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Report: Israel 'Panicked' by Buildup of Russian Weaponry in Region



The Admiral Kuznetsov, Russia's
flagship aircraft carrier.
Photo: Wikipedia.

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The IDF is in a panic about the Russian military's presence and deployment of sophisticated weaponry in the region, Israel's Channel 2 reported on Sunday.

According to the report, though the IDF is not admitting this openly, high-ranking officers have said behind closed doors that the "surprising" quality and

quantity of Russian systems in the area is dramatically hampering the way the Israeli Air Force and Navy are able to operate.

Both these branches of the IDF, according to Channel 2, were used to flying and sailing wherever and whenever they saw fit, with no real threat to their movement. But since Russia began to intervene in the Syrian civil war last year in an attempt to protect the regime of President Bashar Assad, things

have changed.

One particular worry, the report said, was the impending arrival of the Admiral Kuznetsov, Russia's flagship aircraft carrier, which is on its way from the North Sea to the Middle East, and is expected to anchor off the Mediterranean coast of Syria in the coming weeks.

The Kuznetsov force is made up of some 1,900 sailors, more

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Trump Would Ask DOJ to Probe Anti-Israel Intimidation on US Colleges

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A Donald Trump administration would ask the Justice Department to investigate coordinated attempts to intimidate Israel-supporters on US campuses, a senior adviser to the Republican presidential candidate revealed to The Algemeiner on Monday in a new policy announcement.

"Colleges are generally being far too lenient in



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks in Pennsylvania in September with his daughter Ivanka looking on. Photo: Michael Vadon via Wikimedia Commons.

allowing the pro-Palestinian community to deprive those in the pro-Israel camp of their First Amendment right to free speech," said attorney David Friedman — with whom Trump regularly consults on matters related to the Jewish state. "This is a serious constitutional deprivation, so it is something that must be looked at."

Where Trump's approach to Middle East peacemaking is concerned, Friedman said that, as part of any future

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Opinion.

Fixing 'News That's Fit to Print'



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Rami Nazzal is a Palestinian resident of east Jerusalem who guides tours "freely and safely across borders," providing "a window into the reality of Palestine." He identifies himself as "a fixer for journalists, writers, photographers, film producers." Surely his most prominent "fixee" is The New York Times.

By now a bevy of Times reporters have been the beneficiaries of his tours. He led former Jerusalem bureau chief Jodi Rudoren to a group of Palestinian musicians, who created an "intifada soundtrack" that featured such hits as "Stab the Zionist and say God is great" and "Say hello to being a martyr." He guided science reporter James Glanz to "the violent east Jerusalem slum" of Issawiya, filled with the "acrid stench of burning trash." There, to the reporter's surprise, Palestinian residents were raising "exquisitely groomed Arabian horses," an affection that "helps them to endure life under Israeli occupation."

Nazzal's journalistic tour de force came in May, when he led Glanz to the sparkling new Palestinian Museum in Birzeit, north of Ramallah. In nearly 1,000 words, they described the Palestinian struggle "to build political and civic institutions while resisting Israel's occupation," recounted the story of the (ousted) director who planned to feature

"artistic interpretations of things like keys and photographs that Palestinians around the world have kept from the homes they fled or were forced from in what is now Israel;" and anticipated the imminent "high-profile opening ceremony a few days after the 68th anniversary of what Palestinians call the Nakba, or catastrophe" of Israel's founding. Gazing at the sparkling new building, "rising above a terraced garden with carefully selected trees," a museum sponsor exulted: "It's as if the building is coming out of the womb, the Palestinian Mother Nature."

The museum, Glanz and Nazzal enthused, would "have almost everything: a stunning, contemporary new building; space to celebrate and redefine Palestinian art, history and culture; an outdoor amphitheater; a terraced garden." There was, however, a conspicuous omission: "One thing the museum will not have," they wrote, "is exhibitions." But, the museum's chairman explained, Palestinians were "so in need of positive energy" that it seemed "worthwhile to open even an empty building." Glanz and Nazzal did not contemplate what an empty museum might reveal about the content of Palestinian history and culture.

Inevitably, Peter Baker, the new Times Jerusalem bureau chief, was also taken for a ride by Nazzal. In Tulkarm, on the western edge of the West Bank, they met with Shifa al-Qudsi, "a Palestinian hairdresser driven to anger, despair and hopelessness" by the Israeli occupation. Seeking "revenge" for "her beleaguered people," she had intended to pretend to be pregnant, wearing a suicide belt beneath



Rami Nazzal. Photo: Facebook.

her maternity dress, with full awareness that it would "rip her from limb to limb" (and leave her daughter an orphan). But, "with luck," it would also kill many Israelis. Her own luck expired with her pre-attack arrest. Convicted of "conspiracy to commit premeditated killing and possession of explosives," she spent six years in an Israeli prison.

There, Baker and Nazzal recounted in a front-page story (October 29), she "transformed herself from a would-be deliverer of death into a messenger of peace." Offering "a window into the world of terrorism" that has recently inspired young Palestinians to launch the "stabbing intifada," she explained "the kind of thinking that makes sacrificing oneself seem like a rational response to deep feelings of grievance." After all, Israelis "occupy

your home, your land, they kill your relatives and your people." The only option is "to seek revenge." The beguiled Times reporters did not care to provide a statistical update on the stabbing intifada: 3,635 Palestinian attacks (2,188 against civilians); 26 Israelis killed and 511 wounded.

The reformed Ms. Qudsi is now a member of Combatants for Peace. It joins peace-seeking Palestinians and Israelis — former fighters and soldiers — in a new "jihad": "The world must know the Palestinians' land is occupied." Now that yet another Times reporter has partnered with self-described "fixer" Rami Nazzal, her message is news fit to print.

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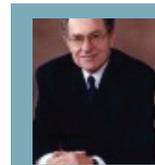
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Obama, Don't Destroy the Peace Process by Turning It Over to the UN



ALAN DERSHOWITZ
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The Obama administration is sending strong signals that once the election is over it may make a major push to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at the United Nations. Despite repeated invitations by Prime Minister Netanyahu to President Abbas to meet without preconditions, the stalemate persists. Some blame it on Palestinian unwillingness to recognize Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people and to compromise to the so-called "right of return." Others — including the current US administration — lay the blame largely at the feet of the Netanyahu government for continuing to build in the West Bank, most recently approval of between 98 and 300 new homes in Shiloh. Whatever the reasons — and they are complex and multifaceted — President Obama should resist any temptation, during his final weeks in office, to change longstanding American policy: that only direct negotiations between the parties will achieve a lasting peace.

In particular, Obama should veto an expected French resolution in the Security Council establishing an international peace conference under the auspices of the UN. The general parameters of the French resolution would likely call for: "Borders based on the 1967 Lines with agreed equivalent land swaps; security arrangements preserving

the sovereignty of the Palestinian State and guaranteeing the security of Israel; a fair, equitable, and negotiated solution to the refugee problem; an arrangement making Jerusalem the capital of both states."

These guidelines may sound reasonable. Indeed, they are strikingly similar to the offers made to and rejected by the Palestinian leadership in 2000-2001 from former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and former US President Bill Clinton and in 2008 by former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. The UN, however, has disqualified itself from playing any constructive role in the peace process. Recent attempts by the UN to intervene in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict have produced unmitigated disasters. The so-called Goldstone Report — which sought to investigate allegations of war crimes committed during the 2009 Israeli intervention in Gaza — was so blatantly biased against Israel that Richard Goldstone himself had to retract some of its key findings in 2011.

Since then, the UN has done nothing to reassure Israel that it is capable of offering an



President Barack Obama. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

unbiased forum for negotiations. In the past year alone, the UN has singled out Israel for special criticism on issues like health rights, and most laughably, women's rights, while failing even to mention regimes whose record on these issues is truly abominable. Last year alone, at least twenty separate resolutions were adopted by the UN General Assembly, which singled out Israel for special criticism. Most recently UNESCO attempted to erase millennia of Jewish history with regard to the Temple in Jerusalem. In light of such behavior, the US should not trust that Israel would receive a fair hearing at any UN sponsored peace conference.

As Netanyahu said in his most recent speech to the general assembly, "The road to peace runs through Jerusalem and Ramallah, not through New York." In other words, the only way forward for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process is bilateral negotiations between the two parties. Netanyahu and Abbas must sit down and agree to necessary but painful compromises aimed at establishing a Palestinian state, while addressing Israel's security concerns, and the realities on the ground. Resolutions such as the proposed French resolution undermine such efforts by encouraging the Palestinians to believe that direct negotiations — and the mutual sacrifices they would entail — are unnecessary, and that a Palestinian state can be achieved on the basis of UN resolutions alone. It would also make it more difficult, if not impossible, for the Palestinian Authority to accept anything less than that already given them by

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International Law Expert Amb. Alan Baker: US, Israel Should Dissociate From UNESCO

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The US, Israel and other countries that did not support recent United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) resolutions that enhance the Islamic character of Jerusalem and deny Jewish and Christian ties to the city's holy sites should dissociate from the world cultural body and withhold all membership dues, an international law expert declared on Sunday.

In an article titled "UNESCO's Regrettable Self-Assisted Suicide," Alan Baker — a former Israeli ambassador to Canada and current director of the Institute for Contemporary Affairs at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs — slammed UNESCO's Executive Board and World Heritage Committee for being "manipulated" by the Palestinian leadership and Arab states into adopting the resolutions, "thereby attempting to re-write and corrupt accepted and proven history."

Equally disturbing, Baker wrote, was the fact that the resolutions in question "were generated out of a blatant and deliberate lack of bona fides and in dire disregard of the purposes and functions of UNESCO."

Indeed, he added, "UNESCO has acted beyond the powers [ultra-vires] of its own constitution and has permitted itself to be taken hostage by elements intent on achieving a political end."

Baker — who was involved in the negotiation and drafting of treaties with Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians — went on to quote UNESCO's founding constitution, adopted in 1945, with subsequent amendments.

The purpose of the organization is to contribute to peace and security through

promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, sex, language or religion, by the Charter of the United Nations.

Baker then cited UNESCO's constitutional principles, according to which the main causes of prejudice, inequality and war are ignorance, suspicion and mistrust. In addition, "intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind" and "unrestricted pursuit of objective truth" are declared to be the basic components of peace.

Baker concluded that UNESCO's "special character as the educational and cultural organ of the UN has been gravely and irreparably polluted and prejudiced."

As *The Algemeiner* reported earlier this month, major American Jewish groups and top Israeli politicians reacted with outrage to the resolutions. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, "The theater of the absurd continues at the UN...with its second decision this year denying the Jewish people's connection to the Temple Mount, our holiest site for over 3,000 years. What's next? A UNESCO decision denying the connection between peanut butter and jelly? Batman and Robin? Rock and roll?"

In an interview with *The Algemeiner*, former Israeli UNESCO envoy David Kornbluth called the adoption of the resolutions "truly scandalous," but said they will have "absolutely no real-world impact." He said that the only real tangible effects would be "putting off Israelis with UNESCO and the UN" and "inciting extremists among the Arabs to carry on with fairytale propaganda."

planes that Israel is acquiring from the US.

Meanwhile, the Russian parliament approved an unlimited time frame for the deployment of the country's air force, which means that Israel could face having the bulk of its areas of interest covered by S-300 and S-400 advanced missile defense systems for decades to come. And it is this understanding that spurred Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to fly to Moscow in the spring with the commander of the IAF, Maj. Gen. Amir Eshel, to discuss military coordination with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

As was reported in *The Algemeiner*, Netanyahu made this trip to create a mechanism for avoiding unwanted collisions between Israeli and Russian planes.

Despite the arrangement agreed upon between Netanyahu and Putin, however, two Russian drones were shot down, which nearly caused a confrontation between Israeli and Russian planes, *Channel 2* said. In addition, two ground-to-air missiles were fired at Israeli jets, though Russia claimed they belonged to a Syrian battery.

In an interview with *The Algemeiner* in June, Mideast and Russia expert Zvi Magen said that the ties between Netanyahu and Putin involve realpolitik, with Israel protecting its interests, chief among them ensuring that sophisticated weapons do not fall into the hands of the Lebanon-based Shiite terrorist organization Hezbollah, which is backed by Iran and allied with Russia in the fight to keep Assad in power.

Lebanon's Newly Elected President Vows to 'Liberate Our Lands From Israeli Occupation'



Lebanese President Michel Aoun. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

BY JNS.ORG

Lebanon's newly elected president, an ally of the Hezbollah terrorist organization, vowed in his inaugural address to "liberate what is left of our lands from the Israeli occupation."

Michael Aoun, 81, a retired general who fought in the Lebanese Civil War, was apparently referring to the disputed Shebaa Farms along the border, known by Israel as Mount Dov. Israel occupied southern Lebanon after the First Lebanon War in 1982 — during which the IDF fought the Palestinian Liberation Organization, headed by Yasser Arafat. When

Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon in 2000, Hezbollah terrorists moved in and took over. In 2006, the terror group, backed by Iran, fired rocket barrages into Israel, which led to the Second War in Lebanon.

As *The Algemeiner* reported on Sunday, Aoun's election, which was anticipated, will benefit Iran, according to an analysis published by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). According to the analysis, by choosing Aoun, the parliament will "definitely serve future pro-Iran interests in Lebanon at the expense of Sunni interests in Lebanon, and also at the expense of Saudi Arabia."

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Trump Israeli-Palestinian peace deal, the administration would not expect the Jewish state to uproot its citizens who now live in the West Bank and east Jerusalem.

"It is inconceivable there could be a mass evacuation on that magnitude, in the unlikely event that there was an otherwise comprehensive peace agreement," Friedman said. "It makes no sense for Judea and Samaria to be 'Judenrein [void of Jews],' any more than it makes sense for Israel to be 'Arabrein [void of Arabs]'. It's not fair."

This would mark a departure from the Obama administration, which criticized Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu earlier this year after he said, as reported by *The Algemeiner*, that the main obstacle to peace was the demand of Palestinian leaders for the "ethnic cleansing" of Jews from the West Bank.

Friedman went on: "The critical thing is to recognize that there is not going to be any progress on a Palestinian state until the Palestinians renounce violence and accept Israel as a Jewish state. Until that happens, there is really nothing to talk about in terms of a political process."

What our administration will not do, Friedman said, "is put its finger on the scale and try to force Israel into a particular outcome, but rather will support Israel in reaching its own conclusion about how to best achieve peace with its neighbors."

"We trust Israel," he continued. "We think it is doing an excellent job of balancing its respect for human rights and its security needs in a very difficult neighborhood. Israel is a partner with the US in the global war against terrorism. And we want our partner to be attendant to that task and not distracted by foreign countries telling it what to do. That's really the overall premise of the policy — to respect Israel as a partner, and not to unduly influence its decisions."

Furthermore, Friedman said, "The only

thing that makes sense now is to take small steps to try to improve circumstances on the ground and provide encouragement and assistance to Palestinians who are not pursuing a hateful agenda."

Turning to the nuclear deal reached last year between Iran and the P5+1 nations, Friedman said a Trump administration would "reengage with the world powers in a way that seeks to reintroduce leverage on Iran. A nuclear Iran in nine years is unacceptable. Nine years may sound like a long time, but it passes in the blink of an eye."

Friedman predicted that Trump would fare better among Jewish voters than his Republican predecessors Mitt Romney (30%) and John McCain (22%) did in the past two presidential elections.

"If you didn't like the Obama relationship with Israel, you're not going to like the Hillary Clinton one," he said. "And I think Jews who care about Israel recognize that."

Regarding education — an issue of interest to many Jewish voters — David Peyman, the Trump campaign's national director of Jewish affairs, told *The Algemeiner* on Monday that, as president, Trump would "add an additional federal investment of \$20 billion in school choice programs, understanding the fact that currently if you send your kid to a Jewish day school or, for that matter, a Catholic school, you are effectively funding two school systems. One is the public school system through property taxes, and the second is the private school through your tuition."

Trump, Peyman said, "recognizes the fact that there should be some relief there. This will be done by reprioritizing existing federal dollars. We will give states the option to allow these funds to follow the student to the public or private school they attend. Distribution of this grant will favor states that have private school choice, magnet schools and charter laws, encouraging them to participate."

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Russia

than 50 advanced fighter jets, the latest aeronautical defense systems, radars and among the world's best electronic warfare capabilities. The force has anti-submarine capabilities and boats with a wide range of missiles for aerial photography and intelligence-gathering.

The report said Israeli defense officials admit that the Russians know about every movement Israel makes in its air and sea space, as there is no way to elude Russian radars, and thus Russia has been able to collect massive amounts of information.

As was reported by *The Algemeiner* in April, the Russians announced several months ago that they were leaving Syria. Since then, however, according to *Channel 2*, they have been dispatching more ground troops to the area; they have increased their air power; and they have brought in ground-to-air missiles — with a range of more than 200 kilometers — and are capable of employing cruise and ballistic missiles, planes and drones. At present, they are also reinforcing their naval presence in the eastern Mediterranean, in parallel with a decrease in the presence of the US Navy there.

In addition, a spokesperson for the Russian Defense Ministry recently issued a veiled threat, presumably to Israel, by stating, "If anyone thinks he can hide behind stealth technology, let him think again." This, said *Channel 2*, was in reference to the F-35 stealth

World News.



A portrait of Martin Luther, the initiator of the Protestant Reformation.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

500th Anniversary of Reformation Would be 'Perfect Time' for Protestants to Apologize for Luther's Antisemitism, US Jewish Official Says

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation would be the "perfect time" for Protestant leaders to recognize and apologize for the "horrific antisemitism" of their movement's founder Martin Luther, an official with a leading US-based Jewish human rights organization told The Algemeiner on Monday.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper — associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles — spoke with The Algemeiner the same day Pope Francis visited a Lutheran cathedral in Sweden in a show of inter-Christian unity at the start of year-long festivities marking the anniversary of when Luther famously posted his Ninety-five Theses on the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany.

"It would be appropriate, especially when antisemitism is so rife in Europe for Protestant leaders and groups, like the World Council of Churches, to directly address the issue [of Luther's antisemitism] in the overall context of what they're celebrating in terms of this anniversary," Cooper said.

Luther's loathing of Jews, Cooper went on to say, "is a theological hatred that still reverberates among some people today."

In an interview with The Algemeiner on Monday, David Michaels — B'nai B'rith International's director of UN and Intercom-

munal Affairs — said, "A number of individual Lutheran church bodies and figures have taken steps over the years to acknowledge, grapple with and repudiate the antisemitism that Luther ultimately promoted. This vile and violent antisemitism — targeting both Jews and Judaism — was both an outgrowth of and a significant contribution to Christian anti-Jewish animus, especially in Europe, where its influence was still felt in the implementation of the Holocaust. However, its motifs, like a virus, have spread even beyond — they can be found in much of the Middle East today, in 2016, directed against Israel but also Jews generally. This reality requires committed Lutherans and other Christians to ensure that there is fitting recognition and rejection of Luther's hateful beliefs about Jews, wherever these persist."

Many Lutherans, Michaels noted, "are entirely unaware of the dark side to Luther's theology, and of the need to vigilantly confront it."

"It is so important, then, that all Lutheran bodies and figures of influence shine a light on the sin of antisemitism, both historic and contemporary — whether by educating clergy about its incompatibility with genuine faith, sermonizing against it or recognizing it even during events surrounding the 500th anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation," he continued.

The biggest modern-day challenge, Michaels said, is identifying antisemitism "when this form of bigotry has taken new shapes — primarily the demonizing and delegitimizing of 'Zionists' and the world's only



Luther Before the Diet of Worms by Anton von Werner. Photo: Wikipedia

Jewish state. While the Arab-Israeli conflict is complex and tragic, sadly even the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which has made positive past contributions to healing relations with Jews, adopted this year a simplistically condemnatory assessment of Israel

and showed disinterest in Israeli Jews' need and right to protect themselves against those driven by a viciously extremist ideology."

Shocking Testimony From UK University's Anti-Israel 'Pogrom': 'They Weren't Afraid to Hurt Girls'

BY LEA SPEYER

A mob of protesters responsible for the violent disruption of a pro-Israel event last week at the University College London (UCL) "weren't afraid to hurt girls," a female victim told the Jewish Chronicle on Friday.

According to the report, Devora Khafi, the campus director of Israel advocacy group StandWithUs UK, said she was registering attendees outside the room in which a lecture by Israeli activist and former IDF soldier Hen Mazzig was set to take place, when "all of a sudden, about 40-50 protesters appeared in front of us."

Khafi recounted:

They approached and I was pushed against the doors by one of them — a girl. I was held there for about two minutes. Her back was to me and she was pressing me against the door. She didn't move. Then her friend came and she moved. She took a step forward, but she still stood in front of me the whole time.

Khafi said she was able to make her way outside, where she "had a bit of a panic attack. It was the feeling of claustrophobia — that was really terrible."

Another female student — Liora

reported, with Jewish and Israel advocacy groups calling for an investigation into the "disgraceful" incident.

Dr. Shimon Samuels, director for international relations at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, wrote in a letter sent Monday to UCL's vice-chancellor — and obtained by The Algemeiner — that the protest is "redolent of a 1930s Nazi storm-trooper 'pogrom,' or of budding Jihadi volunteers serving ISIS on a British university campus."

"The thugs first attacked female students on their way to the event... Their screams. 'Intifada, Intifada, from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,' bore witness to their violent intent in championing the cause of a 'Palestine' built on the ruins of the state of Israel," he wrote.

As reported by The Algemeiner, police were called in to intervene at the UCL gathering — hosted by CAMERA on Campus and the Friends of Israel student group — after protesters stormed the premises.

Footage of the event shows police warning attendees not to leave the room without a security escort, due to a deteriorating situation outside. As attendees were escorted out, they were met with chants of, "Shame! Shame! Shame!"



Anti-Israel protesters at University College London trap students at a pro-Israel event.
Photo: Facebook, The Tab.

Cadranel, co-president of the UCL Israel Society — "was [also] assaulted," Khafi said. "She got pushed by a man. She's okay, but shaken up," she said.

During the event itself, Khafi said, "Two men managed to open a window and get into the room. They jumped over two girls sitting there, who were very shocked."

"I go to a lot of Israel events. This one was very different," she said. "These people are not afraid to do anything. It was unbelievable. This was the worst experience I've ever had at an Israel event on campus."

Thursday's violent protest has been widely condemned, as The Algemeiner

UCL and its student union claimed in a statement following the demonstration that while they do not "condone acts of intimidation or violence under any circumstances... the protest was nonviolent."

This was not the first time that anti-Israel protesters resorted to violence on UK campuses. As The Algemeiner reported, a January 2016 lecture by Ami Ayalon, a former head of the Shin Bet security agency, at King's College London turned violent when some 200 demonstrators stormed the room. One of the anti-Israel protesters involved in the demonstration was later found guilty of assaulting a Jewish student.

Cooper took the opportunity to call on the pope to condemn the recent UNESCO votes that "not only were an outrage against Jewish history, but also erased Christian history. We are very disappointed by his silence and we hope he will weigh in when it still counts."

Last month, Christianity Today reported on calls that were being made to remove an antisemitic sculpture from the façade of a church in Wittenberg where Luther preached.

and showed disinterest in Israeli Jews' need and right to protect themselves against those driven by a viciously extremist ideology."

Regarding the pope's visit to Sweden on Monday, Michaels, said, "Engagement between Catholics and Lutherans is for those communities to manage. What is important is that all Christians, and all people of decency, never assume that antisemitism is merely a thing of the past — and always ensure that they have no part in tolerating it today."

U.S. News.

Israel Calls on Google, Apple to Remove 'False, Aggressive' Gaza Game App Encouraging Violence Against IDF Soldiers

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Israel's minister of public security, strategic affairs and information — who has been leading the government's battle against incitement on social media — demanded that Google Play and Apple App Store immediately remove an app with "false and aggressive" content, which could endanger IDF soldiers by encouraging players to kill them, the Hebrew news site *Walla* reported on Sunday.

According to the report, Gilad Erdan was complaining about "Liyla and the Shadows of War," which invites users to put themselves in the shoes of a Palestinian girl in Gaza during Operation Protective Edge, Israel's war against Hamas in the summer of 2014.

The description of the free app, developed by Gaza resident Rasheed Abueideh, is as follows:

When you live in a war zone and death is hunting everyone, things will look different and choices become harder. Face your fate in an unjust war to survive with your family from the shadows of war.

Time is running against you, your family is in danger and there is nowhere to hide or to do but to get them out of home through a hero journey to a safer place.

Shooting and bombing everywhere and it will hunt you unless you make fast decisions as you progress through different events. These events are real and they will make you choose the hard way. Live or die!

Since its release in May, the game — which portrays Israeli soldiers as murderers — has been downloaded more than 100,000 times. Though the Apple App Store makes no mention of Gaza or Operation Protective Edge, Abueideh states on the game's site that it is "based on actual events; it tells a story of a little girl liv[ing] in Gaza during the war in 2014."

According to *Walla*, when the game was first released, Apple told its Palestinian developer that the app would be

disqualified as a "game," due to its political content, and proposed that it be placed in the "news" category. Abueideh's response was to lead a social media protest, which caused Apple to relent, omitting all references to the Gaza war.

Still, Abueideh declares on his site:

It's not just a game. It's a case and call for help. I'm a father of two kids, I can't imagine my life without them, but in Palestine nobody is safe. When the war started in Gaza and I saw the images of the killed kids in their parents' hands I was shocked; I had a weird feeling; it's a combination of sadness, fear, empathy and anger. All what I [sic] was thinking of is, "What if this happened to me?" I have chosen to share those feelings in a game to deliver a message of how we are living as Palestinians under this situation.

Walla reported that out of 21,284 ratings

it has received in the Google Store, 18,649 gave it five stars. Only 1,428 gave it a low score.

The game's site boasts of winning the Reboot Develop Indie Award in "Visual Excellence" — and nominations for Indie prizes "Best in Show & Most Innovative Game" and "Best Game Narrative."

According to *Walla*, Erdan has yet to receive a response from Google or Apple.

As was reported in *The Algemeiner*, Erdan met with visiting Facebook executives last month to discuss how to prevent and combat Israel-bashing and Jew-hatred on its pages. But attorney Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, founder of Shurat HaDin-The Israel Law Center — which has filed a billion-dollar lawsuit against Facebook for its alleged enabling of incitement to terrorism on its pages — called the meeting "nothing more than the usual public-relations stunt."

Canadian Jewish Group Outraged Over BDS Stickers on Israeli Products in Winnipeg

BY JNS.ORG

A major Canadian Jewish group expressed outrage after stickers supporting the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement were found on products in two department stores at one of Winnipeg's largest malls.

B'Nai Brith's Winnipeg programming coordinator, Adrianna Glikman, was "disgusted and upset," according to a Canada Free Press report, to find warning labels on SodaStream boxes alerting customers not to buy the carbonation machine as it is "Made in Israel, a country violating international law, the 4th Geneva Convention and fundamental human rights."

The stickers, found in the Hudson's Bay and Sears department stores at the Polo Park shopping center, also encouraged consumers to "stand up for human rights" and "boycott Israel until it respects international law."

Glikman told Canada Free Press that she notified both store managers, who were "shocked and disturbed," adding that "it's important to let people know that the managers took action quickly."

"We had to address a very angry call about this," Glikman said. "A couple took photos of the stickers and brought them to the office. They wanted B'Nai Brith to take action."

According to B'Nai Brith, BDS stickers have appeared on other Israeli products in the past, such as Sabra hummus containers at an Ontario supermarket. A group called Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East was found responsible in that incident.

As *The Algemeiner* reported, SodaStream has been a popular target for the BDS movement, though the CEO said the attacks have only helped his business grow.

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Opinion.

Anthony Weiner: The Gift That Keeps on Giving



SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

This is the sex election. From Trump's comments about women, to the ghosts of Clinton's past, the major issues of immigration, terrorism, the economy and the Supreme Court have receded to the background as lust has come to the fore.

But who would have believed that Anthony Weiner's addiction to porn and sexting would take over the election in its last days? When Pamela Anderson and I wrote our op-ed in *The Wall Street Journal* two months ago about how the Weiner story should make us all think about how serious a problem porn addiction has become in the US, we never thought it would play a direct role in choosing the leader of the free world.

This is simply mind-boggling.

Weiner is the gift that keeps on giving. He has become the Forrest Gump of politics, popping up everywhere — almost always in a negative light.

I don't know Huma Abedin. I'm not a Hillary Clinton supporter. But I watched the documentary "Weiner" on Showtime and it made me sad for his wife. The humiliation she experiences on the show is beyond mortifying. Now, to think her entire political career is probably sunk because of her husband's sexting scandals is just too much. Whatever you think about Huma, there is little justice in this.

I'm sorry for her. Even more so, I'm sorry for your young son.

I'm also sorry for America.

"You're fascinated with sex," Newt Gingrich charged at Megyn Kelly on her Fox News show last week. "You know what, Mr. Speaker? I am not fascinated by sex."

And so went one of the truly bizarre

cable TV exchanges occasioned by the most foul presidential election in modern American politics.

What, pray tell, is wrong with being fascinated by sex? Aren't we all? But the reason that Kelly became so defensive at the accusation hurled by Gingrich was that due to Trump and Clinton, sex has become not something beautiful but dirty. Not something loving but tawdry. Not something that draws husbands and wives closer together, but something that drives men and women apart.

We all thought that at least some substantive issues might have mattered in this election. What no one could have imagined was that groping, allegations of sexual assault, illicit sex and past sexual encounters in the Oval Office would become the dominant themes of this election.

That the selection of the most powerful man or woman on earth and leader of the free world has come to this beggars belief and soils the imagination.

Trump's comments about women, caught on the Access Hollywood cameras, were positively revolting. They were disgusting in a way that was cringe-worthy. Who talks like that? And to impress Billy Bush? Seriously? You're one of the richest men in America; your name is plastered on buildings from here to Katmandu; but you're trying to impress some

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past sexual sins.*

low-level entertainment correspondent? Those are you bragging buddies?

If you and Putin were both out shirtless riding Bengal tigers, then maybe. But Billy Bush in an RV?

Come on. Get a grip. You're a success. Stop trying so hard, especially at the expense of

a woman's dignity and your own self-respect.

Even if Trump's comments had not been classified as bragging about sexual assault, they could scarcely have been more demeaning to women. They were rancid, putrid, foul and disturbing.

Bill Clinton's actions in the Oval Office were arguably worse. Yes, he's not on the ballot, and therefore Trump, at this point in time, is obviously more accountable, and his comments are much more relevant. But Trump bragged about what Clinton is alleged to have done. And Clinton had an illicit affair in the most sensitive political space on planet earth — the very locus of American prestige and power — opening up himself and the United States to the possibility of serious blackmail. Bill Clinton is not running for office. But Hillary Clinton is, and there are serious allegations about her smearing her husband's accusers. Aside from cynically betraying his marriage, Bill Clinton abused his position to gain influence over an intern who was his subordinate.

When it comes to treatment and objectification of women, both Trump and Bill Clinton are obviously unacceptable role models to men. They represent the mindset of those men who are trained to see women as the means to their own ends, as women having been primarily created to satisfy men's libidinous desires.

And they represent a view of sex that is not about intimacy, but dominance. Not about equality, but subordination. Not about oneness, but selfishness.

No wonder, then, that as a result of this campaign, people are running from the idea that they are fascinated by sex.

Normally that would be a compliment.

I am a child of divorce. My parents separated when I was eight, and I have spent my life trying to figure out the secret of what makes a man and woman live happily under the same roof for the duration of their lives. I've written more than a dozen books on relationships alone.

Don't discount how important a healthy

sex life is in achieving a happy marriage. Sex is the glue that keeps a man and a woman leaning in toward each other, desiring one another, being erotically satisfied and emotionally electrified with each other. If things don't work well in the bedroom, they won't work well in the living room.

That's why this presidential campaign is positively tragic, not just for how men treat women, but for the institution of marriage and the sanctity of sex. It's become positively shameful.

Although Trump deserves the presumption of innocence against the army of accusers who have now come forward and accused him of groping them, he cannot escape that his own words have given credibility to the accusers. Is this the campaign he thought he'd have to run? Trump should have never given those embarrassing interviews to Howard Stern about leering at naked contestants of Miss Universe.

What gives?

At what point, Mr. Trump, do you accept that you're a huuuuugely successful man and you don't have to live to impress other guys about your winning ways with women.

And before this election is over, it's not too late for him to speak sincerely from the heart and say he regrets those nasty words — and to mean it.

I'm assuming that Newt Gingrich, whom I respect as a phenomenal friend of Israel's, is just as fascinated by sex as Megyn Kelly. I sure hope so. Those who aren't fascinated by sex are usually repressed in some way. And I wrote *Kosher Sex* in 1998 to celebrate sexuality as something holy and hot.

I kind of feel bad for Bill Clinton. Just when he thought it was safe to go back into the water, now come all these allegations of his sordid and inexcusable past sexual sins.

But perhaps that's the lesson. You can be the most powerful man on earth. You can have a strong economy on your watch. But if you treat women like garbage, it's going to come back to bite you.

The American people are far from perfect, but they value the sanctity of marriage. They value women. And they're getting increasingly turned off by men who don't share their values.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom *The Washington Post* calls "the most famous Rabbi in America" is the international best-selling author of 31 books including his most recent, "The Israel Warrior's Handbook." Follow him on Twitter @RabbiShmuley.

In This Cartoon Election, the Republican Dumbo Is Preferable to the Democrats' Smooth-Talking Donkey



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America must choose between two political parties that are really cartoons.

The Democrats are the party of the smartass — the smooth-talking donkey in "Shrek" — while Republicans are Dumbo, the clumsy elephant that may or may not fly.

Yes, it's a generalization and even a bit of an exaggeration, but here's the rule:

Democrats pick people to get the job; Republicans pick people to get the job done.

Democrats prefer candidates attractive enough to get the job — tall, good-looking guys with good hair (though not always with much inside the head): Bill Clinton, Al Gore, John Kerry, John Edwards, or "identity candidates" like Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton, who can be counted on to bring a certain voter bloc.

If the looks and the hair are a little weak, they can always "get a little help" from plastic surgery, Botox or hair-transplants, etc. Just ask Joe Biden and Hillary Clinton.

Republicans usually go for the Dumbo factor — the somewhat ponderous even clumsy guys who have bad hair or no hair, but

can think and even "think outside the box," like Donald Trump or Dick Cheney or Mitt Romney or Donald Rumsfeld.

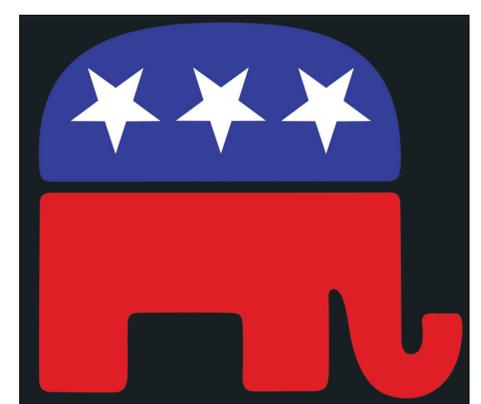
GOP pachyderms often pick unpolished politicians like George W. Bush or John McCain, honest and decent men, who have a sense of service.

They do not pick sweet-talkers for top executive posts, but guys who were governors, held jobs in industry, or commanded men in battle: people who get results. Sometimes, the GOP selectees make mistakes, but they do not whine like a bunch of overpaid lawyers or former law professors (e.g. Obama, Clinton, Clinton, Kerry, Edwards).

Classic examples of how this pattern plays out can be seen in the attitudes towards terrorism and national health care.

Barack Obama has a fine appearance and great voice, but fighting terror or building new health care takes more than a national narrator. Obama and his crew think it's all about the narrative — about talking the talk, not walking the walk.

George W. Bush, who often spoke in mangled sentences, and Cheney (who, sadly, rarely spoke) had many accomplishments. They brought the country together after 9/11 and helped keep America safe from



The elephant logo of the Republican Party.
Photo: Wikipedia

additional terror. Bush also kept the economy in shape after a terrific blow to New York and Washington, using a tax-cut stimulus.

The market meltdown of 2008 has many fathers, but pumping the housing market with easy mortgages for people who could not pay — Democratic Party policy — was a major cause. Yet, reporters did not ask Barack Obama about the tremendous donations he and other Democrats got from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which sparked the crisis.

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Opinion.

Are the Election Polls Really Accurate? The UK Experience Indicates They're Not



DEBORAH JACOBI
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It's the most important, and unasked, question of the 2016 election cycle: How reliable are the polls?

In England's 2015 prime ministerial elections, all 92 polls were wrong. Most polls showed Labour leader Ed Miliband ahead of David Cameron, while a few showed a tie. On election morning, Miliband predicted victory, but by nightfall voters had balloted him into oblivion. The polls were all wrong. Not only did they miscalculate the overwhelming vote for Cameron, but they also underestimated the Conservative Party's gigantic win in parliament.

The Brexit polls were no less dramatic in their wide margin of error. Most polls showed that UK voters were inclined to stay in the EU. Instead, voters chose to leave the EU — and by a comfortable margin.

What had an impact on the Brexit vote? Concerns about immigration and border security.

And why were the polls flawed? Because many voters were too shy to express their true preferences.

Immigration and security are major



Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton during the first presidential debate at Hofstra University on Sept. 26. Photo: Screenshot.

factors in this election, and those who don't want to be viewed by some as "racist" — or might be embarrassed about voting for Trump — might conceal their true preferences.

How many shy voters are missing from our polls? How many dissatisfied workers furtively plan to switch loyalties on election day? How many of these polls can we trust?

Other countries are aghast as we painfully elect their next world leader. Many Americans may relinquish the current unsavory task altogether and stand aside. The polls cannot predict how many people will sit out this election.

We won't know until Election Day how accurately our polls will represent our electoral vote, but one thing is certain: on election night, half the country will breathe a sigh of relief, while the other half will go into acute, excruciating mourning.

See you at the polls.

The New York Times Dwells on a Mob Murderer's Jewish Background



IRA STOLL
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Massachusetts town of Brookline. "A Jewish troublemaker would not be well looked upon by an Irish police force," Glen Lerner is quoted by the *Times* as saying. The Brookline police — which, by the way, is an *American* police force, not an "Irish" one — isn't given an opportunity to respond in the *Times* article to the allegation of religious bias.

Lerner's eventual murder conviction came after an investigation by the FBI, not the Brookline Police. Nevertheless, the *Times* story keeps pressing the Jewish angle:

Through it all, Lerner was the odd man out: a Jew from Brookline, not an Italian from Providence, who sought comfort in the regular visits to the prison by a Boston rabbi.

Note the strange, non-parallel contrast of the "Jew" and the "Italian," as if there are no Italian Jews, or as if "Italian" is a religion rather



Maury Lerner. Photo: Wikipedia.

A Jewish minor league baseball player who was convicted in 1970 of an organized-crime-related murder and served 18 years in prison was the subject of the cover story in the Sunday *New York Times* sports section.

Given that the World Series and pro football seasons are under way, it's hard to understand why a nearly 50-year-old murder case deserves such prominent display in the *Times*. The article continues inside the section and covers two full broadsheet pages, accompanied by six photographs and a diagram of the crime scene.

It's hard to escape the conclusion that Maury Lerner's Jewishness was part of the reason the *Times* chose to dwell retrospectively on his story.

The article quotes Lerner's son alleging vaguely that antisemitism played a role in his run-ins with law enforcement in the

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the UN — which would in turn guarantee the failure of any realistic negotiations.

It is for these and other reasons that American policy has long been to veto or otherwise derail UN attempts to interfere with the Israeli-Palestinian peace process even when it is stalled. As President Obama said in 2013:

"We seek an independent, viable and contiguous Palestinian state as the homeland of the Palestinian people. The only way to achieve that goal is through direct negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians themselves."

Hillary Clinton, too, has stated in the past, that she supports bilateral negotiations between the Israelis and Palestinians, and her campaign has said that she "believes that a solution to this conflict cannot be imposed from without." So, too, has Donald Trump.

Recently, however, several past and present Obama officials have apparently advised the president to support, or at least not veto the French resolution, as well as a one-sided Palestinian push to have the UN declare Israeli settlements illegal. It would be wrong — and undemocratic — for Obama to unilaterally reverse decades of US foreign policy during the lame duck period. After all, in 2011 his administration vetoed an almost identical Palestinian proposal that called for Israel to "immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem." Similarly, until now, Obama has repeatedly pressured the French and other European nations not to put forward any proposal related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, on the grounds that such initiatives discourage bilateral negotiations. This is surely the view of the majority of the Senate—which has its own constitutional authority to participate in foreign policy decisions. In fact, eighty-eight senators signed an open letter to Obama in which they called on the President to veto any Security Council resolutions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The period between the election and the inauguration is the only time a president can act without the checks and balances of American Democracy. He should not take action that would tie the hands of his successor.

Obama must realize that no lasting peace can be achieved in the remaining months of his presidency: there are a multitude of complex and contentious issues — most notably the status of Jerusalem, the rights of so-called Palestinian refugees, and the situation in Gaza — that must be thoroughly addressed in order to achieve a lasting peace. Our next president will undoubtedly have to wade into the Israeli-Palestinian peace process again. The new administration — with the agreement of the Senate — should have full latitude to do what it deems most appropriate. It should not be stuck with parameters bequeathed to it by a president desperate to secure a short-term foreign policy "victory" that in the long term will make a resolution of the conflict more difficult to achieve.

If Obama feels that he must intrude in an effort to break the logjam before he leaves office, he should suggest that the current Israeli government offer proposals similar to those offered in 2000-2001 and 2008, and that this time the Palestinian leadership should accept them in face-to-face negotiations. But he should take no action (or inaction) that invites UN involvement in the peace process — involvement that would guarantee failure for any future president's efforts to encourage a negotiated peace.

We should hear the views of both candidates on whether the US should support or veto a Security Council Resolution that would tie their hands were they to be elected president. It is not too late to stop President Obama from destroying any realistic prospects for peace.

Alan M. Dershowitz, Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law, Emeritus and author of Taking the Stand: My Life in the Law and Electile Dysfunction. An earlier and somewhat different version of this article appeared in the Boston Globe.

Hillary Clinton Continues to Receive Islamist Campaign Contributions

JNS.ORG

Hillary Clinton has received an additional \$12,061 in campaign contributions from Islamist sources since the Middle East Forum (MEF) released its top-10 recipients of Islamist money list Oct. 20, the think tank reported.

Clinton was ranked first on the group's 2015-2016 "Islamist Money in Politics" list of politicians who accepted funds from prominent Islamists with ties to terrorist organizations.

The new figures follow recently released Federal Election Commission filings from August and September.

The Democratic presidential nominee has accepted \$53,226 from prominent Islamists, including \$16,216 from associates of the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), a group with "deep ties to the Muslim Brotherhood," MEF reported. Salam al-Marayati, MPAC's president, was "kicked off a congressional commission in 1999 when his defense of terrorist groups came to light," according to MEF.

Conservative independent presidential candidate Even McMullin, of Utah, is sixth on the list with \$5,400 in campaign donations from Islamists in August and September.

While the donations are relatively small, the information "holds politicians accountable for accepting funds from soiled sources, signals the Islamist lobby's affections and intentions and tells voters who takes money from individuals linked to enemies of the United States and its allies," the MEF reported.

than a national origin.

The *Times* reports, without attributing the source of the information, that after being convicted, "the former ballplayer sent word that he didn't want any more visits from the rabbi."

And that's the end of the religious or Jewish part of the story — except for a photograph accompanying the *Times* article. The

picture features Lerner's son Glen wearing a necklace with what is unmistakably a large cross. The *Times* doesn't provide any explanation of the necklace or mention Glen Lerner's religion, if any. But he isn't the violent criminal; his dad was. It's just when someone is a Jewish criminal that the *Times* manages to find a way to emphasize his religion.

Impressions.

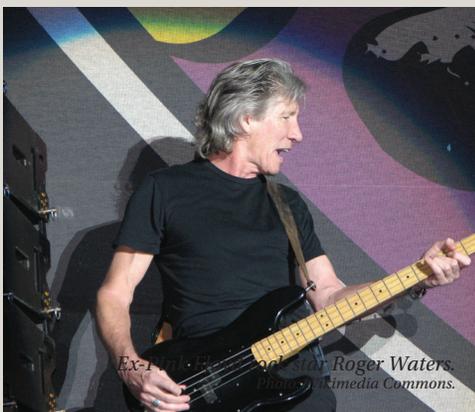
Citi Refutes Report of Roger Waters Sponsorship, Says It Has 'No Plans to Work With This Artist in Future'

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

In a letter sent to a concerned company shareholder on Tuesday, Citibank refuted a report that it was sponsoring an upcoming tour by prominent anti-Israel activist and ex-Pink Floyd rock star Roger Waters.

"We have no plans to work with this artist in the future," a spokeswoman for the investment banking and financial services firm said in the email, which was seen by The Algemeiner.

Last week, the New York Post's Page Six



reported that American Express had declined to pay \$4 million to sponsor Waters' 2017 "Us + Them" North American Tour due to his stance on Israel. However, the Page Six report noted, the tour would instead be sponsored by Citi

In a response to a complaint filed by an unnamed company shareholder, a Citi public affairs official said, "I want to let you know that Citi is not a sponsor of Roger Waters' upcoming tour. Two weeks ago, Citi offered a limited time pre-sale of tickets for cardmembers for select shows, as we do for thousands of concerts by different artists every year. While advertised as the 'official card' for payment purposes, the pre-sale was in no way an endorsement of the artist's personal views. The pre-sale has ended and we have no plans to work with this artist in the future."

In recent years, Waters has spoken out against Israel's West Bank security barrier and become a vocal proponent of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

Earlier this year, the 73-year-old Waters was reportedly dating Palestinian activist Rula Jebreal. However, in September, it was reported that the two had gone their separate ways.

Even the Torah Warns Against the 'One Percent'

BY JEREMY ROSEN

The following passage is from the sixth chapter of the Book of Genesis:

"And the sons of the gods saw the daughters of humans that they were good and they took them as wives, wherever they wanted to. And God said my spirit cannot stand these beings...The Nefilim were on earth at that time and the humans mixed with them and they produced giants. They were the ones that caused devastation at that time. And



A Torah scroll. Photo: Rabbisacks.org.

God saw what a state the world was in and how badly the humans were acting, thinking of evil all day long. And he regretted what had happened so far. And said, 'I will destroy these people.'" (Genesis 6:2)

Of course, there are many ways of interpreting these sentences. Who were "the sons of the gods" or perhaps "the sons of judges"? And who were the Nefilim? Some Christian scholars suggest that they were the fallen angels who were cast down from the Heavenly Court with Satan. (See Milton's *Paradise Lost*.) Post-Talmudic midrashim talk about fallen gods on earth. But let me tell you how I have always understood it.

In the early stages of human development, there were different types of species — "Homos" of various types: erectus, ergaster, rudolfensis, africanus, pekinensis, to mention only a few, culminating (some might say regressing) in homo sapiens, of course. But there were others, such the Neanderthals and other kinds of "missing links."

I know that the theory of evolution has gaps and holes. Yet all the anthropological evidence points to processes of evolution over a long period of time, in which some species survived and others did not. Whether this happened under some guiding intelligence or not is as much open to debate now as it was in Darwin's day. Most religious people see the hand of a divine power.

The interesting question, which is asked in the Bible itself, is whether Homo sapiens could ever self-destruct or go extinct. But before I try to answer that one, there is the easier issue of who were these proto- or pseudo-humans that the Torah refers to.

I have always thought that the Torah recognizes this early process of evolution. That is, after all, the core message of the Torah. Adam, Noah, Abraham, and Moses were stages in the awakening and

deepening of a relationship between humans and God. But as a sideline, the Torah talks about earlier forms of life that coexisted with homo Adamus.

Not only that, but the Torah seems to be saying that these other Homos and Neanderthals mixed and procreated, and some of the results were not very nice. The nastier types, or perhaps the less reflective ones, died out. The successful species learned to cooperate well. Others cooperated in destructive ways, as the story of the Tower of Babel records.

I have always been interested in paleontology, anthropology, and archaeology. They explain physical things, whereas religion focuses on its strength, spirituality. For this very early period of human history, I recommend Ian Tattersall's *Masters of the Planet*. But I have also read Yuval Harari's *Sapiens*, an entertaining romp through human history choc-a-bloc with fanciful theories. Some he adopts and others he discards with a recklessness that even he admits to. After reading him you will conclude that there is so much we still don't know. His conclusion is that modern science and technology are changing human capacities. *Sapiens* is being turned into cyborgs: "Such a cyborg would no longer be human or even organic." He ended the book with the words: "Is there anything more dangerous than dissatisfied and irresponsible gods who don't know what they want?"

His latest offering is *Homo Deus*. According to him, humans invented God and will soon become God. Harari says that "the free individual is just a fictional tale concocted by an assembly of biochemical algorithms." Dataism will substitute for free will and God. The useless masses cast aside will pursue a mirage of happiness with drugs and virtual reality. Like Pagans, in fact. An elite class, the super rich, will reap the benefits, editing their genomes and merging with machines. Harari emerges as a cheerleader and perhaps scriptwriter for Hollywood.

The Talmud already wondered about this march of folly. It says that Adam was originally designed to span the universe. But when he disobeyed and made the wrong decisions, God shrank him to the organism we are today. In other words, we have amazing capacities. But we limit ourselves by pursuing selfish goals and bad decisions.

There is another scenario to Harari's. Whenever throughout history one class or group emerges all powerful and subjugates all the rest, inevitably there is a decline and fall or a bloody overthrow of the old system. That, I believe, is the message of first of the Nefilim and then Noah's flood. Since those early days, history has consistently reiterated the message. The one percent can never sustain its hold on power and assets if it ignores the masses.

Religion offers an alternative model — the Messianic idea. Except the whole point of Messianism is that it improves the lot of everyone, not just of one class or percentile. It is true that many see Messianism as Divine Intervention to prevent a catastrophic collapse. That is indeed a comforting thought for those who have it. But meanwhile, it is the universalist and humanist aspect of Messianism, and the Torah itself, of making the world a better place that might save us. As the story in Bereishit indicates, humanity is resilient (or God is good), and we will rebound.

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File No. 2015 -731 / A PA. No. 143742 CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Israel Weinraub, Daniel Melchet, Edna Zivan, Edward Laden, Richard Laden, Capitol Funeral Service of New York Attorney General of the State of New York, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance New York City Human Resources Administration The spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of RACHELA HAUSNER a/k/a RACHEL HAUSNER, 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 RACHELA HAUSNER a/k/a RACHEL HAUSNER, 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 November 15, 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 RACHELA HAUSNER a/k/a RACHEL HAUSNER, 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 commis-

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sions pursuant to SCP A §2307 in the amount of \$15,553.28, 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 \$3,851.10, 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 \$ 23,106.58 as shown in Schedules C-I 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 \$661.00 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (f) The claim of the New York City Human Resources Administration, in the amount of \$108,115.41, as set forth in Schedule D of the Account, should not be allowed to the extent of the net estate after the payment of administration expenses and any creditor claims which have priority of payment; (g) The claims of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and Capitol Funeral Service of New York, if any, should not be fixed and determined; (h) 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; (i) 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 just and proper; Dated, Attested, and Sealed, September 22, 2016 HON MARGERITA LOPEZ TORRES, Surrogate Doreen A Quinn Chief Clerk. Joseph J Borges, ESQ., 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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. CESAR SARMIENTO; 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 August 29, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Public Auction Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On December 1, 2016 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 139 DUMONT AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11212 Block: 3555 Lot: 55 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of

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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. 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 \$774,440.44 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 3196-14 Michael J. Mondschein, Esq., Referee

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-11, Plaintiff against PIERRE A. RAOUL; JUNIE RAOUL, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 20, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 1st day of December, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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 bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Foster Avenue with the westerly side of East 49th Street; Running thence westerly along the northerly side of Foster Avenue 20 feet; Thence northerly and parallel with East 49th Street 100 feet; Thence easterly and parallel with Foster Avenue 20 feet to the westerly side of East 49th Street; Thence southerly along the westerly side of East 49th Street 100 feet to the corner the point or place of beginning. Together with an easement of 4 feet over the most easterly part of the premises adjoining on the west and subject to a similar easement of 4 feet over the most westerly part of the above described premises which said 8 feet shall constitute an easement for light, air and access and for ingress and egress for pleasure automobiles only to an from the northerly side of Foster Avenue to the garage erected or intended to be erected in the rear of said premises in favor of the owner of the premises on the west. Said premises known as 4823 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11203. Tax account number: 4779-40. Approximate amount of lien \$ 188,111.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 505747-14. Dominic Famulari, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Renata Ramdass; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 14, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on December 1, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 964 East 43rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the

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Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Section 23 Block 7746 Lot 59. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,277.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502013/2014. Steven H. Richman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: OCTOBER 28, 2016

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Notice of Formation of LMEG ACQUISITION LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/12/16. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 303 Louisiana Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11207. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, N.A., Plaintiff against LEON S. POWDAR, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 12, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 1st day of December, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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, and State of New York, being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Milford Street, distant 90 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Milford Street with the northerly side of Sutter Avenue; RUNNING THENCE westerly parallel to the northerly side of Sutter Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE northerly parallel to the westerly side of Milford Street, 29 feet; THENCE easterly parallel to the northerly side of Sutter Avenue and part of the distance through a party wall, 100 feet, to the westerly side of Milford Street; THENCE southerly along the westerly side of Milford Street, 29 feet, to the point or place of beginning. Said premises known as 278 Milford Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11208. (Block: 4040, Lot: 33). Approximate amount of lien \$ 294,553.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500176-14. Judy S. Mock, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS LEGAL NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE Index No. 17526/12 BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, -vs- JEFFREY MINTZ; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; ARCHIBALD MOLEISH AND DULCIE RHODES, Defendants. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT: Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale granted by this Court in the above entitled foreclosure action, dated June 17, 2016, and entered in the Kings Clerk's Office on June 28, 2016, Adam Kalish, the Referee named in said Judgment, originally scheduled to sell at public auction on October 13, 2016, the premises set forth in

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Opinion.

Arab Zionists Are the Key to Mideast Peace

Things Fall Apart for Abbas and Hamas



NEIL BERRO
NEW YORK

Are Arabs becoming the world's most ardent Zionists? And, more to the point, why aren't Western governments celebrating the breakdown of psychological and other barriers that might one day lead to a lasting peace between Jews and Muslims?

It was the late Egyptian president, Anwar Sadat, who came to the Knesset in a historic overture, thus breaking the peace impasse. "We used to reject you; we refused to meet you; we referred to you as the so-called Israel," Sadat told Knesset members in 1977. Sadat wanted peace, and he also wanted the Sinai desert. Ironically, today, Egypt and Israel work actively together to secure the Sinai from forces hostile to both nations.

Two decades ago, Israel and Jordan formalized a commitment to non-violence with each other. There continues to be a very strong military and security relationship between the countries, with the economic dimension now strengthened as Israel begins selling gas to Jordan.

State-to-state relations between Israel and the wider Arab and Muslim world were always more complex and multi-dimensional than simple slogans and bouts of war fever. But technological innovations and bitter frustration at their own societies are forcing Arab intellectuals and ordinary citizens to re-think the dogmatic trope that Israel equals evil. Indeed, Israel may equal hope for the average Arab citizen who is tired of too many failed promises and too little progress at home.

Shortly after 9/11, the United Nations released a scathing report about progress in the Arab world. In areas such as research, science capability and output, educational attainment, political participation, women's rights and consumer spending, countries in the Arab world lagged decades behind the OECD countries of advanced nations — of which Israel is now a formal member.

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Dumbo

Despite criticism of the war in Iraq — much of it justified — George W. Bush, in his own plodding, pachydermic manner, won the war and established a nascent if imperfect democratic process in Iraq. This was not a miracle, but a hard-won victory. Bush made mistakes, but compare the costs and the results to, say, Lyndon Johnson's Vietnam.

We saw what a "surge" looked like under Bush in Iraq: it got the job done. We saw what "surges" look like under Obama in Iraq and Afghanistan. Obama snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. Obama wanted to please his voters and keep his job, not get the job done. The hollow president surged in, then surged out, with a bang and a whimper.

Hillary Clinton likes to speak of an "intelligence surge," whatever that means. One hopes she is not referring to a torrent of secret data from her communications.

If Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Al Gore, John Kerry, or John Edwards had been



Anwar Sadat, Jimmy Carter and Menachem Begin at the Camp David Accords signing ceremony. Photo: wiki commons.

The Arab world's anger at these statistics simmered until the Arab Spring, when furtive fingers tapped out messages of cyber-appeal to the world. Very few, if any, of these messages focused on Israel — meaning Arab citizens may have learned that demonizing Israel isn't going to solve any of their problems.

At a time when events in the Arab world fill bloody volumes of ethnic, national and religious strife, peace is becoming a stronger imperative for the people in these countries. They are tired of hearing threats, demands, thirsty calls for revenge or promises of a return to the glory days. How, exactly — they ask — will glory be achieved when most of the Arab world lacks the tools to compete, let alone to conquer?

Today, some Sunni-Arab countries openly state that Iran is more of a danger than Israel. Covert and even more public dealings with Israel are becoming routine. Instead of trying to exploit this phenomenon, the Obama administration reached out to the true enemies of peace in the region, such as Iran. And President Obama never moved the needle beyond the truly empty slogan of the "peace process."

But with or without Washington, the wider Arab world is beginning to realize that Israel is not the source of its problems. And that is a cause for celebration and hope.

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president on 9/11, they would have dealt with the attack on America the way they dealt with issues like Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, domestic terror and immigration reform. They would have launched an army of slogans and a platoon of platitudes.

Then, after failing, today's Democrats would blame Republicans, rapidly deploying an extrication force of excuses and euphemisms. That is far cry from the way Democratic presidents Harry Truman, John Kennedy, and Lyndon Johnson governed during their crises: WWII, Korea, the Bay of Pigs, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam.

None of them "passed the buck," or "kicked the can down the road."

Truman lived with his tough decision to use the atomic bomb in Japan, and he took the heat for the stalemate in Korea. Kennedy admitted error in the Bay of Pigs. Lyndon Johnson really took responsibility for Vietnam by leaving the White House. Compare that to the way Obama-Clinton "take responsibility" for Libya or anything else.

Obama-Clinton-Kerry have dealt with



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Things are starting to fall apart in both the PA and Hamas-controlled territories.

In Gaza, Hamas quietly arrested and reportedly tortured one of its own senior leaders, Musr al-Masri, on alleged charges of embezzlement and treason.

Reports say that al-Masri was briefly transferred to a hospital because of the beatings he endured, only to return to the prison.

News reports also say that Hamas has arrested a number of its own members in recent months on charges of collaborating with Israel, and some of these people have been executed. The official cover story is that they were killed "while performing tasks of jihad."

In the West Bank, however, things look even worse for the PA.

The pro-Fatah Palestine Press Agency reports that the increasing number of clashes between various armed groups, and between these groups and PA security forces, are all part of attempts to position each group ahead of any power struggle if Abbas dies or otherwise leaves without a strong successor.

There have also been armed clashes between Fatah armed groups and other

their debacles in a different way. Just listen to Obama's warped and illogical claims about health care or terrorism. The world and America are better than ever before, says Obama, and when he is shown that things are not as he claims, then, says the Big O, it's the fault of the Republicans.

When Russia invades Ukraine or Syria, enabling the use of chemical weapons by the brutal Assad regime (killing hundreds of thousands), that's not a red line for Obama, but when Democrat emails get leaked, then it's time to go to nuclear alert against the sinister Russian plot teaming up with a "vast, right-wing conspiracy."

In this season of media hypocrisy, where debate moderators demand apologies from all who doubted Obama's credentials and background, I am waiting for Obama, Clinton and "Saturday Night Live" to apologize to Sarah Palin, who correctly warned in 2008 about Russia's intentions in Ukraine.

Meanwhile, Obama-Clinton have not apologized to Mitt Romney for ridiculing him in 2012 for concern about Vladimir Putin, to whom Obama promised great "flexibility."

Yes, the current election has become a cartoon experience.

Electing someone should demand more than scanning his or her marital or sexual history, but if you study Obama's campaign for Senate in Illinois in 2006, you know that is exactly how he beat his primary opponent and then his election opponent. Chicago Rules. So much for the Michelle Obama claim about taking the high road.

If you want a project completed, let's say national health care or rebuilding a modernized army, and you want it done on time and under budget, would you put your money on the carefully coiffed Nancy Pelosi or John Edwards of the \$600-haircut? Or would you bet on a Trump, a Rumsfeld, a Romney, a Ben

armed gangs, who are making money on illegal drugs and arms, in the Balata camp and elsewhere. The PA security forces are reportedly providing weapons to some armed groups to buy their loyalty in case things go south quickly. Unemployed youths in the camps are also susceptible to being recruited to these armed groups. The residents are very worried that a civil war will break out as soon as Abbas is gone if he doesn't designate a clear successor who is accepted by the people — a prospect that seems dim.



Senior Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh (left) and PA President Mahmoud Abbas. Photos: Wikimedia Commons.

The planned Fatah conference in November may make things worse if it doesn't address these issues. And the increased pressure from Egypt and Gulf states on Abbas to get his act together is putting everyone on edge.

There are big problems in the territories, and things could explode sooner rather than later.

Carson or a Carly Fiorina?

Would you bet on Obama, a good-looking and great-sounding "community organizer," who touts going to Columbia, but hides his grades; who brags about going to Harvard Law School and being on the "law review," but who never wrote an article?

If Americans chose their presidents with as much care as they choose their plumbers or dentists — based on professional results — they might pick a person the media love to hate or to caricature: a Romney, a Palin, a Cheney or a Trump (the butt of the late-night comedians and journalists, some of whom even compare them to Hitler).

No politician is free of error, and no human is free of mistakes, even sins, but voters have to decide whether it is a better bet to choose a person or party who learns from mistakes or the one that ignores them and repeatedly tries to cover them up.

This year's cartoon election brings us the Democrat smartass versus Dumbo the elephant. Let's hope the Dumbo party and candidate learn how to fly.

And a message to all conservatives or Republicans who want to stay home or throw their vote away on a marijuana candidate: if we end up with the donkeys again, let's not cry, "Ain't that a kick in the head." That would be so Hillary, or maybe Hillary-ous.

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Social.



Roger Waters. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

AmEx Declines Sponsorship of Roger Waters North America Tour Over 'Anti-Israel Rhetoric'

BY JNS.ORG

British rocker Roger Waters has suffered a large financial setback for his major upcoming North America tour over his views on Israel, according to the New York Post.

The former Pink Floyd bassist has reportedly lost the sponsorship of American Express, amounting to millions, for his 2017 "US + Them" musical events.

"Roger is putting on a huge show," a source at American Express told the Post. "The company was asked to sponsor his tour for \$4 million, but pulled out because it did not want to be part of his anti-Israel rhetoric."

Waters has been one of the most vocal figures behind the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, and often pressures other musicians artists to refuse to perform in Israel.

Actor Andrew Garfield Says He's 'Proud' to Be Jewish When Asked About Starring in New Movie Directed by Mel Gibson, Infamous for Antisemitic Comments

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Actor Andrew Garfield said he was "proud" of his Jewish heritage on Wednesday, after he was asked about starring in the upcoming movie "Hacksaw Ridge," directed by Mel Gibson, who is infamous for his past antisemitic comments.

In an appearance on ABC show "Jimmy Kimmel Live," the talk show host asked Garfield, "Were you worried about working with [Gibson]? Did you think, 'Oh my God, what am I getting into here?'"

"No, not at all...I sat with him and I met him, and I got to know him in a real way; in a deep way, without all the noise and the nonsense getting in the way. And I felt

good enough to go in."

In 2006, after being stopped by a police officer in Los Angeles while driving drunk, Gibson shouted, "F**ing Jews... the Jews are responsible for all the wars in the world."

The "Braveheart" star, who later issued an apology for his "vitriolic and harmful words," reportedly also has a history of making antisemitic remarks dating back to the 1990s.

"Hacksaw Ridge," which premieres in theaters on Nov. 4th, is about WWII US Army medic Desmond T. Doss, who became the first conscientious objector in American history to be receive the Medal of Honor.

Israel's Ben-Gurion Airport to Launch Digitized Check-In Process Via Cell Phone

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Israel's Ben-Gurion Airport is launching a program to digitize the check-in process for international flights, the Hebrew news site nrg reported on Monday.

According to the report, the pilot program — to begin in November — will enable passengers to scan their tickets on their cell phones, and go directly to the duty free area and gate without having to wait in



Ben-Gurion International Airport. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

line for an agent.

Travelers will be able to check in at home or at one of the self-service machines at the airport, and a bar-code will make the whole process more efficient.

In addition, according to the report, the Israel Airports Authority (IAA) is planning to install "speed gates" for quick boarding.

IAA data show that this year saw record traffic at Ben-Gurion, with the average number of travelers per month at 1,500,000.

Nrg did not specify how the new digital process will affect security examinations, which are conducted prior to checking luggage. These usually involve questioning by a guard, who determines whether one's suitcases need to be sent through a scanner.



Andrew Garfield on 'Jimmy Kimmel Live.' Photo: Screenshot.

Tradition.

Individual and Collective Responsibility



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

I once had the opportunity to ask the Catholic writer Paul Johnson what had struck him most about Judaism during the long period he spent researching it for his masterly *A History of the Jews*? He replied in roughly these words: "There have been, in the course of history, societies that emphasised the individual – like the secular West today. And there have been others that placed weight on the collective – communist Russia or China, for example."

Judaism, he continued, was the most successful example he knew of that managed the delicate balance between both – giving equal weight to individual and collective responsibility. Judaism was a religion of strong individuals and strong communities. This, he said, was very rare and difficult, and constituted one of our greatest achievements.

It was a wise and subtle observation. Without knowing it, he had in effect paraphrased Hillel's aphorism: "If I am not for myself, who will be (individual responsibility)? But if I am only for myself, what am I (collective responsibility)?" This insight allows us to see the argument of Parshat Noach in a way that might not have been obvious otherwise.

The parsha begins and ends with two great events, the Flood on the one hand, Babel and its tower on the other. On the face of it they have nothing in common. The failings of the generation of the Flood are explicit. "The world was corrupt before God, and the land was filled with violence. God saw the world, and it was corrupted. All flesh had perverted its way on the earth" (Gen. 6:11-12). Wickedness, violence, corruption, perversion: this is the language of systemic moral failure.

Babel by contrast seems almost idyllic. "The entire earth had one language and a common speech" (11:1). The builders are bent on construction, not destruction. It is far from clear what their sin was. Yet from the Torah's point of view Babel represents another serious wrong turn, because immediately thereafter God summons Abraham to begin an entirely new chapter in the religious story of humankind. There is no Flood – God had, in any case, sworn that He would never again punish humanity in such a way ("Never again will I curse the soil because of man, for the inclination of man's heart is evil from his youth. I will never again strike down all life as I have just done", 8:21). But it is clear that after Babel, God comes to the conclusion that there must be another and different way for humans to live.

Both the Flood and the Tower of Babel are rooted in actual historical events, even if the narrative is not couched in the language of descriptive history. Mesopotamia had many flood myths, all of which

testify to the memory of disastrous inundations, especially on the flat lands of the Tigris-Euphrates valley (See Commentary of R. David Zvi Hoffman to Genesis 6 [Hebrew, 140] who suggests that the Flood may have been limited to centres of human habitation, rather than covering the whole earth). Excavations at Shuruppak, Kish, Uruk and Ur – Abraham's birthplace – reveal evidence of clay flood deposits. Likewise the Tower of Babel was a historical reality. Herodotus tells of the sacred enclosure of Babylon, at the centre of which was a ziqqurat or tower of seven stories, 300 feet high. The remains of more than thirty such towers have been discovered, mainly in lower Mesopotamia, and many references have been found in the literature of the time that speak of such towers "reaching heaven".

However, the stories of the Flood and Babel are not merely historical, because the Torah is not history but "teaching, instruction." They are there because they represent a profound moral-social-political-spiritual truth about the human situation as the Torah sees it. They represent, respectively, precisely the failures intimated by Paul Johnson. The Flood tells us what happens to civilisation when individuals rule and there is no collective. Babel tells us what happens when the collective rules and individuals are sacrificed to it.

It was Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679), the thinker who laid the foundations of modern politics in his classic *Leviathan* (1651), who – without referring to the Flood – gave it its best interpretation. Before there were political institutions, said Hobbes, human beings were in a "state of nature". They were individuals, packs, bands. Lacking a stable ruler, an effective government and enforceable laws, people would be in a state of permanent and violent chaos – "a war of every man against every man" – as they competed for scarce resources. There would be "continual fear, and danger of violent death; and the life of man, solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short." Such situations exist today in a whole series of failed or failing states. That is precisely the Torah's description of life before the Flood. When there is no rule of law to constrain individuals, the world is filled with violence.

Babel is the opposite, and we now have important historical evidence as to exactly what was meant by the sentence, "The entire land had one language and a common speech." This may not refer to primal humanity before the division of languages. In fact in the previous chapter the Torah has already stated, "From these the maritime peoples spread out into their lands in their clans within their nations, each with its own language" (Gen. 10:5. The Talmud Yerushalmi, Megillah 1:11, 71b, records a dispute between R. Eliezer and R. Johanan, one of whom holds that the division of humanity into seventy languages occurred before the Flood).

The reference seems to be to the imperial practice of the neo-Assy-

rians, of imposing their own language on the peoples they conquered. One inscription of the time records that Ashurbanipal II "made the totality of all peoples speak one speech." A cylinder inscription of Sargon II says, "Populations of the four quarters of the world with strange tongues and incompatible speech... whom I had taken as booty at the command of Ashur my lord by the might of my sceptre, I caused to accept a single voice." The neo-Assyrians asserted their supremacy by insisting that their language was the only one to be used by the nations and populations they had defeated. On this reading, Babel is a critique of imperialism.

There is even a hint of this in the parallelism of language between the builders of Babel and the Egyptian Pharaoh who enslaved the Israelites. In Babel they said, "Come, [hava] let us build ourselves a city and a tower... lest [pen] we



be scattered over the face of the earth" (Gen. 11:4). In Egypt Pharaoh said, "Come, [hava] let us deal wisely with them, lest [pen] they increase so much..." (Ex. 1:10). The repeated "Come, let us... lest" is too pronounced to be accidental. Babel, like Egypt, represents an empire that subjugates entire populations, riding roughshod over their identities and freedoms.

If this is so, we will have to re-read the entire Babel story in a way that makes it much more convincing. The sequence is this: Genesis 10 describes the division of humanity into seventy nations and seventy languages. Genesis 11 tells of how one imperial power conquered smaller nations and imposed its language and culture on them, thus directly contravening God's wish that humans should respect the integrity of each nation and each individual. When at the end of the Babel story God "confuses the language" of the builders, He is not creating a new state of affairs but restoring the old.

Interpreted thus, the story of Babel is a critique of the power of the collective when it crushes individuality – the individuality of the seventy cultures described in Genesis 10. (A personal note: I had the privilege of addressing 2,000 leaders from all the world's faiths at the Millennium Peace Summit in the United Nations in August 2000. It turned out that there were exactly 70 traditions – each with their subdivisions and sects – represented. So it seems there still are seventy basic cultures). When the rule of law is used to suppress individuals and their distinctive languages and traditions, this too is wrong. The miracle of monotheism is that Unity in Heaven creates diversity on earth, and God asks us (with obvious conditions) to respect that diversity.

So the Flood and the Tower of Babel, though polar opposites, are linked, and the entire parsha of Noach is a brilliant study in

the human condition. There are individualistic cultures and there are collectivist ones, and both fail, the former because they lead to anarchy and violence, the latter because they lead to oppression and tyranny.

So Paul Johnson's insight turns out to be both deep and true. After the two great failures of the Flood and Babel, Abraham was called on to create a new form of social order that would give equal honour to the individual and the collective, personal responsibility and the common good. That remains the special gift of Jews and Judaism to the world.

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said Judgment. Due to the adjournment of said sale, the Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on November 10, 2016 in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, at 2:30 PM, the premises described in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale commonly known as 1350 E. 84th Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York 11235; [Block 8074, Lot 53] subject to and together with all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record affecting the above described premises as recorded in the Kings County Clerk's Office and subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale. Judgment amount is \$262,370.34, plus plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the amount of \$1,440.00, with interest, plus advances made by the plaintiff until the date of the sale, pursuant to said judgment. DATED: October 13, 2016 Adam Kalish, Referee BARCLAY DAMON, LLP. Eric Charlton Attorney for Plaintiff Barclay Damon Tower 125 East Jefferson Street Syracuse, New York 13202 Direct all inquiries to: Ruth A. Stegner, Paralegal Phone No.: 716-566-1452 AJ 11/4;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. ENID MASON; 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 August 18, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Public Auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On December 8, 2016 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 722 EAST 38TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11210 Block: 4984 Lot: 27 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. 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 \$405,503.98 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 20693-13 Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee AJ 11/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-6, Plaintiff AGAINST Ronda Kellman; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment

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of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 28, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn NY 11201 on December 8, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 979 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1778 Lot 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,717,453.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 504283/2014. Michael Sucher, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: October 25, 2016 AJ 11/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-AR14, Plaintiff AGAINST Janice Smith a/k/a Janice T. Smith a/k/a Janis T. Smith; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 29, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on December 8, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2 Paerdegat 3rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8031 Lot 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$640,204.53 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 503256/2015. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: October 31, 2016 AJ 11/4/11/18/25

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QA3, Plaintiff against BERNARD MCCALMON A/K/A BERNARD J. MCCALMON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 20, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 8th day of December, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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. Said premises known as 595 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11208. Tax account number: SBL#: 4266-17. Approximate amount of lien \$ 734,540.63 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 505748-13. Gregory Thomas Cerchione, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street – Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900 AJ 11/4/11/18/25