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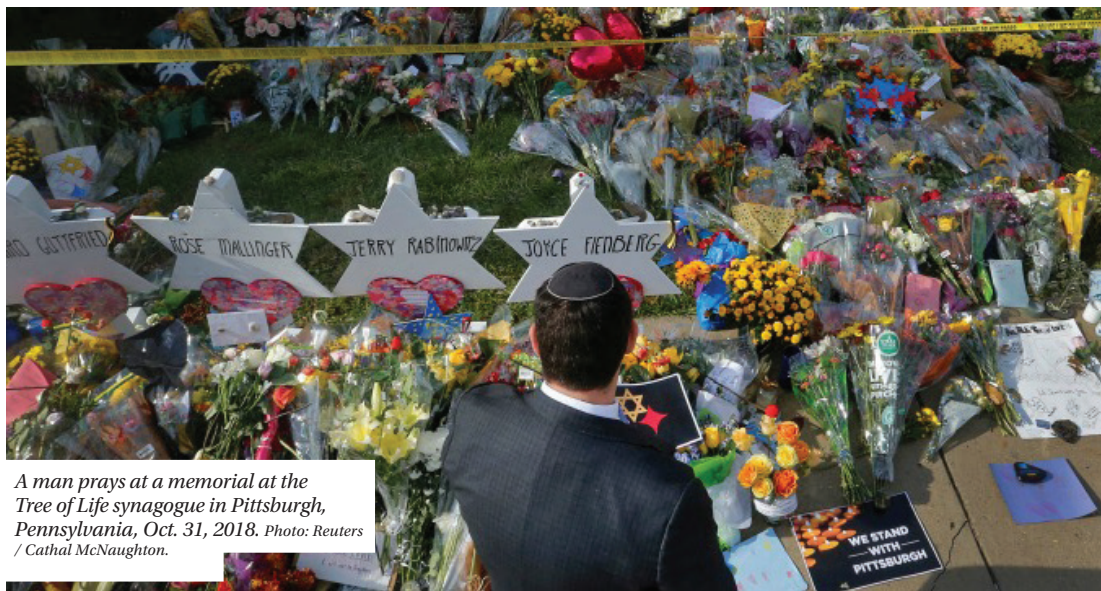
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Second Anniversary of Pittsburgh Synagogue Massacre Marked by Top US Jewish Group



A man prays at a memorial at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Oct. 31, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Cathal McNaughton.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Ahead of the second anniversary of the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre on Tuesday, a top US Jewish group issued a statement remembering the victims and urging renewed vigor in the fight against antisemitism.

"We observe the second anniversary of the deadliest antisemitic attack in American history, in which 11 innocent people were murdered simply because they were Jews," the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said. "We mourn the lives lost and the senseless carnage wrought upon congregations Tree of Life, Dor Hadash, and New Light two years ago at their shared synagogue, and we stand in solidarity with the Pittsburgh Jewish community."

"This tragedy ended the age of innocence for American Jewry," it added. "It can no longer be said that antisemitism will not manifest itself in this country. As we recall the victims and express sympathy to their families, we must also learn from this tragedy and work to prevent further incidents. When Jew-hatred rears its ugly head, there must be action from all levels of government and all sectors of society."

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Biden to Push Into Georgia as Trump Embarks on Three-State Campaign Spree

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

With just a week to go until the Nov. 3 election, President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden will crisscross the country on Tuesday in an intense day of campaigning that will also see former President Barack Obama back on the stump.

Trailing Biden in national opinion polls, Trump will hold rallies in three states key to his reelection hopes — Michigan, Wisconsin and Nebraska — while Biden journeys



US Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden in Chester, Pennsylvania, Oct. 26, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Kevin Lamarque.

to Georgia and Obama campaigns on Biden's behalf in critical Florida.

The 2020 US presidential campaign has been unlike any other as a raging coronavirus pandemic that has so far killed more than 225,000 Americans pushes record early voting. More than 64 million votes have been cast so far, approaching half the total 2016 vote, according to the US Elections Project at the University of Florida.

The huge volume of mail ballots could take days or

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Opinion.

Honoring the Two-Year Anniversary of the Tree of Life Shooting by Strengthening Communal Bridges

HEATHER ROBINSON
NEW YORK

Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, the religious leader of the Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha synagogue, and several other survivors of the mass shooting that cut short the lives of 11 Jewish members of the three congregations sharing a home in the synagogue, recently spoke about how they will observe this year's commemoration of the tragedy.

The remembrance of those killed and charitable projects in their memories are planned to honor them.

Myers will pre-record a memorial prayer for the victims that will be livestreamed via the commemoration website on October 27. He will also co-lead yahrzeit prayers and virtual Torah study on the anniversary of their deaths according to the Jewish calendar, which this year falls on November 4-5.

"My responsibility is to make it as warm, welcoming, and user-friendly as possible," he said of the service.

Comprised of local organizations and the affected congregations, the 10.27 Healing Partnership, a nonprofit organization coordinating this year's commemoration, was formed with a grant from the US Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime through

the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP).

Established after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, AEAP supports communities suffering the after-effects of terrorism and hate crimes, according to Maggie Feinstein, director of the 10.27 Healing Partnership.

"Congress designated money to communities hurt by mass violence, recognizing that there are both immediate and longer-term needs," she said.

Local organizations came together to apply for the Federal grant, including the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh (UJF), Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS), and the Jewish Community Center (JCC).

In addition to spiritual observance, this year's commemoration will include more than 20 volunteer activities such as food drives, dental-hygiene supply drives, cemetery cleanups, and live counseling, including reiki and meditation — some in person and some via Zoom, according to Feinstein.

Participation will require registration, and in-person events will require face masks and social distancing.

In the two years since the massacre, Myers has led a movement to discourage vitriolic, menacing speech online — what he terms "H speech" — that he views as having been a contributing factor to the Tree of Life atrocity.

Myers, who was conducting services when the gunman broke in and who report-

edly evacuated several congregants to safety, characterized his efforts to heal over the past two years as a process.

"Driving through Squirrel Hill, you see signs [memorializing the victims] still there," he said. "It can cheer you up because you know the person is thinking of you and sending you love. But sometimes, you look at it and it can bring you back to that day."

Two years on, he still has "good moments and bad moments," Myers said, adding that "it's going to be that way for the rest of my life."

He has dedicated time over these past two years to building bridges to other communities. "New York is No. 1 in bridges, Pittsburgh is second," he said. "At any rate, we've got a lot of bridges here, but they are only good if we use them for good purposes."

Buoyed by the outpouring of love and support immediately following the massacre, Myers noted that some of the "bridges" built then have stood the test of time. This year, he was deeply touched when Pittsburgh Steeler Zach Banner, of his own initiative, took a public stand against antisemitism after other NFL players tweeted antisemitic remarks that NFL officials failed to condemn. (In a posted video, Banner, who along with other Pittsburgh Steelers players attended some of the funerals for the victims of the Tree of Life massacre, said the experience helped to sensitize him to antisemitism, and stated, "When ... we talk about elevating ourselves, when we say Black Lives Matter, we can't do that while



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

stepping on the back of other people ... and that's very important to me.")

This past year, Myers met with Banner. "He's an incredible young man, and the Steelers and our entire city should be really proud of him."

Bridges extend to those with different political views, too: Two years down the line, Myers stands by his decision to welcome US President Donald Trump and his family to pay their respects — a choice some community members protested at the time.

"I stand by the choices I've made," he said. "The Torah will be my guide, and the Torah says we welcome strangers. I'll let history be the judge of what I've said and done these past two years."

He added, "What happened to us transcends politics."

Doris Dyen, a Reconstructionist rabbi and survivor of the massacre, will co-lead the yahrzeit morning service on behalf of Congre-

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Deplatforming the Campaign to Deplatform the Jews



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The news that Zoom has once again denied service to a webinar featuring the infamous Palestinian terrorist Leila Khaled following protests from advocacy groups was very welcome, but it also raises an issue — and a tactic — that has become ever more controversial with time: deplatforming.

Deplatforming is a very simple, indeed somewhat simple-minded phenomenon. It is essentially a means of political protest and activism that involves denying specific forums — usually but not always of the prestigious variety — to certain speakers or movements. This means things like disinviting or picketing speakers, disrupting events (sometimes violently), pushing social media companies to ban offensive accounts and, perhaps most effectively, convincing companies and corporations to fire people who engage in offensive speech or espouse offensive ideas.

There are many synonyms for deplatforming — "political correctness" and "cancel culture" likely being the most popular — but they all raise a simple dilemma: what precisely constitutes "offensive" speech or ideas? To a great extent, of course, "offensive" is in the eye of the beholder. For supporters of trans rights, for example, the claim that biological sex is immutable is offensive speech. For opponents, it is simple common sense.

Indeed, as many critics have pointed out, the very idea of codifying "offensive" speech for the purposes of deplatforming is in many ways a violation of the right to free speech.

Ironically, Khaled's leftist and Islamist defenders immediately leapt on the free speech bandwagon once she was threatened with deplatforming. The US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel, which is promoting the terrorist's webinars, quickly began fulminating an antisemitic conspiracy theory, shrieking in ridiculously overwrought rhetoric that the deplatforming was "emblematic of the corporate takeover of our universities and the influence of Zionist and right-wing organizations and individuals, along with the power of information capital, to set the agenda for what can and cannot be said or taught in a public university."

The irony of this is that pro-Palestinian, anti-Zionist, and antisemitic forces on university campuses have been perhaps the foremost practitioners of deplatforming anywhere in the United States. Pro-Israel events are regularly disrupted, pro-Israel and

even simply Jewish speakers are harassed and shut down, and Jewish and pro-Israel students are systematically subjected to campaigns of hate, violence and intimidation.

This has gone so far as to force Jewish students off campus; as was the case with the CUNY law student Rafaella Gunz, whose horrible odyssey was reported by this publication. And often, these acts of violence are enabled and supported by faculty and administrators.

The obvious goal of all this is to violate precisely those principles Khaled's defenders claim to advocate and thus brutalize Israel and Judaism's campus defenders into surrender and silence. In other words, they want to deplatform the Jews. The question, then, is whether we ought to do the same to them.

On the one hand, it is an uncomfortable question, given that many of us disapprove of deplatforming itself and oppose attempts to deplatform the Jews on precisely that basis. But that is essentially an argument over ideals, and we do not live in an ideal world. Whether we like it or not, the other side has laid down the rules of the game. When student mobs, faculty and administrators collaborate in an attempt to deplatform the Jews, it is no longer an issue of free speech. It is an issue of power: who has it and who doesn't. And is only by empowering ourselves that we can fight back, as was successfully done against Khaled and her supporters.

Moreover, if the deplatformers, whether students or faculty, wish to continue using the tactic, they must be consistent. They claim

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Signs at a pro-BDS protest in New York following the US decision to move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. Photo: Reuters / Carlo Allegri.

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NYU Chapter of AAUP Professors Group Slams Zoom for Denying Platform to Palestinian Terrorist

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The New York University (NYU) chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) has released a statement in support of holding academic events with terrorists.

The statement came in reaction to the video-conferencing platform Zoom's decision to deny service to a webinar featuring a message from Palestinian terrorist Leila Khaled, a leading member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) who took part in the hijacking of a Tel Aviv-bound commercial flight in 1969. The PFLP has been designated as a terrorist group by the US government.

The cancellation followed two similar occurrences, one at San Francisco State University (SFSU) and another at the University of Hawaii, in which webinars featuring Khaled were canceled by Zoom, which said events featuring terrorists violated its terms of service.

The SFSU event was moved to YouTube, which shut it down 20 minutes after the live feed started.

The statement put out last week by the NYU-AAUP executive committee referred to Khaled as a "Palestinian rights advocate" despite her self-admitted terrorist activities, and decried Zoom's alleged "censorship" of her. It also claimed that the canceled webinar had been intended to discuss this "censorship."

The description of the event in question called Khaled a "Palestinian liberation advocate" and claimed a conspiracy was

behind her cancellation, asking, "Why are big tech platforms making decisions that violate academic freedom?"

The NYU-AAUP statement said, "We recognize that it is an act of sick comedy to censor an event about censorship, but it raises serious questions about the capacity of a corporate, third-party vendor to decide what is acceptable academic speech and what is not."

"The shutdown of a campus event is a clear violation of the principle of academic freedom that universities are obliged to observe," the statement claimed, and then propagated a conspiracy theory of its own, asserting the cancellation was the work of "organized, politically motivated groups."

The statement then described Zoom's decision as "appalling" and demanded the NYU administration "issue a strong statement denouncing this act."

A Zoom spokesperson told *The Algemeiner* on Tuesday, "Zoom is committed to supporting the open exchange of ideas and conversations and does not have any policy preventing users from criticizing Zoom. Zoom does not monitor events and will only take action if we receive reports about possible violations of our Terms of Service, Acceptable Use Policy, and Community Standards."

"Similar to the event held by San Francisco State University, we determined that this event was in violation of one or more of these policies and let the host know that they were not permitted to use Zoom for this particular event," the spokesperson added.

chosen to live by that sword, and can hardly complain when they die by it.

Of course, it could be said that if we start to live by that sword, we will also die by it. But we are already dying by it, and it is only by seizing it for ourselves that we can effectively defend ourselves. These are the values, after all, that those who ought to know better have embraced, and it appears that, sadly, it is only by adopting them that we can force them to act according to those values, which they allegedly hold so dear.

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hasn't supported a Democrat in a presidential election since 1992.

Biden told reporters on Monday he believes he has a "fighting chance" to take Georgia.

He will hold an afternoon event in Warm Springs, Georgia — where former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt maintained a vacation home — before capping the day with an evening rally in the state capital, Atlanta.

Flush with cash, Biden's campaign has been advertising in the state for weeks.

Obama, who has emerged as a top stand-in for Biden down the stretch, will campaign in Orlando after heading up a rally in Miami over the weekend. Biden served as Obama's vice president for eight years.

Trump heads to Nebraska

Trump's rally in Nebraska, meanwhile,

'Zionism Only at Beginning of Its History,' French Intellectual Bernard-Henri Lévy Says



French philosopher Bernard-Henri Lévy addressing the 38th Zionist Congress. Photo: Screenshot.

BY BEN COHEN

Leading French intellectual Bernard-Henri Lévy has called for a renewal of the Zionist vision, arguing that the notion that the Jewish national liberation movement had already fulfilled its mission was sorely mistaken.

"Zionism is only at the beginning of its history," Lévy declared in a virtual address to the 38th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem last week.

"Israel is such a young nation," he noted. "And in another way, it is ancient, as old as the history of the world. What we call Zionism today must continue to maintain its spirit as long as we are alive. Let us not say today that Zionism has exhausted its message, that's completely untrue."

Lévy also argued that Diaspora Jewish communities had to remain at the core of the

Zionist movement's vision.

"The Diaspora is not some kind of remainder or remnant, cast away by history," the philosopher said. "On the contrary, it is something that should be integrated quickly into the mainstream of Zionism."

Lévy continued: "In Diaspora life, Jewish existence, let's say someone who's Romanian, Italian, American or French, there is something very noble in the existence of these Jews, something that cannot be reduced to the expectation of going to Jerusalem. I don't think that existence in the Diaspora, in exile, is somehow less-than."

Lévy expressed hope that Israel would "be able to continue to plow the same path of democracy."

"This is the basic element of the ideal that has brought us all together here today," he concluded.

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society to counter it and to hold to account perpetrators, inviters, and enablers. The security of our communities and our institutions must be paramount."

"As we mark this solemn occasion, words and condolences are not enough," the Confer-

suggests his campaign is preparing for a close finish. The state apportions three of its five electoral votes by majority vote in its three congressional districts, with the Omaha-area district a potential pick-up opportunity for Biden while the rest of the state is expected to go for Trump.

In a scenario where Trump and Biden finish close to a tie in the US Electoral College, that Omaha district with its single vote could make the difference of clinching the 270th elector needed to win. Trump's rally is also likely to draw attendees from neighboring Iowa, another state that is likely to be competitive.

Early on Tuesday, Trump will stage rallies in Michigan and Wisconsin, two states he won by narrow margins in 2016, but where polls show him now trailing to Biden.

Trump will be able to tout the confirmation of his nominee Amy Coney Barrett to the US Supreme Court. Barrett cleared the Senate on Monday by a 52-48 vote and was sworn in during a night-time outdoor ceremony at the White House, meeting the president's goal of having her on the court by Election Day.

The scene was reminiscent of the Sept.

29 event in which Trump introduced Barrett as his nominee, albeit with more attendees wearing masks and increased social distancing. The September event preceded an outbreak of the virus that infected Trump and three Senate Republicans.

Shortly before Barrett's confirmation, the Supreme Court refused to allow an extension ordered by a federal judge in the deadline for returning mail-in ballots in Wisconsin, dealing a setback to Democrats.

Record numbers of new US COVID-19 cases in recent days, including a new outbreak among Vice President Mike Pence's staff, have offered Biden's campaign a chance to remind voters of how Trump and his allies have played down the advice of public health experts to wear masks and observe social-distancing guidelines to battle the pandemic.

Despite his exposure to the coronavirus, Pence has continued to campaign and will travel to North Carolina and South Carolina on Tuesday. He tested negative for the virus on Monday, the White House said.

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hate speech is an actual threat to life and limb, the moral equivalent of physical violence and even murder. By this definition, groups like Students for Justice in Palestine that incite violence against Israel and Jewish students, and often call for the outright genocide of Israel's Jewish population, are unquestionably hate groups, and thus certainly qualify for deplatforming according to the deplatformers own standards. Against this, our opponents can simply have no argument. They have

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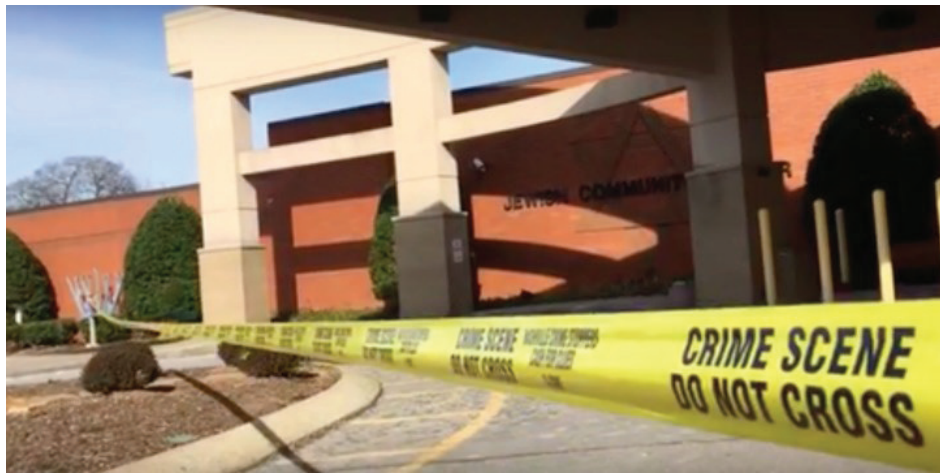
weeks to tally, experts have said. Mail voting is nothing new for the United States — about one in four ballots were cast that way in 2016 — but is surging amid the pandemic.

Trump, who has repeatedly and without evidence claimed that mailed ballots are likely to be subject to fraud, on Monday said on Twitter: "Must have final total on November 3rd." Twitter flagged the tweet with a disclaimer describing the post's content as "disputed" and potentially misleading.

Biden's foray into Georgia, long a Republican stronghold, is a sign of the campaign's optimism heading into the final week.

Polls show the race there to be tight, and win by Biden in Georgia would likely be a severe blow to Trump's chances. The state

World News.



The scene outside the JCC in Nashville, Tennessee, following a bomb threat. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

New Survey Shows More Than 8 in 10 American Jews Think Antisemitism Is on Rise in US

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A new survey shows that more than 8 in 10 American Jews believe antisemitism has risen in the US over the past five years.

The State of Antisemitism in America 2020 survey — conducted by the American Jewish Committee (AJC) — also found that 85% of American Jews viewed the statement, “Israel has no right to exist,” as antisemitic, with 84% feeling the same about the statement, “The US government only supports Israel because of Jewish money.”

Another 76% considered the idea, “American Jews are more loyal to Israel than to America,” as antisemitic.

Furthermore, a combined 80% said the BDS movement was “mostly antisemitic” or had “some antisemitic supporters,” with only 15% saying it was “not antisemitic.”

Asked how much of a problem antisemi-

tism was in the US today, 88% said it was a “very serious problem” or “somewhat of a problem.”

However, 97% said they had not suffered a physical antisemitic attack, 75% said they had not been the target of an antisemitic remark and 77% had not been targeted over their religion on social media.

Of those who were targets of such abuse, however, 76% said they had not reported the incidents.

Occurrences of antisemitism on social media were overwhelmingly clustered on Facebook, at 62%; with Twitter at 33%.

There were also mixed responses to the question of where antisemitism was coming from. Some 89% of respondents said right-wing antisemitism was a threat and 61% said the same of left-wing antisemitism. And 85% said Muslim extremism represented an antisemitic threat.

US State Department Conference Tackles Mounting Hate and Antisemitism Online

BY FAYGIE HOLT/
JNS.org

Hate online, particularly antisemitism, is continuing to grow at alarming rates, and stopping it will require education, collaboration and a cohesive definition were the findings from the first-of-its-kind, two-day symposium sponsored by the US State Department.

“Nowadays, bigots everywhere can spread antisemitism online anonymously. In the first eight months of 2020, the Israel antisemitism monitoring system recorded 1.7 million antisemitic messages from more than 445,000 users on Twitter and YouTube; 37,000 of those messages referred to COVID-19, and many came from foreign agents like [the] government of Iran that ludicrously blamed Israel” for the pandemic, said US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo in his opening remarks of the “Ancient Hatred, Modern Medium: Conference on Internet Anti-Semitism.”

The seven-hour conference featured recorded discussions and talks about a host of topics from “The Psychology of Hate” to “Building Coalitions and Alliances” to the “Legal Framework” of combating antisemitism. Experts came from across the globe and included members

of the US Congress, Israeli government officials, representatives from TikTok and Facebook, university professors and others.

“The Internet can be tremendous force for good. It can bring people together and allow everyone a voice,” said Michael Gove, a member of Parliament in the United Kingdom. “But it is also the case that the Internet can be a cause for evil” and recruit “susceptible minds” to the “gospel of evil.”

Joel Finkelstein of the Rutgers Institute for Secure Communities and director of the Contagion Research Institute said his group uses artificial intelligence to “track, expose and combat hate.”

He explained that hate groups often use code words and memes, including colorful cartoon images, to get across their agendas and increase their appeal.

Further, there seems to be a correlation between an uptick in violent speech and increased actions. For instance, in 2018, his group warned of increased antisemitism on a platform used by far-right activists, and shortly afterwards, the deadly shooting at the Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh took place during Shabbat morning services. Similarly, after an increase in talk about a race war came an uptick in militia groups appearing at public

1,700-Year-Old Boundary Stone Bearing the Name ‘Kfar Nafah’ Found in Golan Heights

BY JNS.org

A 1,700-year-old boundary stone bearing the Greek inscription “Kfar Nafah” (Nafah village) was discovered during an archaeological excavation in the Golan Heights last month, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) announced on Tuesday.

When the inscription was deciphered, by Danny Syon of the IAA and professor Haim Ben-David of the Kinneret Academic College, it aroused great excitement, as the location bears the same name today, despite a lack of settlement continuity at the site. Nafah was the name of the Syrian village that existed at the location until the Six-Day War in 1967, and is now the name of the adjacent Israel Defense Forces base.

The dig, directed by Dina Avshalom-Gorni and Yardenna Alexandre of the IAA, was conducted ahead of the planned installation of a water pipeline at Nafah by the Mekorot Water Company. The stone was uncovered in secondary use as a tomb covering, according to the statement.

Under the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian (approx. 300 C.E.), such stones marked village boundaries for the purpose of collecting taxes. This is the first boundary stone found in the central Golan Heights.

According to researchers, ancient names are typically preserved as a result of settlement continuity, from generation to generation. However, at Nafah, archeological remains have not revealed such settlement continuity. From the Byzantine period—about 1,500 years ago—and up to modern times, there are no settlements known to have existed here, apart from briefly during the Mamluk period (13th-15th centuries C.E.).

The find thus supports the theory that ancient place names can be preserved for



IDF soldiers look on toward people standing next to the Israel-Syria border fence on the Golan Heights, July 17, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

many generations even without settlement continuity.

According to dig directors Alexandre and Avshalom-Gorni, the “fascinating excavation” at Nafah uncovered a public building from the Mamluk period, which served as a road station.

“This is the first public administrative building from the Mamluk period excavated in the Golan Heights,” they said.

The station was built on the main road connecting the Galilee to Damascus, and probably served as a stopover for traders and government officials traveling from Safed, the capital city of Mamluk Galilee, to Damascus, they added.

In the building’s courtyard, the remains of a furnace and some iron slag were found, indicating that an ironsmith may have worked here, repairing the horseshoes during the stopover.

Eyal Ben-David, unit manager of project management at Mekorot, said the company is proud to have been part of the discovery.

“As a company that devotes a lot of resources to building new water infrastructure throughout Israel, to strengthening the stability of the water economy also in the future, we are happy for the opportunity we have to contribute to the preservation of the heritage of the past,” he said.

events and “threatening to attack people.”

Still, said Finkelstein, it’s not just the far-right using the web. He noted a “parallel structure for left-wing violence, leftist anarchists and socialists,” who tend to utilize their own code words and memes.

‘Guidance for reviews looking at content’

According to Peter Stern, director of stakeholder engagement and content policy at Facebook, 95 percent of hate speech is removed by automaton, and they are trying to make it harder for administrators of groups that have been removed to create new groups.

“It’s easy to forget that at the end of the day, we have to come up with guidance for the more than 15,000 reviewers who will be looking at content every day,” said Stern, adding that they need concrete guidance and not just have people making judgment calls.

The popular video platform TikTok is also working to combat hate on its platform. According to Jeff Collins, senior director of global trust and safety, it’s not enough to “disrupt the ecosystem of hate,” but to try to prevent to the “amplification” of it.

One step they are taking is utilizing algorithms to prevent “filter bubbles,” where a user would only see one type of content. While watching, for example, cute cat videos and then getting more like-minded videos in an individual feed might not be problematic, the concern of a “filter bubble” is when it’s used to target and amplify hate or other problematic content.

Collins also said it’s not always as simple as taking down content due to the sheer amount



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo delivers opening remarks for the “Ancient Hatred, Modern Medium: Conference on Internet Anti-Semitism,” Oct. 21-22, 2020. Photo: Screenshot.

of material online and because “bad actors” are trying to circumvent security measures.

Another issue is defining what constitutes antisemitism. It’s a question that vexes not only social media companies but many others as well, particularly as it relates to Israel and Zionism.

That’s why many of the speakers stressed the importance of passing one standard definition of antisemitism, specifically the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition. However, stressed a number of the speakers, it is not enough to pass the short definition, but to utilize and include the extended definition, which includes examples of antisemitism in real-life speech, media and elsewhere.

It is the extended definition that some balk at, claiming that it limits legitimate forms of expression and criticism of Israel; it was also a point that caused some bristling from conference speakers.

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Trump Celebrates at White House as Supreme Court Nominee Confirmed

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

President Donald Trump reveled in one of his signature achievements on Monday at a White House ceremony to celebrate US Senate confirmation of his third Supreme Court nominee, Amy Coney Barrett, eight days before the election.

The made-for-TV prime-time event on the White House lawn mirrored one a month ago, when Barrett's nomination was announced, which preceded a coronavirus outbreak among top Republicans including Trump himself.

It came little more than an hour after the Republican-controlled Senate confirmed Barrett to the lifetime appointment on a 52-48 vote, with Democrats unified in opposition.

Her confirmation as successor to liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died last month, creates a 6-3 conservative majority on the high court. One Republican, Susan Collins, voted against the confirmation.

Trump, who has been touting the appointment at campaign rallies to the cheers of his supporters, had pressed the Senate to confirm Barrett, 48, before the Nov. 3 election in which he trails Democrat Joe Biden in national opinion polls. No Supreme Court justice had ever been confirmed so close to a presidential election.

"The Barrett family has captured America's heart. It is highly fitting that Justice Barrett fills the seat of a true pioneer for women, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg," Trump said with a smiling Barrett at his side.

In contrast to the White House event last month, more people wore masks and seats were spread out to ensure social distancing. Several of the Republican senators who voted to confirm Barrett were in attendance, although not Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who has not been to the White House since August due to COVID-19 concerns.

Conservative Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, wearing his judicial black robes, administered one of the two oaths of office that justices have to take.

Barrett vows independence



US President Donald Trump applauds Supreme Court Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett after she was sworn in to serve on the court, Washington, DC, Oct. 26, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Jonathan Ernst / File.

In brief remarks, Barrett declared her independence from Trump and the political process even as the president stood behind her.

"The oath that I have solemnly taken tonight means at its core I will do the job without fear or favor and do it independently of the political branches and of my own preferences," she said.

After the ceremony, Trump and Barrett waved to applauding guests from the White House balcony.

Chief Justice John Roberts will administer the separate judicial oath at the court on Tuesday, the court said in a statement.

Trump's other Supreme Court appointees are conservatives Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.

Trump has said he expects the court to decide the outcome of the election and wants Barrett to participate on any election-related cases that go before the justices.

Just before the Senate vote, the court on a 5-3 vote with the conservative justices in the majority, issued an order curbing the deadline for mail-in ballots to be received in the electoral battleground of Wisconsin.

Barrett's confirmation shifts the Supreme Court further to the right, which could pave the way to conservative rulings curbing abortion rights, expanding gun rights and limiting voting rights, among other things.

Biden said late on Monday the confirmation was "rushed and unprecedented."

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said the Republican majority was "lighting its credibility on fire" by proceeding with the vote so close to the election after blocking Democratic President Barack Obama's election-

year nominee in 2016.

"The truth is this nomination is part of a decades-long effort to tilt the judiciary to the far right," he added.

McConnell defended Barrett's nomination.

"We don't have any doubt, do we, that if the shoe was on the other foot, they'd be confirming," McConnell said. "You can't win them all, and elections have consequences."

The move sparked outrage on the left, with Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, one of the most liberal members of Congress, tweeting, "expand the court."

That is a reference to adding more justices to balance the three Trump has named.

Obamacare case

Barrett is expected to participate in arguments on Nov. 10 in a case in which Trump and Republican-led states are seeking to invalidate the Affordable Care Act. The 2010

healthcare law, also known as Obamacare, has helped millions of Americans obtain medical insurance and barred private insurers from denying medical coverage to people with pre-existing conditions.

Barrett has criticized previous rulings upholding Obamacare but said during her confirmation hearing she had no agenda to invalidate the measure.

In Biden's statement after Barrett's confirmation, the former vice president said Trump has been "crystal clear" about wanting to "tear down" the Affordable Care Act.

During her confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee two weeks ago, Barrett, a favorite of Christian conservatives, irked Democrats by sidestepping questions on abortion, presidential powers, climate change, voting rights, Obamacare and other issues.

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Opinion.

Israel's 50 'Racist Laws'? Hardly



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The Guardian has, once again, disseminated the erroneous claim that Israel has "50 racist laws," in an op-ed by Sami Abu Shehadeh, an Arab MK who was recently revealed to have attended an event marking the release of a terrorist convicted of conspiring to murder Israelis.

The op-ed ("Israel's pact with the UAE is not about peace. It's a business deal," Oct. 14), included the following:

Discrimination and racism against Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel, an indigenous population that makes up over 20% of the country's population, is present in every aspect of life. More than 50 laws discriminate against non-Jewish citizens. Israel's trains do not stop in a single Arab city. [emphasis added]

There are actually two problems with that last sentence.

Turning to the second sentence we highlighted, that Israeli trains "don't stop in Arab cities": This is extremely misleading. There's an Israel Railways station called Lehavim/Rahat, serving Rahat, the largest Arab Bedouin city in Israel. (The train station is a mere 18-minute drive from the town.)

Now, regarding 50 laws that allegedly discriminate against non-Jewish citizens, which, though unsourced, is almost certainly based on a report by the radical anti-Israel NGO Adalah.

However, CAMERA and other watchdog groups have refuted Adalah's claims of racist laws — a term they use so unseriously that even an Israeli public health law requiring parents to vaccinate their children is included as an example of "racist" legislation.

A comprehensive analysis of the "50

racist laws" claim was conducted by the Institute for Zionist Strategies (IZS), and included the following highlights:

- The overwhelming majority of the laws featured in the list (53 out of 57) do not even relate to the citizens' ethnic origins, and those that do are designed to prevent and avoid discrimination. For example, the Law and Administration Ordinance (1948) that defines the country's official rest days, and the Law for Using the Hebrew Date, both explicitly exclude institutions and authorities that serve non-Jewish populations for whom the law provides for definitions and procedures appropriate for their specific needs.
- In 21 cases, Adalah's claims of discrimination stem from the organization's extremist stance that rejects the nature of Israel as a nation-state in general and as the nation-state of the Jewish people in particular. For example, the Yad BenZvi Law is defined as a discriminatory law because of the institution's objective of promoting Zionist ideals.
- Eighteen of the laws reflect customs in other Western democracies, whose democratic character no one would disparage. For example, according to Adalah, the flag constitutes a discriminatory law. Needless to say, this unfounded reasoning would mean that any country, the flag of which bears a cross or crescent, discriminates against its non-Christian or non-Muslim minorities. A more in-depth comparison between laws frequently found that Israeli legislation is actually characterized by a higher degree of tolerance for its national minorities.
- In at least 13 cases, a large disparity exists between the explicit content of the laws and the biased (and sometimes warped) interpretation accorded to them by Adalah. In some instances the claimed discrimination is difficult to identify. For example, the Golan Heights Law is considered discriminatory due to its objective of "accord[ing] a legal basis for the implementation of Israeli law on the territory of the Golan Heights conquered

by Israel." It would seem that only Adalah is capable of explaining a law intended to grant equal rights to all residents of the Golan Heights as being discriminatory.

- Eight laws are intended to protect the security of all Israeli citizens regardless of religion, race, or gender. Included in these laws are a number of legislative amendments to the Criminal Procedure Law and the Prisons Ordinance aimed at assisting the security forces in preventing terror attacks. These laws adversely affect only those clearly suspected of engaging in terror activity without distinguishing between Jews and Arabs. In effect, this very claim is woefully discriminatory because it presumes that Arab citizens of Israel are generally hostile and prone to terror activities.
- Seven of the laws do not even relate to Israel's Arab citizens but rather to those non-citizen individuals towards whom the State is not obligated to act with equality. The absurdity in Adalah's approach can be demonstrated by the example of the Trading with the Enemy Act (a law evolving from British Mandatory law) being included in the list of discriminatory laws because "the countries declared as such (Iran, Syria and Lebanon) are Arab and/or Muslim states." Presumably the law could be remedied by adding other, non-Muslim and non-Arab enemy states.
- In the case of some of the laws mentioned in the list, the supposed discrimination in question actually affected the Jewish majority and not the Arab minority. For example, Clause 7a of the Basic Law: the Knesset, the objective of which is to prevent the candidacy of political parties acting against the existence of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state, has been implemented only against Jewish parties on grounds of anti-democratic objectives. Similarly, amendments to the Absorption of Discharged Soldiers Law are indicted by Adalah for discriminating in favor of Jewish citizens, but these citizens are the ones specifically obligated to serve three years of



A general view shows the plenum at the Knesset, Israel's parliament, in Jerusalem, May 29, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

military service for sub-minimum compensation and living conditions, thus postponing their university education and professional advancement. It is the Arab citizen who enjoys the option of exemption from military service altogether or alternatively, of volunteering for national civil service which does not place them in harms way but which nevertheless affords them the same benefits awarded to discharged soldiers.

- In a number of cases, Adalah misuses objective crime statistics to claim discrimination. According to this logic, if members of the Arab sector of the population are the main criminal violators of a certain law, then that particular law perforce is deemed racist. This could apply to laws against theft of property, against sex crimes, or against driving through red lights. The constructive and proper solution to disproportionate violations is not annulment of necessary laws, of course, but rather, educating and encouraging observance of the law among all sectors of the population — without distinction or favoritism.

A large portion of Adalah's racism claims, they add, stem from their belief that Zionism is intrinsically racist, and that the Jewish state, within any borders, has no right to exist — a view considered antisemitic by the IHRA Working Definition.

The fact that such a patently false, unsourced claim smearing Israel got past *Guardian* editors is just another example of the media group's institutional anti-Israel bigotry that we've been documenting on these pages over the last 11 years.

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Sudan and Israel: An Era of Change



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Prior to gaining independence in 1956, British-ruled Sudan had good relations with the Jewish community in Mandatory Palestine and later with the State of Israel. Khartoum did not take part in the 1948 war, and in the early 1950s, prominent figures in its leadership maintained contacts with Israeli officials. After independence, however, as Sudan was swayed by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's extremist pan-Arab policy, Israel turned its sights to the mostly Christian South Sudan, whose pursuit of autonomy had triggered a bloody civil war even under British rule.

The beginning of practical relations between Israel and the south was in 1968, when Prime Minister Golda Meir agreed to send Mossad operatives to the region in

an attempt to weaken Sudan's support for Nasser's pan-Arab policy, manifested inter alia in the September 1967 Khartoum Summit's infamous "Three Nos": No peace with Israel, no recognition of Israel, and no negotiations with Israel.

At her meeting with rebel leader Joseph Lago, Meir said: "If you have a chance to reach a peace settlement with the north, we will not stand in your way." Sure enough, J'far Numeiri's rise to power in a military coup in 1969 set in motion a reconciliation process that three years later culminated in a peace treaty that preserved Sudan's territorial integrity while acquiescing to the south's demand for regional autonomy.

Due to growing political and economic difficulties, Numeiri was forced to apply sharia law throughout Sudan, including its southern part. This in turn led to the resumption of the north-south war in 1983. South Sudan eventually gained independence in July 2011 and shortly afterward signed a peace agreement with Israel.

Interestingly enough, despite his political

difficulties, Numeiri supported Anwar Sadat's peace policy and even secretly assisted in the transporting of Ethiopian Jews to Israel via Sudan in the early 1980s. However, Omar al-Bashir's rise to power in a military coup in 1989 greatly intensified the regime's Islamization under the influence of Hassan Turabi, who had also driven Numeiri to apply sharia, with Khartoum becoming a central plank of the Islamist terrorist axis.

In 1991-93, Sudan provided sponsorship and a base of operations to Osama bin Laden and many al-Qaeda terrorists who were forced to flee Saudi Arabia. It became a close ally of the Iranian regime as well as an important source of supplies to Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations in Somalia and Yemen. According to foreign sources, Israel has repeatedly interrupted arms deliveries to terrorist groups, including the destruction of a convoy of trucks carrying Iranian missiles to Hamas (January 2009) and an attack on an Iranian arms ship in Port Sudan.

After the International Criminal Court in The Hague issued an arrest warrant in July 2008 against Bashir for crimes against humanity (and later for genocide) committed in Darfur, where some 350,000-500,000 men and women were murdered in 2003-05, Bashir's adviser told the US ambassador to Khartoum that "if things go well with the US, maybe you can help us with Israel, your closest ally."

This was the first time the establishment of relations between Israel and Sudan had been raised as a distinct possibility, though that did not stop the regime's support for the "axis of terror," thus transforming Sudan into an arena for a covert war between Israel and Iran. In October 2012, for example, Israeli fighter jets attacked a weapons factory near Khartoum that belonged to Iran's Revolutionary Guards — a factory that produced long-range Shihab missiles and other weapons to be smuggled into Gaza and Lebanon.

With Sudan subsequently joining the Saudi-led coalition of Sunni Arab states, hints were renewed regarding the possible establishment of relations with Israel. In January 2016, Foreign Minister Ibrahim Ghandor was quoted as saying, "The issue of normalizing relations with Israel can be examined" in exchange for the removal of US sanctions on Khartoum. In response to the media storm caused by these remarks, Bashir explained that he had been "advised to regulate his relations with Israel" in order to ease Sudan's economic predicament.

These hints, which were probably intended to signal to the West the seriousness of Sudan's intention to abandon the "axis of evil," were supported by opposition figures who believed that "there is no justification for Sudan to show hostility to Israel and pay a political and economic price for it." Opposi-

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Opinion.

Israel Must Look Beyond the Coronavirus Crisis

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The German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche once wrote that “noise kills thought.”

We are in a period with much coronavirus-related noise. Yet as the world remains focused on fighting the pandemic, we would be compounding the tragedy by not effectively preparing and planning for what comes next.

Regardless of where you are in the world, much of that conversation focuses on protocols designed to keep the public healthy, restarting the economy and modifying regulations that arouse the public's confidence. In other words, the emphasis is on trying to arrive at the “new normal.”

In Israel, however, there is another issue that is never far removed from our minds: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. And while we are Zooming and quarantining — or even baking sourdough bread — much has transpired on that front that never really broke through the noise. Nevertheless, regional developments over the past few months have created an immense opportunity that must be seized.

The Abraham Accords were actually the one thing that did manage to break through the noise — at least temporarily. Yet too many believe that it was just the latest publicity stunt of a reality-TV star turned president trying to win reelection. While the treaty is applauded by many, most did not appreciate how it will affect not only the three signatories — Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain — but what impact it will have on the entire Middle East and beyond.

For one thing, the Gulf state (in addition to Sudan, the most recent country to agree to normalization with Israel, and Oman, reportedly soon to follow suit) are publicly looking at Israel through an entirely different perspective. Critics of the accord complained that it did not address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Though this may be true in a direct sense, the peace agreements will dramatically recalibrate the diplomatic approach towards resolving the conflict.

Just last week, Israel advanced a record amount of residential construction throughout Judea and Samaria. And while the typical anti-Israel NGOs condemned the news, the expected amplification by international actors didn't really materialize, as Israel's Gulf allies silently endorsed it.

European and other critics of Israel are recognizing that it will only become more difficult to condemn the Jewish state without the support of Israel's new-found allies. And they are looking to strengthen their ties with Israel, not create immediate conflict.

Even Israel's historic public deliberations on applying sovereignty to Judea and Samaria did not terminate the Abraham Accords. Significantly, the reported agreement that Israel would delay such application was not included in any of the formal normalization agreements. And as these countries are introduced to an Israel without the filter of the Palestinian Authority, they are more likely to view Israel's presence in Judea and Samaria as positive, especially if it can follow US President Donald Trump's “Peace to Prosperity” plan that they have embraced.



Apartments are seen in the Israeli settlement of Efrat, Aug. 18, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

This is why we can expect that Israel will soon be advancing plans to develop industrial parks in Judea and Samaria where Israelis and Palestinians will be able to work side by side (as tens of thousands already do). This is likely to be greeted with even stronger affirmation among Israel's new allies, who have prioritized economic coexistence as a pretense to diplomatic breakthroughs.

Israel's efforts to increase economic opportunity based on coexistence is likely to attract investors from these Gulf states, and enable Israel to enhance infrastructure development, and eliminate the feeling among many Palestinians that they have no realistic path towards prosperity. It may be a slightly different future from the one that Palestinians had anticipated, but it will take shape as they adjust to the reality that their future is tied more to Israel and the Gulf than to the PA leadership that has dominated their lives for so long.

For some time now, PA leader Mahmoud Abbas has refused to accept funds collected by the Israel Tax Authority. Donor countries, such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and others, have significantly reduced aid to the Palestinians. The PA Finance Ministry recently announced that international aid has shrunk by no less than 81%.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in recent months has met with senior PA officials, sponsored reconciliation talks between Fatah and Hamas, and transferred funds to the PA. Erdogan's Turkey is fully supportive of Hamas and its extremist positions. The emerging reality is that our Palestinian neighbors, who remain in economic distress, are now receiving funds from a highly radical and impulsive autocrat. Once the COVID-19 crisis has ended, the above could lead to a third intifada.

The State of Israel must decide that it will not let the “noise” of the coronavirus “kill its thought” and determine its actions. Israel must attract international investors from our new friends in the Gulf, as well as from the United States and other allies, to develop industrial areas that will enhance and connect the Israeli-Palestinian economies.

If we want security, peace, good neighborly relations and a secure future for Israel, then we must invest in Judea and Samaria. It is time to build an economic axis that will put bread on the tables of ordinary Palestinians, who will choose to put down their guns and go to work.

Regardless of what happens on Election Day in the United States, there is a genuine opportunity to build on the momentum of the Abraham Accords and on the American administration's maximum pressure on Iran and the PA. If we don't, disaster may lie ahead. Israel thus has no choice but to rise above the noise of COVID-19 and plan how best to leverage the opportunities provided by Trump's policies.

The stakes are too high to do otherwise.

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At What Point Should the Mainstream Media Report on the Biden Family Story?

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One of the first things I read on Thursday morning was a news item on *National Review Online* (NRO) about the contents of a laptop that allegedly belongs to Hunter Biden. According to *The New York Post*, which reported on the topic on Oct. 14, the laptop was left at a computer repair store in Delaware and was subsequently forwarded to Rudy Giuliani and the FBI. The veracity of the laptop and its photos, files, and emails are currently being investigated.

According to *Politico*, “Neither Biden nor his attorney ... have said whether Hunter Biden really did drop off waterlogged laptops and a hard drive at a Delaware repair shop, or whether the reported emails are authentic or not.”

On the laptop was an email purportedly discussing a business arrangement between a Chinese company and the Biden family. On Thursday morning, according to reporting from the *Post*, the recipient of that email confirmed “that the email is ‘genuine’ and said the family ‘aggressively leveraged the Biden family name to make millions’ from foreign entities.”

After reading this new development, I immediately went to *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *CNN* and *MSNBC* websites to see how they would cover it.

Nothing.

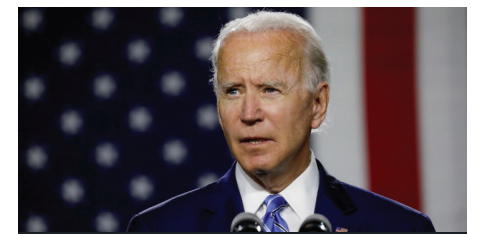
Then I went back to the *Post* and read that in a 2017 text exchange, “Hunter Biden's ex-business partner Tony Bobulinski was warned ‘don't mention Joe.’” That text exchange

“emerged following Bobulinski's bombshell statement to the *Post* that former vice president Joe Biden was involved in his family's plot to make millions in Communist China.”

“The messages, obtained by *Fox News* on Thursday [Oct. 22], purportedly shows Bobulinski being instructed by James Gilliar, another key player in the alleged scheme, not to make any mention of the former veep's involvement.”

The report continued:

“In a lengthy statement to the *Post*'s Michael Goodwin, Bobulinski addressed a May 13, 2017, email published [on Oct. 15] that revealed how Hunter Biden pursued lucrative deals with a Chinese energy company and wanted to hold 10 percent of profits for ‘the big guy.’”



Democratic US presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden speaks at a campaign event, in Wilmington, Delaware, July 14, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Leah Millis / File.

According to the report, Bobulinski said that “Hunter Biden called his dad ‘the Big Guy’ or ‘my Chairman,’ and frequently referenced asking him for his sign-off or advice on various potential deals that we were discussing.”

Because Joe Biden has claimed in the past that he did not discuss business with Hunter, and because the reporting focuses on

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tion cleric Yosef Koda, for example, argued that Islamic law allowed normalization of relations with Israel and that Sudan should do so, while Foreign Investment Minister and Umma Party leader Mubarak Fadel Mahdi said in August 2017, “There is no problem with normalization with Israel.” (In doing so, he closed the circle, as he is a relative of Umma Party leader Sadeq Mahdi, who was the first Sudanese leader to meet with Israelis in the 1950s.)

After the 2019 coup that toppled Bashir, a provisional government was set up to govern the country in the run-up to the 2022 elections as an uneasy compromise between the will of the people to see the end of military rule and the military's ability to cling to the levers of power. President Abdel Fatah Burhan and his deputy Muhammad Hamdan Deklo, both army generals, are powerful remnants of the old regime, while PM Abdullah Hamduk and Supreme Court President Na'amat Abdullah Muhammad Khair are supposed to represent the will of the people as senior civilian representatives to promote reform and change.

The Provisional Government suffers from internal disagreements on a variety of issues and from constant attempts by the military to take over, but it was the only way out of the deadlock after the coup. As such, it received the blessing of the Egyptian, Saudi, Ethiopian, and UAE governments as well as that of the US and most of Europe. The internal disputes

within the provisional government produced different approaches to normalization with Israel. While Burhan and Deklo pushed in this direction in order to improve Sudan's international standing and have it removed from the US list of state sponsors of terrorism, Hamduk opposed the move mainly out of fear of antagonizing public opinion.

The February 2020 Entebbe meeting between Israeli PM Netanyahu and President Burhan, at the invitation of the Ugandan president and the orchestration of US Secretary of State Pompeo, was a significant breakthrough in normalizing Sudanese-Israeli relations and was accompanied by numerous publications from Sudanese sources about the imminence of normalization. Indeed, on October 23, the US, Israel, and Sudan issued a joint statement on the normalization of relations between Khartoum and Jerusalem. This step follows the peace agreements between Israel and the UAE and Bahrain, and helps cement the nascent regional axis that features Israel as a highly prized ally rather than a vilified enemy. Time will tell to what extent this step will help the provisional Sudanese government overcome its internal differences and reach the 2022 elections as a functioning and effective body.

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Impressions.

Why I'm So Supportive of Israel and Donald Trump

BY JON VOIGHT

People ask me why I am so supportive of Israel and of Donald Trump.

I was born in 1938, and therefore was alive through the time of the Holocaust, and I also witnessed the ratification of Israel as the historic homeland of the Jewish people in 1948. I saw the attacks on this tiny state from the beginning through to today. Of all the dangers to Israel, the most frightening is the existence of Iran as led by the Mullahs with its pledge to wipe the Jews into the sea.

The Iran deal under the prior administration paved the way for that very destruction with its promise of a nuclear Iran within a decade.

Donald Trump dismantled this poisonous agreement.

Joe Biden has promised to reinstate it, if he becomes president.

Donald Trump has brought our embassy to Jerusalem. Prior presidents promised to do this, to curry favor with voters, but then never followed through. This move has important ramifications, as are



Jon Voight. Photo: Screenshot.

the designations of the proper borders of Israel that president Trump has acknowledged in various ways: one being the demarcations set forth in his peace plan. With these moves he has paid respect to the Bible account of God's gift of the land to Abraham, and all the succeeding drama of the land and the Jewish people, testified to by the journey of Moses and the utterances of the ancient Hebrew prophets.

And now president Trump has brought a third Arab country in the past two months to make peace with Israel, giving the world hope that, for the first time in modern history, the neighbors in that troubled area might find a way to peace.

It is appropriate that Donald Trump has been nominated for the Nobel prize, but he is just beginning. I hope everyone who loves Israel and the Jewish people will vote for him to continue his work for us all.

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Morocco's Jews Remain Strong Despite COVID-19

BY GILLES BERDUGO

As COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc on the world, the Jewish community of Morocco has not managed to escape unscathed. The tight-knit community, which has many elderly members, suffered a relatively high number of deaths in the early days of the virus, including the passing of Rabbi Sholom Eidelman. However, community leaders are confident that by sticking together and

the years of 1961 and 1967, approximately 120,000 Jews left Morocco. Most went to Israel, though some chose France, with which they shared a similar culture. They also emigrated to the United States and Canada. By 1975, there were only 20,000 Jews left in a country that once boasted more than 10 times that number.

Since then, the population has continued to dwindle. Today, there are 2,500-3,000 Jews in the entire country, most of them in Casablanca.



People walk on a street, in Rabat, Morocco. Photo: Nawalbenmani via Wikimedia Commons.

continuing to support one another, they can pull through this crisis.

Rabbi Eidelman, born in the Soviet Union, emigrated to Morocco in 1958 as an emissary of Chabad, the Jewish Hasidic outreach movement. Every year, he made sure that shmurah matzah, a special kind of matzah, was brought in from France in time for Passover. Rabbi Levi Bannon, another Chabad emissary residing in Morocco, called Rabbi Eidelman "the rabbi of rabbis" and said that he will be sorely missed in the Moroccan Jewish community. Rabbi Bannon is now the go-to rabbi for coronavirus-related funerals.

The Moroccan Jewish community has a long and rich history. In fact, it was once home to perhaps the largest number of Jews in the Arab world. The Jewish population of Morocco totaled more than 250,000 at its peak in the 1930s and 1940s, before the mass exodus triggered by World War II and the founding of the State of Israel.

Jewish roots in Morocco go back as far as 70 CE. Though there were periods of unrest, there were also times of peaceful coexistence.

Jews that settled in Morocco originally are known as Toshavim. Those that came as a result of the Spanish Inquisition in the 15th century have been called Megorashim. In the wake of the Inquisition, tens of thousands of Spanish Jews fled to Morocco. While they came with not much more than the clothing on their backs, they did bring education, business savvy, and trade connections, all of which they used to benefit their new communities.

The creation of the State of Israel and Morocco's subsequent independence from France led to a period of political unrest. Jews began to leave for Israel in secret, but in large numbers. Between

Morocco is seen as an example of ideal Jewish-Muslim coexistence and is one of the few Arab countries that is actively embracing its Jewish history. In fact, 10 years ago, King Mohammed VI launched an ongoing project to restore Morocco's historically significant Jewish sites.

While the current Jewish community is small, it is still vibrant. There are 16 synagogues, kosher butchers, bakeries, restaurants, and caterers, plus three Jewish schools with approximately 600 students.

Jews in Morocco also play host to the many visitors that come every year. Moroccan Jews who live outside the country have a very deep connection to their roots, and approximately 50,000 come to visit each year, both as tourists and as returning citizens. Some have the custom to have their weddings in Morocco, and others traditionally come for Passover. In fact, 22 hotels in Moroccan cities are entirely reserved for Moroccan Jews who come to visit during the holiday.

At this point, the tourism industry has taken a hit due to COVID-19, but Jews living in Morocco know that once travel becomes easier, they can expect to see their brothers and sisters visiting again. Moroccan Jews, no matter what is going on in the world and where they are, will always have a strong connection to the country.

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"IHRA allows for criticism of Israel, assuming it's the same criticism as of other countries," said speaker Alyza Lewin, president of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law. She went on to say that if social media companies recognize only some forms of antisemitism, they will "severely undermine their own ability to combat hate."

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.), a member of the interparliamentary task force to combat online antisemitism who has been a target of antisemitism online along with her family, said it's important to demand "real global accountability" in combating hate.

The global reach of the Internet means that people can "spew hateful speech online" without fear of repercussions from the "seemingly protected place of their home," she said. "It's never been easier for antisemitism to spread."

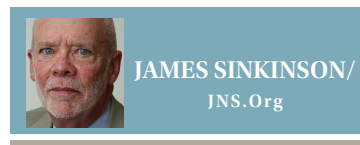
She also pushed for the adoption of IHRA definition and said it's vital to understand the difference between criticism of Israel and antisemitism.

Stern of Facebook said that "IHRA definition is helpful to us because it flags important issues we are dealing with," and that "If you look at our policy and you look at IHRA definition, there is quite a bit of overlap."

Address youth in school and on the sports field

Opinion.

What the Ramallah Lynchings Taught Us About Palestinian Incitement



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Twenty years ago, on Oct. 12, 2000, two Israel Defense Forces reservists, Vadim Norzhich and Yosef Avrahami, accidentally entered the Palestinian Authority-controlled city of Ramallah in Judea-Samaria (aka the West Bank).

While in the custody of PA policemen, they were viciously stabbed and beaten to death, their bodies subsequently mutilated and dragged through the streets of Ramallah. These were images broadcast live around the world and seared into the minds of all those who witnessed them.

The most visceral image from that day was that of Aziz Salha proudly waving his blood-stained hands from the police station window.

This bestial murder, and the ghastly images surrounding it, have haunted a generation of Israelis who had supported the Oslo peace

Presenting a perspective from the Muslim world, H.E. Dr. Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi, a member of the Federal National Council in the United Arab Emirates, suggested that the way to combat online hate is to start with youth.

"We have to start from the schools—from within the educational system to make sure that teachers in the classroom are promoting these values: values of coexistence, of tolerance," he said. "We have to engage, beside education, public figures. For example, in our region, football (soccer in the United States) is very famous. We should engage some of these public players because the new generation looks at them as role models. Let them be engaged in some activities that promote co-existence."

Al Nuaimi, who also serves the chairman of the steering board of Hedayah, the International Center for Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism, also said it was important that religious clergy from different faiths get involved, and work on common initiatives and programs to help build tolerance.

While it may seem a daunting task, it is one that must be fought and won, stressed the speakers.

"The ancient curse of antisemitism is like a vampire; every time we think we've killed it and put in the coffin, somehow it comes back to prowl the night," said speaker Robert P. George, the McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University. "We never manage to get a dagger into the heart of the monster, but that does not mean we should give up far from it."

"We need to learn to use social media to combat, and ultimately, defeat antisemitism."

accords and witnessed, only a few months previously, then-Prime Minister Ehud Barak offer the Palestinian leadership a state with Jerusalem as its capital and control over the Temple Mount. The Palestinians rejected this offer out of hand, like all before and since.

At that moment, many Israelis understood that to perpetrate such a murder, and delight in it as thousands of onlookers did, flatly contradicted their belief that the Palestinian people truly wanted peace.

Unfortunately, the Palestinian policies of incitement and delegitimization that inspired the Ramallah lynchings continue to this day. Unfortunately, too, these hateful policies go virtually unreported by US and European mainstream media.

Yet the type of hate and loathing that creates such inexplicable rage, bloodshed, and murder continues intentionally and purposefully in daily Palestinian life.

Israelis, and even Jews generally, are continually seen as legitimate targets in the Palestinian education system, media, and religious institutions.

According to Palestinian Media Watch, the PA regularly teaches that Jews are Satan's partner, spreading evil in the world. That evil is allegedly inherent in Jewish genes, and the killing of Jews is Allah's will. The extermination of Jews, they assert, is necessary so all of humanity can live in peace.

In 2016, in honor of Ramadan, PA TV broadcast a cartoon series for young children that presented Jews as the representatives of

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gation Dor Hadash, one of two other congregations whose members were killed. She will also participate in a group meeting of survivors and family members of those who were killed.

Dyen remembers being lifted by compassion from other communities after the shooting, including the Muslim community, which raised "hundreds of thousands of dollars in support," in addition to outreach from local Christian leadership.

She will participate in food delivery and other projects as part of the commemoration to honor the lives of those lost, including her close friend Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz, a physician who reportedly was killed running towards the gunfire in order to try to help the wounded.

At this time of remembrance, Dyen expressed gratitude to the Pittsburgh police — one of whom, Tim Matson, returned to work last week after two years' rehabilitation from multiple gunshot wounds. (Matson was among four officers injured while rushing the building and has required extensive rehabilitation).

"In any group of people, you may have problems, but in our partic-



Palestinian rioters hurl Molotov cocktails at IDF troops, March 9, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Mussa Qawasma.

several devils, fighting battles for these devils, and doing their work on earth. "This is a conflict between two entities, good and evil, between two projects: Allah's project vs. Satan's project," the narrator explained to the watching children.

Furthermore, Jews are dehumanized and turned into animals that need to be culled. Frequently, Jews have been referred to as the descendants of pigs and monkeys, or as vermin, monsters, and sub-human, similar to propaganda used by the Nazis before and during the Holocaust. In 2014, a young Palestinian boy recited on TV a poem about Jews, including the following: "Oh most evil among creations / O barbaric monkeys, wretched pigs."

Palestinians are regularly told that the murder of Israelis and Jews is a holy mission. Recently, former terrorist Shifa al-Qudsi spoke about how during the Second Intifada she took on a suicide mission dressed as a pregnant woman, intending to detonate a bomb, killing herself and multiple innocent bystanders. Thankfully, she was caught and unable to complete her mission. In an interview on Israeli TV last month, al-Qudsi remembered how she felt joyous while preparing to murder Israelis:

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ular situation, we were grateful they came to our aid, and they continue to be concerned," she said.

The other congregation that had been renting space in the Tree of Life building was the New Light Congregation, whose co-president Stephen Cohen told JNS: "The members we lost — Dan Stein, Rich Gottfried, and Mel Sax — they led our services, they were our choir; they were our heart."

For Andrea Wedner, whose mother, 97-year-old Rose Mallinger, was murdered in the massacre, the commemoration is personal and then some. Wedner herself was shot in the arm that day. After multiple surgeries and rehabilitation, she can now move her arm, wrist, and three of her fingers.

A retired dental hygienist, Wedner is coordinating supplies for the two-year commemoration's dental hygiene drive.

She believes that her mother, whose family "meant everything to her," would wish to be remembered "as a person who cared and provided for the ones she loved."

To register for the Tree of Life commemoration, go to: www.1027healingpartnership.org.

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Tradition.

The Courage Not to Conform



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Leaders lead. That does not mean to say that they do not follow. But what they follow is different from what most people follow. They don't conform for the sake of conforming. They don't do what others do merely because others are doing it. They follow an inner voice, a call. They have a vision, not of what is, but of what might be. They think outside the box. They march to a different tune.



Never was this more dramatically signalled than in the first words of God to Abraham, the words that set Jewish history in motion: "Leave your land, your birthplace and your father's house and go to the land that I will show you. (Gen. 12:1)"

Why? Because people do conform. They adopt the standards and absorb the culture of the time and place in which they live – "your land." At a deeper level, they are influenced by friends and neighbours – "your birthplace." More deeply still they are shaped by their parents, and the family in which they grew up – "your father's house."

I want you, says God to Abraham, to be different. Not for the sake of being different, but for the sake of starting something new: a religion that will not worship power and the symbols of power – for that is what idols really were and are. I want you, said God, to "teach your children and your household afterward to follow the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just" (Gen. 18:19).

To be a Jew is to be willing to challenge the prevailing consensus when, as so often happens, nations slip into worshipping the old gods. They did so in Europe throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth century. That was the age of nationalism: the pursuit of power in the name of the nation-state that led to two world wars and tens of millions of deaths. It is the age we are living in now as North Korea acquires and Iran pursues nuclear weapons so that they can impose their ambitions by force. It is what is happening today throughout much

of the Middle East and Africa as nations descend into violence and into what Hobbes called "the war of every man against every man."

We make a mistake when we think of idols in terms of their physical appearance – statues, figurines, icons. In that sense they belong to the ancient times we have long outgrown. The way to think of idols is in terms of what they represent. They symbolise power. That is what Ra was for the Egyptians, Baal for the Canaanites, Chemosh for the Moabites, Zeus for the Greeks, and what missiles and bombs are for terrorists and rogue states today.

Power allows us to rule over

others without their consent. As the Greek historian Thucydides put it: "The strong do what they wish and the weak suffer what they must." Judaism is a sustained critique of power. That is the conclusion I have reached after a lifetime of studying our sacred texts. It is about how a nation can be formed on the basis of shared commitment and collective responsibility. It is about how to construct a society that honours the human person as the image and likeness of God. It is about a vision, never fully realised but never abandoned, of a world based on justice and compassion, in which "They will neither harm nor destroy on all My holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

Abraham is without doubt the most influential person who ever lived. Today he is claimed as the spiritual ancestor of 2.3 billion Christians, 1.8 billion Muslims and 14 million Jews, more than half the people alive today. Yet he ruled no empire, commanded no great army, performed no miracles and proclaimed no prophecy. He is the supreme example in all of history of *influence without power*.

Why? Because he was prepared to be different. As the Sages say, he was called *ha-ivri*, "the Hebrew," because "all the world was on one side (*be-ever echad*) and he was on the other." Leadership, as every leader knows, can be lonely. Yet you continue to do what you have to do because you know that the majority is not always right and conventional wisdom is

not always wise. Dead fish go with the flow. Live fish swim against the current. So it is with conscience and courage. So it is with the children of Abraham. They are prepared to challenge the idols of the age.

After the Holocaust, some social scientists were haunted by the question of why so many people were prepared, whether by active participation or silent consent, to go along with a regime that was committing one of the great crimes against humanity. One key experiment was conducted by Solomon Asch. He assembled a group of people, asking them to perform a series of simple cognitive tasks. They were shown two cards, one with a line on it, the other with three lines of different lengths, and asked which was the same size as the line on the first. Unbeknown to one participant, all the others had been briefed by Asch to give the correct answer for the first few cards, and then to answer incorrectly for most of the rest. On a significant number of occasions the experimental subject gave an answer he could see was the wrong, because everyone else had done so. Such is the power of the pressure to conform: it can lead us to say what we know is untrue.

More frightening still was the Stanford experiment carried out in the early 1970s by Philip Zimbardo. The participants were randomly assigned roles as guards or prisoners in a mock prison. Within days the students cast as guards were behaving abusively, some of them subjecting the "prisoners" to psychological torture. The students cast as prisoners put up with this passively, even siding with the guards against those who resisted. The experiment was called off after six days, by which time even Zimbardo had found himself drawn into the artificial reality he had created. The pressure to conform to assigned roles is strong enough to lead people into doing what they know is wrong.

That is why Abraham, at the start of his mission, was told to leave "his land, his birthplace and his father's house," to free himself from the pressure to conform. Leaders must be prepared not to follow the consensus. One of the great writers on leadership, Warren Bennis, writes: "By the time we reach puberty, the world has shaped us to a greater extent than we realise. Our family, friends, and society in general have told us – by word and example – how to be. But people begin to become leaders at that moment when they decide for themselves how to be."

One reason why Jews have become, out of all proportion to their numbers, leaders in almost every sphere of human endeavour, is precisely this willingness to be different. Throughout the centuries, Jews have been the most striking example of a group that refused to assimilate to the dominant culture or convert to the dominant faith.

One other finding of Solomon Asch is worth noting. He noted that when just one other person was willing to support the individual who could see that the others were

giving the wrong answer, it gave him the strength to stand up against the consensus. That is why, however small their numbers, Jews created communities. It is hard to lead alone, far less hard to lead in the company of others even if you are a minority.

Judaism is the counter-voice in the conversation of humankind. As Jews, we do not follow the majority merely because it is the majority. In age after age, century after century, Jews were prepared to do what the poet Robert Frost immortalised:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,

*I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

It is what makes a nation of leaders.

Shabbat Shalom

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facts that can be investigated, and because these allegations appear to be serious, I assumed the new revelations would be worthy of coverage in the mainstream press.

As of Thursday, they were not.

I don't want to rush into accusations of "media bias," but I'm intrigued by the silence of several major publications. The story has gained enough traction in recent days that any media silence can be interpreted, rightly or wrongly, as bias. If an important outlet like *The New York Times* doesn't trust the reporting, why not punch holes in it?

Politico, for example, has done just that in a story published today:

"Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, has said he obtained the materials from the laptop of Hunter Biden, the Democratic nominee's son. They have not been reviewed or verified by *POLITICO* – and there are questions about *the New York Post's* reporting on the matter, as well as the tabloid and other Trump-friendly outlets' interpretations of events. There are concerns, too, about the former New York mayor's interactions with figures linked by Trump's own administration to Russian intelligence."

Slate, similarly, has noted that verifying the contents of the laptop's hard drive is difficult because "Giuliani does not seem to have allowed other news outlets besides *the Post* to examine the data."

That is hardly corroboration, but it's better than silence.

As an editor, I know that deciding what stories to pursue can be a difficult, contentious decision. Many publications decide to publish a story only when they have independent verification. But where is the line for deciding to cover a story when the silence is seen as more damning? And why is that line crossed for some instances – like the widely reported and discredited Steele dossier – and not others?

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"Like a bride on her wedding day, who is preparing to go to her groom."

From a very young age, Palestinian children are taught to hate Israelis and Jews, and to sacrifice their lives to murder them. On a PA TV show for kids, "O Children of Our Neighborhood," home videos are shown of very young kids addressing terrorists as "heroic prisoners." Holding a framed poster of terrorist Anas Allan, who is serving four life sentences for his involvement in the murder of four Israelis, two girls likened the imprisoned terrorists to "tall mountains" and "lions." A young boy specifically mentioned murderer Allan, sending "love" to all prisoners.

The incitement against Israel and Jews and the glorification of murder is all-pervasive in Palestinian society. Street signs and city squares, sporting tournaments and summer camps are named after terrorists. Their beaming posters promising "paradise" to all those who follow in their footsteps – even answers in crossword puzzles mean that the average Palestinian is constantly bombarded with crude, daily messages that the murder of Jews, innocent or not, is a desirable, even heroic act.

Unfortunately, Israeli concessions and compromises in response to Palestinian demands have not reduced the bloodlust. Even the infamous bloody-handed Aziz Salha, who was arrested by Israel and sentenced to life imprisonment, was released in 2011 as part of the exchange for IDF soldier Gilad Shalit, who had been held prisoner by Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Salha now receives a generous monthly stipend from the Palestinian Authority in tribute for his murderous actions.

While the international community continues aiding Palestinian institutions that are involved in this incitement and dehumanization, it and many media outlets consider issues like settlements, territory, and Jerusalem the main obstacles to peace. Nevertheless, even if an agreement between Israel and the Palestinians were signed, the hatred instilled in generations under the PA would remain, virtually ensuring there would be no peace or cessation of bloodshed.

To achieve real peace, security, and an end to the conflict – good for all the peoples of the region – the international community and mainstream media must ensure that the PA ends its daily campaign of incitement and dehumanization.

Only when this is achieved and the horrifying images of Israelis being butchered recedes further into history – replaced with a Palestinian society that no longer sees Israelis and Jews as the sub-human enemy of humanity – can peace be attainable. That is why incitement remains the greatest obstacle to peace and must be remedied as a primary criterion for negotiations.

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Social.



The late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Photo: Sgt. Robert G. Clambus via Wikimedia Commons.

New Miniseries About Murdered Israeli PM Yitzhak Rabin Directed by Former Neighbor

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Yitzhak Rabin will be the subject of a new miniseries directed by a filmmaker who grew up two houses down from the former Israeli prime minister, who was assassinated by a radical right-wing Jewish extremist 25 years ago next month.

"The Leader" will be a six-part show adapted from the autobiography "The Rabin Memoirs," which was co-authored by Rabin with journalist Dov Goldstein, *Deadline* reported.

Los Angeles-based Israeli filmmaker Ariel Vromen will write and direct, and has been working with Rabin's family and the Rabin Center to uncover previously-unseen archival footage and hundreds of hours of interviews that will form the show's storyline.

Vromen once resided on the same street as the late Israeli leader.

"I grew up with Rabin, he was living two houses from me," he said, as reported by *Deadline*. "It is an amazing story about a guy that was born in Israel who through his lifetime sacrificed everything he had and went on an amazing journey."

Rabin's grandson Jonathan Benartzi approached Vromen, on behalf of his family, about doing a project on his grandfather.

Benartzi said, "For the first time in 25 years, our

family has allowed access to private materials and family collections so that we'll finally be able to dispel the myths and present an authentic, in-depth picture of this very exceptional man."

Vromen stated, "I'm very honored and grateful to have the opportunity to tell the untold story of a man I've admired all my life. I want to thank the Rabin family for trusting in me to shed new light on the life and times of a truly legendary leader."

"The Leader" will follow Rabin's journey from underground fighter before Israel's establishment in 1948 to IDF chief of staff, defense minister and the first "sabrah" ("native-born") prime minister.

Each episode will focus on a different significant moment in Rabin's life, according to *Deadline*.

Vromen described the series as a "mini Israeli 'The Crown,'" a reference to the Netflix original drama that chronicles the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

Casting has not taken place yet and now, with a completed outline, the project is on the market.

"Israeli TV has been putting up a good fight for the last couple of years," he noted. "Israeli content has reached a rich level where the original content is sold to big streamers, and the numbers are finally big. It would be good to do it in Israel but we are looking at the streamers as the best home for a miniseries."

Grandson of Holocaust Survivors Becomes Latest Jewish Pitcher to Appear in World Series

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Tampa Bay Rays relief pitcher Ryan Sherriff on Friday night became the latest Jewish pitcher to appear in a World Series game — a group that most famously includes Sandy Koufax.

The California native — whose maternal grandparents, Helen and Seymour Wildfeuer, were Holocaust survivors from Poland — pitched a scoreless seventh inning in Game 3 against the Los Angeles



Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Ryan Sherriff throws a pitch during the sixth inning of a game against the Boston Red Sox, at Tropicana Field, in St. Petersburg, Florida, Sep 10, 2020. Photo: Reinhold Matay - USA TODAY Sports.

Dodgers. On Sunday night, he pitched in the top of the eighth inning of Game 5. The 30-year-old left-handed hurler pitched against Max Muncy, Will Smith and Cody Bellinger, and completed a 3-up-and-3-down inning.

The Rays lost the game 4-2, giving the Dodgers a 3-2 series lead.

The 1915 World Series between the Boston Red Sox and Philadelphia Phillies was the first to feature a Jewish pitcher, Erskine Mayer, according to Jewish baseball historian and author Robert Wechsler, as reported by *Tablet*.

Other Jewish pitchers who appeared in the World Series included Ken Holtzman for the Oakland Athletics, Larry Sherry for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Koufax, also for the Dodgers.

A Jewish batter has yet to face a Jewish pitcher in the World Series.

Sherriff made his MLB debut in August 2017 with the St. Louis Cardinals. He previously said he knew his late grandparents would be proud that he played for Israel's national team in the 2017 World Baseball Classic qualifiers.

"Being able to pitch for Team Israel made me feel very appreciative for everything that they had gone through," Sherriff told the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. "Just to represent the Jewish heritage for them was just a great honor for me. She [Helen] would have been stoked. She would have been really happy if she was still alive today."

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