 study conducted by researchers at Trinity College revealed that more than half of Jewish college students in the US have experienced antisemitism on their campus. Antisemitic incidents on campus increased by 45% in the following year.

Petraeus, wrote recently in *The Atlantic*. "The irony of training at bases named for those who took up arms against the United States, and for the right to enslave others, is inescapable to anyone paying attention."

If we are no longer prepared to tolerate Nazi symbols as an ongoing presence in our

Yet some of these incidents are justified and even celebrated. Why? Because groups like SJP and other anti-Israel activists perform mental gymnastics to convince college administrators that their Jew-hatred is simply a way of advocating for the rights of Palestinians and other minorities.

Antisemitic incidents occur time and again on college campuses everywhere with the same excuse: Israel, the only real democracy in the Middle East, is somehow an "oppressive regime" and therefore, it's OK to demonize Jewish students on campus for their support of Zionism and Jewish self determination.

As CAMERA on Campus notes, the vandalism at the UMass Hillel center is just another example of a "common pattern displayed by many antisemites: holding American Jews accountable for a conflict happening on the other side of the world."

A disconcerting trend across colleges and universities is that campus groups are often going unpunished for these actions.

Furthermore, instead of advocating for ways to actually help Palestinians fight corruption within their own government or condemning violence and attempts on innocent lives, Students for Justice in Palestine preoccupies itself with donning Hezbollah T-shirts and publicly celebrating known terrorists, including Rasmia Odeh. Odeh helped plan the 1969 Jerusalem supermarket bombing that murdered two students.

SJP at UMass has, in fact, publicly idolized convicted terrorists — when a representative praised Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine icon Leila Khaled. Khaled has hijacked two airplanes. But UMass SJP's Nate Taskin says that he's "inspired by her story."

And unsuspecting college students, eager to latch on to what they believe is a social justice cause, gleefully jump on the Jew-hating bandwagon. If these "pro-Palestinian" organizations really cared about human rights, where are their protests when terrorist groups like Hamas use Palestinian children as human shields? Where is their outrage when Palestinian school curricula train their children how to "become martyrs" and kill Jews from a young age? Where are their picket signs and boycotts when the Palestinian Authority doubles down on their lifetime "pay-to-slay" salary awarded to those who murder Israeli Jews?

If Students for Justice in Palestine and their faculty supporters ever hope to base their cause on the principle of justice, then it should not come at the cost of injustice toward others.

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military cemeteries, then we should treat the symbols of the Confederate betrayal of the United States in a similar manner.

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was Nazi Germany. After all, many leading Confederates, including Braxton Bragg, for whom the famous base in North Carolina is named, and Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy, were honored veterans of the Mexican-American war of 1846-48, and considered to be great and sage patriots. The Civil War they helped initiate a little more than a decade later was not the result of outside aggression, according to this argument, but a tragic conflict within the American family that politics alone was not able to resolve.

This interpretation of history is one of the factors behind Trump's vocal rejection of the removal of Confederate memorials. It might seem patriotic, but in reality, it isn't — not least because the values and the vision of American society that the Confederacy represented had eventually to be defeated on the battlefield at what was, especially by the standards of that

## Impressions.

# Palestinians Make Questionable Claims on Borders and Human Rights

BY ELDER OF ZION

Yesterday was the weekly meeting of the Palestinian Authority cabinet. Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh said some nonsensical stuff, including this puzzling statement: "The territory of our Palestinian state is one contiguous unit on the entire borders of June 4, 1967, with Jerusalem as its capital" and "any solution, settlement, or political project must guarantee a just solution to the refugee issue."

How can the borders be the "borders" of 1967 be contiguous, when the area was split before 1967 between the West Bank and Gaza?

As far as a "just solution to the refugee issue" — who decides what is "just"? Because if it is Palestinians, the only solution they could agree on is one that erases Israel.

According to the report, he added this head-scratcher:

*Shtayyeh also confirmed the government's solidarity with all who are subject to discrimination in all its forms, whether it is racial discrimination based on color, religion, nationalism, or gender, and that our people are against injustice and with freedom, equality, and justice for the rest of the*



*A rocket is fired towards Israel, in the southern Gaza Strip February 24, 2020. Photo: REUTERS/Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.*

*people of the world.*

This is amusing because if a Jew — even one who lived in Gush Etzion, across the Green Line, before 1948 — would want to buy land in "Palestine," he or she couldn't. It's illegal. And the person who wants to sell to the Jew would be arrested. Not exactly equal rights.

Also, there are quite a few Palestinian laws that discriminate against women, homosexuals, and many others.

Could the respected prime minister of the Palestinian Authority not be telling the truth? I highly doubt it.

*Elder of Zion has been blogging about Israel and the Arab world for a really long time now. He also controls the world, but deep down, you already knew that.*

# Don't Legalize Marijuana in Israel

BY MIRIAM ADELSON/JNS.org

It is sad that in a time of disputes on issues of the utmost importance to Israel, the parties that control its unity government have managed to agree on only one subject: the "need" to decriminalize and legalize cannabis.

For experts on the issue of drug use, like myself, watching the Likud and Blue and White parties announce last week that they would work

and normalizing cannabis in society, among normal adults, will quickly find its way to minors, an especially vulnerable group whose brains continue to develop until the ages of 21-25. The drug itself could have catastrophic effects on these young people.

Not only does early familiarity with drugs make them more widely used farther down the road, but cannabis also harms the development of the young brain and impairs the ability to make decisions. Studies show that a young person who



*An employee tends to a medical cannabis plants at Pharmocann, an Israeli medical cannabis company in northern Israel, Jan. 24, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen / File.*

together to normalize cannabis use in Israel was like watching a disaster unfold on the big screen, facilitated by people who, on any other matter, are reasonable and rational.

Decriminalization is a clear path to legalization, and the legalization of this supposedly "harmless" drug is a threat to society, especially to its youth, who are society's most vulnerable members.

Please, let's put the arguments about the medical advantages of cannabis into proportion: Cannabis might be able to help the treatment of multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, and other diseases, but that research is still in its infancy — like the research about the dangers of becoming addicted to it.

It's important to remember that the medical discourse focuses on CBD, the non-psychoactive component of cannabis, or, to use more familiar slang, the component that doesn't cause a "high." If CBD is proven to be of medical value, it can be produced in pill form. From here, the puffers asked for permission to consume the drug in its natural form, catching a lift to the desired "high." Of course, the negative financial interests of the producers are also hovering in the background.

Cannabis is a gateway drug to harder drugs,

starts to use cannabis at age 14 or 15 has an 18% chance of becoming addicted to opiates as an adult. The chance increases to a frightening 28% among those who start to use cannabis at age 13. Studies have shown that the IQ of children who used cannabis dropped six to eight points lower than that of children who did not.

It's unequivocal: The drug makes those of our teenagers who use it, the next generation, less intelligent and more likely to waste their lives. Israel has been blessed with human treasure — wonderful young people who reach international achievements in every field. We must not harm them by legitimizing cannabis, a plant that damages motivation, IQ, poses a risk of addiction to soft and hard drugs, and facilitates the onset of psychosis.

You've been warned.

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## Legals.

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## Opinion.

## Germany and the Jews: Hope That People Can Change



DAVID HARRIS  
NEW YORK

In the wake of the unprecedented tragedy of the Holocaust, it was anything but obvious that a Jewish group would seek to engage post-war Germany. But that's exactly what the American Jewish Committee (AJC) did. Others largely shunned Germany, wishing it to go into oblivion.

Why did the AJC engage Germany? It was certainly not for lack of understanding of what happened during the 12-year reign of the Third Reich. The immense human toll was all too well known, as was the enormity of the Final Solution against the Jews. The liberation of the concentration camps, from Auschwitz-Birkenau to

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Mauthausen, revealed the horrific truths. The horrors were all-enveloping, the pain searing.

Rather, it was for one simple reason: AJC leaders understood that Germany could not be wished into oblivion, any more than it could be transformed into a permanently weak, agricultural country, as some American officials unsuccessfully tried to persuade the White House at the time.

Sooner or later, Germany would reemerge on the European and global stages. Would that Germany be another tyrannical, aggressive nation, triggering yet more war, or would it be a democratic and peaceful country, cooperating with its neighbors and contributing to a more stable world?The answer was anything but obvious in the 1940s. AJC leaders at the time grasped the essential fact that they could not sit on the sidelines and wait for the unfolding of history to reveal the answer to the question. Too much was at stake. They needed to get involved in trying to help ensure that the answer was an unambiguously democratic and pacific Germany.

Over the next seven decades, step by step, a remarkable story developed. It began as an effort, with the help of the American occupation authorities and others, to introduce programs for Germans on democracy, mutual respect, denazification, and anti-antisemitism.

That wasn't easy, and the process was anything but linear.

Not every German was prepared to renounce overnight the ideology that had driven so many from 1933 to 1945. Nor was every German suddenly prepared to take lessons from Americans, much less American Jews, on how to live their lives going forward. And in a ravaged country, with cities destroyed, economic infrastructure crippled, refugees on the march, and adequate food an ever-present issue, not everyone's first priority was necessarily the embrace of a new value system.

But with the passage of time, and the help of inspired leaders, including, notably, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, the first signs of progress were achieved.

Beginning in 1949, West Germany established a democracy, which has proved remarkably resilient. Through the brilliant vision of two Frenchmen, Robert Schuman and Jean Monnet, the first seeds of European integration were planted and, centrally, of course, they included West Germany, as the project's main objective was to prevent another war in Europe. The United States helped immeasurably in getting Germany back on its feet, bolstering democratic institutions, defending its security, and becoming a staunch ally. To the surprise of many, a Jewish community in Germany was reborn and took root

## The New Iconoclasm: Down With Jefferson, Up With Sharpton



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Rarely a week passes without dramatic pictures on TV and in the press of sledgehammers taken to heroes of the Old Confederacy, along with new "replacement" sculpture and statuary to Black Lives Matter (like the formidable slab within full view of the White House itself) and already on the list of Places to See in Washington, DC. We will, no doubt, soon see statues of Rev. Al Sharpton alongside of, or even replacing, those of Martin Luther King, Jr. The Reverend Sharpton is the titular and also unchallenged leader of Black Lives Matter, now turning the country upside down to express its indignation over the murder in Minneapolis and its (supposed) epitome of police brutality towards black Americans.

The Rev. Sharpton was a constant presence in the White House during the presidency of Barack Obama, and has been treated with oily sycophancy by every major Democratic candidate for that party's nomination. (When Sharpton's acolytes in Black Lives Matter shouted down Bernie Sanders at a Seattle rally, the candidate reacted with instant compliance, and surrendered the microphone to them.) He

in several cities. And the establishment in 1965 of formal diplomatic ties between Germany and Israel was another post-war milestone.

All of this underscored the AJC's investment in post-war Germany and belief in the possibility, however remote it may have seemed on May 8, 1945, that a promising new chapter could be written. As the years passed, the AJC's involvement became both deeper and more varied.

In 1980, for example, it partnered with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation to establish an annual exchange program, now in its 40th year, bringing American Jewish leaders to Germany for study tours, and emerging German leaders to the United States to understand American Jewish life. That was followed by partnerships with the Friedrich Ebert and Friedrich Naumann foundations. In 1990, strengthened by more than four decades of deepening engagement, AJC became the first international Jewish organization to publicly support German reunification.

In 1994, a seemingly improbable relationship was established with the Bundeswehr that is now in its 26th year. It led to joint cooperation in assisting refugees from Kosovo, driven out by ethnic cleansing, among other initiatives. In 1998, AJC became the first American Jewish group to open a permanent office in Berlin.

has taught leading Democrats, at nearly all levels of the party, to view crime as a problem of prejudiced and brutal police, not of ruthless and pitiless criminals.

Do Americans know much about Sharpton, the unquestioned leader of Black Lives Matter, an organization now carrying all before it, including governors of states and mayors of cities? He first came to prominence for his central role in the assaults on Jews in 1991 in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. It has been called by historian Edward Shapiro "the only antisemitic riot in American history." This has not prevented

How different are these Democrats from the ones we once knew! I recall how, as a young boy, I went every four years to the polling booths of Brooklyn where my parents voted for Roosevelt while I stood nearby, distributing FDR leaflets. How different are the current crop from the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who excoriated Sharpton's thugs in 1991 as a "lynch mob" identical to the white unionists who had assaulted blacks in Detroit for "stealing" their jobs. That same Sharpton is today the darling of progressive America, Moynihan a distant memory.

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And in 2019, AJC announced that the organization's annual Global Forum would be held in Berlin in June 2020. This was to be the first time since the organization's founding in 1906 that it would take place in Europe, much less in Germany. The rationale for this historic decision was that 2020 coincided with the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. It was the right time to look back and remember the dark past, to assess the remarkable road traveled since 1945, to take stock of where things stand today, and to plan for the future. The topics to be examined included the transatlantic partnership, European integration and solidarity, rising antisemitism around the world, fading Holocaust memory, Israel and Europe, and the health of democratic values.

Alas, the pandemic forced cancellation of this gathering. Fortunately, all is not lost. Thanks to technology, a Virtual Global Forum will take place instead. It may not have quite the emotional power of actually being in Berlin, but will permit an exploration of timely issues.

May the progress of the last 75 years serve as an inspiring case study in the possibilities of progress for nations and people everywhere.

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## Tradition.

# What Is Going On?



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In March 2020, whilst launching a new book, I took part in a BBC radio programme along with Mervyn King, who had been governor of the Bank of England at the time of the financial crash of 2008. He, together with the economist John Kay, had also brought out a new book, *Radical Uncertainty: decision-making for an unknowable future*.

The coronavirus pandemic was just beginning to make itself felt in Britain, and it had the effect of making both of our books relevant in a way that neither of us could have predicted. Mine is about the precarious balance between the “I” and the “we”: individualism versus

comprehend tribal societies. You cannot use war to turn them into liberal democracies. Fail to understand this and you will waste many years, trillions of dollars, and tens of thousands of lives.

It might seem odd to suggest that a book by two contemporary economists holds the clue to unravelling the mystery of the spies in our parsha. But it does.

We think we know the story. Moses sent twelve spies to spy out the land. Ten of them came back with a negative report. The land is good, but unconquerable. The people are strong, the cities impregnable, the inhabitants are giants and we are grasshoppers. Only two of the men, Joshua and Caleb, took a different view. We can win. The land is good. God is on our side. With His help, we cannot fail.

On this reading, Joshua and

searching out a place’s weaknesses and vulnerabilities. That is what spying is about. The exclusive use of the verb *latur* in our parsha – repeated twelve times – is there to tell us that *the twelve men were not sent to spy*. But only two of them understood this.

Almost forty years later, when Moses retells the episode in Devarim 1:22-24, he does use the verbs *lachpor* and *leragel*. In Genesis 42, when the brothers come before Joseph in Egypt to buy food, he accuses them of being *meraglim*, “spies”, a word that appears seven times in that one chapter. He also defines what it is to be a spy: “You have come to see the nakedness of the land” (i.e. where it is undefended).

The reason ten of the twelve men came back with a negative report is not because they lacked courage or confidence or faith. It was because *they completely misunderstood their mission*. They thought they had been sent to be spies. But the Torah never uses the word “spy” in our chapter. The ten simply did not understand what was going on.

They believed it was their role to find out the “nakedness” of the land, where it was vulnerable, where its defences could be overcome. They looked and could not find. The people were strong, and the cities impregnable. The bad news about the land was that there was not enough bad news to make it weak and thus conquerable. They thought their task was to be spies and they did their job. They were honest and open. They reported what they had seen. Based on the intelligence they had gathered, they advised the people not to attack – not now, and not from here.

Their mistake was that *they were not meant to be spies*. They were told *latur*, not *lachpor* or *leragel*. Their job was to tour, explore, travel, see what the land was like and report back. They were to see what was good about the land, not what was bad. So, if they were not meant to be spies, what was the purpose of this mission?

I suggest that the answer is to be found in a passage in the Talmud that states: it is forbidden for a man to marry a woman without seeing her first. The reason? Were he to marry without having seen her first, he might, when he does see her, find he is not attracted to her. Tensions will inevitably arise. Hence the idea: *first see, then love*.

The same applies to a marriage between a people and its land. The Israelites were travelling to the country promised to their ancestors. But none of them had ever seen it. How then could they be expected to muster the energies necessary to fight the battles involved in conquering the land? They were about to marry a land they had not seen. They had no idea what they were fighting for.

The twelve were sent *latur*: to explore and report on the good things of the land so that the people would know it was worth fighting for. Their task was to tour and explore, not spy and decay. But only two of

them, Joshua and Caleb, listened carefully and understood what their mission was: to be the eyes of the congregation, letting them know the beauty and goodness of what lay ahead, the land that had been their destiny since the days of their ancestor Abraham.

*The Israelites at that stage did not need spies*. As Moses said many years later: “You did not trust in the Lord your God, who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go” (Deut. 1:32-33). God was going to show them where to go and where to attack.

The people needed something else entirely. Moses had told them that the land was good. It was “flowing with milk and honey.” But Moses had never seen the land. Why should they believe him? They needed the independent testimony of eyewitnesses. That was the mission of the twelve. And in fact, all twelve fulfilled that mission. When they returned, the first thing they said was: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit” (Num. 13:27). But because ten of them thought their task was to be spies, they went on to say that the conquest was impossible, and from then on, tragedy was inevitable.

The difference between the ten and Joshua and Caleb is not that the latter had the faith, courage and confidence the former did not. It is that they understood the story; the ten did not.

I find it fascinating that a leading economist and a former Governor of the Bank of England should argue for the importance of narrative when it comes to decision-making under conditions of radical uncertainty. Yet that is the profound truth in our parsha.

Ten of the twelve men thought they were part of a story of espionage. The result was that they looked for the wrong things, came to the wrong conclusion, demoralised the people, destroyed the hope of an entire generation, and will eternally be remembered as responsible for one of the worst failures in Jewish history.

Read Amy Chua’s *Political Tribes*, mentioned earlier, and you will discover a very similar analysis of America’s devastating failures in Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq.

I write these words while the Coronavirus pandemic is at its height. Has anyone yet identified the narrative of which it and we are a part? I believe that the story we tell affects the decisions we make. Get the story wrong and we can rob an entire generation of their future. Get it right, as did Joshua and Caleb, and we can achieve greatness.

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context and to speak out about the commonplace hatred for Jews that was so much a part of the last two millennia. But we should not join those seeking to vandalize, hide away, or delete those things that are linked to troubling ideas or actions

of the past.

As with our justified Jewish grievances, one can make a case for removing reminders of the Confederacy, which was both racist and treasonous, or of anything else linked to slavery.

But what’s going on isn’t really about slavery, the Civil War, or even America’s horrifying century of Jim Crow discrimination and segregation. Nor are the efforts to “defund the police” or to eliminate positive portrayals of the police (like the children’s cartoon “Paw Patrol” that some especially foolish people want thrown off the air) about confronting police brutality and modern-day racism.

The same is true for those who want to prevent the views of conservatives like Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) from a hearing in mainstream media, or for those who are seeking to purge contemporary art and theater of all vestiges of that catch-all term of white privilege. It also applies to those who are trying to claim that words like “riots” and “looting” are inherently racist, even if this is utter nonsense.

What is going on is an effort to essentially challenge the foundation of Western civilization. It is illiberal in that while posing as opposition to hate, it seeks to eliminate freedom of speech and thought. It prizes “safety” – ensuring that no one is confronted not only by hateful things but by any thought or idea that contradicts their personal assumptions and biases – over liberty and freedom.

And it is expressed in a latter-day McCarthyism in which all those who don’t conform to the fashion of the day are hounded, shunned, and silenced. Those who challenge the assumptions of the movement, even if they are outspoken against racism, are branded as racists. Even those who stay silent and refuse to recite the current catechism of guilt are now being canceled; hence, the rush of individuals, organizations, and companies to insincerely virtual signal.

They may be currently taking down statues of people you don’t like, or tossing out books and films you think are bad, but the Bolshevik spirit of this movement will never apply to antisemitism. In fact, eventually it will be applied to the perennial Jewish scapegoat and Zionism, which is falsely linked to white privilege and colonialism.

That’s why the only thing for principled persons to do now is stand up against this impulse. Though so much of contemporary culture is pushing us towards compliance with cancel culture, we must summon up the courage to resist all outrage mobs, and to refuse to virtue signal or denounce those who fall afoul of the self-appointed arbiters of wokeness. We should defend Western civilization – warts and all – against those who wish to consign it to the dustbin of history. The alternative is not only a catastrophe for the West, but also for the Jews.

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the common good. Theirs is about how to make decisions when you cannot tell what the future holds.

The modern response to this latter question has been to hone and refine predictive techniques using mathematical modelling. The trouble is that mathematical models work in a relatively abstract, delimited, quantifiable world and cannot deal with the messy, unpredictable character of reality. They don’t and cannot consider what Donald Rumsfeld called the “unknown unknowns” and Nicholas Taleb termed “black swans” – things that no one expected but that change the environment. We live in a world of radical uncertainty.

Accordingly, they propose a different approach. In any critical situation, ask: “What is happening?” They quote Richard Rumelt: “A great deal of strategy work is trying to figure out what is going on. Not just deciding what to do, but the more fundamental problem of comprehending the situation.” Narrative plays a major role in making good decisions in an uncertain world. We need to ask: *of what story is this a part?*

Neither Rumelt nor King and Kay quote Amy Chua, but her book *Political Tribes* is a classic account of failing to understand the situation. Chapter by chapter she documents American foreign policy disasters from Vietnam to Iraq because policy-makers did not

Caleb had faith, courage and confidence, while the other ten did not. But this is hard to understand. The ten – not just Joshua and Caleb – knew that God was with them. He had crushed Egypt. The Israelites had just defeated the Amalekites. How could these ten – leaders, princes – not know that they could defeat the inhabitants of the land?

What if the story were not this at all? What if it was not about faith, confidence, or courage. What if it was about “What is going on?” – understanding the situation and what happens when you don’t. The Torah tells us that this is the correct reading, and it signals it in a most striking way.

Biblical Hebrew has two verbs that mean “to spy”: *lachpor* and *leragel* (from which we get the word *meraglim*, “spies”). *Neither of these words appear in our parsha*. That is the point. Instead, *no less than twelve times*, we encounter the rare verb, *la-tur*. It was revived in modern Hebrew and means (and sounds like) “to tour.” *Tayar* is a tourist. There is all the difference in the world between a tourist and a spy.

Malbim explains the difference simply. *Latur* means to seek out the good. That is what tourists do. They go to the beautiful, the majestic, the inspiring. They don’t spend their time trying to find out what is bad. *Lachpor* and *leragel* are the opposite. They are about

## Social.



Clémence Poésy and Jesse Eisenberg in a scene from 'Resistance.' Photo: YouTube screenshot.

## Jewish Actor Jesse Eisenberg Reflects on Playing French Resistance Fighter, His Family's Holocaust History

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Jewish actor Jesse Eisenberg opened up recently about the family he lost in the Holocaust and his personal connection to his latest film role, in which he plays a central figure in the French resistance against the Nazis.

In the film "Resistance," Eisenberg, 36, takes on the lead role of Marcel Marceau, a French mime artist who put his career on hold to rescue Jewish children from the Nazis during World War II. Born as Marcel Mangel, he began aiding the rescue efforts when he was 15, just a few years older than many of the children whom he saved. His own father was murdered at Auschwitz.

"My family comes from a part of Poland that is very close to where Marceau's father came from in south-eastern Poland, so in some ways, it felt like I was playing somebody who, were I born with the same genetic makeup but 70 years earlier, I would be him," said the actor in an interview with *The Australian Jewish News*.

Eisenberg's mother was a former professional clown, something he was able to reflect on when he played Marceau, he explained.

"The Social Network" actor also said he's been practicing mime with his son. He recalled, "Before my child could speak I was rehearsing for this movie and performing mime for him. It transcended conversations that we would have had if he were older and could speak, and so there was something that was really unusually powerful and effective about using mime in dialogue with somebody who at the time couldn't speak."

Marceau initially used his talents as a mime for performance, but later realized he could also help lift the spirits of bereaved children. His process of finding a deeper meaning in his work resembled Eisenberg's own path.

He told *The Australian Jewish News*, "I have tried to reconcile how the art that I am interested in can be of service to other people since I started acting and writing

when I was 18 years old. I think a lot of artists struggle with this feeling — a lot of artists tend to be empathetic people and it's sometimes why they were drawn to their work in the first place — and yet when you get wrapped up in the day to day business of it, you lose track of how your work can be of service to other people."

He elaborated in an interview with *Digital Spy*, saying, "I started as a young man doing my writing and acting and my little plays. And then I met my wife, she kind of pulled me into a life of trying to use my artistry to benefit other people. And of course, I entered like Marcel — reluctantly — and then discovered that it doesn't compromise your work. So for me, the story was incredibly personal... [It] spoke to me very specifically as somebody who is an artist, who's constantly trying to reconcile the preciousness with which I treat my own artistry and helping others."

"Resistance" filmed in Germany, and Eisenberg, along with his son, visited the site of the former Dachau concentration camp. At the site, the actor would meet with people affected by the war and spend time with the film's German crew members who would tell family stories "some of which were really amazing about families that helped people survive the war — and some stories that they were ashamed to have in their family," Eisenberg noted.

Discussing his own family's connection to the Holocaust, Eisenberg said, "I became obsessed with my family's history during the war when I was 19 years old. I would see my aunt every week — she died last year at 106 ... She was born in Poland and then when she was about nine she came to America ... I became really fascinated and it was interesting for me as an American teenager to have some connection to something that was so much more historically relevant than my own life. Doing this movie connected me that much more to that period of time."

## Israeli Actress Shira Haas Shares Photo of 'Shtisel' Season 3 Script, Ahead of Potential July Filming

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

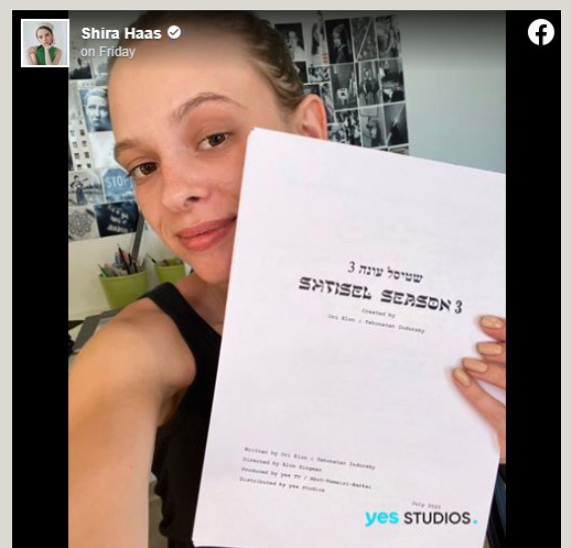
"Shtisel" star Shira Haas got fans of the popular Israeli drama series excited on Friday when she shared on Facebook a photo of the script for the show's third season.

"Here we go," the Israeli actress captioned the shot in which she peeks out from behind a script labeled, in Hebrew and English, "Shtisel Season 3." The script is dated July 2020, which perhaps means that filming for the Hebrew-language television show will begin next month.

The photo was originally posted on social media by YES Studios, the Israeli production company behind the series, which also streams on Netflix.

YES Studios said, "We can't wait to start production on #Shtisel3 and see our amazing cast and crew again... it's been a long time coming, but will be worth the wait! Shabbat Shalom!"

"Shtisel" is about a fictional Haredi family living in the ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Geula, Jerusalem. Haas plays Ruchami Weiss, the teenage



Here we go 🍀

niece of the lead character in the show, Akiva Shtisel, played by Michael Aloni.

Filming of the show's third season was originally scheduled to begin in May, but was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Haas has most recently received praise for her starring role as Esther "Esty" Shapiro in the Netflix miniseries "Unorthodox."

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