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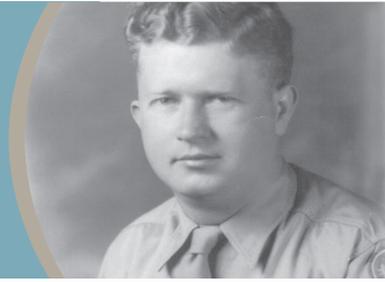
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Expert: Ohio State Attacker Mimicked Palestinian Terrorists



The scene of Monday's car ramming and mass stabbing attack at Ohio State University. Photo: Fox News screenshot.

**BY BARNEY BREEN
-PORTNOY**

The car-ramming and mass stabbing attack at Ohio State University on Monday — in which a Muslim assailant wounded 11 people before being shot dead by a police officer — was further evidence that Islamist jihadis around the world mimic tactics used by Palestinian terrorists

against Israelis, an international security consultant and political risk analyst told *The Algemeiner* on Tuesday.

"Unfortunately, I think it is 100% the same thing" Dr. Joshua Gleis, president of Gleis Security Consulting, said. "And it is going to be copied even more so moving forward, because it is incredibly simple to do and there are no red flags for owning a car or a kitchen knife."

In an interview with *The*

Algemeiner in September — following Islamist-perpetrated attacks in Minnesota and a bombing in New York City — Gleis predicted, "We are going to see a rise in mass stabbings and vehicle-rammings by those with Islamist leanings, because they see how effective such methods are in places like Israel."

The surge of Palestinian violence against Israelis that

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Alan Dershowitz Joins Call for Obama to Pardon Rubashkin

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

During his remaining time in the White House, President Barack Obama should pardon an Iowa Jewish man currently serving a 27-year prison sentence for 86 counts of fraud, internationally renowned legal expert Alan Dershowitz told *The Algemeiner* on Monday.

Dershowitz called the lengthy jail term that was



Sholom Rubashkin. Photo: www.justiceforsholom.org.

imposed on 57-year-old father-of-10 Sholom Rubashkin — former CEO of Agriprocessors in Postville, Iowa, which went bankrupt in 2008 — "unfair."

Dershowitz said he agreed with the sentiment expressed by Charles Renfrew and James Reynolds in the *Wall Street Journal* — that federal prosecutors in the case — which saw Rubashkin convicted in 2009 of illegally moving money that was supposed to be used as collateral for a loan — sought to "extract a pound of flesh, and then some — even at the cost of illegally overstepping their bounds and interfering in the bankrupt company's sale."

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Opinion.

'Hate Spaces' Gives a Horrifying Glimpse Into Anti-Israel, Antisemitic Activity on US Campuses



VIC ROSENTHAL
JERUSALEM

"Hate Spaces" is a new documentary film produced by Ralph Avi Goldwasser and Americans for Peace and Tolerance, who also gave us "The J Street Challenge," and as the full title suggests, it describes the recent surge of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel activity on American university campuses.

I've written about the phenomenon more than once, so I didn't expect to be surprised by anything in the film. But despite knowing about the various incidents described, the sheer volume and intensity of them taken together left me shaken. Yes, shaken, and I'm not easy to shake.

I was an academic for a short time some decades ago, and the combination of ideological intensity and insulation from the real world that characterizes many students and faculty is not entirely unfamiliar to me, but I couldn't have imagined that it would focus this way, on one group and one target – my people and my country.

Student activism has always centered on freedom, anti-authoritarianism, opposition to oppression of minorities and support for civil rights, especially free speech. What is happening on campuses is that these principles

are being twisted so that the outcome, rather than a reduction in oppression and increased human rights, is the intimidation, marginalization, silencing and even persecution of Jewish and (especially) pro-Israel students.

Although only a few incidents of physical violence have been reported, psychological and academic pressure is widespread, and pro-Israel speech by students or invited speakers is disrupted – or restricted due to fear of disruption.

Multiculturalist political correctness has criminalized any speech critical of blacks, women, gender minorities, Muslims and almost every identifiable group – except Jews or Israelis. It is now possible to say absolutely anything about Israel, accuse the IDF, the country or its people of the worst imaginable crimes – child murder, rape, organ theft, forced sterilization of minorities, even genocide – with absolutely zero proof or even evidence. It is possible to claim that Jews control the media and conspire to twist the international financial system to their own benefit, to say that Jews are responsible for black slavery and today's racism in America, to accuse Israel of teaching American police how to shoot innocent black people. But woe be to one who asks a person with Asian features where she is from or uses the wrong gender pronoun to refer to a transgendered or "queer" individual.

Anti-Zionism and Jew-hatred are closely associated, and the former often slides quickly into the latter. In any event, the distinction

is impossible to maintain in the face of the glaring double standard that is applied to Israel, compared to any other nation on earth. Israel is treated like the Jew among nations because it is a nation primarily of Jews.

Much of the anti-Jewish agitation comes from the group Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), which exists on more than 200 campuses across the nation. SJP is funded by student activities funds, no differently than a student dance group or newspaper, and also receives outside contributions. It is closely tied to groups like the Muslim Students Association, CAIR and others, some of which have documented connections to the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas and other terrorist groups.

The membership of SJP includes the hard anti-Israel Left, foreign students (many of them Muslims) who grew up in places where Jews and Israel are demonized, and minority students who have been persuaded that their own struggles for a place in society will be enhanced by an alliance with other "oppressed peoples," such as Palestinian Arabs. This argument has been very successful, especially with blacks, with the Movement for Black Lives including anti-Israel material in its manifesto. The echo chamber effect soon amplifies extremist ideologies, and mob mentality produces extreme behavior.

Their faculty supporters, steeped in the left-wing ideology that permeates academic life and often wedded to the post-colonial paradigm (by which the world is divided into



An anti-Israel demonstration at Berkeley.
Photo: Screenshot.

colonizers and colonized, and the colonized have an unlimited right to "resist" by any means), also encourage extreme expressions of hatred for Israel, and by extension, Jews. Departments of ethnic and gender studies, being political by nature, are particularly active in promoting anti-Israel themes. Middle East Studies departments, often funded by Arab countries or Iran, are pleased to join the party.

University administrators by and large seem to be pathologically afraid of confrontation and do their best to pretend that nothing is going on until forced to take action, and even then often support the "rights" of disruptive students to disrupt. Attacks on Jews and Israel, no matter how false or outrageous, are justified by appeals to free speech or academic freedom; but other forms of bigotry are punished harshly (faculty members may be dismissed and

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What World Leaders' Reactions to Castro's Death Reveal



RUTHIE BLUM
TEL AVIV

Not known for mincing words, US President-elect Donald Trump responded to the news of Fidel Castro's death on Saturday by calling Cuba's former leader "a brutal dictator who oppressed his own people for nearly six decades," whose legacy is one of "firing squads, theft, unimaginable suffering, poverty and the denial of fundamental human rights."

He then extended a hand to the monster's victims.

"Though the tragedies, deaths and pain caused by Fidel Castro cannot be erased, our administration will do all it can to ensure the Cuban people can finally begin their journey toward prosperity and liberty," he said.

It was a perfect statement, both in content and in tone, sharply contrasting the public expressions of mourning – even adulation – voiced by prominent left-wing and Islamist figures around the world, including in North America.

Take Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's "deeply sorrowful" reaction, for instance. Calling Castro "a larger-than-life leader" and a "legendary revolutionary and orator," Trudeau lauded him for making "significant improvements to the education and health care of his island nation," and said Castro's supporters and detractors alike "recognized his tremendous dedication and love for the Cuban people."

Though the Cuban people are being forced by governmental decree to mourn their oppressor for nine days, it is doubtful that they remember "El Comandante" fondly. After all, their high literacy rates cannot make up for their abject poverty or lack of freedom to read what they choose. If anything, they envy those of their countrymen who escaped to the US, where they are flourishing financially and allowed to live their lives as they please.

Rather than stressing this fact, US President Barack Obama said, "We know that this moment fills Cubans – in Cuba and in the United States – with powerful emotions, recalling the countless ways in which Fidel Castro altered the course of individual lives, families, and of the Cuban nation. History will record and judge the enormous impact of this singular figure on the people and world around him."

Instead of boasting about the advantages his country has to offer and calling on the regime in Havana, led by Castro's brother, Raul, to aspire to democracy and a free market, Obama went on to pat himself on the back for

having "worked hard" to put the "discord and political disagreements ... behind us, pursuing a future ... defined not by our differences but by the many things that we share as neighbors and friends – bonds of family, culture, commerce, and common humanity."

No, he was not kidding.

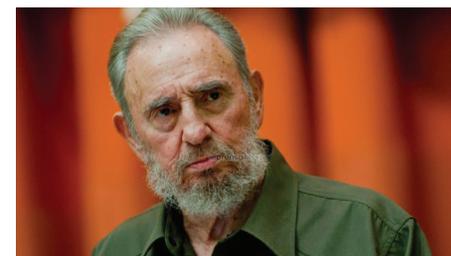
The Islamic Republic of Iran and Palestinian Authority leaders dispensed with the saccharine and got right to the point of why each is sorry about the passing of the Communist tyrant, despite his ban on religion and demolition of its churches. Or perhaps subjugating and terrorizing Christians – a practice in which radical Muslims themselves engage – is fine, as long as it is accompanied by virulent anti-Western and antisemitic sentiment.

Tehran referred to Castro as a "prominent figure in fighting against colonialism and exploitation" and a "symbol of independence-seeking struggles of the oppressed."

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine praised his efforts on behalf of "oppressed peoples of the world in their confrontation with imperialism, Zionism, racism and capitalism."

The Palestinian National Council released a statement highlighting the close relationship between PLO chief Yasser Arafat and Castro, who was among the first leaders to recognize the terrorist organization after its founding in 1964 and who severed diplomatic ties with Israel in 1973.

Israeli leaders have been silent thus far. This could have to do with the fact that the



The late Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.
Photo: Alchetron.

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World News.

Wives of Firefighters Recount Anxiety, Fear for Husband's Lives During Days of Battling Blazes Across Israel

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The wives of three members of Israel's Fire and Rescue Services, who spent the last several days terrified for the lives of their husbands as they fought massive blazes that spread across the country, described for Channel 2 on Monday the anxiety that comes with the territory.

"We had to explain the situation to our kids," said Keren Reisler, whose husband, Eran, was among those working around the clock to extinguish fires. "But we mothers are also afraid, and there's nobody there to allay our concerns."

Rotem, the wife of firefighter Liron Sol, said that the tension at home was palpable, particularly whenever her husband did not answer his cell phone. "We hope we won't ever have to experience such a massive and critical emergency like this one again," she said.

Moran, married to firefighter Noam Aharon, recounted: "It was so tough," she said, recalling the dozens of questions that were shot in her direction by family members and friends — questions she was unable to answer, even to herself. "The only thing we could do was worry and hope that everything would go as it should," she said.

Noy, the young daughter of firefighter Ro'i Haviv, sent her father a kiss and told him how much she had missed him while he was away. "I wanted you to be here," she said. "I love you."

As The Algemeiner reported late last week, arson was estimated to be behind

at least half, if not more, of the fires that erupted and moved from one area to another, destroying whole forests and burning down dozens of houses and causing irreparable damage to people's personal belongings.

Israel Police Commissioner Roni Alsheikh said that though the first fire, which ignited on Tuesday, may have been caused by negligent behavior — and spread quickly as a



A scene from one of the massive fires that spread across Israel last week. Photo: Israel Fire and Rescue Authority Spokesman.

result of the unseasonably hot, dry and windy weather — there appeared to be a concerted "nationalistically motivated" effort to keep the blazes going.

Indeed, as soon as the fires broke out, English translations of Arabic posts written under the hashtag #IsraellsBurning began to spread like wildfire on Twitter — with attacks on the Jewish state and calls on Palestinians to go out and set additional fires.

ment fit his crime," they claimed. "Every day that he spends in prison is a day that he should be spending as a free man, with his family."

This, they argued, "is why we urge President Obama to pardon Mr. Rubashkin before he leaves office in January." Furthermore, they said, "Congress should also take steps to rein in the serious problem of prosecutorial abuse, which has elicited bipartisan concern from many lawyers, legal scholars and federal judges."

US presidents generally issue a slew of pardons at the end of their terms in office.

"America! Stop interfering with other countries, especially Muslim Ummah [community]," Artan wrote. "We are not weak. We are not weak, remember that."

In a Monday post in his Legal Insurrection blog, Cornell Law School Professor William A. Jacobson wrote, "It will be interesting to see the reaction to the shooting of the perp. When Israeli police shoot Palestinians in the act of car ramming or stabbing, there is an outcry from Palestinians and international 'human rights' groups accusing Israel of 'extrajudicial executions' and threats to take Israel to the Hague for war crimes... Unfortunately, when it comes to terrorist tactics, what happens in Israel doesn't stay in Israel."

On Tuesday, ISIS claimed responsibility for the Ohio State attack.

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Pardon

Renfrew, a US District Court judge in the Northern District of California from 1972-80 and a US deputy attorney general from 1980-81, and Reynolds, a US attorney for the Northern District of Iowa from 1976-82, wrote that had "justice truly been served, [Rubashkin] would have received less than four years [in prison]."

"Mr. Rubashkin has now served upwards of seven years of his sentence — more than twice as much as he would have served had his punish-

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Ohio State

began in the fall of 2015 has seen countless stabbing and car-ramming attacks. Last week, a Palestinian terrorist was shot dead after he tried to stab an Israeli police officer at the Qalandiya crossing between Jerusalem and Ramallah.

Monday's attack in Columbus, Ohio, was carried out by 18-year-old Abdul Razak Ali Artan — a Somali refugee who arrived in the US in 2014 as a legal permanent resident, after living in Pakistan for seven years.

According to NBC News, Artan posted on Facebook before Monday's attack that he had reached a "boiling point," and made references to "lone-wolf attacks" and Islamic extremist cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, who was killed in a US drone strike in Yemen in 2011.

Iran Analyst: Top Tehran Regime Officials Trying to 'Blackmail' US Into Making Further Concessions



Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

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World News.



A scene from one of the massive fires spread across Israel. Photo: Israel Fire and Rescue Authority Spokesman.

After Massive Diaspora Response, Israel's Raging Fires Come Under Control

BY JNS.ORG

Improving weather conditions, a massive influx of support from the international community and efforts by Israeli first-responders have enabled the Jewish state to get the recent outburst of wildfires under control.

These fires are expected to be among the costliest in Israel's history, with unofficial preliminary estimates projecting \$520 million in damage. The direct damage to Israeli homes is reportedly estimated to be more than \$182 million, while destruction to public property such as roads, electrical power systems and other infrastructure amounts to at least \$78 million.

"These damages are on an enormous scale, the likes of which we have not encountered in any natural disaster in Israel's history — only in wars," an official at the Israeli Finance Ministry told Yedioth Ahronoth. "The final calculations of the damages caused by the fires — both to the state's coffers and to the public in general — could only be done weeks after the event. These are very complicated calculations."

Haifa, Israel's third-largest city, was under considerable threat from the fires. More than 60,000 people were evacuated last Thursday from the city as flames burned nearby. Haifa residents were able to return home on Friday after crews gained control over the fires.

At a special cabinet meeting on Sunday in Haifa, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised Israeli first-responders for their work to combat the fires.

"I salute all those who took part in dealing with this crisis, in extinguishing the fires, and in guarding life and property," Netanyahu said. "We have built an impressive ability to fight fires on the ground and from the air, and it proved itself. I do not want to imagine what might have happened if we hadn't built this ability."

The thousands of fires that erupted across Israel came largely as a result of extremely dry and windy weather conditions, but also from attacks by arsonists, who used the weather as a means to inflict heavy damage on the Jewish State.

Netanyahu said that a "considerable number" of the fires were likely ignited by arsonists.

"Every fire that was the result of arson or incitement to arson is terror in every way, and we'll treat it as such," he said. "Anyone who tries to burn parts of the state of Israel will be severely punished."

Israeli authorities arrested 23 people on arson charges, Israel Hayom reported.

Global response

In response to the fires, the international Jewish community stepped up its efforts to provide relief to affected Israelis.

According to the Jewish National Fund, which has launched an emergency response campaign to help Israelis rebuild their homes and forests, the fires destroyed approximately 7,500 acres of forest and 2,700 acres of

urban areas. In Haifa alone, 700 homes were damaged, 37 were destroyed and 400 were deemed uninhabitable. At least 569 homes burned down throughout Israel, and 137 people suffered fire-related injuries.

The Jewish Agency for Israel, with help from the Jewish Federations of North America, announced that it will provide immediate financial assistance of \$1,000 per family to Israeli families who cannot return home.

"At trying times like these, world Jewry feels closely connected to what is taking place in Israel and comes to our help without hesitation," Jewish Agency Chairman Natan Sharansky said. "We are proud of our partners in Jewish communities around the world, and particularly in North America, and appreciate their solidarity when it matters the most."

The international community, including several of Israel's Arab and Muslim allies, were instrumental in helping the Jewish State combat the flames.

Egypt, Jordan, Azerbaijan and Turkey all sent firefighting equipment to Israel. The Palestinian Authority (PA) also pitched in, sending several fire trucks. Netanyahu phoned PA President Mahmoud Abbas to thank him for his assistance, marking a rare direct conversation between the two leaders.

Israeli opposition leader Member of Knesset Isaac Herzog also thanked the Palestinians for their help, saying that "from this tragedy, there is a glimmer of hope that things can be different."

The show of solidarity from Arab and Muslim allies was a welcome sign for Israel after Arabic-speaking social media users had used the hashtag "Israel is burning" to celebrate the fires that ravaged the country.

Several of Israel's close allies in Europe, as well as the US, also sent firefighting equipment. America dispatched its Boeing 747 Super-tanker, the largest aerial firefighting aircraft in the world, which is capable of carrying up to 19,600 gallons of fire retardant or water.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations expressed gratitude to the countries that assisted Israel.

"Among those nations sending firefighters and equipment were Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Palestinian Authority, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine [and the US]," the Conference of Presidents said in a press release, noting that Israel "has often responded when other countries faced natural disasters or violent attacks."

"The outpouring of international support for Israel in response to the widespread threats to the safety and property of tens of thousands of Israelis is an example of international cooperation at its best," said Conference of Presidents leaders Stephen M. Greenberg and Malcolm Hoenlein.

Nuclear Watchdog Group Takes Out Ad in Major Frankfurt Paper Warning German Companies Against Doing Business With Islamic Republic

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Doing business with Iran is a dangerous proposition, German companies were warned on Monday in a full-page advertisement published by an advocacy group in a major Frankfurt newspaper.

The ad, authored by the advocacy group United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI), ran in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung as a two-day economic conference — titled "Market Opportunities in Iran" — got underway in the German financial hub.

In a statement released on Monday, UANI senior adviser and former director of Germany's Federal Intelligence Service Dr. August Hanning said:

The only way for German companies to avoid the risks inherent in the Iranian market is to abandon these business pursuits entirely. The Iranian regime remains a bad actor in the global community, given its ongoing extensive support of terrorism and its high profile and deliberate promotion of Holocaust denial. German business leaders should not reward this noxious regime until substantial and permanent reforms are implemented.

As was reported by The Algemeiner, a similar UANI ad published in the Financial Times "soured the mood" at the Iran Investment Summit in Singapore last month.

Following the nuclear agreement it reached with six world powers in July 2015 — and the subsequent easing of international economic sanctions — Iran has been seeking to attract foreign business and investment. This effort has been boosted by US Secretary of State John Kerry,

who in May said that European companies should not use remaining US sanctions on the Iranian regime as a reason to refrain from making deals with the Islamic Republic.

As The Algemeiner reported, a recent American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) memo said the Obama administration had "opened the door to business with Iran's leading terrorist group — the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)," with the Treasury Department's move last month to allow Tehran greater access to the US dollar.

According to its website, UANI — founded in 2008 by Ambassador Mark D. Wallace, the late Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, former CIA Director Jim Woolsey and Middle East expert Dennis Ross — is a "not-for-profit, non-partisan, advocacy group that seeks to prevent Iran from fulfilling its ambition to obtain nuclear weapons. UANI's private sanctions campaigns and state and Federal legislative initiatives focus on ending the economic and financial support of the Iranian regime by corporations at a time when the international community is attempting to compel Iran to abandon its illegal nuclear weapons program, support for terrorism and gross human rights violations."



A portion of the full-page ad published in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. Photo: UANI

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Castros

Jewish state has spent the last several days extinguishing massive fires, initially sparked by a combination of campers' negligence and dry winds, but enhanced by acts of arson committed by Palestinian terrorists as part of the lone-wolf intifada.

But it might also be a function of two incidents that have caused both Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Opposition Leader Isaac Herzog to opt not to call attention to themselves on this matter.

After The Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg interviewed Castro in 2010 and claimed that the Cuban leader had praised Netanyahu's father, Benzion, as "the world's foremost historian of the Spanish Inquisition," and even said that he understood Netanyahu's "hard-line" positions because of the Holocaust, Netanyahu responded by saying that "the remarks attributed to Castro demonstrate his deep understanding of the history of the Jewish people and the state of Israel."

Netanyahu was then called to task by certain Republican members of Congress, who basically told him not to be so naive. Netanyahu's office subsequently released a statement assuring that the prime minister was

fully aware that Castro had compared Israel's treatment of the Palestinians to the genocide committed by the Nazis.

Herzog has an even better reason to keep a low profile, for recently invoking the Cuban dictator in an attack on Netanyahu. In August, following hints by the prime minister that he would appoint the opposition leader as foreign minister if he were to agree to join the government, Herzog not only refused, but had the gall to compare Netanyahu to Castro, accusing him of wanting a "press that is subordinate, humiliated and tied up."

This claim was not only ludicrous, particularly as nearly every media outlet in the country — including the state-run TV channel over which a debate is currently raging — is openly hostile to Netanyahu and his government. It also minimized the goings-on in Cuba and everywhere else in the world where journalists are imprisoned and even killed.

As Americans continue to place Trump's electoral victory under the microscope, they should use Castro and the reactions to his death to shine further light on the antipathy that the Left cannot help but arouse.

Ruthie Blum is the managing editor of The Algemeiner.

U.S. News.

Israel to Order 17 Additional US-Made F-35 Fighter Jets

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced Sunday that Israel will purchase 17 additional F-35 fighter jets from the US.

Israel's diplomatic-security cabinet unanimously approved the acquisition, saying American defense aid funds would be used to finance the deal.

Once the deal is completed, Israel's F-35 squadron will include 50 stealth jets. The Israeli cabinet also decided Sunday that one of the jets acquired as part of the latest deal will be used as a test aircraft, on which the Israeli Air Force (IAF) can install and test new operating and weapon systems.

Israeli ministers are believed to already be considering a third purchase, this time for 25 F-35 jets. This acquisition may also include the F-35B STOVL, an advanced stealth takeoff and vertical landing variant aircraft.

A senior IAF officer told Israel Hayom that the F-35B STOVL "has many advantages, but some of its unique capabilities come at the expense of other jet capabilities." The IAF, he said, may opt to pass on the third potential acquisition in favor of procuring additional Boeing-manufactured F-15 fighter jets.

"The F-15s are tried and true and this might be our last chance to purchase more of them. The F-35 will only prove itself in the future," the officer said.



An F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. Photo: wiki commons.

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Hate Spaces

student organizations suspended).

The film makes it clear that the antisemitic movement on campuses – that's what it is – is well-financed, well-organized and very successful in gaining adherents. It is also becoming more extreme and more explicitly anti-Jewish as time goes by and the window of permissible discourse shifts in the direction that favors anti-Jewish expression. What was beyond the pale yesterday becomes the conventional wisdom today.

Although the film mentions some pro-Israel organizations that are pushing against the trend, they are outnumbered and hampered by being continually on the defensive. *Wall Street Journal* writer Bret Stephens notes that it is much harder to prove that an atrocity did not happen than to say that it did.

The film does not try to provide a solution. Although there are some campuses with a large percentage of Jews where it should be possible to organize a resistance movement, even there it is difficult, because many Jewish students have internalized the hate-Israel viewpoint. In some cases they are even leaders of the anti-Israel organizations. (The film highlights the particularly obnoxious example of Max Geller, a student at Northeastern University.)

After its New York premiere, "Hate Spaces" will be shown in numerous venues elsewhere. Watching it won't be a pleasant experience, but definitely an educational one. "Know your enemy" is still good advice.

"Hate Spaces" officially premieres in New York on November 30. Watch the trailer here. A version of this review appeared earlier on my blog Abu Yehuda.

MK Michael Oren Calls on Israelis to 'Think Twice' Before Buying French Products Over 'Green Line' Labeling

BY JNS.ORG

Member of Knesset Michael Oren on Sunday encouraged Israelis to reconsider buying French-made products following France's decision to remove "Made in Israel" stickers from products made beyond the Green Line.

Oren wrote on Twitter:



Michael Oren
@DrMichaelOren



France is labeling Israeli products from Judea, Samaria, and the Golan. Israelis should think twice before buying French products.

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Oren, a member of the Kulanu party, Israel's former ambassador to the US and current deputy minister for diplomacy in the Prime Minister's Office, made his comment days after the French government directed businesses to adhere to last year's non-binding resolution from the European Union recommending that its member states use labels distinguishing between Israeli products from within and beyond the 1967 lines.

In response to Oren, French Ambassador to Israel Helene Le Gal wrote on Twitter:



helene le gal
@HeleneLeGal



@DrMichaelOren so you are calling for boycotting French products when in France boycotting Israel is punished by law?

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Opinion.

Obama's Spinelessness and Trump's Moral Courage on Castro



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The death of Fidel Castro was the first foreign policy test for President-elect Donald Trump and he acquitted himself brilliantly. For anyone who thought that his tough talk was just campaign bluster, witness the incredibly strong statement made about the bloody Cuban strongman:

Today, the world marks the passing of a brutal dictator who oppressed his own people for nearly six decades. Fidel Castro's legacy is one of firing squads, theft, unimaginable suffering, poverty and the denial of fundamental human rights. While Cuba remains a totalitarian island, it is my hope that today marks a move away from the horrors endured for too long, and toward a future in which the wonderful Cuban people finally live in the freedom they so richly deserve.

For those of us used to President Barack Obama's bland, milquetoast amorality on world affairs, and his practiced refusal to condemn evil, Trump's words are a breath of fresh air and, God willing, portend a new American foreign policy based on the American principles of holding murderers accountable.

Contrast Trump's words with Obama's perfection in saying absolutely nothing:

Today, we offer condolences to Fidel Castro's family, and our thoughts and prayers are with the Cuban people. For nearly six decades, the relationship between the United

States and Cuba was marked by discord and profound political disagreements. During my presidency, we have worked hard to put the past behind us, pursuing a future in which the relationship between our two countries is defined not by our differences but by the many things that we share as neighbors and friends — bonds of family, culture, commerce, and common humanity.

This neutral nonsense betrays a cowardly refusal to condemn Castro as a tyrant. Most memorable is President Obama's unique ability to make Castro's death about himself and his own presidency.

Perhaps President Obama forgot that he is leader of the free world and could have used the death of a dictator to say something about the importance of human liberty and human rights. But why, after eight years of Obama cozying up to Erdogan of Turkey and, worse, Ayatollah Khamenei of Iran, should we expect anything else?

Indeed, his secretary of state John Kerry, whose tenure has been distinguished by near-total capitulation to Iran, the world's foremost state sponsor of terrorism, said of Castro: "We extend our condolences to the Cuban people today as they mourn the passing of Fidel Castro...He played an outsized role in their lives, and he influenced the direction of regional, even global affairs."

I'd be outraged if I were not already asleep. I have long said that President Obama's greatest failure as a leader is his refusal to hate and condemn evil. Could there be any greater confirmation than this, and just six weeks before he leaves office?

But while Trump distinguished himself as a leader prepared to bravely express his



President-elect Donald Trump with President Barack Obama. Photo: Wikipedia.

hatred of evil, virtually every other world leader followed President Obama instead, disgracing themselves to various degrees. I put them in three categories: brown-nosers, appeasers, and suckups.

Taking the pole position of brown-noser-in-chief is Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. His obsequiousness to the murderous Castro was so great that it read like parody: "Fidel Castro was a larger than life leader who served his people for almost half a century." Trudeau added that Castro was "Cuba's longest serving President."

Notice that Castro "served" rather than ruled, and that he was "President" and not dictator.

But Trudeau was just getting started. "While a controversial figure, both Mr. Castro's supporters and detractors recognized his tremendous dedication and love for the Cuban people who had a deep and lasting affection for 'el Comandante.'" Trudeau continued to say that Castro was "a legendary revolutionary and orator" and the dictator's death at 90 had brought him "deep sorrow."

Here you have the leader of one of the Western world's greatest democracies saying that an autocrat who murdered his people and ruled over them with an iron fist was loved by them.

As an American who loves Canada and has the privilege of hosting a national TV show there, "Divine Intervention," I am embarrassed for the good people of Canada.

Trudeau's revolting comments were

of emergency has allowed the government to increase its levels of surveillance.

But few experts feel that this is really ameliorating the threat. After all, those expanded surveillance regulations were in effect when Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhel plowed his truck through the crowds along the Nice Promenade.

The fact is, the number of arrests is dwarfed by the numbers on the other side of the fight. Somewhere between 900 and 1,500 French citizens are believed to have joined ISIS, according to International Centre for Counterterrorism reports. In September, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls noted that, while plots are being foiled "every day," 15,000 French Muslim youth are still radicalized. Consequently, France's national police spokesman Christophe Crépin told Time, "We have the means now, but it is not sure that [there] won't be further attacks. There is a savagery that is very, very strong now."

In fact, many European counterterrorism experts believe that this savagery will worsen as growing numbers of European Muslims now living in the so-called "Islamic State" start making their way back home. Many are disillusioned by what they found there. But their hatred of the West is as deep as it was when they first left, if not deeper — and now they are trained in warfare. Meanwhile,

rightly exposed by Senator Marco Rubio as "shameful and embarrassing," and by Senator Ted Cruz as "slobbering adulation."

Then there are the appeasers, those world leaders with no backbone and who have probably set their sights on their countries opening up a beach resort in Cuba, or who will use Castro's crimes to cover up their own.

Bashar Assad of Syria, a man better known for gassing Arab children than writing eloquent eulogies said, "The name Fidel Castro will remain etched in the minds of all generations, as an inspiration for all the peoples seeking true independence and liberation from the yoke of colonization and hegemony."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, a man who never met a dictator he couldn't coddle, expressed how "at this time of national mourning, I offer the support of the United Nations to work alongside the people of the island."

I would never have thought Vladimir Putin of Russia a suckup, but how else to explain hailing Fidel Castro as a "wise and strong person" who was "an inspiring example for all countries and peoples." Kind of stomach-turning.

But perhaps the most disappointing comment came from Pope Francis who sent a telegram to Raúl Castro: "Upon receiving the sad news of the passing of your beloved brother, the honorable Fidel Castro...I express my sadness to your excellency and all family members of the deceased dignitary...I offer my prayers for his eternal rest."

If there is any spiritual justice in the world, the only place Castro will rest is in a warm place in hell.

The Pope, to whom so many millions, including myself, look to for moral guidance, on this occasion can look to the President-elect of the United States for the proper response in the confrontation with evil.

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the potential collapse of the Caliphate is likely to add to their fury and desire to take revenge on Western targets.

What this means is that Europe — and especially France — can expect the return of several hundred trained jihadists, all part of a wider international network. Some will be arrested at the borders. But others will slip in, unnoticed because security agencies already are overtaxed.

Moreover, France also must rely on the counterterrorism measures and border protection of its neighbors, especially Belgium, which was home to many of the November 13 attackers. Yet Belgium is still stumbling in its own counter-terrorism efforts, despite two attacks there this year.

Meantime, there are those 15,000 young people already radicalizing within France, many of whom spend time communicating on social media with soldiers still living in the Caliphate. European intelligence officials agree that as ISIS loses ground at home, it is increasing its call to radicalized Muslims still living in the West to carry out attacks in their own cities and towns.

In the face of this, France is now putting much of its hope into controversial de-radicalization programs, aiming to enroll

One Year After the Paris Attacks, What the West Still Needs to Learn About Islamic Terror



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On November 13, 2016, one year after Islamist terrorists killed 130 people and injured 368 others in a series of attacks across Paris, music legend Sting performed at the city's Bataclan theater. It was at this popular haunt that three gunmen opened fire during an Eagles of Death Metal concert last year. Sting's appearance, which coincided with the theater's reopening, was meant not only to memorialize the 90 lives lost there, but to mark a new beginning — a return to life.

Yet just six days later, in the hours between November 19-20, police across France apprehended seven men said to be plotting another attack. The suspects, said to be French, Moroccan and Afghan, may be

connected to other individuals arrested just prior to the European Cup games in June. Their capture brings to 418 the number of terror-related arrests made so far this year, 43 of them in November alone.

France has suffered a disproportionate and disturbing number of terror attacks in the past two years, from the *Charlie Hebdo* and Hyper Cacher kosher supermarket massacres in January 2015, to the November 2015 Paris attacks and the 87 killed while enjoying Bastille Day festivities in Nice on July 14. There also have been smaller attacks, including when militants in Normandy forced 85-year-old priest Jacques Hamel to kneel, before they slit his throat in front of his parishioners in July.

But with over 400 would-be terrorists off the streets, is France at least safer than it was a year ago?

In many ways, yes. It would have to be. Along with those arrests, French authorities have seized 600 firearms and closed down dozens of illegal Muslim prayer halls, *Europe1* reports. Soldiers patrol Paris' streets and transportation centers, and an ongoing state

Opinion.

Are the Rockefeller Brothers and New Israel Funds Using Grants to Cover Up Their Role in Campus Antisemitism?

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The New Israel Fund (NIF) recently received a grant to “research and report on antisemitism on US campuses.” On the surface, this appears to be a welcome development — a progressive group being mobilized to confront a major social malady plaguing institutions of higher education.

Beneath the surface of the Sept. 27 grant, however, are vested interests seeking to use this issue to cover up their role in fomenting the atmosphere that is hostile to Jewish students. The NIF is being paid by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF), a main backer of the anti-Israel activism that contributes to, enables and devolves into the antisemitism on college campuses.

RBF provides hundreds of thousands of dollars to a number of organizations that delegitimize the Jewish state and promote the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, both on and off campus. These BDS-promoting grantees of the RBF active on American universities include Jewish Voice for

participate in numerous anti-Israel events, creating a façade of Jewish support and approval for the delegitimization of Israel.

In parallel, the Palestine Legal NGO offers guidance to campus activists on activities such as setting up mock checkpoints and posting mock eviction notices on dorm room doors, advising students to “post to every room in the dorm to avoid false accusations that Jewish students were targeted.” In addition, officials from RBF grantees including AFSC, U.S. Campaign and Breaking the Silence regularly speak at anti-Israel campus events.

As several in-depth reports and publications have shown, the marked increase in virulently anti-Israel activity on campuses throughout the US has coincided with higher rates of antisemitism at these same institutions. In October 2016, Brandeis University released another installment in a series of studies on the issue. In this latest installment, university researchers found that on many campuses in the country, “it appears that the high rates of anti-Semitic harassment and hostility are largely driven by hostility toward Israel.”

Considering RBF’s culpability in funding and enabling organizations that create this intimidating environment for Jewish students, it is curious that RBF would commission a publication that studies the rise of antisemitism at American colleges. Any serious publication would, ultimately, implicate RBF itself and cite its funding for anti-Israel campus groups and related organizations.

But the routine denials on the part of its grantees that anti-Israel activity can lead to or amount to antisemitism provide a clue as to RBF’s motivations and to its desired conclusions for the study. Both JVP and Palestine Legal have attacked and rejected the US State Department definition of antisemitism, which recognizes demonization of, application of double standards to and delegitimization of Israel as antisemitic. JVP and Palestine Legal falsely allege that this standard is “construed to silence

any criticism of Israeli policies” and to “censor speech.” Similarly, JVP strongly opposed and campaigned against the March 2016 University of California Board of Regents statement that affirmed, “Anti-Semitism, anti-Semitic forms of anti-Zionism and other forms of discrimination have no place at the University of California.”

RBF’s choice of NIF to conduct this study should be considered in this light. As opposed to the researchers and experts at Brandeis, the various Jewish organizations that focus on Jewish life on campus and groups that closely monitor antisemitism in the US, NIF has no significant history of studying and commenting on antisemitism or campus activity.

Given RBF’s extensive funding of BDS and delegitimization of Israel, it is reasonable to ask if the fund is using its financial power to whitewash its grantees’ involvement in fanning the flames of anti-Jewish hatred. What is less clear is why NIF would lend its name to such a charade.

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A Message to Trump: Turkey’s Erdogan Can’t Be Trusted



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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was at his repellent best when he was interviewed by Israeli television journalist Ilana Dayan this week.

Although the interview was supposed to cover the restoration of Turkish-Israeli bilateral ties this past summer, Erdogan used the occasion to spit his usual invective against Israel and Jews more generally. Many of Erdogan’s favorite topics — the supposed symbiosis between Nazi Germany and the Jewish State, Israel’s insulting intransigence in the face of his personal attempts to negotiate a solution to the Palestinian question, Israel’s alleged desire to change the religious status of Jerusalem’s Temple Mount (known to Muslims as Al-Haram al-Sharif) — arose in the conversation, and he addressed them in the fanatical, embittered tone that has come to symbolize his ascendance as a Turkish dictator.

Like the former Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Erdogan has developed a reputation for offensive quotes that shore up, at the same time, his aloofness from and contempt for the morals and values of the West. And as with Ahmadinejad, the Nazi Holocaust and its 6 million Jewish victims provide an ideal tool for Erdogan in this regard.

In the summer of 2014, when Israel went to war in Gaza to bring an end to the barrages of missiles and rockets that Hamas terrorists fired over the border, Erdogan declared that the actions of the Israel Defense Forces constituted “barbarism that surpasses Hitler.” Ponder that for a moment: the president of a European Union (EU) candidate country and NATO member state sounding off like some anonymous lunatic on Twitter by leveling the ugliest insult imaginable against the state of Israel and the Jewish people.

That wasn’t the first time that Erdogan gave voice to his deep-seated antisemitism. In 2009, while appearing on a panel in Davos with the late Israeli President Shimon Peres, Erdogan stormed off the stage screaming insults as he exited the room. “When it comes to killing, you know well how to kill,” he told Peres. Even more bizarrely, Erdogan cited Gilad Atzmon, a leading UK-based antisemite, saying that “Israeli barbarism is far beyond even ordinary cruelty.”

The Ilana Dayan interview, perhaps, was regarded as an opportunity for Erdogan to make amends to both Israel and the Jewish people. But when asked about his notorious 2014 statement, Erdogan simply reasserted the moral equivalency between Nazi Germany and Israel. “I don’t approve of what Hitler did, and neither do I approve of what Israel has done,” he growled. “When it’s a question of so many people dying, it’s inappropriate to ask who was the more barbarous.”

Yet again, this profoundly antisemitic insult, which places the Jewish state in the same soiled universe as the Nazis, has been spread around the public domain by one of the world’s most well-known heads of state. As tempting as it is to conclude that while political rhetoric is one thing, political action is another — an impression increasingly conveyed in the aftermath of the US presidential election — in Erdogan’s case, such a

distinction isn’t really possible.

That’s because Erdogan really is a dictator. In the months since Turkey’s failed and rather murky coup attempt against Erdogan this past July, more than 40,000 people have been arrested or detained, including many journalists and opposition politicians. The civil service and the higher education sector have been purged, and hundreds of independent NGOs, such as the Association of Lawyers for Freedom, have been “temporarily” shut down. The strategy here was captured well by Thor Halvorssen, the president of the Human Rights Foundation.

“Erdogan has transformed Turkey from a democratic country to an authoritarian regime,” Halvorssen said. “He has done this by abusing the state of emergency powers he claimed after an attempted coup that, by the hour, looks more like a very convenient justification for the total dictatorial takeover of Turkey by his nationalist political party.”

Sure enough, Erdogan has now laid out his plan to execute those ambitions. The president is now preparing a bill for a referendum on Turkey’s constitution. A “yes” vote in that referendum would mean the abolition of the prime minister’s office and the transformation of Erdogan into an executive president empowered to stay in office until 2029.

The internal crackdown in Turkey is mirrored in Erdogan’s aggressive strategy for Turkey’s “near abroad.” As Burak Bekdil of the Gatestone Institute think tank recently pointed out, Erdogan is complaining aloud that Turkey lost the borders of the Ottoman Empire under duress in the years following World War I — during which the Ottoman rulers systematically exterminated more than 1.5 million Armenians. Turkey’s imposed borders, Erdogan says, “are the greatest injustice...done to the country and the nation.”

At the same time, Turkey is pushing deeper into Syrian territory, using the offensive against the Islamic State as a cover to defeat the Syrian Kurds, who have proved themselves to be the most reliable and courageous allies in the fight against Islamic State barbarism. Now the US and its allies are holding off support for Turkey’s push on the town of Al-Bab, uncertain as to what exactly Erdogan’s intentions are.

That is why clarifying America’s policy on Turkey is such an urgent task for the incoming American administration. Erdogan has praised President-elect Donald Trump, projecting ever so slightly when he told Ilana Dayan, “A country without a strong leader will go down.” But that embrace has the potential to be poisonous. One can only hope Trump understands that a Turkish dictatorship closely aligned with Russia — Erdogan has been talking about spurning Turkey’s EU membership bid in favor of the Moscow-backed Shanghai Cooperation Organization — is neither in America’s interests nor in the interests of regional US allies, among them Israel and the Kurds.

That needs to start from the realization, as Ilana Dayan amply demonstrated during her interview, that Erdogan is not going to change.

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One of the anti-Israel mock eviction notices posted on campus dorm room doors by the Palestine Legal NGO. Photo: Palestine Legal.

Peace (JVP), Palestine Legal and the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Several of the RBF grantees promote agendas that deny Israel’s legitimacy and advocate “one-state” formulas designed to eradicate the Jewish state. Zochrot, for example, envisions a “de-Zionized Palestine,” while Adalah systematically works in the US and Europe to label Israel as a fundamentally “racist” state. Additionally, Grassroots Jerusalem, Who Profits and the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights (formally the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation) are all leaders in BDS campaigns in the US and internationally.

In other words, the New York-based fund has made the waging of economic, political and cultural warfare on Israel a central theme of its grant-making.

As noted, many of RBF’s grantees are deeply involved in myriad anti-Israel activities, either by directly coordinating and participating in them, or by providing training and legal aid to activists. JVP, for instance, has chapters on campuses throughout the country and partners with Students for Justice in Palestine in promoting divestment resolutions and organizing the notorious “Israeli Apartheid Week.” Additionally, JVP members

Impressions.

A Rabbi Like Many Others, Battling Trump With Ongoing Zest

BY ABRAHAM MILLER

Rabbi James Brandt, the CEO of the San Francisco Jewish Federation, recently issued a letter calling upon the Jewish community to oppose the appointment of Steve Bannon as President-elect Trump's chief strategist.

Having lost the election, some Jewish leaders are fighting on with unbelievable zest.

Bannon, whose antisemitism stems from an unimpeachable source — testimony of his ex-wife in a custody battle — is now seen as furthering the alt-right contingent of Trump's inner circle.

For months, we have heard of "Trump's antisemitism," which is laughable, since he is a major contributor to Jewish causes, has a Jewish daughter and has Orthodox Jewish grandchildren.

When Israel expelled Jews from former Israeli settlements in the Sinai Peninsula and Gaza Strip as part of the peace initiative, it was Donald Trump who stepped in to help create new communities in Israel for the evacuees.



An anti-Trump demonstration. Photo: Facebook.

Of course, our Jewish leadership is always quick to take the high ground when it comes to fighting antisemitism. When revelations came pouring forth about then-candidate Barack Obama's association with the black liberation theologian and antisemite, Reverend Jeremiah Wright, the Jewish leadership sprang into action, right?

Rabbi Brandt is quick to note the rise of hate crimes since the election, but he shamelessly neglects to note who is the aggressor and who is the victim. Simply put, erroneously assuming a causal relationship from a merely sequential one.

But the most moving part of Rabbi Brandt's letter was the comparison of Bannon to Congressman Keith Ellison, the leading candidate for head of the Democratic National Committee. Ellison has proven relationships with several radical Muslim and antisemitic organizations. And Brandt condemned him, right? Oh, silly me — of course he didn't.

The Messy Process of Democracy

BY JEREMY ROSEN

All complex societies are fragmented. Democracies particularly so. Dictatorships and autocracies act as if they are not. They try to suppress dissenters, which they can do in the short term but not forever. Consider the autocrats from China to Russia to Turkey. Ask most human beings where they would prefer to live, and the overwhelming majority will opt for an open society, one in which they can choose how to live their lives. Yet in open societies there is always tension and prejudice against and between minorities, classes and incomes. Prejudice is impossible to eradicate. But the law is the crucial issue. And in most free societies the law protects the rights of minorities.

Britain under Margaret Thatcher was a tense, divided country as it transitioned from old industries to new. Recall the riots in France in the 1960s, and look at the hold the left-wing unions still have on the country. Spain has only now agreed on a government after a year without one. And that was after two elections in two years.

The US has always been filled with different interest groups and occasional outbursts of violence. I am specifically speaking of the upheavals that took place between 1963 and 1970. These disturbances started as protests against the Vietnam War. Then the 1964 race riots in Los Angeles led to the burning and looting of the Watts neighborhood. The 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago became a murderous battleground. Protests at universities culminated in the shooting at Kent State University and Jackson State College.

The US, along with other countries, is going through another phase of social tension. Well before the election, the Occupy Wall Street movement raised the issue of income disparity. The deaths of unarmed black citizens by police opened up the wounds of racial discrimination. The push towards legalization of all kinds of sexual identities clashed with religious standards. The safe-space movement on campuses focused on avoiding any kind of conflict (except against Zionists). The issues of immigration and security against Islamic terror emphasized other fault lines in American society. At the same time, major issues of debt, taxation, infrastructure and alienation from government had not been addressed.

What became clear was that things were not working as well as they should on many levels, and when that happens, pressure for change builds up.

I do not know for certain which vision is right. Perhaps both, none, or a combination. I can see the good and the bad. The only thing I do know is that when a system does not work, it needs change. If that change doesn't work, we need to change again until we find the one that does.

Jewish life, wherever you look, is fragmented too. In the US in general, Conservative and Reform Jews vote Democrat. That is the legacy of a long social tradition in Judaism. Orthodoxy tends to vote right,

both to protect religious choice and to support Israel unreservedly. Jews, particularly visibly Orthodox Jews, are used to discrimination, name-calling and hate crimes. Interestingly Jews still remain the most affected. Although there has been a spike in anti-Muslim incidents this year, they are still way behind the amount of petty hatred directed at Jews — though, of course, you wouldn't know that from the press.

Israel, too, has had protests against inequality — and the country is in constant turmoil. It is fractious, furious and unpredictable. It wants peace. It wants security. It wants compromise. It wants none. And the same goes for religion. One wing rejects any change, and the other pushes for more. Wherever one looks, the conflict and tension continue.

This chaos is not new. The Talmud itself reflects this dichotomy. "Wise scholars bring peace to the world." That's one view. "Any wise scholar who is not as hard as iron (or does not attack like a snake) is no wise scholar." If the Talmud is confused, it is no surprise that we are! We might hope for compromise — and although there is no sign of it yet, I can guarantee it will happen. History might work slowly, but there are always cycles. Human society has shown itself



Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton in the final debate. Photo: Screenshot.

perfectly capable of changing for the better when it sets its mind to it.

You can't have a democracy if one side always wins. This time, the Democrats lost. They now have to decide what kind of party they want. Will they do as the Labour Party in Britain has done and turn further left to the point where they become unelectable? Or will they go back to the drawing board to rethink core doctrines and politically correct policies, and find more popular representatives? An effective opposition is the core of a healthy democracy.

In almost all cases that I can think of, politics has failed to resolve conflicts permanently. Conflicts are only resolved when one side completely defeats the other. Or when people choose to meet each other — to decide not to hate, and to see the humanity in the other side. Some humans choose that path. Others cling to hatred. As the old Yiddish proverb goes, "What common sense cannot achieve, time will."

So I am quiet embarrassed. Not so much by the result of the election, but by who now represents the United States. But I am not without hope. Democracy works, for all its limitations. Perhaps the new team will do a better job and learn that confrontation is not the best way to achieve things. We have many things to be thankful for in our democratic societies. And in Jewish life, we wake up every morning and say, "Modeh ani" — "I am thankful" to be alive.

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File No. 2015-1130/APA. No. 143815 CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Gilbert Sandler, Sally (a/k/a Selma) Rackson, Capital Funeral Homes, Inc. Attorney General of the State of New York New York State Department of Taxation and Finance New York City Human Resources Administration ESTHER GLENER, if living but if dead, to her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and

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successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown, and The spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of JULIUS BOLTAX, deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of JULIUS BOLTAX, the decedent herein, whose names and/or places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained. A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of Kings County, who has offices at 360 Adams Street, Room 144A, Brooklyn, New York 11201, United States. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on December 20, 2016, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why (a) The account of proceedings of the Public Administrator of Kings County as Administrator of the estate of JULIUS BOLTAX, a summary of which has been served herewith, should not be judicially settled; (b) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his commissions pursuant to SCPA § 2307 in the amount of \$7,822.56, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and I of the Account; (c) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his administrative expenses pursuant to SCPA § 1106(3) in the amount of \$1,705.64, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (d) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the legal fees of Cullen and Dykman LLP, counsel to Petitioner, in the amount of \$10,233.85 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (e) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the disbursements of Cullen and Dykman LLP in the amount of \$12.00 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (f) The claim of Capital Funeral Homes, Inc., in the amount of \$4,030.00, for decedent's funeral expenses, as set forth in Schedule D of the Account, should not be allowed; (g) The claim of the New York City Human Resources Administration, in the amount of \$95,810.24, as set forth in Schedule D of the Account, should not be allowed; (h) The claim of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, if any, should not be fixed and determined; (i) The Petitioner should not be permitted to distribute so much of the net estate to the decedent's distributees, as now known or hereafter determined, as their interests may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of decedent's unknown distributees or for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability for whom no guardian of the property has been appointed; (j) The Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceedings as Administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems

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just and proper; Dated, Attested, and Sealed, October 27, 2016 HON. MARGARITA LOPEZ TORRES Surrogate, Doreen A Quinn Chief Clerk Joseph J. Borges, Esq. Attorney Cullen and Dykman LLP 44 Wall Street New York NY 10005-2407 (212) 701-4175 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney AJ 11/18/25; 12/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Violeta E. Dy, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/6/2016 and entered on 10/20/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 15, 2016 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1216 East 82nd Street, Unit 103, Brooklyn, NY 11236-4909. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8060, LOT: 1147. Approximate amount of judgment is \$296,528.40 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506613/2014. Albert Sardar, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ 11/18/25; 12/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. MOHANIE RAMSARAN; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about September 26, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Public Auction in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On December 22, 2016 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 154 NICHOLS AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208 Block: 4121 Lot: 91 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$443,184.10 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 2002-13 Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee AJ 11/18/25; 12/2/9

Notice of formation of limited liability company LLC name: LMS SALON SERVICES, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/18 2016 Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be Served. SSNY Shall Mail copy of process to: LMS Salon Services, LLC 127 Margaretta ct. Staten Island 10314 purpose any lawful activity AJ 11/25; 12/2/9/16/23/30

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Notice of formation of PLLC name: Filament Architecture Studio, PLLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/23/2016. Office location kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC c/o United States corporation agents Inc. 7014 13th Avenue suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: All lawful activity AJ 11/25; 12/2/9/16/23/30

ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2013-4526/C CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK NANCY M. MURPHY DONALD HALL DIANNA ERBLAND NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE And to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of WILLIAM E. HALL, a/k/a WILLIAM HALL, a/k/a WILLIAM EARL HALL, deceased, if living; and, if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest, whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of William E. Hall, a/k/a William Hall, a/k/a William Earl Hall, deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of 26 East 10th Street, Apt. 6F, New York, New York 10003. A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on January 3rd, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 509, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as Administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that the above named persons be cited to show cause why such settlement should not be granted; (iii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the distributees, at which time proof pursuant to SCPA 2225 may be presented, or, in the alternative, that the balance of the funds, less an appropriate reserve for the preparation of fiduciary income tax returns and the payment of taxes, if any, shown thereon to be due, be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of Decedent's unknown distributees, or for the benefit of any distributee who is under a disability and for whom no fiduciary has been appointed, or who has post-deceased Decedent and for whose estate no fiduciary has been appointed, or whose whereabouts are unknown; (iv) that, if any claim is asserted herein by New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for estate, individual income or fiduciary income taxes, the same be fixed and determined, or if not so fixed and determined, deemed rejected; (v) that the Surrogate approve statutory commissions and the Petitioner's administration expenses pursuant to SCPA 1106(3), and the reasonable amount of compensation to the attorney for the Petitioner for legal

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services rendered to the Petitioner herein, as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings; (vi) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (vii) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA §307 where required or directed; and (viii) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. HON. NORA S. ANDERSON, SURROGATE, Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 15th, 2016, DIANA SANABRIA, Chief Clerk, Steven R. Finkelstein, Esq., Counsel to Public Administrator of the County of New York, 90 Broad Street, Suite 1700, New York, New York 10004, (212) 363-2500. Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. AJ 11/25; 12/2/9/16

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AR9, Plaintiff -against- JOYCELINE DOVE, GLADSTONE DOVE, WARREN BLAKE, NATIONAL CITY BANK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on January 5, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 298 SCHENCK AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Block: 3995 Lot: 23 Approximate amount of lien \$690,841.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 509904/2014 DORON LEIBY, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: November 23, 2016 FILE #: WELLS 64337 AJ 12/2/9/16/23

Notice of formation of LLC (Limited liability company) Name: Gemini Nikki, LLC Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/19/2016. Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall mail copy of the process to the LLC c/o United States corporation agents inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all Lawful activity AJ 12/2/9/16/23/30; 1/6

597 EAST 8 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/9/2016. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 943 President St., #3R, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ 12/2/9/16/23/30; 1/6

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Why Did Isaac Love Esau?



JONATHAN SACKS
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Even before they were born, Jacob and Esau struggled in the womb. They were destined, it seems, to be eternal adversaries. Not only were they different in character and appearance. They also held different places in their parents' affections:

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. (Gen. 25:27-28)

We know why Rebekah loved Jacob. Before the twins were born, the pains Rebekah felt were so great that "she went to inquire of the Lord." This is what she was told:

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated;

one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." (Gen. 25:23)

It seemed as if God were saying that the younger would prevail and carry forward the burden of history, so it was the younger, Jacob, whom she loved.

But why, in that case, did Isaac love Esau? Did he not know about Rebekah's oracle? Had she not told him about it? Besides, did he not know that Esau was wild and impetuous? Can we really take literally the proposition that Isaac loved Esau because "he had a taste



for wild game," as if his affections were determined by his stomach, by the fact that his elder son brought him food he loved? Surely not, when the very future of the covenant was at stake.

The classic answer, given by Rashi, listens closely to the literal text. Esau, says the Torah, "knew how to trap [yode'a tzayid]." Isaac loved him "because entrapment was in his mouth [ki tzayid befv]." Esau, says Rashi, trapped Isaac by his mouth. Here is Rashi's comment on the phrase "knew how to trap":

He knew how to trap and deceive his father with his mouth. He would ask him, "Father, how should one tithe salt and straw?" Consequently his father believed him to be strict in observing the commands. (Rashi to 25:27)

Esau knew full well that salt and straw do not require tithes, but he asked so as to give the impression that he was strictly religious. And here it is Rashi's comment on the phrase that Isaac loved him "because entrapment was in his mouth":

The midrashic explanation is that there was entrapment in the mouth of Esau, who trapped his father and deceived him by his words. (Rashi to 25:28)

The Maggid of Dubnow adds a perceptive comment as to why Isaac, but not Rebekah, was deceived. Rebekah grew up with the wily Laban. She knew deception when she saw it. Isaac, by contrast, had grown up with Abraham and Sarah. He only knew total honesty and was thus easily deceived. (Bertrand Russell once commented on the philosopher G. E. Moore, that he only once heard Moore tell a lie, when he asked Moore if he had ever told a lie, and Moore replied, "Yes").

So the classic answer is that Isaac loved Esau

because he simply did not know who or what Esau was. But there is another possible answer: that Isaac loved Esau precisely because he did know what Esau was.

In the early twentieth century someone brought to the great Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Kook, first Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of pre-state Israel, the following dilemma. He had given his son a good Jewish education. He had always kept the commands at home. Now however the son had drifted far from Judaism. He no longer kept the commandments. He did not even identify as a Jew. What should the father do? "Did you love him when he was religious?" asked Rav Kook. "Of course," replied the father. "Well then," Rav Kook replied, "Now love him even more."

Sometimes love can do what rebuke cannot. It may be that the Torah is telling us that Isaac was anything but blind as to his elder son's true nature. But if you have two children, one well behaved, the other liable to turn out badly, to whom should you devote greater attention? With whom should you spend more time?

It may be that Isaac loved Esau not blindly but with open eyes, knowing that there would be times when his elder son would give him grief, but knowing too that the moral responsibility of parenthood demands that we do not despair of or disown a wayward son.

Did Isaac's love have an effect on Esau? Yes and no. It is clear that there was a special bond of connection between Esau and Isaac. This was recognised by the sages:

Rabbi Shimon ben Gamliel said: No man ever honoured his father as I honoured my father, but I found that Esau honoured his father even more. (Devarim Rabbah 1:15)

Rabbi Shimon derives this from the fact that usually people serve their parents wearing ordinary clothes while they reserve their best for going out. Esau, however, had kept his best clothes in readiness to serve his father the food he had gone out to hunt. That is why Jacob was able to wear them while Esau was still out hunting (27:14).

We find, much later in the Torah, that God forbids the Israelites to wage war against Esau's descendants. He tells Moses:

Give the people these orders: "You are about to pass through the territory of your brothers the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir. They will be afraid of you, but be very careful. Do not provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of their land, not even enough to put your foot on. I have given Esau the hill country of Seir as his own." (Deut. 2:4-5)

And later still Moses commands the Israelites:

Do not abhor an Edomite [i.e. a descendant of Esau], for he is your brother. (Deut. 23:8)

The sages saw these provisions as an enduring reward to Esau for the way he honoured his father.

So, was Isaac right or wrong to love Esau? Esau reciprocated the love, but remained Esau, the hunter, the man of the field, not the man to carry forward the demanding covenant with the invisible God and the spiritual sacrifices it called for. Not all children follow the path of their parents. If it was Isaac's intent that Esau should do so, he failed.

But there are some failures that are honourable. Loving your children, whatever they become, is one, for surely that is how God loves us.

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3,600 Muslim youths within in two years, according to a France Local report.

But even if such programs work — and it isn't yet clear they do, they remain part of an ongoing game of cat-and-mouse, unsustainable over the long-term. Should the Islamic State fall, other groups will inevitably rise up in its place. The ideologies that drive radical Islam have endured for centuries. And the revolutionary methods adopted by ISIS leaders, particularly with social media, continue to pose challenges to the West.

All of which suggests that *France24* journalist Wassim Nasr, speaking to the *Huffington Post*, had it right when he observed, "There is much to be done; it's

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, HIC ACQUISITIONS I, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nelson Rodriguez, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on August 22, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 05, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 42 Eldert Lane, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4112 and Lot 67. Approximate amount of judgment is \$691,093.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 876/14. Scott Harris Klein, Esq., Referee GreenspoonMarder, 100 W Cypress Creek Road, Trade Centre South, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ 12/2/9/16/23/

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS Index No. 15705/2013 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, -against- THOMASENIA P. BUCHANAN-FOSTER, ANTHONY FOSTER, If they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributes, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, lien or otherwise any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the complaint, CITIBANK N.A., CAPITAL ONE BANK, KENNETH BROWN, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, KINGS SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & FINANCE, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD AND NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants, To the above-named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the amended complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the amended complaint is not served with this supplemental summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within 20 days after the service of this supplemental summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within

a long run."

What is clear is that if the West, and France especially, is going to protect itself from Islamic jihad in the future, it will have to find new ways to approach its Muslim youth before they radicalize, not after.

But so far, no one seems even to be trying.

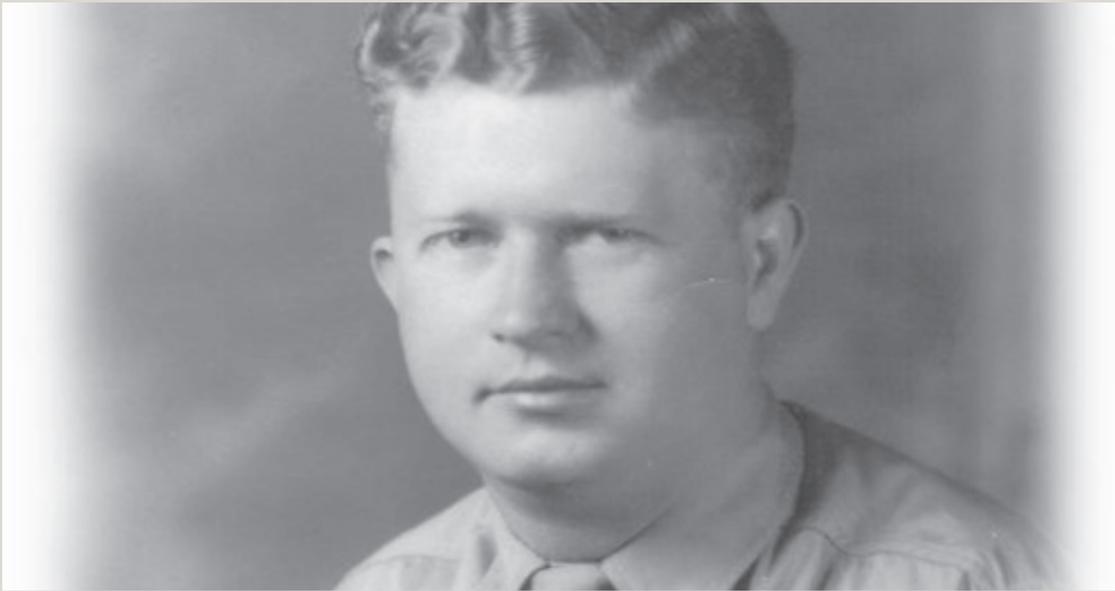
Abigail R. Esmán, the author, most recently, of Radical State: How Jihad Is Winning Over Democracy in the West (Praeger, 2010), is a freelance writer based in New York and the Netherlands.

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the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing supplemental summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Leon Ruchelsman, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, KINGS County, dated the 29th day of January, 2016 and duly entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of KINGS, State of New York. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT The object of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$172,550.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of Kings County on October 11, 2002 in Reel 5842, Page 357, which mortgage was assigned to CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment of mortgage dated September 9, 2002 which was recorded in the Office of the City Register of Kings County on October 11, 2002 in Reel 5842, Page 373, covering premises known as 822 EAST 52ND STREET, BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK (BLOCK 7927, LOT 79). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants, THOMASENIA P. BUCHANAN-FOSTER, and ANTHONY FOSTER, for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises, unless discharged in bankruptcy. Premises situate lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn. BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 52nd Street, 80 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 52nd Street and the northerly side of Foster Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 20 feet by 100 feet by 20 feet. BLOCK 7927, LOT 79 Dated: Rego Park, New York September 16, 2016 DAVID A. GALLO & ASSOCIATES LLP. By: Rosemarie A. Klie, Esq. Plaintiff 95-25 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Rego Park, New York 11374 (718) 459-9000 AJ 12/2/9/16/23/

Notice of formation of limited liability company LLC Name: Dong Family 168,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 10/18/2016 Office location kings county. SSNY Has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC 528 55th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220 purpose:all lawful activity AJ 12/2/9/16/23/30; 1/6

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Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds. Photo: Courtesy of Chris Edmonds.

Baptist Pastor Unearths His Father's Holocaust Heroism in Wartime Diaries

BY JEFFREY BARKEN/ JNS.ORG

Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds never spoke about his experiences as a prisoner of war during World War II. Captured during the Battle of the Bulge, Roddie survived an arduous march through frozen terrain and was interned for nearly 100 days at Stalag IXA, a POW camp near Ziegenhain, Germany.

"Son, there are some things I'd rather not talk about," Roddie would tell his children, Kim and Chris, when they were young. "We were humiliated."

When Roddie died in 1985, Chris, a Baptist pastor, inherited his father's war diaries. The books are a chronological record of POW camp life and, among other anecdotes, include detailed plans for a restaurant that Roddie and three of his compatriots had hoped to open after the war.

Now that his father's wartime stories are known, Chris said his life has been "turned upside down." The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR), an organization that identifies non-Jewish rescuers of Holocaust survivors and pays tribute to their courage, will honor Roddie's memory with the Yehi Ohr Award during the foundation's Nov. 28 annual dinner at the New York City Public Library.

Roddie has already been recognized by Yad Vashem — the state of Israel's official Holocaust memorial and research institute — as "Righteous Among the Nations," the Israeli honorific for non-Jewish saviors of Jews during the Holocaust.

Mysterious notes

For Chris, there was initially an element of mystery to his father's writings. He could only guess what the faded "ticks" in the margins of the diary entries referred to. "Jewish friends moved out," "Dogs," "Before the Commander," "Scottish Chaplain," read several of the startling, undated notes.

"Those must have been reminder markers," Chris told *JNS.org*. "Something happened in the camp that he didn't want to talk about."

Answers to Chris's questions about his father's war record finally began trickling in when he discovered a *New York Times* article published in late 2008, in which Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds is mentioned. The article reshaped the difficulty that disgraced former President Richard Nixon experienced in the 1970s, when he sought a place to live in New York and found that most prospective neighbors despised him. Oddly enough, a lifelong Democrat named Lester Tanner, although fundamentally opposed to the former Republican president's policies, found space in his heart to forgive Nixon and offered to sell

him his house. In the 2008 article, Tanner reflects on how his experiences as a Jewish prisoner of war during World War II, and specifically the bravery of Roddie Edmonds, saved his life and inspired his worldview.

Several years passed before Chris Edmonds managed to track down Tanner.

"Not a day goes by that I don't thank Roddie," Tanner told Chris during their 2013 meeting. The portrait of Roddie that has emerged from their subsequent conversations, as well as meetings with other associated veterans, has unlocked the stories behind the mysterious notes in the margins of Roddie's diary. "Before the Commander," it turns out, refers to a display of extraordinary bravery that saved the lives of nearly 200 American-Jewish POWs.

In January 1945, Tanner explained to Chris, "all the Jewish POWs in Stalag IXA were ordered to report to the parade ground." Since Roddie was the highest-ranking non-commissioned officer at the camp, he had assumed command of the prisoners. Unwilling to sell out his fellow soldiers, Roddie ordered his men, both Jews and non-Jews, to report in solidarity. The American POWs dutifully followed his order.

The sight of all the camp's inmates standing at attention in front of the barracks stunned and infuriated the German officer, Maj. Siegmann, who had issued the sordid order. "They cannot all be Jews!" he barked.

"We are all Jews," Roddie replied.

Blinded by rage, Siegmann pointed his pistol at Roddie's head.

"Your father didn't waiver," Tanner recalled when speaking to Chris. Roddie told the German commander, "[Per] the Geneva Convention, we only have to give our name, rank and serial number. If you shoot me, you'll have to shoot us all and when we win the war you will be tried for war crimes." At this point, Tanner remembered that the German commander "turned white as a ghost. Then he began to tremble." Eventually, Siegmann lowered his weapon and retreated from the scene. In the final days of the war, the POWs ultimately self-liberated the camp and rejoined the approaching American army.

Diaries come alive

"Over the years, we have worked with and honored many Holocaust survivors and their rescuers, but the story of Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds saving 200 Jewish-American soldiers truly distinguishes the man and leader he was," said Harvey Schulweis, chairman of the JFR foundation, in a statement on the upcoming posthumous honor for Roddie.

Members of India's 'Lost Tribe' of Jews Visit Auschwitz for the First Time

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Members of India's so-called "lost tribe" of Jews visited Auschwitz for the first time last week.

Five members of Bnei Menashe — who claim to descend from Jews banished from ancient Israel to India in the eighth century — were in Poland as part of a larger group of Israeli students from Abir Yaakov Yeshiva High School in Nahariya learning about the Nazi death camp where an estimated 1.1 million Jews were murdered.

"[The trip] actually gives me a stronger feeling of love toward Israel. The Holocaust makes Israel even more important to the Jewish people," said Yaniv Hoinge, one of the Bnei Menashe participants.

Hoinge and his parents made aliyah in 2012, a move facilitated by Shavei Israel, a nonprofit that calls itself "the only Jewish organization today that is actively reaching out to 'lost Jews' in an effort to facilitate their return [to Israel]." The group was also behind the inclusion of individuals from Bnei Menashe in the educational trip to the concentration camp.

Shavei Israel's founder and chairman, Michael Freund, said in a statement that the group "view[s] it as essential to instill [Bnei Menashe] with a better understanding of the horrors of the Holocaust and its central place in Jewish history" as "part of our efforts to help [them] to return to the Jewish people after being cut off for 27 centuries."

The Bnei Menashe are said to be descendants of Manasseh, one of the 10 "lost tribes" of the ancient Kingdom of Israel.

In 2005, then-Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel Shlomo Amar officially recognized the Bnei Menashe as a lost tribe, and about 1,700 Bnei Menashe members moved to Israel before the Israeli government stopped giving them visas. The government later reversed that policy, enabling Bnei Menashe immigration to resume.

Chris recounted the unexpected call he received from Stanlee Stahl, JFR's executive vice president.

"Is this the real Chris Edmonds?" she asked. Once Chris confirmed his identity, he embarked on an adventure he had previously only dreamed about. JFR made it possible for Chris to travel to Germany and retrace his father's wartime path. "The more I learn, the more alive [Roddie's] diaries become," Chris told *JNS.org*.

Yehi Or, the name of the honor Roddie will receive, is Hebrew for "let there be light." In line with the award's name, Chris said he is pleased that JFR will "share dad's story with students around the world through their educational programs."

Chris has also observed a change in his mission as a Baptist pastor.

"I'm an ambassador of the Christian faith to the Jewish world and I'm also an ambassador from the Jewish world to the Christian world," he said, reflecting on the close relationships he has forged with the three 90-year-old Jewish veterans who helped him piece together Roddie's story.

While Chris regrets that his father never told him about his heroic deeds and couldn't be honored during his lifetime, he knows that a powerful set of morals resonate in the diaries Roddie left behind.

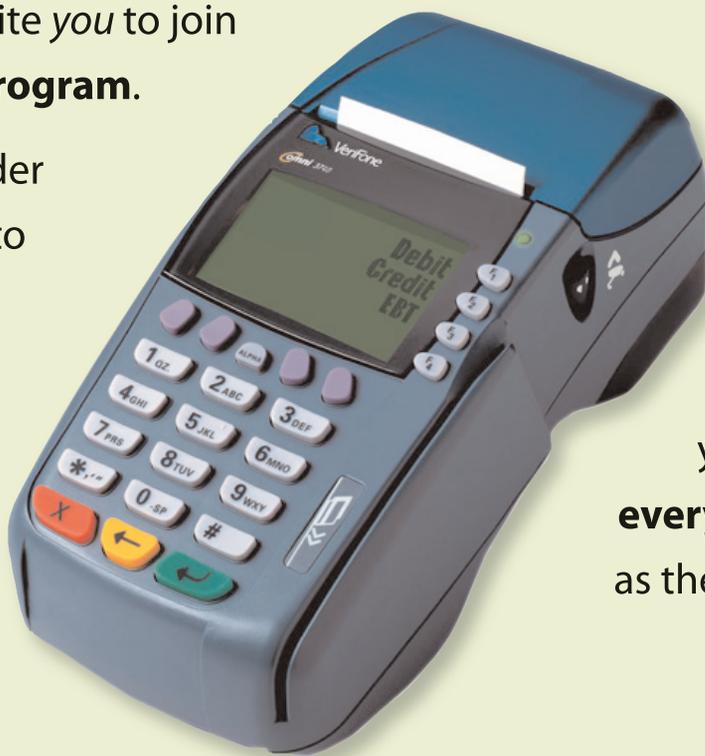
"My father's story teaches that life is about all of us, not one of us," Chris said. "We need to esteem others much more than ourselves."

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