

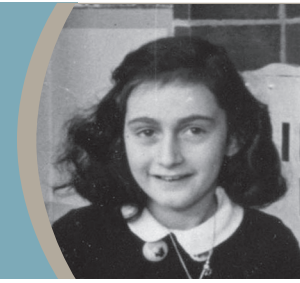
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As Coronavirus Cases Surge, Israeli Cabinet Approves Sweeping New Restrictions



A bartender and customers wear face masks, at a Tel Aviv bar, June 4, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

BY BENJAMIN
KERSTEIN

The Israeli cabinet, following recommendations of the Health Ministry, approved on Monday sweeping new restrictions in an attempt to curb a sharp rise in coronavirus infections in recent weeks.

The restrictions include, among other things: an immediate closure of clubs, bars, gyms,

public swimming pools and wedding halls; a limit at restaurants 20 customers inside and 30 outside; a limit at synagogues of 19 worshipers; a cancellation of cultural events; a limit of 20 passengers on buses; and a limit of 20 people at public gatherings.

At a Monday cabinet meeting, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, "The pandemic is spreading — it is as clear as the sun. It is rising sharply on a daily

basis and is dragging along — contrary to what we have been told — severe cases in its wake."

"Today, there are around 90 severe cases and the number is doubling every four days," he noted. "If we do not act now, we will have hundreds, and perhaps over 1,000, severe cases in the coming weeks, which will paralyze our systems. Therefore, we must take immediate steps that will

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Prosecutors Call for Three-Year Sentence for Ex-Nazi Camp Guard

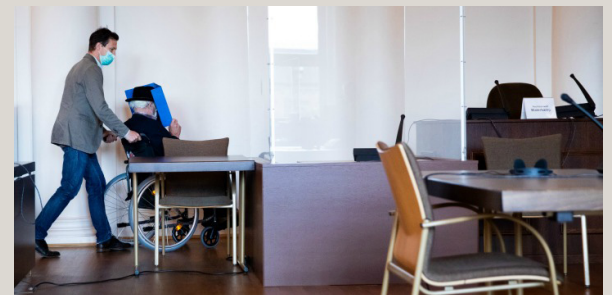
BY DPA & ALGEMEINER STAFF

A 93-year-old man standing trial in Germany for his role in the Holocaust should be given a prison sentence of three years, prosecutors said on Monday.

"The accused is charged with accessory to murder on 5,230 counts," prosecutor Lars Mahnke told a court in Hamburg.

The defendant, Bruno Dey, was aged 17 and 18 when he served as an SS guard at the Nazi concentration camp in Stutthof between August 9, 1944 and April 26, 1945.

He is being tried by a juvenile court, because of his age



Ex-Nazi death camp guard Bruno Dey is pushed into a courtroom, in Hamburg, Germany, July 6, 2020. Photo: Christian Charisius / dpa / Pool.

at the time of the World War II crimes.

The prosecution argues that Dey had known at the time what was happening at the camp, located near the city of Gdansk, namely that people were being shot in the crematorium. He is said to have recognized that the regime's mass murder of Jews was wrong.

"In such a situation, loyalty to the perpetrators must end," Mahnke said, arguing that the man should have quit

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Opinion.

New Managing Editor at New York Times an 'Antisemite'? Check It Out First



IRA STOLL
BOSTON

Allies of the incoming managing editor of *The New York Times* editorial page are pushing back against a poorly substantiated, yet widely spread, accusation that she is an antisemite.

The New York Times announced June 22 that Charlotte Greensit would start July 6 as "Opinion's managing editor and associate Editorial Page editor." That triggered a flurry of intense scrutiny of her paper trail, which included tweets promoting content from *The Intercept*, a left-of-center website focused on foreign policy and national security issues where she had served as managing editor since 2015.

The *Times* opinion page has been a scorched-earth battleground in the culture wars. Editorial page editor James Bennet resigned under pressure on June 7, and one of his deputies was reassigned after the *Times* published an opinion article by Senator Tom Cotton, Republican of Arkansas, calling for the deployment of the US military to quell what the article called an "orgy of violence" and "rioters and looters" in American cities following the death in police custody of George Floyd.

A June 26 syndicated column by Jonathan Tobin, editor-in-chief of the *Jewish*

News Syndicate, appeared (not in the *Times*, but elsewhere, including *The Algemeiner*) under the headline "Antisemitism gets you fired at Labour and hired at *the New York Times*." It accused Greensit of tweeting a "lie about Israel training American cops to commit human-rights abuses." Tobin added that "blood libels have been a staple of anti-Semitic propaganda since the Middle Ages," describing Greensit as "someone who spreads anti-Semitic blood libels."

The Tobin article also contextualized Greensit's hiring as part of the Bennet-Cotton fiasco. Tobin wrote that *Times* publisher A. G. Sulzberger "vowed to change the way the opinion section operated, and to do that, he has hired Greensit." Those familiar with the typically glacial pace of personnel decisions at the *Times*, however, say it's likely that Greensit's hiring was in the works well before Bennet's departure and that it is not the product of a publisher-driven search that took only a mere three weeks from inception to fruition.

The Tobin column was widely circulated; it was picked up in one of Israel's largest circulation newspapers, *Israel Hayom*. Another pro-Israel columnist, Caroline Glick, picked up the same theme in her own *Israel Hayom* column. Greensit "participated in the left's newest blood libel that Israel is responsible for the alleged systemic racism of American law enforcement agencies," Glick wrote. "The *Times*, which has long peppered its news

stories with anti-Semitic undertones can be expected to double down on its anti-Jewish slant with Greensit in place."

People who actually know Greensit say the depiction of her as an antisemite is totally inaccurate, a false accusation driven by a misinterpreted tweet of content she didn't edit or even necessarily endorse, but that was published by her then-employer.

Ken Kurson — a former aide to Rudolph Giuliani and the former editor of *The New York Observer* — told *The Algemeiner* that he knows Greensit via her late husband, Jim Frederick, who was a journalist and author. "I have known Charlotte Greensit for years," Kurson said. "Jim Frederick was a close friend and Charlotte is a good friend, too. They have been guests at our Shabbos table. I find these efforts to portray her as a bigot outrageous and disgusting. More to the point, efforts to tar anyone who is suspected of an unauthorized view of the Middle East as an antisemite feed into one of the most destructive tropes there is — that the Jewish people are so fragile we are endangered by an errant tweet. Charlotte is a great journalist and she'll do great things at *The New York Times*."

Howard Chua-Eoan — who worked with Greensit at Time and described her as one of his dearest friends — said of her tweets: "She was simply sharing stories published by her colleagues at *the Intercept* — my understanding is that she shared practically every

story they publish, as any managing editor might do." As for the effort to depict her as antisemitic, Chua-Eoan told *The Algemeiner*: "In 20 years of knowing her, 12 of those working with her, this characterization is completely alien to me, would be to any of us who have ever worked with her."

Greensit herself deleted the old tweets and clarified on Twitter: "Just bc someone tweets co-workers' articles (variety views/opinions), it doesn't that person edited (not my role) / endorses." In plain English that means, "Just because someone tweets co-workers' articles that express a variety of views or opinions, it doesn't mean that person edited the articles, which is not my role, or endorses the articles." Greensit's twitter bio also now emphasizes: "Sharing articles doesn't = my opinion."

Greensit's LinkedIn profile describes her as a 1997 graduate of the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. She spent 12 years at Time. Her LinkedIn bio describes her as a specialist in "building and leading teams; planning and operations, budgets; partnerships; personnel management and mentorship; managing communications, audience, product and newsletter teams and strategies."

Longtime *Algemeiner* readers know that I'm not exactly timid or reluctant when it comes to calling out anti-Jewish themes or tendencies at *The New York Times*; it's been

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Why Should We Give a Pass to Those Who Tweet Antisemitism?



JONATHAN S. TOBIN

Ours is a time when antisemitism is surging and the popularity of intersectional politics has given new credibility to radical groups that are keen to link the war on Israel to the culture wars being waged in the United States. At such a moment it is the duty of those who speak up against this prejudice to be ever more vigilant rather than to relax our efforts. Yet when a person who has associated herself with some of these smears and was an editor at a publication that habitually trafficked in them rises to a position of eminence at the country's most important newspaper, the advice from some quarters is to not be too hasty in expressing alarm.

That is the conceit of a piece published by *The Algemeiner* that alleges that I have done an injustice to Charlotte Greensit, an incoming managing editor at *The New York Times* because I called her to account for tweets in which she promoted an antisemitic blood libel about Israel training American police to kill African-Americans.

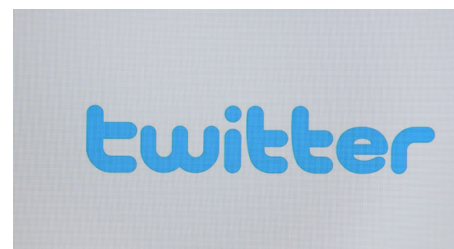
Greensit scrubbed her Twitter account of this and other outrageous tweets that she posted during her time at *The Intercept*. We are now told that promoting such awful articles was just part of her job and, according to the author of *The Algemeiner* article, since jobs are hard to find in journalism, we shouldn't

judge her. Her half-hearted non-apology for her past actions notwithstanding, that is, of course, a very low standard. Nor do I think it is likely that she, or anyone else at the *Times*, would be as charitable to those who retweet hateful views that they opposed.

Instead, we are told we should listen to Greensit's friends, who all vouch for her virtue and opposition to antisemitism. One such friend cited in *The Algemeiner* repeated the discredited argument that she is merely guilty of holding "an unauthorized view" about Israel even if those views aren't legitimate criticism but actually in accord with smears promoted by antisemites.

The point here is that actions and associations that would result in a person being "canceled" if they testified to links to racism never seem to apply to antisemitism. Since Greensit is a member in good standing of the elite chattering classes, we are told to judge her kindly. Had she categorically renounced the content of the antisemitic story and other awful tweets, that would buttress her defenders' arguments. But she has not done so.

Nor do I think it is likely that she will,



Twitter. Photo:theanthonyryan

given the atmosphere at the *Times*, where deviations from woke ideology are, as we have seen with the ousted James Bennet, harshly punished. The notion that the *Times*' hiring of an editor from *The Intercept* has nothing to do with the newsroom revolt at the paper that caused Bennet's humiliation is laughable. The same is true of any assurance that a person with Greensit's credentials and who was hired under such circumstances will be a bulwark against more anti-Zionist and antisemitic smears being published on her watch.

The point of my column was to contrast Greensit's hiring with the celerity with which Keir Starmer, the new leader of Britain's Labour Party, dealt with a similar case of a tweet endorsing an antisemitic blood libel. In the case of Labour MP Rebecca Long-Bailey, her retweet of an article in which actress Maxine Peake promoted a similar accusation, was enough to get her fired from her party's shadow cabinet.

Both Long-Bailey and Peake were ardent supporters of former Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn. Each subsequently denied that they were antisemitic, a stand that Corbyn also maintains. Like Greensit, no doubt, their friends also vouch for their good intentions and lack of malice.

But Starmer understands that if his party is to get out from under the shadow of Corbyn's antisemitism, a clean sweep was necessary.

The publishers of the *Times* are not so fastidious.

Nor are they interested in disassoci-

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Argentinian University Professor Offers Bonus to 'Whoever Finds a Poor Jew'

BY JNS.org

A university professor in Argentina has declared that he will give a bonus to "whoever finds a poor Jew."

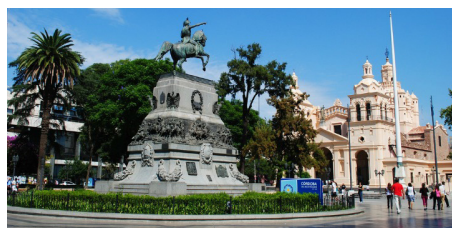
During an online international politics class through the 21st Century Business University located in Córdoba, Argentina, Esteban Lizondo also apparently remarked that the State of Israel's creation was a surrender to the "Zionist lobby" in exchange for money.

The money "demonstrates the power that the Jews have," said Lizondo.

He added that "they are capable of handling business and financial enterprises to continue enriching themselves. And not for nothing, go fight a Jew for money."

Lizondo also said, "Why do you guys think the Nazis killed so many Jews? Because of the envy they had. Imagine Germans bleeding to death in a terminal economic crisis, with hyperinflation, and the Jews ... they kept getting rich."

An unnamed student of Lizondo



Plaza San Martín, in Córdoba, Argentina.
Photo: Rafael Bravo via Wikimedia Commons.

recorded the class and posted it on Twitter. He also reported the incident to the Córdoba branch of the Argentine Jewish umbrella organization DAIA, which communicated to the university that it is against Argentine law to "by any means encourage or initiate persecution or hatred against a person or groups of people because of their race, religion, nationality or political ideas."

The university stated that it doesn't tolerate discrimination, and that the incident will be investigated. If the accusations are validated, the "maximum" punishment would be enacted, said the university administration.

Bedouins Pay Tribute to Jewish Man Who Lost Life Saving Mother and Three Children

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

In a scene of coexistence between ethnic groups, a group of Israeli Bedouins attended the funeral on Sunday of an Israeli Jewish man who died last week after rescuing a Bedouin mother and three of her children from drowning.

Michael Ben Zikri lost his life on Friday at a lake near the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon when drowned after rescuing four members of the al-Karem family, who live in the Bedouin village of Hura.

A video posted to Twitter showed a group of young Bedouins gathered at Ben Zikri's funeral holding hand-lettered placards in tribute to the deceased.

On Monday, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin's office announced that he would award

a new special commendation to Ben Zikri, hailing him as an "example of civic action."



like the new editorial page editor, Kathleen Kingsbury (who endorsed both Elizabeth Warren and Amy Klobuchar after a reality-show-style televised interview process), seems less characterized by a clear or super-intense ideological tilt and more characterized by a drive to grow the editorial page's influence on new platforms such as audio and video, and to increase its clout and business success on the Internet.

It's fair to say that Greensit should have kept more of a distance from any content blaming Israel for US police brutality, or from other *Inter-*

Khamenei Calls on Hamas, PA to Unify to Fight Israel's Sovereignty Bid



Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei delivers a Friday prayers sermon, in Tehran, Jan. 17, 2020.
Photo: Official Khamenei website / Handout via Reuters.

BY JNS.org

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Monday commended Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh for his actions to thwart Israel's plan to apply Jewish sovereignty to the Jordan Valley and parts of Judea and Samaria.

"Dear mujahid brother Mr. Ismail Haniyeh ... I thank God for the resistance movement's successful efforts in defeating the US and the Zionist regime and in bringing dignity to the Islamic nation," tweeted Khamenei.

"The abject Zionist enemy who has suffered irrevocable defeats in military fields pursues its strategy through the economic siege of Gaza and the trickery of negotiations and compromise. But, the brave Palestinian nation continues its path of dignity and honor via wisdom and experience," he continued, adding that it was essential for Hamas to join forces with the Palestinian Authority to frustrate Israel's intentions.

The Trump administration's "Peace to

Prosperity" plan stipulates that Washington will endorse an Israeli decision to apply sovereignty to about 30 percent of Judea and Samaria as long as Israel commits to holding good-faith negotiations with the Palestinians and avoids construction in certain areas that could become part of a Palestinian state. That state will only be established four years after negotiations begin and only if the Palestinians fully renounce terrorism and carry out major reforms, and only if they are no longer considered a threat to Israel.

"Certainly maintaining vigilance, unity and harmony among the Palestinian people and movements will play an effective role in the nullification of the enemy's plots and will bring about divine assistance," Khamenei concluded, vowing that "Iran, just like before, and based on its religious and human duty, will not spare any effort to support the oppressed people of Palestine and to revive their rights as well as to repel the evil of the fake, usurping Zionist regime."

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prevent us from having to take even more extreme measures later." "I point out that we will, separately, work on and submit very soon an economic corona package in order to help whoever is hurt by the steps that we take today, and by other things as well," he added. "We will help businesses, the self-employed and workers."

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Jail Sentence

his post in the watch tower.

The elderly defendant confessed at the beginning of his trial at to having served as a guard at the Stutthof camp, where more than 60,000 people are thought to have died. It was one of the last Nazi death camps to be liberated.

He was drafted to the Wehrmacht armed forces in 1944 but sent to Stutthof — purportedly against his will — because he was not deemed fit to serve on the front lines.

Dey said he saw many dead bodies during

cept content critical of the pro-Israel lobby or that promoted the agenda of Hamas in Gaza. But that kind of ideological purity is a luxury, especially when senior positions in journalism are so scarce. Applying such a standard consistently would require mass resignations at most mainstream news organizations.

The entire episode says less about

The current unemployment rate in Israel is just over 20 percent.

There have been more than 30,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Israel, and 332 deaths.

A large uptick in infections began after Israel started to reopen businesses and schools in May, following a largely successful effort to contain the initial outbreak of the disease earlier this year.

his time there but never used his own weapon.

The German national is accused of having "supported the insidious and cruel killing of mostly Jewish prisoners," according to the prosecution.

One of his tasks was allegedly to prevent prisoners from escaping, revolting or being liberated.

During the trial, Dey also acknowledged witnessing inmates being locked behind a door but insisted that he did not know that it was a door to a gas chamber.

Greensit than about the risks of the pro-Israel right adopting some of the worst habits of the anti-Israel left — rushing to portray others as bigots before checking first to see whether the accusation is well founded.

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

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Managing Editor

a longtime obsession of mine. But after a couple of days reporting it out, your columnist's opinion is that this is one where there's less than meets the eye. One could fault the *Times* from hiring from the hard-left-leaning *Intercept*, but the *Times* editorial page has also hired from the right-leaning *Weekly Standard* and *Wall Street Journal* editorial page. What matters less is what they did before they got to the *Times* and what matters more is what they do after they get to the *Times*. Greensit,

World News.



A cartoon published July 3, 2020 by the Kansas newspaper the Anderson County Review comparing Governor Laura Kelly's order to wear masks to the Holocaust. Photo: Facebook.

Kansas Newspaper Publisher Apologizes for Posting Cartoon Comparing Coronavirus Regulations to Holocaust

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The publisher of a local Kansas newspaper who posted an antisemitic cartoon comparing coronavirus regulations to the Holocaust apologized on Sunday after being initially defiant.

The weekly *Anderson County Review*, whose publisher Dane Hicks is a Republican county chairman, posted the cartoon last Friday on its Facebook page.

It shows Democratic Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, who issued an order for citizens to wear face masks last week, wearing a mask emblazoned with a Star of David. Behind her is an image of Jews being loaded on to trains bound for a concentration camp.

The caption to the cartoon reads, "Lockdown Laura says: Put on your mask... and step onto the cattle car." Critics called the cartoon "disgusting," "highly offensive," "unbelievable," and "outrageous."

In a statement posted on Facebook on

Sunday, Hicks said, "After some heartfelt and educational conversations with Jewish leaders in the US and abroad, I can acknowledge the imagery" in the cartoon "was deeply hurtful to members of a culture who've been dealt plenty of hurt throughout history — people to whom I never desired to be hurtful in the illustration of my point."

Hicks admitted that he lacked "an adequate understanding of the severity of their experience and the pain of its images."

"It's clear I should have chosen a less hurtful theme," he added.

Hicks said he was removing the cartoon "with my apologies to those so directly affected."

This statement marked a turnaround in Hicks' attitude toward the controversy, as he had at first vowed not to apologize.

"Apologies: To whom exactly?" he had said. "The critics on the Facebook page? Facebook is a cesspool and I only participate to develop readership."

US Army Private Charged in Neo-Nazi Plot to Attack Own Troops Pleads Not Guilty

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

A US Army private who according to federal prosecutors confessed to his role in plotting a deadly attack on his own military unit pleaded not guilty to charges he shared secret information about the unit with a neo-Nazi group.

Ethan Melzer, 22, entered his plea on Monday before US Magistrate Judge Sarah Netburn in Manhattan, at a hearing conducted electronically.

The US Department of Justice accused Melzer of using an encrypted app to send his unit's planned movements to members of the Order of Nine Angles ("O9A"), which it described as "an occult-based neo-Nazi and white supremacist group," and a related group called the "RapeWaffen Division."

Calling Melzer "the enemy within," prosecutors said the Louisville, Kentucky, resident hoped to cause mass casualties through what he and co-conspirators labeled a "jihadi attack."

Melzer enlisted in the Army in 2018, joined O9A in 2019, and began planning the

attack in April after learning of a new foreign deployment for his unit, prosecutors said.

The plot was foiled in late May, and Melzer was arrested on June 10, they added.

Federal public defenders representing Melzer did not immediately respond to requests for comment after the hearing.

Melzer is being held at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan.

Prosecutors said Melzer admitted his role in plotting an attack in a voluntary May 30 interview with military investigators and the FBI.

Melzer said in that interview he intended to cause the deaths of as many fellow service members as possible, declared himself a traitor against the United States and likened his conduct to treason, prosecutors said.

The defendant faces six charges, including conspiring to murder US nationals and conspiring to murder US military personnel, each of which carries a maximum life sentence, and providing material support to terrorists.

The case is US v. Melzer, US District Court, Southern District of New York, No. 20-cr-00314.

Israeli Startup Pixellot's AI-Powered Robot Photographers to Help Coach Soccer Star Leo Messi and Barcelona Team

BY CTECH STAFF

Israeli sports broadcasting startup Pixellot has signed an agreement with soccer team FC Barcelona through the Barça Innovation Hub (BIHUB) to develop a system for automated recording and processing of images of the routine sporting activities that take place on the club's premises, mainly at the Ciutat Esportiva Joan Gamper training ground and in the Estadi Johan Cruyff.

Pixellot, which announced just two weeks ago that it raised \$16 million in round C investment led by Shamrock Capital with the participation of Altshuler Shaham, as well as existing investors the Erkin family, and Grupo Globo, uses artificial intelligence to provide viable alternatives to traditional video broadcasts to games and training sessions in professional and amateur leagues.

Pixellot was founded in 2013 and today employs about 150 people in Israel, the US, and Singapore.

Pixellot's technology is based on a photography system that captures the whole sports field. Using artificial intelligence algorithms, it becomes a virtual photographer that automatically tracks what's happening on the pitch. Its live broadcast includes graphics, advertisements, the scoreboard, and the ability to integrate with commentators in remote locations.

"Thanks to this partnership, the Club will become a testing laboratory for developing new products for automated artificial intelligence-based viewing and recording of training sessions and matches, the aim being to improve technical and tactical analysis by the managers of different professional sports at the Club," read an FC Barcelona statement. "These new products will also be used to support the methodology employed by the Barça Academy."

Pixellot has been working with Barcelona for the past three years, supplying its technology in the form of automated cameras installed at the Ciutat Esportiva, and more recently in the Estadi Johan Cruyff, which record all of the sporting activities that happen there without the need for any human intervention.

As a result of this latest agreement,



Lionel Messi. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Pixellot will become an innovative partner of FC Barcelona, which will include sending its own staff to work in liaison with the club's coaches and analysts to identify improvements and develop new products for use in the Barça sphere. These, according to Barcelona, could also be sold to other clubs, academies, and schools in different sports around the world, "thus making the Club, in association with Pixellot, a leading center of innovation in terms of solutions for the automated recording of sports activities."

"Our team is excited to be joining forces with the Barça Innovation Hub and accelerating the development and sales strategy for our entertainment and analysis solution," said Alon Werber, CEO of Pixellot. "For the last three years we have been installing Pixellot systems throughout the Club's facilities, including the world-famous Camp Nou and the Palau Blaugrana, recording thousands of hours of entertainment and live matches. Our extended association with the Club and the Barça Innovation Hub shows how interested elite sports are in improving on-field and on-court performance by using leading technologies."

Marta Plana, secretary of the Board of Directors and head of the Barcelona Innovation Hub, believes this partnership can not only help to improve the club but also sport and society in general. "In this case, in association with Pixellot, and through the use of artificial intelligence, we are developing an application for use both in the coaching and the management of sport. This technology can, for example, closely monitor certain plays and movements, and the recording can then be automated, providing qualitative information of major value to our coaches and analysts," said Plana.

Mossad Head's Tenure Extended by Six Months Due to 'Security Challenges'

BY JNS.org

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Sunday that Mossad director Yossi Cohen's tenure would be extended by six months.

According to a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office, Netanyahu had asked Cohen to extend his term at the helm of the intelligence agency "due to the security challenges facing the state of Israel."

Cohen agreed to the request and will begin his sixth term in office in January 21, 2021, according to the statement.



Mossad chief Yossi Cohen speaks at a Cyber Week at Tel Aviv University on June 24, 2019. Photo: Flash90.

U.S. News.

Sean 'Diddy' Combs Promotes Louis Farrakhan's Independence Day Message in Which He Calls Jews 'Satan'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Rapper and entrepreneur Sean "Diddy" Combs tweeted support on Friday for notorious antisemite Louis Farrakhan by promoting the Nation of Islam leader's Fourth of July address that aired Saturday on *Revolt TV*, a cable channel founded by Combs.

Combs invited his followers to watch Farrakhan's almost three-hour rant titled "The Criterion," which also streamed live on YouTube and has already garnered over 600,000 views. In his speech, Farrakhan, 87, called the head of the Anti-Defamation League, Jonathan Greenblatt, and Jewish people "satan." He said, "Mr. Greenblatt, you are Satan. Those of you that say that you're Jews, I will not even give you the honor of calling you a Jew. You are not a Jew... you are Satan and it is my job now to pull the cover off of Satan so that every Muslim when he sees Satan, pick up a stone, as we do in Mecca."

"When you know who Satan is, you don't have to kill



him [but] the stone of truth, that's what you throw. We cast truth at falsehood till we knock out its brains," he continued.

He also called Jewish Harvard Law school professor emeritus Alan Dershowitz "a skillful deceiver" and "Satan masquerading as a lawyer."

Greenblatt responded to Farrakhan's comments saying, "This is routine for Farrakhan- give him a platform, he never fails to espouse hatred."

Farrakhan also shared the anti-Israel conspiracy theory implicating the Jewish state in the death of George Floyd.

"That's why you gotta come at us like a coward," he said. "Like snakes trying to wrap yourself around us so you could give us the treatment that you were taught in Israel. You may, as you gonna stop your police from going to Israel to learn how to kill better." He added: "Your days of killing us without consequence are over."

Ironically, Farrakhan also rejected claims that he dislikes Jews. He said, "They tell lies to make you think I am a bigot or antisemite, so that you won't listen to what I'm saying. So far they've been pretty successful."

Farrakhan then recalled Jewish comedian Chelsea Handler who faced criticism for posting a video of a speech he had given on racism. He claimed it was "imposters" who spoke out against Handler, who later removed the post. He thanked her for sharing his teachings and said, "Go back and listen to more of Farrakhan and get to know me. Not from the mouths of your lying imposter brothers, [but] from the God within." Farrakhan concluded, "If you really think I hate the Jewish people, you don't know me at all. [I've never] uttered the words of death to the Jewish people."

Farrakhan additionally urged people in Africa not to take medication for coronavirus, saying, "Don't let them vaccinate you with their treachery through vaccines, through medication. I say to the African presidents, do not take their medications."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, told *The Algemeiner* he was not shocked by Farrakhan's remarks.

"At this stage of history, no one can be surprised by the rants of America's Godfather of antisemitism," he said. He also condemned Farrakhan's "lurid antisemitic conspiracy linking the Jewish state to the death of George Floyd."

"Imagine if *Fox* had run a parallel to the DC July 4th celebrations on its new platform," he continued. "SWC awaits condemnation of Farrakhan's antisemitic screeds by leading American political, cultural and social influencers."

In late June, the *Fox Soul* television network cancelled plans to air Farrakhan's Independence Day message.

United Airlines to Launch Tel Aviv-Chicago Route

BY JNS.org

United Airlines announced on Tuesday that it is further expanding its international schedule in September with nonstop service three days a week between Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Ben-Gurion International Airport.

In addition to its brand-new service between Chicago and Tel Aviv, United is increasing its current service to Israel out of its New York/Newark, N.J. hub from daily flights out to 10 weekly flights. That is scheduled to begin in August.

It also plans to resume service between Washington, D.C., and Tel Aviv in October. And on Wednesday, it's scheduled to resume nonstop service between San Francisco and

Tel Aviv three days a week.

The airline operates more nonstop service between the United States and Israel than any other U.S. carrier. United also announced that it is reinstating service between Chicago and Hong Kong, as well as between Los Angeles and Sydney.

"Throughout 2020, United has been the only carrier to maintain continuous daily service between the U.S. and Australia, as well as the U.S. and Israel," said Patrick Quayle, vice president of International Network and Alliances. "As we continue rebuilding our international network, we look forward to offering customers more opportunities to travel between the U.S. and Hong Kong, Sydney and Tel Aviv."

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Opinion.

New York Is a Model of Diversity, Tolerance and Justice



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2020 will be remembered, among many things, as the year that brought New York to its knees. It began with the quarantines and the lockdowns, a challenge in all settings, which left millions confined for months inside cramped apartments with few windows or access to fresh air.

For months now, the city has felt like a ghost town. Even the traditional urban perks — museums, theaters, and nightlife venues — were shuttered. The fear of infection made strangers act stranger than they normally would — an airborne tension over an airborne threat.

Almost en masse, urban-dwellers found themselves suddenly dreaming of a move to suburbia, if not even further to open country. Many, including some of my closest friends, actually made the move.

The pandemic arrived with a force that left one questioning the very value of cities this big. Even as healthcare workers labored heroically beyond exhaustion, hospitals were overwhelmed, and nursing homes swept up in a cloud of death. One after another, I discovered that friends of mine had lost loved ones. Terribly, tens of thousands would die, all in or near a single city.

Then, as spring edged toward summer,

the demonstrations (virtuous) and then the riots (horrible) hit. Watching as tens of thousands of protesters marched down Fifth Avenue demanding racial justice was inspiring. George Floyd's murder was not just an injustice, but deserved national outrage and demands systemic change. I deeply appreciate and respect the NYPD and law enforcement across the country. But America's dark legacy of the abomination of slavery and Jim Crow must be confronted, and racism utterly rooted out.

The ferocity of the protesters who turned violent spoke its own kind of terror. Entire blocks were burned, businesses robbed, and streets littered with broken glass. Walking through New York, once energizing and inspiring, now spurs concern. All around me, I see signs of a city sliding back towards a more ignominious past, when Central Park was a gangland and Times Square a walkable Pornhub.

I love New York — all of it: its size and its grandeur; its priceless art and eclectic architecture; the way it quakes through every day, a supercity glistening with every stripe of life. But saving New York isn't just about preserving a unique and beautiful city. New York, after all, is more than just a city. It's a living, breathing testament to the ability of people from all walks of life to come together and be one. More so than anything else American, New York brings our national motto — E pluribus unum — to life.

Utterly unparalleled in its diversity, New York comprises a patchwork of communities

representative of just about every corner of the globe. Add to that New York's service as the spine of so many global fields — theater, fashion, diplomacy, medicine, and finance, to name a few — and the city seems to bring so much of the world together inside itself. Never has the sheer force of shared human potential been so apparent in one place. The Lubavitcher Rebbe praised the city as a melting-pot that proved humanity's common origin in one God.

As we head into the future, don't we want to see this bold, modern project actually work?

New York is the graceful host to one of the world's largest Jewish communities, including dozens of Hasidic sects and some of the world's most beautiful synagogues (and most cutting-edge kosher restaurants and supermarkets). Jewish schools prosper throughout its boroughs and children walk fearlessly about. Jewish communities from Europe, Africa, and the Middle East — forced by pogroms and persecutions to flee the towns of their ancestors — now thrive across New York's boroughs. Last year's uptick in violent anti-Jewish attacks proved that things are far from perfect — which is why I am utterly opposed to Mayor de Blasio's blunder in proposing a \$1 billion reduction in NYPD funding — but where else would communities of this magnitude be so seamlessly woven into the municipal fabric?

Like so many other Hasidic dynasties, the Chabad movement had its roots in the Jewish



A demonstrator holds a sign during a protest against racial inequality, at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn, New York, US, June 7, 2020. Photo: REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz.

life of old Europe, but its home is in New York. Every year, members of the global Chabad community celebrate the date of the Rebbe's arrival in the city, on the eve of the Holocaust he narrowly escaped. For him, as for millions of Jews (including my own grandfather), New York offered a refuge from millennia of antisemitism.

As its future hangs in the balance, we have to fight for the city that we love by coming together. Building on traditions of openness and unity — and as a direct result thereof — New York has risen as arguably the most influential city on earth. If we want to see a world modeled on those values, we must fight for our city and prove to all mankind (and to ourselves) that multi-ethnic enclaves are cities that work.

Those rioters who want to destroy New York in the name of social justice ought to be using the city as a model of what should be emulated rather than torched.

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Islamists Appropriate Black Lives Matter Movement Despite History of Anti-Black Bigotry

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Following the killing in police custody of Minneapolis resident George Floyd, several radical Muslim-American organizations have joined in nationwide protests to show solidarity with black civil rights protests. However, Floyd's death has sparked difficult conversations about black-Muslim relations, as well as the implicit racial biases found in some Arab and South Asian communities.

Rather than acknowledge anti-black bigotry, Chicago Islamists — many of them with a history of anti-black discrimination — have minimized and excused this abhorrent behavior while exploiting Floyd's death to satisfy their own anti-Israel agenda.

After some activists unjustly blamed a Palestinian convenience-store owner for calling the police on Floyd when he presented a counterfeit \$20 bill, non-black Muslims have been forced to address the pervasive anti-black discrimination that has persisted within their communities.

This behavior is a cultural import from

the Middle East and North Africa, where the descendants of slaves continue to experience systemic racism. In Chicago, mosques are predominantly organized along ethnocentric lines, and a decades-old feud between non-black Muslim store owners and their African-American customers has occasionally resulted in violence.

Despite these biases, Islamists who support pro-Palestinian causes have been using the Black Lives Matter movement to demonize Israel and promote Palestinian resistance.

Headquartered in Chicago, American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) is a grassroots organization that the Anti-Defamation League accuses of providing a platform for antisemitism. Since the Floyd tragedy, AMP has advertised black justice protests and is hosting a new monthly webinar series called "Let's Talk About BLM," which provides a platform to black Americans who happen to agree with AMP's anti-Jewish worldview.

Yet AMP's newest National Development Coordinator, Mohammed Habbeh, has repeatedly referred to blacks as *abeed*, the Arabic word for "slaves."

"Proud of my family and friends around the country stepping up and hitting the streets to fight for Black Lives and demand justice,"

Habbeh wrote on June 6. But in 2014, he made racist jokes about the physical appearance of Somalis. Later, he tweeted that his mother would think he had the AIDS virus if he ever dated a "black girl."

Samer Alhato (alias Samer Owaida), a member of the anti-Israel Students for Justice in Palestine, represents the next generation of Palestinian Muslim activists in Chicago who view black oppression and the Arab-Israeli conflict as inseparably linked.

Just as Alhato calls to "abolish the police," he urges others to "hate the notion of Israel" and defy its "right to exist." On June 5, Alhato was invited to speak at a BLM protest in Chicago where he promoted the antisemitic conspiracy that "Israel trains racist police" responsible for violence against black Americans.

Not only did Alhato co-opt the black liberation movement to target Israel, but his social media is replete with shocking examples of anti-black bigotry, such as calling African-Americans monkeys and accusing them of lacking "working brain cells."

"How come black [people] love raising the roof but can't raise their own sons?" he asked in a 2014 tweet documented by Canary Mission, a watchdog for antisemitism. "Once you go black, you never get a job!" another tweet reads, this one from 2013.

If pro-Palestinian activists have been joining black justice protests in bad faith, other Chicago Islamists have been minimizing and justifying anti-black hate.

Jamal Said, imam of the Mosque Foundation in Bridgeview, Illinois, addressed the Arab-black tensions in a May 30 video message to Chicago's Palestinian-American community. He advised viewers "not to say I work with *al-Abeed*," a racist slur commonly used in Muslim communities. "I know that you do not mean it," Said added, excusing this behavior and calling it "an ugly habit."

Nevertheless, black Palestinian actress

Maryam Abu Khaled recently released a video insisting that there is nothing "harmless" about anti-black discrimination among Arabs, even when these racial slurs are "well-intentioned" and they "do not mean it," as Said suggested.

Intrafaith discrimination is a problem within Muslim communities as well, and since Chicago is a segregated city, local mosques are divided along lines of class, race, and language. Indeed, the Mosque Foundation where Said preaches caters to a mostly Palestinian congregation, and its clerics preach pro-Palestinian sermons and practice "a strict version of Islam," according to *The Chicago Tribune*.

Therefore, Chicago's black residents may have been intimidated after the Mosque Foundation mobilized private security vehicles to patrol South Chicago neighborhoods and protect Palestinian homes, mosques, and businesses from looters.

Arab and South Asian Americans are twice as likely than the average American to hold a college degree, and they historically own many gas stations, convenience stores, and liquor stores in Chicago.

"There are horror stories about how people in the black community are treated by our [Arab] business owners and by the security they hire," said Hatem Abudayyeh, executive director of the Chicago-based Arab American Action Network.

Apparently inspired by the Floyd protests, AMP founder and president Hatem Bazian addressed this issue in a May 29 Facebook stream. While Bazian admitted that Arab-owned liquor stores play a destructive role in African-American neighborhoods, he blamed Arab prejudice on a "Eurocentric white supremacist worldview."

On the contrary, Saudi Arabia, which was never colonized by the West and remains relatively free of its cultural influences, has a

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Opinion.

Ahead of West Bank Move, Fatah Threatens Terrorist Uprising, Unity With Hamas

Why Jordan Shields Terrorist Ahlam Tamimi From Extradition to US



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An adviser to Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas has threatened Israel with the possibility of a third Intifada (violent uprising) if Israel decides to extend its sovereignty to parts of the West Bank.

"When things flare up and it becomes a fully-fledged Intifada, we will see a combination of forces between Gaza and the West Bank," Nabil Shaath told the Arabic-language version of *France 24*.

Shaath's comments came days after Fatah and Hamas agreed to cooperate against the Trump administration's proposed initiative and Israel's possible annexation plans in the West Bank.

"There will be popular resistance in which everyone participates," said Fatah official Jibril Rajoub from Ramallah at a joint video news conference on Thursday, adding that "all the options are open if Israelis start the annexation." Abbas sanctioned Fatah's participation in the event.

Abbas claims to support a two-state solution, but has previously spread antisemitic conspiracies that delegitimize any Jewish presence in the state of Israel. Fatah's decision to publicly support a return to terrorism matches Abbas' long-held views and rhetoric.

Beyond stating that "all the options" are on the table, Rajoub also threatened that "popular resistance" could take several forms, including violence. "Intifada for us is a means, the end is to end the occupation, to end and remove the annexation from the table," he said.

For international audiences, Fatah uses the word "occupation" as a reference to Israel's rule over Palestinian territories after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. However, to Palestinians, Fatah and the Palestinian Authority (PA) generally refer to all of Israel as occupied territory.

Hamas, on the other hand, does not shy away from its ultimate goal of destroying the Jewish state in its entirety, regardless of previous attempts at presenting a more moderate face.

Despite their shared animosity towards Israel, Palestinian factions have been fragmented for more than a decade, with competing visions on how to engage the Jewish state. Several attempts at presenting a common approach between Hamas and Fatah have failed to produce tangible results.

But recent developments show that both Palestinian rivals are trying to overcome their differences and unify their efforts to confront Israel, including through terrorism.

An increase in terrorist activity may already be underway. On Sunday, Palestinian terrorists in Gaza fired three rockets into Israel. Israel's air force struck several terrorist targets in response later that day. A similar tit-for-tat occurred last month.

At Thursday's online news conference, Hamas was represented by Saleh al-Aroui in Beirut, a senior Hamas official who has directed numerous terrorist plots in the West Bank, including the 2014 murder of three Israeli teenagers. Al-Aroui used to be based in Turkey but has since moved to Lebanon and serves as deputy head of Hamas' political

bureau. The State Department issued a \$5 million bounty for his arrest in 2018.

Hamas, Aroui said, would "use all forms of struggle and resistance against the annexation project." Whereas Fatah tends to invoke the term "popular resistance" as an implicit threat of violence, Aroui's statement puts terrorist activity front and center as an option to challenge Israel.

By joining Hamas, Fatah has decided to throw its lot in with a designated terrorist organization dedicated to killing Jews and Israelis. Terrorist groups, even ideological rivals like Fatah and Hamas, often collaborate if they believe that they can mutually benefit, especially when trying to combat a common enemy.

Though Hamas is a Palestinian Islamist offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood and Fatah is a relatively secular nationalist organization, both groups are vehemently opposed to Israel's proposed annexation plans.

"Fatah never differed with us on confronting the occupation and resisting its plans, even when we had disagreements," Aroui said.

During the conference, Fatah's representative also labeled Palestinians who doubt unity between Hamas and Fatah as "traitors" and Israeli collaborators.

Rajoub's comments also complement the PA's latest incitement campaign. Last month, official PA TV repeatedly shared messages threatening the death penalty for any Palestinian who cooperates with Israel, according to Palestinian Media Watch. Fatah officials and institutions often stress that any form of collaboration with the Jewish state is "treason." "Every day I ask all our institutions if we know that someone is cooperating [with Israel], we should shoot him. We should fire at him because [cooperation] is forbidden now," Abbas Zaki, a member of Fatah's Central Committee, said last month.

Ironically, Fatah depends heavily on Israel for foiling Hamas plots to spark a third Intifada in the West Bank and to carry out a coup to oust the PA. Yet Rajoub still agreed to share a stage with Al-Aroui, a terrorist leader behind Hamas' expansion in the West Bank.

Despite Israel's help, Fatah and the PA systematically praise terrorists who kill Israelis and use Palestinian institutions, such as media outlets and educational material, to encourage future generations to carry out attacks.

Last month, PA TV repeatedly aired a music video glorifying terrorists with lyrics such as "Martyr, we must follow in your footsteps." The music video includes footage of an actual stabbing attack against an Israeli police officer in 2015.

Recent developments suggest that Fatah's violent incitement campaign may soon be backed up with operational support for terrorist attacks. If the two main Palestinian rivals unite, Israel could face a coordinated violent uprising like the Second Intifada, which included Fatah and PLO-affiliated organizations joining Islamist groups like Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad to carry out high-casualty terror attacks.

Fatah's support for a third Intifada appears to be an attempt at deterring Israel from pursuing annexation plans. But threatening terrorism may also be a strong signal to Palestinian constituents. A recent poll found that just over half of Palestinians support armed

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A small group of Republican members of Congress have been trying to right a great wrong by demanding that Jordan extradite Sbarro massacre mastermind Ahlam Tamimi to the United States. But as a proud and unrepentant murderer of Jews — including two American citizens — Ahlam Tamimi has many admirers, and it unfortunately seems that the Jordanian government has no interest in turning over this unrepentant terrorist.

This case not only reveals a lot about the continuing glorification of terrorism against Israel in the Middle East, but it also provides a depressing example that appeasing extremists is perhaps all too often regarded as prudent policy and diplomacy.

Tamimi, who planned and facilitated the 2001 suicide bombing that killed 15 people, including 7 children, and injured 130 at a Sbarro restaurant in Jerusalem, has enjoyed the life of a celebrity ever since she was released in the controversial 2011 deal Israel struck in order to free Hamas hostage Gilad Shalit.

As reported on the Islamist website MEMO, Ahlam's release was a reason to celebrate for the Tamimi clan of the West Bank village Nabi Saleh — not least because another terrorist member of the clan was also released, and the murderous couple got married in Amman, Jordan. Right after her release, Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal met with her in Cairo, and when she arrived in Jordan, she received a hero's welcome, including a reception in her honor at the Jordanian Law Court building.

Tamimi's status as a Palestinian "hero" made it easy for her to start a TV career hosting a show that glorified Palestinian terrorists, and she reportedly got to travel "widely and often within Jordan and to numerous Arab countries — including repeat visits to Algeria, Kuwait, Lebanon, Qatar, Tunisia and Yemen — speaking to school and university groups, trade unions, and on TV — boasting of her central role in the massacre, of the high death toll and of her intention to kill Jewish children."

Some three years ago, when the US first demanded Tamimi's extradition after it was announced that she was on the FBI's list of Most Wanted Terrorists, she responded by proudly displaying her extremist Islamist views in an interview with a site that promotes the ideology of the Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood. She declared that, "Our war with the Zionist enemy is an ideological war from the days of the Prophet Muhammad to now."

Obviously enough, there were no "Zionists" in the days of Muhammad — which

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horrible record of discrimination against its black citizens, who — according to the Center for Democracy and Human Rights in Saudi Arabia — are "treated as slaves by members of the royal family and the rest of society."

Islamists are using the Floyd tragedy to advance an intersectionalist worldview that imagines the United States and Israel as the common enemy of all oppressed people. In



The FBI's wanted poster for Hamas terrorist Ahlam al-Tamimi. Photo: Screenshot.

means that what Tamimi actually claims is that murderous Jew-hatred is an integral part of Islam. Needless to say, this is a view that would normally be rejected as Islamophobic, and it would surely appall the Muslim faith leaders who have recently taken welcome steps to "foster a new era in Muslim-Jewish relations."

Since King Abdullah of Jordan claims "to be a 41st-generation direct descendant of Muhammad" and is supposedly "promoting interfaith dialogue and a moderate understanding of Islam," he would arguably also have reason to take offense at Tamimi's view of Islam's founder as a murderous Jew-hater.

Moreover, as far as Tamimi is concerned, Jordan is merely "a vein of Palestine." But as dismissive as this may sound, she is obviously right to believe that Abdullah's Jordan is a pretty good place for the killers of Jews. Less than two weeks before Tamimi's 2017 interview at the Muslim Brotherhood site, Jordanian authorities released a soldier who had killed seven Israeli schoolgirls in 1997 from prison. The unrepentant killer was reportedly "greeted by chanting supporters who kissed him on the cheek and raised a photo of him with the caption, 'Welcome to the hero Daqamseh.'"

The families of three US Special Forces troops who were killed by a Jordanian soldier at a military base in Jordan in 2016 are therefore right to worry that the murderer of their sons will eventually also be released from prison. These families have recently joined the efforts to pressure Jordan to extradite Tamimi.

While the Trump administration has reportedly indicated that it would consider withholding some of the \$1.3 billion in annual US aid to the country if Jordan continues to refuse to extradite Tamimi, it's far from clear this will happen. And King Abdullah can count on an international diplomatic chorus — including all too many Israeli diplomats — that will reject any serious pressure as a reckless move that would risk weakening the king while agitating the Islamist extremists who are eager to topple him. Few will be questioning how wise it is to appease these extremists by confirming their belief that a murderous terrorist like Tamimi is a heroic role model.

As *The Algemeiner* recently reported, Arnold and Frimet Roth — whose 15-year-old daughter Malki was one of Tamimi's victims

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doing so, pro-Palestinian activists whitewash the normalization of anti-black hate within their own communities, while simultaneously paying lip service to the cause of racial justice and equality. Such transparently exploitative motives do lasting damage to the black civil rights movement and racial reconciliation.

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Impressions.

Should Statues Have Been Erected in the First Place?

BY JEREMY ROSEN

All of a sudden it has become fashionable in the US to take down or demolish some statues. There is a case to be made that none of them should have been put up in the first place.

The earliest statues we have discovered were of pagan gods. The oldest is a fertility figurine discovered in Northern Israel at Berekhet Ram, around 230,000 years ago, while the earliest European ones go back merely 30,000 years.

With the emergence of Biblical monotheism, all such figurines and idols were strictly forbidden. But human nature being what it is, even most Israelites continued to worship them, sometimes as independent gods, sometimes as agents of a single greater and non-representable one. They obviously believed in hedging their bets.

The wonderful Greek figures we see today were of gods and heroes. Some like to argue that it was the Greeks who first reproduced the human form for purely aesthetic reasons. And indeed, Aristotle wrote an important book on aesthetics.

Almost 2,000 years ago, the Roman and Christian emperor Theodosius, following the Biblical law against idols, banned any kind of pagan statues. But as Christianity expanded and fractured, effigies began to proliferate in the Catholic west; in the Orthodox east, icons were permitted because they were only two dimensional. During the history of Christianity, there have often been periods of iconoclasm that led to the destruction or defacing of statues. This is why in many museums today, you can see human forms without arms or noses.

Judaism and Christianity interpreted the second of the Ten Commandments in different ways.

“You shall not make an idol and any picture of anything in the heavens above, on the earth below, or in the water beneath. Do not bow down to them or worship them.”

Were these two sentences one or two commandments? Many Christians believed they were one.

But most rabbinic authorities have interpreted the second commandment to mean that one cannot make any image at all of the human figure or any other image intended for worship as gods. However, some have argued that one may possess two-dimensional art for purely aesthetic purposes and whole-body sculptures only if incomplete. In some early synagogues, there were indeed two-dimensional mosaics of Biblical characters. Look up the Dura Europus synagogue (in what is now called Syria), which

dates to the third century. Some even argue that the cherubs over the ark show that images were allowed much earlier.

Abstract, non-representational art presents no difficulties (other than price). And nowadays, there are plenty of very Orthodox artists churning out art (usually of very moderate merit). Some religious extremists still insist on no images at all. But there has always been a distinction between the tolerant

and despised Jews. But knowing that made me proud of our destiny and that we had survived it all. To eradicate the past and its symbols prevents learning its lessons.

You might argue that we should not impose statues on the public altogether, particularly in multicultural societies. The public arena needs to be safe for every group. If there are statues that offend sensibilities and we cannot agree, then indeed it makes sense to take them down and



A bronze statue of the late Pope John Paul II in Teramo, Italy. Photo: Eyepix/Cover Image via Reuters.

attitudes of rabbis living under Islam, which also forbade images, in contrast to those living in Christian societies that have religious effigies. Maimonides even recommends looking at beautiful objects and architecture for inspiration in his *Eight Chapters*.

The Greeks and Romans liked to have statues of victorious generals. And of course every incoming victor set about smashing all traces of the defeated. Fortunately, some were left so that we now have important archaeological information that helps us understand other societies, even evil ones. In the past, statues have played a part in recording the cultures and histories of nations. But in Judaism, statues never caught on. We did not go in for that kind of glorification or hero worship.

So what should we think about this new iconoclasm that seems to demand the removal of any statue any group feels offended by? I was taught in Britain to recognize the difference between good and bad characters, and that attitudes and opinions constantly change. And I was fully aware of how many of those kings and figures commemorated in public buildings, institutions, and universities had persecuted

remove them to museums where we can teach the next generation to be less narrow minded and prejudiced. Oh yes, and we should plant trees instead. Better for the air and the climate.

Revolutions are intoxicating, particularly for young idealists, firebrands, and anarchists. But the record of both fascists and Marxists is not a good one. Incremental change works better. There have been plenty of changes over the years. America today is not the America of 50 years ago. There has been a black president and black police chiefs. Although more is needed for many minorities and disadvantaged sectors of our societies, it will come.

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Legals.

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At this stage, it is clear that you need to join forces in order to succeed."

LeddarTech isn't a big company and is itself a startup. Why did you decide this was the right decision for you?

"This market is ultimately led mainly by tech companies rather than Tier 1 companies, and companies like ours will supply the technological seed for the industry. Mobileye also started as a startup."

"It is important to note that these aren't simple times for this industry," Cohen said. "We will certainly see a drought in funding rounds, as well as sales, and some companies will not survive this," he added, predicting his company will overcome.

LeddarTech develops a scalable auto and mobility sensing system based on its LeddarEngine. The company has over 70 technologies, with either a patent granted or pending, enhancing ADAS and autonomous driving capabilities.

LeddarTech also serves the mobility market with solid-state LiDAR module technologies for autonomous shuttles, trucks, buses, delivery vehicles, and robotaxis. These modules are developed to support the mobility market but also to demonstrate the capabilities of LeddarTech's auto and mobility platform as a basis for other LiDAR suppliers to build upon.

"The acquisition of VayaVision adds a vital building block by combining its sensor fusion perception technology with LeddarTech's proven LeddarEngine platform," Charles Boulanger, CEO of LeddarTech, said in a statement.

"The existing single sensor solutions in the market do not provide the performance, flexibility, scalability, and cost-effectiveness that the market needs for mass deployment," Boulanger said. "Our LeddarEngine platform built on an open software architecture combined with VayaVision's sensor fusion and perception enables LeddarTech to address customers' need for sensing solutions that are hardware agnostic, scalable, and adaptable to any vehicle and sensor configuration."

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struggle in response to proposed annexation measures.

In this context, Fatah's recent posturing is primarily driven by a desire to confront Israel and remain relevant in the Palestinian political arena. It is unclear whether Fatah and Hamas can make this latest attempt at unity last. However, Fatah's latest open embrace of violence fits with the organization's track record of perpetuating and encouraging terrorist attacks against Israelis.

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Opinion.

After Iranian Attacks, Israel Must Be Ready for a Response

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It's hard to exaggerate the significance of the damage done to the Natanz uranium enrichment facility in Iran, how it will affect Iran's nuclear program, and the broader implications pertaining to a possible Iranian retaliation against Israel.

The reports emanating from Iran have been contradictory. Initially, reports said a blast damaged a factory where advanced centrifuges were being tested, and then it was claimed that a cyberattack triggered the blaze. Perhaps we should rely on the sources quoted by The New York Times, who said the incident was the result of an explosive device planted at the site.

Assuming that the blast was indeed intentional, then it was a tremendous success for the attacker in terms of the intelligence compiled on the classified facility, knowledge of the activities taking place there, and the ability to infiltrate the premises undetected and place a bomb precisely where it would cause maximum damage. The bewildered and hesitant responses of the Iranian authorities not only indicate their astonishment that their secret installation was exposed and damaged, but also their uncertainty regarding the attacker's identity and methods.

Even before all the details surrounding the alleged sabotage emerge, it appears safe to conclude that this was the worst setback to Iran's nuclear program since its centrifuges were incapacitated in 2010 at the same site at Natanz. It was eventually revealed that those centrifuges were hit in a particularly sophisticated cyberattack via the Stuxnet computer worm. According to foreign reports at the time, the Stuxnet virus was jointly developed by the IDF Military Intelligence Directorate's Unit 8200 and the US National Security Agency. The worm targeted the supervisory control and data acquisition systems for the centrifuges and caused their collapse. The Stuxnet worm was reportedly active for nearly a year before it was discovered.

In the most recent attack, centrifuges — ones far more advanced than those ravaged by Stuxnet a decade ago — were again targeted. The Iranians were testing

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— have launched an online petition demanding that Jordan honor its extradition treaty with the US. Even if the chances are slim that Tamimi will finally have to face justice in

them in preparation for installation in an underground facility at the site. They were also supposed to shorten Iran's nuclear breakout window. The latest blow doesn't just disrupt Iran's plan to put these advanced centrifuges to work. It also reveals to the world — yet again — the scope of Iran's investment in its nuclear program as its economy buckles under US sanctions and the coronavirus pandemic, and as its policies on these fronts are met with increasing domestic criticism.

Naturally, Tehran pointed its finger at Israel as the party responsible for the attack. Similar accusations were made the previous week following the explosion at the Parchin military site east of Tehran, although based on the information available, that incident does appear to have been caused by a technical malfunction. The Natanz blast, on the other hand, appears to have been an intentional attack, and as such, Iran could seek revenge.

The quickest way for Iran to harm Israel is through its proxies in Syria. Although these militias have been degraded recently through a string of airstrikes attributed to Israel, which according to foreign news reports destroyed various weapons systems, it remains likely that similar weapons are still in Syria or can be shipped there in relatively short order.

Over the past two years, Iran and its proxies have targeted Israel on several occasions via rocket or drone attack on the Golan Heights. In each case, Israel's air force was able to intercept the threat before it could cause damage, but there's always a first time for everything. The latest event — and Iran's public accusations of Israel — necessitates, at the very least, raising the alert level in the north as an act of prudence.

Iran has other options for a response — via Hezbollah from Lebanon (unlikely) or by hitting Israeli targets abroad. We can assume that along with seeking revenge and trying to find those physically responsible for carrying out the Natanz attack, the Iranians will also try fixing the breaches in their nuclear defenses. History tells us they will only be partially successful in this regard, because time and again their machinations are discovered — and disrupted.

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the US for the murderous terror attack she has been boasting of for almost 20 years, each and every signature on this petition is a rejection of the craven appeasement of the murderous Islamist extremism Tamimi stands for.

Tradition.

Moral vs. Political Decisions



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The coronavirus pandemic raised a series of deep moral and political issues. How far should governments go in seeking to prevent its spread? To what extent should it restrict people's movements at the cost of violating their civil liberties? How far



should it go in imposing a clamp-down of businesses at the cost of driving many of them bankrupt, rendering swathes of the population unemployed, building up a mountain of debt for the future and plunging the economy into the worst recession since the 1930s? These are just a few of the many heart-breaking dilemmas that the pandemic forced on governments and on us.

Strikingly, almost every country adopted the same measures: social distancing and lockdown until the incidence of new cases had reached its peak (Sweden was the most conspicuous exception). Nations didn't count the cost. Virtually unanimously, they placed the saving of life above all other considerations. The economy may suffer, but life is infinitely precious and saving it takes precedence over all else.

This was a momentous victory for the value first articulated in the Torah in the Noahide covenant: "He who sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God He created man" (Gen. 9:6). This was the first declaration of the principle that human life is sacred. As the Sages put it, "Every life is like a universe. Save a life and it is as if you have saved a universe."

In the ancient world, economic considerations took precedence over life. Great building projects like the Tower of Babel and the Egyptian pyramids involved huge loss of life. Even in the 20th century, lives were sacrificed to economic ideology: between six and nine million under Stalin, and between 35 and 45

million under Chinese communism. The fact that virtually all nations, in the face of the pandemic, chose life was a significant victory for the Torah's ethic of the sanctity of life.

That said, the former Supreme Court judge Jonathan Sumption wrote a challenging article in which he argued that the world, or at least Britain, had got it wrong. It was overreacting. The cure may be worse than the disease. The lockdown amounted to subjecting the population to house arrest,

causing great distress and giving the police unprecedented and dangerous powers. It represented "an interference with our lives and our personal autonomy that is intolerable in a free society." The economic impact would be devastating. "If all this is the price of saving human life, we have to ask whether it is worth paying."

There are, he said, no absolute values in public policy. As proof he cited the fact that we allow cars, despite knowing that they are potentially lethal weapons, and that every year thousands of people will be killed or maimed by them. In public policy there are always multiple, conflicting considerations. There are no non-negotiable absolutes, not even the sanctity of life.

It was a powerful and challenging piece. Are we wrong to think that life is indeed sacred? Might we be placing too high a value on life, imposing a huge economic burden on future generations?

I am going to suggest, oddly enough, that there is a direct connection between this argument and the story of Pinchas. It is far from obvious, but it is fundamental. It lies in the difference – philosophical and halachic – between *moral* and *political* decisions.

Recall the Pinchas story. The Israelites, having been saved by God from Bilam's curses, fell headlong into the trap he then set for them. They began consorting with Midianite women and were soon worshipping their gods. God's anger burned. He ordered the death of the people's leaders. A

plague raged; 24,000 died. A leading Israelite, Zimri, brought a Midianite woman, Cozbi, and cohabited with her in full view of Moses and the people. It was the most brazen of acts. Pinchas took a spear and drove it through them both. They died, and the plague stopped.

Was Pinchas a hero or a murderer? On the one hand, he saved countless lives: no more people died because of the plague. On the other hand, he could not have been certain of that in advance. To any onlooker, he might have seemed simply a man of violence, caught up in the lawlessness of the moment. The parsha of Balak ends with this terrible ambiguity unresolved. Only in our parsha do we hear the answer. God says:

"Pinchas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the Priest, has turned back My anger from the Israelites by being zealous among them on My behalf, so that I did not wipe out the Israelite people in My zeal. Therefore say: I am making with him My covenant of peace." (Num. 25:11-12)

God declared Pinchas a hero. He had saved the Israelites from destruction, showed the zeal that counterbalanced the people's faithlessness, and as a reward, God made a personal covenant with him. Pinchas did a good deed.

Halachah, however, dramatically circumscribes his act in multiple ways. First, it rules that if Zimri had turned and killed Pinchas in self-defence, he would be declared innocent in a court of law. Second, it rules that if Pinchas had killed Zimri and Cozbi just before or after they were engaged in cohabitation, he would have been guilty of murder. Third, had Pinchas consulted a Bet Din and asked whether he was permitted to do what he was proposing to do, the answer would have been, No. This is one of the rare cases where we say *Halachah ve-ein morin kein*: "It is the law, but we do not make it known." And there are many other conditions and reservations. The Torah resolves the ambiguity but halachah reinstates it. Legally speaking, Pinchas was on very thin ice.

We can only understand this by way of a fundamental distinction between *moral* decisions and *political* decisions. Moral decisions are answers to the question, "What should I do?" Usually they are based on *rules that may not be transgressed whatever the consequences*. In Judaism, moral decisions are the province of halachah.

Political decisions are answers to the question, "What should we do?" where the "we" means the nation as a whole. They tend to involve several conflicting considerations, and there is rarely a clear-cut solution. Usually the decision will be based on an evaluation of the likely consequences. In Judaism this sphere is known as *mishpat melech* (the legal domain of the king), or *hilchot medinah* (public policy regulations). Whereas halachah is timeless, public policy tends to be time-bound and situational ("a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build").

Were we in Pinchas' position, asking, "Should I kill Zimri and Cozbi?" the *moral answer* is an unequivocal No. They may deserve to die; the whole nation may be eyewitnesses to their sin; but you cannot execute a death sentence without a duly constituted court of law, a trial, evidence and a judicial verdict. Killing without due process is murder. That is why the Talmud rules *Halachah ve-ein morin kein*: if Pinchas had asked a Bet Din whether he were permitted to act as he intended, he would be told, No. Halachah is based on non-negotiable moral principle, and halachically you cannot commit murder even to save lives.

But Pinchas was not acting on moral principle. He was making a *political* decision. There were thousands dying. The political leader, Moses, was in a highly compromised position. How could he condemn others for consorting with Midianite women when he himself had a Midianite wife? Pinchas saw that there was no one leading. The danger was immense. God's anger, already intense, was about to explode. So he acted – *not on moral principle but on political calculation*, relying not on *halachah* but on what would later be known as *mishpat melech*. Better take two lives immediately, that would have been eventually sentenced to death by the court, to save thousands now. And he was right, as God later made clear.

Now we can see exactly what was ambiguous about Pinchas' act. He was a private individual. The question he would normally have asked was, "What shall I do?", to which the answer is a moral one. But he acted as if he were a political leader asking, "What shall we do?" and deciding, based on consequences, that this would save many lives. Essentially, he acted as if he were Moses. He saved the day and the people. But imagine what would happen anywhere if an ordinary member of the public usurped the role of Head of State. Had God not endorsed Pinchas' action, he would have had a very difficult time.

The difference between moral and political decisions becomes very clear when it comes to decisions of life and death. The moral rule is: saving life takes precedence over all other mitzvot except three: incest, idolatry and murder. If a group is surrounded by gangsters who say, "Hand over one of you, or we will kill you all," they must all be prepared to die rather than hand over one. Life is sacred and must not be sacrificed, whatever the consequences. That is morality; that is halachah.

However, a king of Israel was permitted, with the consent of the Sanhedrin, to wage a (non-defensive) war, even though many would die as a result. He was permitted to execute a non-judicial death sentence against individuals on public policy grounds (*le-takken ha-olam kefi mah she-ha-sha'ah tzerichah*). In politics, as opposed to morality, the sanctity of life is a high value but not the only one. What matters are consequences. A ruler or government must act in the long-

term interests of the people. That is why, though some will die as a result, governments are now gradually easing the lockdown provisions once the rate of infection falls, to relieve distress, ease the economic burden, and restore suspended civil liberties.

We have moral duties as individuals, and we make political decisions as nations. The two are different. That is what the story of Pinchas is about. It also explains the tension in governments during the pandemic. We have a moral commitment to the sanctity of life, but we also have a political commitment, not just to life but also to "liberty and the pursuit of happiness." What was beautiful about the global response to Covid-19 was that virtually every nation in the world put moral considerations ahead of political ones until the danger began to recede.

I believe that there are moral and political decisions and they are different. But there is a great danger that the two may drift apart. Politics then becomes amoral, and eventually corrupt. That is why the institution of prophecy was born. Prophets hold politicians accountable to morality. When kings act for the long-term welfare of the nation, they are not criticised. When they act for their own benefit, they are. Likewise when they undermine the people's moral and spiritual integrity. Salvation by zealot – the Pinchas case – is no solution. Politics must be as moral as possible if a nation is to flourish in the long run.

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Give a Pass

ating their newspaper from radical attacks on Israel, as evidenced by their hiring someone from *The Intercept*. Given the history of the *Times*, that is hardly surprising. But that someone who claims to be a leading critic of the *Times*' coverage of Israel and Jewish issues would endorse their attitude is puzzling.

The left's cancel culture and its chilling effect on free speech are odious. It has led to people being hounded out of jobs and the public square for holding views that are not racist but merely dissent from the Black Lives Matter movement's false narrative about America. But neither the *Times* nor most of Greensit's supporters have spoken up against cancel culture when it concerns those who do not genuflect to the BLM catechism.

Friends of Israel are now cautioned to be wary of being too harsh to those who spread libels of the Jewish state lest we be guilty of acting unfairly. They say an exception to the harsh treatment dealt to others who have tweeted out hate should be carved out for Greensit because she is highly regarded by fellow elites. That falls flat as a standard that any reasonable person, no matter their ideology or faith, should be obliged to respect.

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Social.



Dean Furman of South Africa (L) challenges Ghana's Christian Atsu during a Group C soccer match of the 2015 African Cup of Nations, in Mongomo, Equatorial Guinea, Jan. 27, 2015. Photo: Reuters / Mike Hutchings.

'I Would Love to See More Jewish Players,' South African Soccer Star Dean Furman Says

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

South African soccer star Dean Furman hopes to inspire fellow Jews to take up the sport.

The 32-year-old midfielder — who is seeking to make a comeback in England after five years with Super-Sport United in his native country — told *The Guardian* in an interview published on Monday, "We're few and far between. I would love to see more Jewish players." "To become a pro, sacrifice is key," he added. "If there was a bar mitzvah party on a Saturday night, I'd leave at 10."

"Maybe there aren't many sporting role models

from the community," Furman pointed out. "I hope parents and young Jewish players are looking up to me, Joe Jacobson and Nicky Blackman. There is more security in other jobs. Is it a safe career path? Not particularly. But if your dream is to become a footballer you should be encouraged to follow it."

In an interview with *The Algemeiner* last year following South Africa's upset victory over host Egypt in the African Cup of Nations tournament, Furman commented, "To young Jewish footballers, I want to say that it is possible. There aren't too many of us, but the dream of being a professional is definitely achievable."

Netflix Airs Anne Frank Documentary That Also Features Stories of Holocaust Survivors

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A documentary titled "#Anne Frank — Parallel Stories" began streaming on Netflix this month.

The 2019 film — narrated by Academy Award-winning actress Helen Mirren — shares the story of the teenage diarist who died in the Holocaust alongside those of five female survivors of the Nazi genocide, who retell their experiences on camera.

The survivors featured in the documentary faced deportation and suffering during childhood and adoles-

cence like Frank, but were fortunately able to stay alive.

As a young German Jewish girl, Frank kept a diary of her family's two years in hiding in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam. The family was eventually captured and deported to Nazi concentration camps where they all died except for Frank's father, Otto.

Mirren tells Frank's story through the pages of her diary.

The documentary includes commentary from historians and professors, and a guide through some of significant places in Frank's life, as well as those of the survivors.

Israeli Autonomous Vehicle Startup VayaVision Acquired by Canada's LeddarTech

BY HAGER RAVET/CTech

Canadian company LeddarTech announced Tuesday it has acquired Israeli automotive company VayaVision Sensing. The financial terms of the agreement were not specified, but according to one person familiar with the matter who spoke to Calcalist on condition of anonymity, the sale price is estimated to be in the region of tens of millions of dollars.

VayaVision, which is now a subsidiary of LeddarTech, was founded in 2016 by Nehmadi Youval and Ronny Cohen and employs over 30 people in Israel, all of whom will retain their positions following the sale.

In 2018, VayaVision raised \$8 million in a seed



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

round led by Israeli early-stage venture fund Viola Ventures, San Francisco and Tel Aviv-based Mizmaa Ventures, and Jerusalem-based equity crowdfunding company OurCrowd. Mitsubishi UFJ Capital and LG Electronics also participated. VayaVision also received a 2.45 million euro (approximately \$2.77 million) grant from the European Commission's European Innovation Council (EIC) in March 2019.

VayaVision develops a data processing system compatible with a variety of autonomous sensor systems, cameras, radars, and LiDAR. VayaVision's system is designed to provide precise 3D imaging of a vehicle's surroundings. According to its statement, the company provides its technology to leading players in the automotive industry addressing use cases from L2 to L5 ADAS (advanced driver assistance systems) and AD (autonomous driving). The VayaVision team is comprised of experts in the fields of machine and computer vision as well as deep neural networks.

"LeddarTech approached us because they wanted to expand their outlets," VayaVision co-founder and CEO Ronny Cohen told Calcalist. "Our technological synergy with them is excellent. We provide them with a significant shortcut and they give us the opportunity to expand our resources and staff as well as access to dozens of new clients."

You managed to establish an international client base, why did you decide to sell the company?

"The automotive market is very complex and difficult and the problem that we are facing is also very complicated. All the companies in the sector understood that it would take longer and require more resources than they had initially thought. That means that one company can't do it all on its own and there has been a wave of consolidations over the past year.

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