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Clinton, Trump Campaigns Make Final Pitch for Jewish Vote



Both campaigns made final pitches to Jewish voters ahead of Tuesday's VOTE. Photo: Tom Arthur via Wikimedia Commons.

BY BARNEY BREEN
-PORTNOY

Before the polls opened on Tuesday, the campaign teams of both presidential contenders made a last-ditch pitch to the Jewish Insider about why Jews should vote for their candidates.

Calling the election a “wake-up call” for the US Jewish community, Laura Rosenberger — a Hillary

Clinton campaign foreign policy adviser — said, “I am really proud that Hillary has stood up strongly against the BDS movement; she’s been very outspoken about antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism, and the anti-immigrant sentiment because we know that these are all interconnected, and this is something that is a testament to her in what she believes in, that she’s been such a forceful voice in speaking out [against] all

this divisive and violent rhetoric.” Regarding Clinton’s views on the Jewish state, Rosenberger said, “She knows the depth and the connection between the American and Israeli people, she knows how much we can learn from each other, and that bond is something that is really personal to her. When she was a senator, she was a fierce champion for Israel, something that continued when she was

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Top Jewish Leader Says Voting Vital for Community

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

American Jews must get out and vote on Election Day if they want to continue to be heard by politicians on matters of concern to them, a top US Jewish leader told *The Algemeiner* on Monday.

“I hear too many expressions of indifference, or people who are confused and conflicted and therefore say they are not going to vote,” Malcolm Hoenlein — the executive vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations — said in an interview with *The Algemeiner*. “That’s a decision, but it’s a bad one. It’s very important that people go out and vote their conscience. Commitment to American democracy requires giving



Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

expression to the privilege and fulfilling the right and obligation each of us has to vote.”

Furthermore, Hoenlein noted, “many politicians may have limited capacities, but they can all count. And they know who votes and who doesn’t vote. You have to vote if you want to have a voice. If you fail to do so, don’t complain about the results.

Hoenlein said he was “bothered” by displays of antisemi-
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Opinion.

The Day After the Election

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With the world's attention focused on the presidential election, some attention must be devoted to the problems we will continue to face the day after the election, regardless of who is elected. Here are some of these problems:

1. Following the election, President Obama may try to tie the hands of his successor, regardless of who it may be. During the lame-duck period, when presidents can act without political accountability, he may foolishly send the Israel-Palestine conflict to the United Nations. This would mean the end of the peace process. Palestinians would be dis-incentivized from entering into the kinds of direct negotiations without preconditions that the Israeli government continues to offer, which is the only realistic road to peace. The only hope of stopping this counterproductive move would be for the president-elect to insist that her or his hands not be tied by the lame-duck president.
2. The problem revealed by FBI director Comey's ill-advised statements over the past four months will not end with the election. Comey is a good man, but he has demonstrated an inability to control

himself and his agents. The problem of unlawful FBI leaks has become pervasive, and it must be addressed by the new administration. Replacing Comey will not be enough; the entire culture of the FBI must be changed and it must be restored to its rightful position as the silent investigative arm of the Justice Department. Indeed, even more fundamental structural changes are now required. The entire DOJ, of which the FBI is one component, has become too politicized. In most other western democracies, there is a sharp division between the minister of justice, who is a political aide to the president or prime minister, and the director of public prosecution, who is a civil servant completely removed from politics. Only the director of public prosecution decides whom to investigate and who to prosecute. The political minister plays no role in such decisions. But, in the United States, we merged these two distinct roles into the job of Attorney General. This must change if our system of justice is to be de-politicized.

3. This election has exacerbated the long-standing problem of criminalizing policy differences. We are quick to confuse differences in policy with charges of criminal behavior. During this election, both sides accused the other of criminal conduct — Trump more so than Clinton, but even some Democrats were quick to cry "crime." I have long railed against this



A US voter. Photo: Wikipedia

development, whether it involved accusations against Democrats like Hillary Clinton, or Republicans like Congressman Tom Delay and Governor Rick Perry. The criminal law must be reserved for willful deliberate and clearly defined crimes. We are moving away from that understanding and toward a dangerous expansion of the concept of crime in the context of political differences.

4. Finally, the healing process must begin the day after the election. Lincoln's words should be our guide: "With malice toward none, with charity for all." It is unlikely that either the winners or the losers will be able to avoid malice and extend charity following this most contentious of

elections, but it is essential that the loser accept the result and that the winner be gracious. Both Richard Nixon and Al Gore provide somewhat different models of appropriate responses.

This election revealed that there are deep divisions within the American electorate. Some of these divisions are reasonable and indeed desirable. These include differences over economic policies, foreign policies and other political issues. But this election revealed that there are divisions across impermissible lines: racial, ethnic, gender, religious, class and a willingness to resort to violence. These divisions will be much harder to heal. But the process must begin on the day after the election.

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Martin Kramer's Scholarly Views on
Israel, Islam and the Middle EastJONATHAN MARKS
PHILADELPHIA

Martin Kramer chairs the Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Department at Shalem College, and recently completed a seven-year stint as president there. A scholar of the Middle East, Kramer is perhaps best known as a sharp critic of the field of Mideast Studies. His 2001 book, *Ivory Towers on Sand: The Failure of Middle Eastern Studies in America*, touched off a debate that received coverage in, among other places, the *New York Times*. Kramer's warnings about the politicization of the field have been more than amply validated by the steady movement of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) towards endorsing the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel (though it has not done so yet).

In the epilogue to his new book, *The War on Error: Israel, Islam, and the Middle East*, Kramer reminds us of what his mentor, Bernard Lewis, said about an academic: he "owes it to himself and his readers to try, to the best of his ability, to be objective or at least to be fair . . . to try to present the different aspects of a problem and the different sides to a dispute in such a way as to allow the reader to form an independent judgment."

As anyone who knows his work will attest, Kramer does not conceal his political views. In

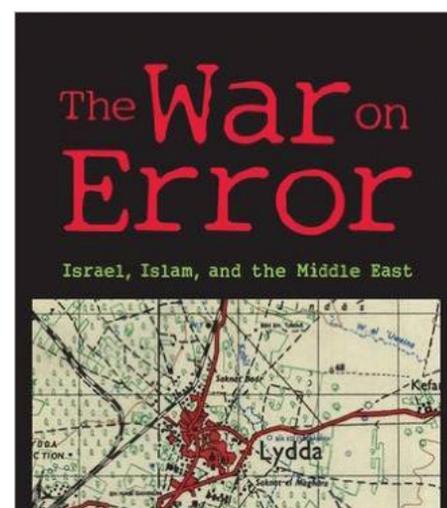
a fine essay, "Policy and the Academy," originally published in the *Middle East Quarterly*, he wrestles, via a meditation on Middle East historian Elie Kedourie, with the difficulties a scholar confronts when he or she "takes a political position as a citizen." There is no simple way of resolving the tension between scholarship and politics, but *The War on Error*, though a collection of mostly previously published essays, blog posts and speeches, is held together by its attempt to demonstrate by example how the norms of scholarship are essential to clear thinking about the Middle East.

The book is divided into five sections: one on Middle Eastern Studies (an "inexhaustible source of error in understanding the Middle East"); one on Islam and politics; one on the

Arab world; one on the twisting of Israel's history; and one, mischievously entitled "Elders of Zion," on the leaking of "fantasies of Jewish power and control into mainstream academic and public discussions." I cannot, of course, cover all 25 of the pieces that make up *The War on Error*. Let me begin with an essay that typifies the book.

Rashid Khalidi is the Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies at Columbia University and, as Kramer points out, he was "trained as a historian." In 2010, Khalidi spread, in more than one lecture, the claim that the influential novel, *Exodus*, though written by Leon Uris, was "carefully crafted propaganda" guided by "seasoned professionals." Foremost among them was Edward Gottlieb, regarded by some as "one of the founders of the modern public relations industry." Gottlieb, who "desired to improve Israel's image," commissioned the novel then "funded [Uris] and send him off to Israel to write a book." Khalidi is fond enough of this assertion to have permitted it to appear in an edited collection since. There is only one problem: not one thing Khalidi says appears to be true.

How does Kramer prove this? First, he researches Gottlieb, which is not easy since, far from being a founder of the modern public relations industry, Gottlieb is barely known — though he did once own the sixteenth biggest public relations firm in the United States. Having determined that Gottlieb was not among the founders of the modern public relations industry, and finding no references to him in histories of Zionism, Kramer next



The War on Error book cover. Photo: provided.

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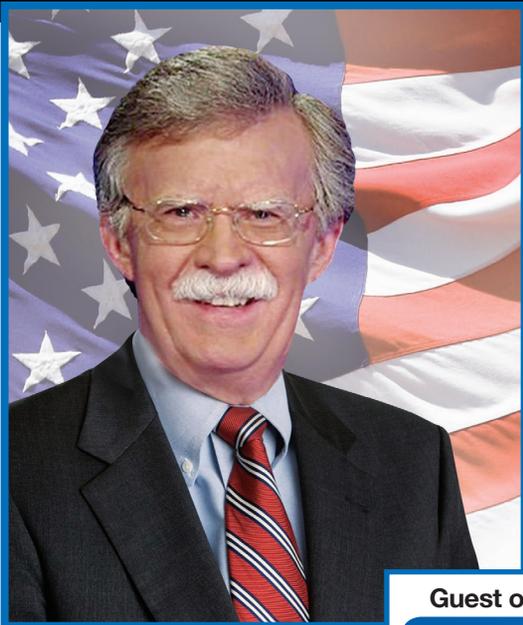
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World News.



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Top Netanyahu Aides: Israel Will Not Attend Paris Peace Conference

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli officials on Monday told France that the Jewish state would not participate in a French-led international conference aimed at restarting Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Jacob Nagel, the head of Israel's national security council, and Isaac Molcho, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's special envoy, met with France's Mideast peace envoy Pierre Vimont on Monday in Jerusalem. At the meeting, the Israeli officials reiterated their opposition to a peace conference that does not directly involve the two parties to the conflict.

"Nagel and Molcho clarified unequivocally that promoting a real peace process that leads to an agreement will only be resulted through direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, and that any

other initiative pushes peace further away," a statement from the Israeli Prime Minister's Office said.

"Israel is certain and expects that France will not advance a conference or process contradicting the State of Israel's official position," the statement added.

During the last year, France has been leading efforts to restart Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. In June, France hosted a one-day peace summit that excluded Israeli and Palestinian representatives. The conference ended with a vague statement condemning violence and Israeli settlement activity.

There have also been discussions regarding a possible United Nations Security Council resolution that would address the current peace impasse. Israeli-Palestinian negotiations have been stalled since 2014.

Teen Palestinian Terrorist Sentenced to 12 Years in Prison

BY JNS.ORG

An Israeli court on Monday sentenced Palestinian teenager Ahmed Manasra to 12 years in prison for carrying out a stabbing attack against two Israelis in 2015. Manasra, 14, is the youngest terrorist to have been convicted since the start of the "lone-wolf" intifada a year ago in September.

Manasra was found guilty of the attempted murder of a 20-year-old man and a 12-year-old boy in the Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood of Jerusalem last October.

Manasra, who was 13 at the time, carried out the stabbing attack with his 15-year-old cousin, who was shot dead by security forces. As The Algemeiner reported, though Mansara

was treated at an Israeli hospital, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas claimed he had been murdered by Israel



Teen terrorist Ahmed Manasra being treated in an Israeli hospital. Photo: Screenshot

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tism during the presidential campaign. "I'm worried about the aftermath of this election," he stated. "This has been a very divisive race. The question for the day after is will the American people be able to come back together again at a time when we have so many serious challenges facing us?"

Fissures within the Jewish community,

Hoenlein said, were less troubling.

"I think Jews will focus quite quickly on the challenges ahead and the issues we have to address together," he predicted.

Referring to a possible end-of-term lame-duck Israeli-Palestinian peace push by the Obama administration before the inauguration of the next president on Jan. 20, Hoenlein said, "There has been a lot of speculation, but no decision [has made by the administration].

Police Warn Israelis About Potential Perils of Frequenting Palestinian Villages for Good Deals on Goods, Services

BY JNS.ORG

Israelis who travel to the West Bank's Area B with the hope of saving money on routine errands often end up mugged, the Israel Police said Sunday.

Area B, which contains about 440 Palestinian villages, has been under Palestinian civil control and shared Israeli-Palestinian security control since the 1993 Oslo Accords. Israelis have been frequenting Palestinian villages in that area for years because its dozens of auto repair shops, car wash facilities, nurseries and florists offer considerably lower prices than their Israeli counterparts.

While Israelis are barred from entering Area A, which is under full Palestinian control, there are no travel restrictions regarding Area B.

Nevertheless, both the Israeli military and police have repeatedly warned that Israelis traveling to Palestinian villages in Area B may



Israeli police in Jerusalem. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

be victimized by crimes or terrorist attacks.

"We urge Israelis to exercise discretion and refrain from traveling to the area unnecessarily," a police source said.

I do think the president is focused on his legacy and will use these months after the election to consolidate his legacy, in both domestic and foreign policy. But there is not a lot of time and there may not be a lot of options."

"We should be careful not to create a self-fulfilling prophecy, but at the same time we have to consider and be ready for any potential action or policy pronouncement, while also working with the incoming administration," he continued. "The president acknowledged to me a year ago that there wouldn't be enough time for a Palestinian state during his term, but he wanted to create the 'predicates,' and I think that could still be on his agenda. Or he could simply walk away and say the parties are not at a point where serious discussions can take place."

Both Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and her Republican opponent Donald Trump "have spoken against attempts to impose a solution on the Israelis and Palestinians," Hoenlein said. "They are the ones who will have to bear the long-term consequences of any actions that are taken in the coming months, so clearly their voices will be very important."

"I think all of them — the current president and the candidates — recognize that while outside parties can facilitate, if you want to have a really meaningful peace agreement, you can't impose it," Hoenlein went on to say. "It's got to come organically from the parties. And right now, [Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud] Abbas has clearly indicated he is not prepared to talk. Going to the UN on ridiculous issues shows he's not prepared to accept the existence of the Jewish state. To fight the Balfour Declaration, is that really where their resources should be going? To deny the existence of the Jewish temples and denigrate Christianity and Judaism, is that really where their efforts should be going? Or does it reflect the fact that not only is he not ready to discuss the future, he's not even prepared to accept the past."

Hoenlein said the first post-election priority of his group will be to "see who are people who are going to be around the new president and get off on the right foot."

"We've already been in touch with people in both camps to talk about policy," Hoenlein revealed. "We're not going to have a honey-

moon period. We're not going to have a time in which the president will have months to adjust. We're in the middle of a vortex right now. The world is spinning fast and developments are taking place rapidly. We have real crises, in places such as Syria, Iraq and Yemen, we have hot wars and cold wars. We have tensions between the United States and Russia. We have many countries that are teetering on the brink. So we have to do all we can to help assure that American policy moves in the right direction."

Regardless of who wins the White House, Hoenlein expressed hope that the next administration will review America's policy towards Iran and adopt a more aggressive approach.

"The renewal of the Iran Sanctions Act is coming up," Hoenlein said. "I know there is strong support in Congress, and I hope the outgoing and incoming administrations will back even tougher sanctions. We know that Iran has taken advantage of this period [since the nuclear deal in July 2015] to expand its involvement in terrorism in the region and globally. We know that Iran is still moving ahead on its nuclear weaponization program and its missile delivery systems, and its provocative actions against the US and our allies are intensifying."

"Today," Hoenlein continued, "Iran claims it controls four Arab capitals — Beirut, Sana'a, Baghdad and Damascus. Its spreading its aggression across the region and also around the world, with its expansion of activities in places such as South America and Africa. We had better take this more seriously."

Moreover, Hoenlein said, the next administration should look into "how we can help the people of Iran by promoting democratization. Iranians do not want the system of oppression to continue there."

As Washington prepares the upcoming transition of power, ties between the US and Israel are on "very solid footing," Hoenlein concluded.

"The American people are with Israel, Congress is with Israel and I think the Obama administration has demonstrated its commitment to Israel in the military and security realms in many ways, such as the new MOU that was signed," he said. "And both candidates have asserted their support for the US-Israel special relationship."

World News.

Israel to Finance Initiative to Foster 'Better Understanding' of Chinese Markets to Further Bolster Economic Cooperation

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The Israeli government announced the financing of a new initiative to further bolster economic ties with China, the Hebrew news site nrg reported on Sunday.

According to the report, a special program for graduates of Far East and/or Chinese-language studies is being launched at the start of 2017, with an annual budget of approximately NIS 3 million (\$800,000). It will be headed by Israel's Foreign Ministry, in coordination with the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), China's central planning agency. Its goal, according to Prime Minister's Office director-general Eli Groner, is to foster a better understanding of the Chinese market within the Israeli business sector.

During Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting, Groner — who is in charge of cultivating economic ties between Israel and China — told the ministers that, as someone who came to the PMO from the private sector, he believes that governments shouldn't intervene in the free market. However, he said, "In China, the government is heavily involved in the economy, and they expect us to behave in a similar manner." In other words, he explained, "Without a parallel push from our government, relations [with the People's Republic] will not flourish as anticipated."

Groner's words came on the heels of the arrival in Israel last week of a delegation from Beijing, made up of more than 200 government officials and business executives. Among these was NDRC Vice Chairman Wang Xiaotao, who heads the program that oversees his country's economic development. During the trip, he and Groner signed 15 separate agreements. At the same time, 15 additional deals were signed between Israeli and Chinese businessmen.

Groner told nrg, "Israel has much to offer China, as China has much to offer Israel... [and] it is very important to ...ensure

Report: Palestinians to Demand 'Return' of Dead Sea Scrolls

BY JNS.ORG

The Palestinian Authority is reportedly preparing to demand that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) force Israel to "return" the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Palestinians.

During a meeting convened by the UN's cultural body last month, Eitan Klein, who serves as the deputy director of the Israel Antiquities Authority, was told that the Palestinians had informally raised the issue of Israel returning the Dead Sea Scrolls, and that they were likely to make an official request to that end, the Times of Israel reported.

"This is another instance of provocation and the 'chutzpah' of the Palestinians trying to rewrite history and erase our connection to our land," said Israeli Ambassador to UNESCO Carmel Shama-Hacohen.

"The fragments of the scrolls are proof and a weighty archaeological evidence of the historical connection of the Jewish people to the land of Israel," added Shama-Hacohen.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, one of Israel's most treasured archaeological possessions, were found in caves in Qumran in the Judean Desert in 1947 by a Bedouin shepherd boy. Currently housed at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, the scrolls, which date back to the Second Temple period, include some of the earliest copies of the Hebrew Bible ever found.

"In any case, just like with the Temple Mount and the Western Wall, the scrolls will stay in our hands and the Palestinians will be left with their dreams," Shama-Hacohen said.

The latest move by the Palestinians follows a series of UNESCO resolutions in October that ignored Jewish and Christian connections to Jerusalem's holy sites.



The Dead Sea Scrolls. Photo: Israel Antiquities Authority via Wikimedia Commons.

that we and they are on the same wavelength, and that our interests become synchronized..."

Groner also said that bilateral tourism has been exploding.

"The government's objective to bring 100,000 tourists per year from China by 2019 is exceeding expectations," he said, "to the point that this might be achieved as early as 2017."

According to Israeli news site Ynet, to meet this boon and accompanying increase in demand for Chinese-speaking tour guides, Israel's Tourism Ministry is allocating NIS 700,000 (\$184,000) in grant money for students of East Asia to take the official tour-guide course. So far, 12 students have applied, and each will receive NIS 15,000.

According to the Ynet report, Incoming Tour Operators Association CEO Yossi Fattal has been bemoaning what he considers an

unwanted consequence of the welcome rise in Chinese visitors to the Jewish state — the phenomenon of Chinese construction workers joining groups and acting as guides. Fattal claims that their lack of licencing, knowledge and experience "is causing us to ruin the tourism industry with our own hands."

Today, according to Tour Guide Association chairman Benny Kfir, there are some 100 Chinese-speaking tour guides, and at least another 150 are needed to handle the volume of tourists from the People's Republic.

As was reported in The Algemeiner in May, China's Hainan Airlines began operating a direct Beijing-Tel Aviv route, joining Israeli airline El Al as one of the only two airlines doing so.

However, as Ynet reported last month, Israeli passengers on a Hainan Airlines flight to Tel Aviv were shocked to see their country listed as "Palestinian Territories" on the plane's map.

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Opinion.

The Decline and Rebirth of American Democracy



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You know American democracy is in trouble when The New York Times is running an op-ed encouraging the United States to embrace a monarchy. Of all the things I thought I'd never read, asking the United States to revisit deposing King George III more than 230 year ago was probably at the top of the list.

Then there is the Iranian government deciding to broadcast the three presidential debates live — as a way of displaying the US' moral decay. Who would have believed that a country that so strongly censors any American message would choose to broadcast our debates unrestricted as a way of telling its people, "You think Iran is bad, but just look at these nutcases."

To be sure, it's not as bad as all that. But how did we get to this place — the single most embarrassing presidential election of our lifetime?

It all comes down to one thing: values — values, and their erosion in American discourse.

Over the last few presidential cycles, I've lamented how the values debate is centered on abortion, gay marriage and contraception. In a fascinating twist, not one of those has played a role in this election. But their continual focus

over the last two decades through repeated election cycles meant that America had no serious discussion about substantive values that might renew the republic.

For example, there has been little to no discussion about the decline of the family, the rise of divorce, the increasing sexualization of women, what values should be brought to bear on the discussion of immigration, how we should respond to evil governments that brutalize their people, growing narcissism and self-focus among our youth, what defines success and whether honesty should come before the lust for power.

This depraved election is not a function of the erosion of the United States, per se. America is still a majestic and mighty nation, undoubtedly the greatest country on earth. But it is a function of the almost complete dearth of a serious values discussion.

I'm not sure that anything really substantive has been highlighted in this election. Instead, we have focused for months on Hillary Clinton's email server and foundation, and Donald Trump's interactions with women and online insults.

To be sure, the candidates did, at times, address serious policy differences, such as Obamacare, immigration and foreign policy. But these have been small lights in an otherwise dark constellation.

The decline of substantive public discourse is also a function of the demise of religion — or should I say religious influence — in America. Indeed, though America remains one of the most religious nations on earth and the most religious in the Western

world, where have we seen its influence in this election? Has a single religious figure of note weighed in authoritatively on the behavior of the two candidates?

No. Evangelical Christians are behind Trump because they fear the appointment of liberal Supreme Court justices. Mainline Protestants, I presume, are behind Clinton because they often cannot distinguish between their own social-activist values and Democratic talking points.

The Jewish community has been torn by a critical dilemma. Trump seems better for Israel because he opposes the genocidal Iran deal, supports Israeli settlements and opposes a two-state solution in which a Palestinian state will quickly be overtaken by Hamas. But is his behavior in accordance with Jewish values?

Clinton she says she'll have a better relationship with Israel than Obama, but does little to differentiate herself from Obama's policies and was indeed the architect of many of his policies, most notably the heinous Iran deal, which will forever live in American foreign-policy infamy.

Looming over this election is the specter of Syria and how little anyone cares about the near-genocide of Arabs that has taken place on President Obama's watch. I believe that history will judge him harshly for his omission. But right now, Americans seem too enthralled with the vast entertainment provided by this circus-like election to care.

America was, and must once again be, a serious nation that is responsible, ultimately, for setting global moral standards. Yes, we don't want to police the world. But, no, we



Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.
Photo: Screenshot.

don't want to be like every other nation, either. We don't deny we're the most powerful nation on earth with the best values. We value personal freedom, human rights, human dignity and human liberty.

It is thus to our great discredit that those defining American attributes have had such a small role in the conversation during this campaign.

No British — or American — king is going to save us. And brutal dictatorships like Iran are certainly not the answer either. The US has always known that power must lie with the people, because it is they, not the elites, who can be trusted to safeguard human liberty.

I have no doubt that from the shards of this bizarre presidential election, American democracy will be reborn. I also have little doubt that the renewal of American values will not come from some messiah figure — on the right or the left — but from average Americans, who slowly restore the republic to the decency, substance and seriousness it has always represented.

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Israel, Jewish Groups Fear an Obama 'December Surprise' at the UN



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Major Jewish organizations are united in their opposition to what is rumored to be President Barack Obama's "December surprise" to undercut Israel and bolster the campaign for a Palestinian state.

According to unverified reports, Obama is considering six possible steps concerning Israel that he would take before the inauguration of the next president. This is according to Jonathan Schanzer, the vice president of the Washington think tank Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

One option is unilateral US recognition of the Palestinian Authority as a sovereign "state of Palestine." Such a step would be "harmful to the prospects of achieving peace," said Nathan Diament, executive director of the Orthodox Union's Advocacy Center. "Such a unilateral action would reinforce the notion to the Palestinians that they can achieve their goals by some means other than direct

negotiations with the government of Israel."

Attempting to "impose peace" will never work, said Betty Ehrenberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress-North America. She told JNS.org that the only way to achieve "a genuine and lasting peace" is if both sides demonstrate "a desire for peace. And, so far, Israel is the only party that has done so. ... The Palestinian Authority has refused time and again to return to the negotiating table."

Two other options Obama is weighing, according to Schanzer, would be to support a United Nations Security Council resolution defining the terms for the creation of "Palestine," or a UN resolution targeting Jewish settlements. The Obama Administration



President Barack Obama. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

could either vote in favor of a Security Council resolution, or simply allow the measure to pass by not vetoing it.

Allowing such UN action would burden future US presidents with "the enormous negative fallout," according to Cliff Smith, Washington project director of the Middle East Forum. The fallout could include a Palestinian state becoming "a virtually ungovernable hot bed of terrorism that would threaten not just Israel, but the interests of the United States and our allies," Smith told JNS.org.

Members of Congress are hoping to head off a December surprise. Representatives Edward Royce (R-CA) and Elliot Engel (D-NY), leaders of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, recently authored House Resolution 165, which states that the US "should continue to oppose and veto United Nations Security Council resolutions that seek to impose solutions to final status issues, or are one-sided and anti-Israel."

A similar resolution, introduced earlier this year by Reps. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) and Gwen Graham (D-FL.), is still pending, but so far has 25 co-sponsors.

Lamborn told JNS.org that it would take "chutzpah" for Obama to undertake a major policy step regarding Israel in the last days of his presidency. Lamborn warned that a UN or US declaration along the lines contemplated "would virtually criminalize settlements, open up such activity to prosecution by the International Criminal Court, and give credence to the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement."

According to rumors, small differences are being ironed out between the resolutions, and a single resolution is expected to be voted on in the near future.

In recent months, Obama has heard from

a majority of Congress members who signed group letters urging opposition to UN actions against Israel.

American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) spokesman Marshall Wittman told JNS.org that his organization supports the Royce-Engel resolution and "has been supportive of the efforts of the 88 senators and 394 house members who have signed letters to the president urging him to veto a one-sided UN resolution."

Obama's fourth option would be to act directly, rather than through the UN, by delivering a Rose Garden speech outlining his vision of the parameters of an Israeli-Palestinian agreement, Schanzer said.

American Jewish Committee spokesman Kenneth Bandler warned against that approach. "More speeches or UN resolutions cannot substitute for negotiating the details of the permanent agreement," he told JNS.org. The US should "confront the Palestinian leadership and its Arab allies, who are intent on misusing international forums to rewrite long established history by negating any Jewish links to the land."

The last two options on Obama's desk involve US action against the settlements. That could mean stripping American Jewish charities of their tax-exempt status if they assist settlements, or issuing an executive order to penalize the settlements or their American supporters.

These options are the least likely to be implemented, Schanzer said.

Part of the problem for the Administration is it would involve defining anything beyond the 1967 lines as an "illegal settlement," which would include large parts of Jerusalem.

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Opinion.

A Firsthand Account of Anti-Israel Violence at a UK University



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Campus security officers barricaded the doors. The mob swarmed in on us. We were caged in a room at University College London (UCL). Crowds of scowling faces were pressed against the window, pointing, jeering, roaring hateful words — their cameras flashing all around us. It was like we were in a zoo. Ironically, this time, the animals were on the outside.

We sat in a circle, facing each other — in shock, speechless — and awaiting what would happen next.

We were trapped. Each window and door that surrounded us was blocked by a separate mob of violent protesters, chanting, banging and pushing.

What is one supposed to do in such a situation?

The rational thought in times of danger is to escape and run away. This time, however, the danger was on the outside, and safety was the circle we were sitting in.

Our time? We had come to hear Israeli speaker Hen Mazzig, who had been brought to UCL by CAMERA on Campus with approval from the student union.

It was clear that UCL's violent mob was determined to shut down the event, and deny us our rights to assemble and speak. But we didn't back down. This was more than just another University talk. It was about civil rights — our civil rights.

Security officials changed the location of the event — twice.

The protesters couldn't be controlled in the previous rooms. And to make sure that the final room would not be flooded by the mob, we dispersed into groups around the university and then entered this new room separately, at different times, diverting attention away from us.

But this still was not enough.

Numerous students were harassed, shoved, slandered — all for simply attempting to attend a talk by a speaker approved and



University College London. Photo: website

arranged through UCL's student union.

No student should be concerned about safety at his or her university, let alone in a democracy. But at UCL, the walls of our "safe space" came crashing down.

As Mazzig prepared to speak, protesters rammed the window open and dived into our room, hitting two girls. After 10 minutes, these hijackers were escorted out; it was now time for him to speak.

In our solidarity circle, we gave him our full attention as he talked about his background and connection to Israel. And when he finished, we realized that our goal had been accomplished: we hadn't let intolerance and hate deprive us of our rights.

Still shaken up by the events, we tightened our circle and began singing Hatikvah, the Israeli national anthem. Our tears soon turned to smiles.

Yes, we were outnumbered, and hatred swirled around us. But there was an almost transcendent spirit of strength that seemed to penetrate us.

After the event was over, a policeman warned us that exiting wouldn't be easy. The crowds were still thick and angry.

Security cleared a path through the mob for us to leave. Abuse hailed down on us. Insults and curses were hurled. But, as we walked hand-in-hand through the hateful crowd, our fear had somehow dissipated. We walked straight out of the event, in a civil manner, without causing any commotion or disruption. We were the antithesis of the violent mob.

It turns out that the psalmist was correct: it's possible to walk through a dark valley and yet feel no fear.

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Kramer

contacts the authors of two scholarly biographies of Leon Uris. Their reactions to the story range from suspecting it is a "complete canard" to being certain that it is a "complete fabrication." Neither has seen any reference to Gottlieb, the supposed first mover of *Exodus*, in Uris's papers, which include contracts and correspondence related to the genesis (no pun intended) of the work and the funding of Uris's research.

Where, then, did Khalidi get his claim? Kramer finds the answer in three "classics of the Israel bashing canon," each of which rely on a single source: a 1985 how-to book on public relations, in which Gottlieb figures as an example of skillful public relations work. When Kramer interviews Art Stevens, the author of this public relations book, he learns that Gottlieb himself, speaking nearly three decades after the events in question, is the source of the story.

Gottlieb is dead, but Kramer is able to track down Charlotte Klein, who worked with him during the period in question. It turns out that the government of Israel was a client of Gottlieb's firm. But Klein, who managed the account and so was in position to know, says that "there was never a discussion about Uris or regarding a popular book about Israel." Next, Kramer visits the Israeli State Archives "and [finds] the Israeli Foreign Ministry files related to Gottlieb," which include "contracts, reports, budgets, invoices, and press reports." Although the "documents explain the relationship" between the Government of Israel and the firm "in detail," there is not one word about Leon Uris or the story Khalidi tells.

I review this piece at length because it goes to the heart of Kramer's concerns. Khalidi, a respected historian, tells a story devoted to demonstrating that Israel is supported by well-funded propaganda. But the story is a fabrication — one anti-Israel authors are so desperate to believe that they rely on an ancient public relations how-to without checking it. *Exodus* may have been great public relations for the state of Israel, but it was also "universally understood to be a work of fiction." In contrast, Khalidi "claimed to speak in the name of history." He thereby showed himself, like the people on whom he relied, "as someone eager to repeat and embellish a story simply because of its political utility, without even a cursory check of its historical veracity." Kramer, in contrast, although he freely admits that he has a dog in the hunt, interviews scholars and principals and, where necessary, visits the archives.

Israel-bashing is not the sole motive for the errors to which Kramer draws our attention. I think there is no question that Ari Shavit is a friend of Israel, and his recent

hit book, *My Promised Land*, appeals to a certain kind of Zionist, one who wishes to love Israel and insist on its right to exist, while at the same time conceding that Israel has been grossly unjust to Palestinians. The best-known chapter of the book, published by the *New Yorker*, investigates an incident that took place in Lydda during Israel's War of Independence. Shavit constructs his case that what took place at Lydda was a massacre from testimony he collected in the 1990s.

Kramer convincingly shows that Shavit has ignored other, readily available, oral testimonies that Kramer was able to "uncover in just a few days of archival research." In at least one important case — one on which hangs the blood guilt of Israeli veterans — Shavit seems to have preferred hearsay to eyewitness testimony. The testimonies Kramer finds can be read to suggest that what took place at Lydda was a battle, albeit a lopsided one that resulted in civilian deaths, rather than a revenge-fueled massacre, as Shavit tells us it was. In one striking instance, Shavit presents the unsourced story of the cold-blooded murder of an Arab detail assigned to bury the bodies. He does not mention — perhaps because he is unaware of it — the existence of an Arab inhabitant of Lydda who claimed to be part of the detail (which burned rather than buried the bodies) or of the man's wife, who asserts that the detail was taken prisoner, rather than summarily executed, afterwards. While we have no reason, Kramer concedes, to assume that this testimony, offered 55 years after the fact, is true, Shavit offers no testimony at all to support the most serious of charges he makes (which may have been intended to mirror the Holocaust).

Suffice it to say that most of the pieces in this collection perform the same kind of work as the two I have treated at length.

One treat the reader gets from *The War on Error* is hearing Kramer pay tribute to people he admires, like the journalist and historian Shabtai Tevet, who brought a "mix of passion, energy, and encyclopedic knowledge [to] the pursuit of every recoverable fragment of evidence needed to establish the truth." Or Fouad Ajami who was driven to "test his second-hand notions of Israel against the reality" and who "taught himself more about Israel than any Arab intellectual of his generation." Kramer admires human beings who, though driven by passions, subject themselves to the discipline of seeking out, weighing and reflecting on the evidence. In *The War on Error*, Kramer demonstrates his kinship with the people he admires. His book deserves to be widely read.

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Is the 'Occupation' the Roadblock to Peace? History Says No



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A lie told often enough becomes the truth. In the case of Israel, the lie is that the sole impediment to peace is the "occupation" — Israel's presence in Judea and Samaria — and that if Israel just withdrew from these territories, there would be peace.

If that were true, it would mean that before Israel captured these territories in the 1967 Six-Day War, there was no impediment

to peace. We all know that that isn't true — because there wasn't peace.

Those of us who support Israel can debunk the myth that the occupation is the problem, by reminding people of what the situation was like before 1967.

In 1964, there was a World's Fair in New York City. The theme of the fair, ironically, was: "Peace through Understanding." Israel had a pavilion at the fair, which was sponsored by the American Jewish Community (the government of Israel did not sponsor the pavilion for financial reasons). The Kingdom of Jordan had a pavilion, as well.

The brochure for the Jordan Pavilion referred to the Hashemite Kingdom as "The Holy Land." Among the features of the Jordan

Pavilion was a photographic survey of the "Holy Places of Jordan," which included pictures of sites in the Old City of Jerusalem and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

When King Hussein opened the exhibit, he said, "In our pavilion, the Ten Commandments shall echo...In our pavilion, the oldest Torah; the Church of the Nativity, and the Mosque of the Dome of the Rock, shall stand symbols of righteousness, tolerance, peace and brotherhood."

Also in the Jordan Pavilion was the "Mural of a Refugee," which was not a symbol of righteousness, tolerance, peace or brotherhood. The mural essentially asked fair-goers to spare a minute "to hear a word on Palestine, and perhaps help us right a wrong." It said that the inhabitants of Palestine lived in peaceful harmony "until strangers from abroad, professing one thing but underneath, another, began buying up land and stirring up the people."

Referring to the centuries of prejudice that the Jews endured, the mural said, "The strangers, once thought terror's victims, became terror's

fierce practitioners." And then the punch line:

*Today, there are a million of us,
Some like us, but many like my mother,
Wasting their lives in exiled mystery
Waiting to go home*

Remember, this was in 1964. Israel did not possess the West Bank. This was pre-occupation, so the home that "a million of us" were hoping to return to was the sliver of Israel inside the pre-1967 borders.

The mural stated that the Jewish inhabitants were behaving "as if the land was theirs." The land on which this behavior was taking place was in pre-1967 Israel.

Of course, there is a host of issues that must be resolved between Israel and the Palestinians. There is no shortage of grievances that run in multiple directions. However, it does a disservice to all parties, and primarily to the cause of peace, to say that the solution can be achieved simply by Israel's "ending of the occupation." Indeed, as this small example from the 1964 World's Fair indicates, the impediments to peace existed well before 1967.

Impressions.

Antisemitism: A Danger to Us All

BY DAVID ROET/
JNS.ORG

My father, Haim Hendrick Roet, a Holocaust survivor from the Netherlands, addressed the United Nations General Assembly in January during its annual Holocaust memorial ceremony, with this poignant *cri de coeur*: “Looking back 70 years, it is heartbreaking that as a world, we did not learn enough from the Holocaust.”

Eight months later, speaking from the same UN podium, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani embodied all that my father had decried, as he demonstrated once again that Iran has failed to learn from the past.

“Zionist pressure groups,” Rouhani claimed, have contaminated US Congress, “forcing the highest American judicial institution to violate peremptory norms of international law.”

The spectacle of an Iranian leader spewing centuries-old canards about Jewish control over foreign governments, financial institutions and the media is hardly new. Antisemitism is, after all, the most durable and pliable of all conspiracy theories known to humankind.

What’s deeply disappointing and dangerous, however, is the utter passivity and lack of condem-



Amb. David Roet, Israel's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, addresses the UN Security Council. Photo: UN photo/Paulo Filgueiras.

nation that followed this statement. A few years ago, dozens of UN delegations took a principled stand against blatant Iranian antisemitism and walked out in protest when former Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad used the same forum to raise similar hateful accusations.

So, where’s the outrage now?

While many in the UN laud the Iran nuclear agreement, lift sanctions on the world’s leading state sponsor of terrorism, reward the mullahs with billions of dollars and lucrative trade deals, and welcome the current Iranian president as a so-called “reformer,” official Iranian antisemitic statements and Holocaust denial continues unabated and unchallenged.

Meanwhile, the scourge of antisemitism, which not long ago many of us considered to be a thing of the past, has metastasized into a global social disease.

In too many places, Jews are again afraid to express their Judaism and be identified outside their homes and communities. Whether it’s in Brussels, where a man with a Kalashnikov opened fire and murdered four people at the Jewish Museum of Belgium, or over the Internet, where unimaginable hate is spread through cyberspace at nanosecond speed, on university campuses or even in the halls

On a Slow Train to Jaffa

BY MENACHEM KELLNER

People have a lot of misconceptions about life in Israel. Even I, who have lived here many years, regularly find myself surprised.

Last Thursday afternoon, I had an interesting experience on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv train, the first leg of my trip home to Haifa. Four well-dressed gentlemen sat opposite me. One of them asked me if this was the train to Tel Aviv and when I confirmed that it was, a conversation ensued. We talked about the (absurd) length of the trip (90 minutes or so to cover a mere 40 miles) and the beauty of part of the trip (Nahal Sorek). I then asked the most talkative of them where he was from. He said “Ohio.” Since it was obvious that none of them was a native of the Buckeye State, I asked where he was from before that. His answer: “Jordan.” That I did not expect.

It turned out that they were tourists on a kind



The Nahariya railway station. Photo: Wikipedia

of *bikkur moledet* (a trip to the “old country”). They had visited relatives in Jordan (more about that later); had spent several days in Nablus (known as Shechem to us); had just spent the day touring Jerusalem; and were now on the way to Jaffa, with the intention of getting to Nahariyya at some point afterwards. One of them was originally from Nablus and had left there in 1979. He said that the city was unrecognizable – it had grown so much – from (he figured) about 200,000 to about 800,000 (so much for Israeli “genocide” of Palestinians, I thought). We

talked about all sorts of stuff (one of them explained to the others the significance of my kippah and did a good job of it), clearly steering away from anything political. I noted that they were travelling sort of “fancy free,” with no real plans beyond getting to Jaffa. They agreed with me that had they been with their wives, there would certainly be definite plans.

They asked me at which of the Tel Aviv stops they should get off in order to reach Jaffa most efficiently. I told them I would find out when we got to Beit Shemesh. (Incidentally, they knew all about Samson and Delilah — I guess the story is in the Koran, and they were Muslims, not Christians, though I did not get the impression they were “ultra-Orthodox” about it.

Why would I find out in Beit Shemesh? The national Police Academy is there, and on Thursday afternoons, the train fills up with cadets going home for Shabbat. On arrival I told one of these cadets that I was helping four tourists from Jordan who wanted to get to Jaffa and they needed to know at which station to alight. I was pretty sure it was the station Halachah (only in Israel will you find train stations called “Jewish law”). The cop I asked did not bat an eyelash, didn’t even glance at the tourists, and checking his phone, confirmed my guess.

The stop after Beit Shemesh is Ramle and my friend from Columbus, Ohio (he has two children doing doctorates at The Ohio State University) told me that he has an aunt in Jordan who was driven from Ramle in 1948. He said, with a disarming smile, that she still had the key to her old home. I was not interested in getting into an argument over what happened in 1948, so I simply said that I lived in Haifa, and the Arabs there had remained in 1948 (suggesting by implication that his aunt may have fled in 1948, but was not forced to). To my surprise, they all perked up and said, yes, that was true, adding that it was also true of Nazareth, Jaffa and other places. That really surprised me.

We reached their stop and they got off, after many expressions of friendship and gratitude for my tour-guide services.

Things here could be so different.

of the United Nations, we must take a stand against what one UN secretary-general called “the oldest living hatred.”

Antisemitism does not need a reason, only an excuse.

In the Middle Ages, Jews were hated for their religion. In the 19th and 20th centuries, they were hated for their race. Now they are hated for their nation. Acclaimed British philosopher Rabbi Jonathan Sacks writes, “The new antisemitism can always say it is not the old antisemitism.” Nevertheless, it remains, Sacks says, “essentially eliminationist.”

Whether in its old or new incarnation, antisemitism does not exist because of what Jews do, say or believe, or because of what the state of Israel does.

We must adopt a zero-tolerance policy to any sign of antisemitism or to any effort to excuse or rationalize it. New haters have been using technology and social media to disseminate their contemptible ideology. To confront them, the international community should agree on a clear definition of antisemitism so we can use advanced technology to stop online hate, while, at the same time, carefully preserve the important freedoms of speech and

expression that we, as democracies, hold dear.

A few weeks before the Iranian president’s vile statements, the UN held an historic high-level forum on global antisemitism. Bringing the issue front and center at the UN is, regrettably, still fraught with roadblocks. Indeed, the forum was a result of the joint efforts of the UN missions of Canada, the European Union, Israel and the United States, not the UN itself.

Unfortunately, there are those in the UN who fear that speaking out and working together to confront antisemitism is “too political” or risks antagonizing a certain group of countries — so they stay on the sidelines.

A recent study found that one quarter of the world’s population harbors antisemitic beliefs. If the UN is a mirror of the world, reflecting all that is good and bad, the rising plague of antisemitism requires a UN that leads the efforts to eradicate the resurgence of the world’s oldest hatred without excuses and fear.

The UN should not lead the fight against antisemitism in order to appease Israel. As former secretary-general Kofi Annan declared, it should be done for the sake of all nations and all people.

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1131 BEDFORD AVENUE LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/07/16. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 421 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ 10/7/14/21/28;11/4/11

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) name : First State Improvements LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09 09 2016 Office location Richmond County SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it May be served SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to the LLC 564 Hunter Avenue Staten Island 10306 purpose all lawful activity
AJ 10/14/21/28; 11/4/11/18

Notice of formation of limited liability company LLC name: H&Z BUILDING CONSULTANTING LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 09 21 2016 Office location Kings county SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC 834 57th St. BSMT Brooklyn, NY 11220 purpose any lawful activity
AJ 10/14/21/28;11/4/11/18

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 commissions pursuant to SCP A §2307 in the amount of \$15,553.28, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and I of the Account;

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(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-1 and J of the Account; (e) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the disbursements of Cullen and Dykman LLP in the amount of \$ 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
AJ 10/21/28;11/4/11

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 land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn,

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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
AJ 10/28;11/4/11/18

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
AJ 10/28;11/4/11/18

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 Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Section 23 Block 7746 Lot 59. Approximate

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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
AJ 10/28;11/4/11/18

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.
AJ 10/28;11/4/11/18/25/2

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 Millford Street, distant 90 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Millford 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 Millford 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 Millford Street; THENCE southerly along the westerly side of Millford Street, 29 feet, to the point or place of beginning. Said premises known as 278 Millford Street, Brooklyn, NY. 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
AJ 10/28;11/4/11/18

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

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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 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,

Opinion.

Do Women's Rights Matter to J Street?

STEPHEN M. FLATOW/
JNS.ORG

J Street's controversial response to the sexual harassment of one of its staff members raises questions as to whether its attitude toward women's rights is compromised by its political goals.

After J Street learned, in 2014, that one of its staff members had been sexually harassed, it terminated its relationship with the harasser — Israeli journalist and Palestinian state advocate Ari Shavit. But J Street has now admitted that it never said a word about Shavit's behavior to the other Jewish groups that organized Shavit's speeches around the country.

J Street's two-year silence on the abuse of an American Jewish woman was wrong. J Street's silence about the abuse of Palestinian women is wrong, too, and both situations may well be related.

J Street's central mission has been to bring about the creation of a Palestinian state next to Israel. One of the reasons many Israelis are skeptical about that proposal is that "Palestine" would be a brutal totalitarian state. Israelis understand that brutal totalitarian states often invade neighboring countries.

If Israelis believed a Palestinian state would be a tolerant, pluralistic, democratic state, where the rights of minorities and women were protected, creating such a state would seem a lot less threatening to Israel.

So, yes, Palestinian women's rights matter. They matter because it's a question of justice and equality. And they matter because the issue reveals a lot about what kind of neighbor a Palestinian state would be.

Yet, just as J Street refused for two years to speak out about the mistreatment of a Jewish woman on its staff, it has refused to speak out about the mistreatment of Palestinian women by the Palestinian Authority (PA).

In 2014, the *Washington Post* reported the number of "honor killings" of Palestinian women had more than doubled over the previous year. Those are killings in which men murder female relatives whom they suspect of violating Islamic fundamentalist morals, such as premarital relations, dressing "provocatively," or being seen in the company of an unauthorized boyfriend. The *Post* noted that even when the Palestinian Authority imprisons such killers, "pardons and suspended sentences are common."

I looked on J Street's website, which has issued more than 600 press releases dating back to 2008, to see if it issued a release concerning the *Post*'s exposé of Palestinian honor killings. Nothing there.

Amnesty International's latest report on human rights around the world has this to say about women under the Palestinian Authority



Ari Shavit. Photo: Youtube Screenshot

regime: "Women and girls continued to face discrimination in law and in practice, and were inadequately protected against sexual and other violence, including so-called 'honor' killings. At least 18 women and girls were reported to be victims of such killings during the year."

I don't see anything about the Amnesty International report on J Street's website.

Earlier this year, a female member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Najat Abu Bakr, hid in the parliament building for 17 days after the PA police sought to arrest her for criticizing PA President Mahmoud Abbas. According to *The New York Times*, Ms. Abu Bakr's "crime" was that she "said Mr. Abbas should resign and suggested that there would be money to pay educators if ministers were not so corrupt."

I couldn't find anything on the J Street website about that either.

Just two months ago, the Jordanian website, *Albawaba* ("The Loop") reported that some names of female candidates were being concealed in listings for the Palestinian Authority's planned local elections. They were "listed only as 'sister of' or 'the wife of,'" according to the report. Local Palestinian women's groups protested. J Street was silent.

J Street's website does have a section called "Women's Leadership Forum." It talks about mobilizing women to promote the J Street goal of creating a Palestinian state. It calls for increasing "women's inclusion in peacemaking and negotiations," because it believes women will "bring fresh thinking and new ideas" that can help advance J Street's goals.

In other words, J Street is interested in women when they might be useful for promoting Palestinian statehood. But its leaders seem a lot less interested in women who are not politically useful. Speaking out against Shavit two years ago — when his book made him one of the most prominent advocates of Palestinian statehood in the Jewish world — would have harmed the Palestinian statehood campaign. Likewise, speaking out against the Palestinian Authority's abuse of women could raise doubts about the nature and viability of a Palestinian state. Could that explain J Street's troubling silence in both situations?

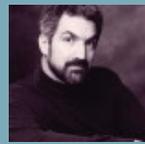
Stephen M. Flatow, an attorney in New Jersey, is the father of Alisa Flatow, who was murdered in an Iranian-sponsored Palestinian terrorist attack in 1995.

on combating the other ills of the world.

As secretary-general Ban Ki-moon rightly reminds us, "A United Nations that wants to be true to its founding aims and ideals has a duty to speak out against antisemitism."

Ambassador David Roet is Israel's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Are Niqabs and Kippot Equally Threatening?

DANIEL PIPES/
NEW YORK

The Southern Poverty Law Center's Heidi Beirich has distributed a standardized reply to the avalanche of protests (including a particularly eloquent one by National Review) against its wretched Field Guide to Anti-Muslim Extremists (of which I am allegedly one). Her apologia makes a quite remarkable claim in reference to me that calls for a response. She writes that

the calling for a ban of any religious dress is indeed extreme, regardless of the religious institution. Calling for a ban on the niqab is akin to banning a kippah. Daniel Pipes, another extremist on this list, has also called for a similar ban. These calls are contrary to religious freedom.

The kippah (aka yarmulke) — really? In response, I offer two points addressed to Ms. Beirich:

First, I am fine with the wearing of a hijab or burkini — because these do not threaten public security. They are a matter

of personal Islamic expression. But I reject the niqab and burqa, because they do threaten public security. Had you bothered to consult my blog on this subject, detailing more than 100 incidents where these articles of clothing have been used to facilitate criminality, political violence and jihad, you would understand the problem.

Second, headgear like niqabs and burqas are banned in banks and other commercial institutions around the world, for the obvious reason that criminals use them as accessories to holdups. So far as I know, not a single institution has ever banned the kippah, a tiny covering at the top of the head, on security grounds. Can you possibly figure out why not?

Harry Styles's blue knitted kippa.
Photo: Ben Winston via Twitter.

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secretary of state."

In addition, Rosenberger said, Clinton "has been very clear that she believes that Israel's security is a direct and enduring national interest of the United States. She believes that America needs to be engaged in the Middle East to help bring about peace, stability and security, and she believes that there will always be differences that the two countries will have, but that we need to make sure that those differences are managed quietly, and that our adversaries are never able to drive a wedge between us."

Speaking to *Jewish Insider* on behalf of the Donald Trump campaign, attorney David Friedman — a senior adviser with whom the Republican presidential candidate regularly consults on matters related to the Jewish state — asked US Jews "to focus on two things" when voting — Israel and America's standing in the world.

"The Republican platform, which could have never been enacted without the support of Donald Trump, is the most pro-Israel platform in the history of either party, in the history of this country," Friedman said.

Some of Trump's positions on Israel, Friedman said, "are frankly unique and massively better, not only than Hillary Clinton[s] but even when compared to George W. Bush — no daylight between the countries, Jerusalem as the indivisible capital of Israel, moving the embassy to Jerusalem, maintaining an overwhelmingly superior military profile for Israel relative to its enemies, and no longer burdening Israel, when it is called to defend itself, with obsolete notions of proportionate force. Also, rejecting the notion that Israel is occupying today in Judea and Samaria, punishing the BDS movement, not imposing on Israel a settlement against its will, and not funding the Palestinian Authority without absolute assurances that it's no longer providing stipends to terrorists."

Regarding broader US policy overseas,

Friedman pointed to Clinton's 2009-2013 stint as secretary of state, saying that the Democratic candidate has done "absolutely nothing during the course of her campaign to distinguish herself or to distinguish her presidency from an Obama presidency. The Clinton-Obama foreign policy has wreaked massive damage everywhere in the world... You can't point to any place in the world which is safer, more secure, less of a threat than it was 8 years ago."

The primary reason for this, according to Friedman, "is that America has projected weakness to the rest of the world. It's a small world, and when the world is this unstable and risky, Jews everywhere are less safe and they're less secure. The Trump administration is going to reverse all of that. We're not going to lead from behind. We're going to lead from the front. That should be very important to people everywhere, but it's of course important to Jews, because when the United States is weak, Israel is weak, and frankly, Jews everywhere have reason to be concerned."

In an interview with *The Algemeiner* last week, Friedman revealed that a Trump administration would ask the Justice Department to investigate coordinated attempts to intimidate Israel-supporters on US campuses.

On Monday, Malcolm Hoenlein — the executive vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations — told *The Algemeiner* that US Jews must get out and vote on Election Day if they want to continue to be heard by politicians on matters of concern to them.

"I hear too many expressions of indifference, or people who are confused and conflicted and therefore say they are not going to vote," Hoenlein said. "That's a decision, but it's a bad one. It's very important that people go out and vote their conscience... Many politicians may have limited capacities, but they can all count. And they know who votes and who doesn't vote. You have to vote if you want to have a voice. If you fail to do so, don't complain about the results."

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Danger*

"A human rights agenda that fails to address antisemitism denies its own history," Annan said. "The Secretariat must be vigilant... The fight against antisemitism must be our fight."

It's imperative for the UN to fight antisemitism with the same urgency it places

Social.



IDF Sgt. Sapir Isaschar; IDF Master Sgt. Allison Bressand; Robert DeNiro; Larry King; Haim Saban; and Israeli Air Force (IAF) Cpl. Lianne Eaves at FIDF Western Region Gala. Photo: Alexi Rosenfeld/AJR Photography.

Record \$38 Million Raised at Friends of IDF LA Celebrity Gala

BY JNS.ORG

The Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) raised a record \$38 million at a celebrity gala Thursday in Los Angeles.

The event, held at The Beverly Hilton hotel, was chaired by businessman and media mogul Haim Saban and his wife Cheryl. A number of prominent Jewish and non-Jewish celebrities were in attendance, including Larry King, Serge Azria, Robert Kraft, Julie Bowen, Gerard Butler, Robert De Niro and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"We are gratified to see that the FIDF's important mission – to provide wellbeing and educational programs for the heroic men and women of the IDF – continues to resonate with the Los Angeles community," Saban said.

Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, founder and head of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, made the single largest contribution of the night, with a total of \$6 million.

"The commitment of Israel's soldiers to protecting their country and her citizens is truly inspiring and remarkable," Eckstein said. "It is incumbent upon us to stand by these brave soldiers and support them in whatever way we can, so they know how deep our commitment is to their well being and their futures."

Founded in 1981, the FIDF provides educational, cultural, recreational and social programs and facilities for Israeli soldiers, as well as supporting families of fallen warriors and wounded veterans.

Miami Marlins Right-Fielder Giancarlo Stanton 'Floats Like a Butterfly' in Dead Sea During Birthday Trip to Israel

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A Major League Baseball player visiting Israel for his birthday was caught on camera with mud on his face at the Dead Sea, reading the Jerusalem Post.

Miami Marlins right-fielder Giancarlo Stanton, who turns 27 on Tuesday, posted the photo on Insta-

gram. Playing on the famous words of the late boxing legend, Muhammad Ali, he added the pithy caption, "Float like a butterfly, sting like this salty ass water in my eyes #thatstoomuchsalt! #Bdaytrip." Stanton, who is not Jewish, also added a touch of Hebrew. "Enjoy everything that life has to offer," he said.

German Automotive Giant to Open R&D Center in Israel

BY JNS.ORG

A German multinational automotive corporation announced plans on Monday to set up a new research and development center in Israel.

Daimler AG, Mercedes-Benz's parent company, will build the center in Tel Aviv, joining the conglomerate's network of R&D sites, which includes locations in the United States, Germany, India and China.

Adi Ofek, a longtime executive with Daimler, will head the Israeli center. The Tel Aviv site will focus on "car mobility and information services, in



Daimler headquarters in Germany. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

addition to the development and testing of various projects and user interfaces," the company said.

Daimler board member Professor Thomas Weber, who also heads the conglomerate's research and development automobile ventures, said the center "seeks to boost the global R&D outline with the help of Israel, the high-tech nation...so that we will continue to be the automotive industry's technological leader in terms of efficient, technologically advanced, safe cars."



Giancarlo Stanton in the Dead Sea. Photo: Instagram.

Tradition.

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On Being a Jewish Parent



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

The most influential man who ever lived, does not appear on any list I have seen of the hundred most influential men who ever lived. He ruled no empire, commanded no army, engaged in no spectacular acts of heroism on the battlefield, performed no miracles, proclaimed no prophecy, led no vast throng of followers, and had no disciples other than his own child. Yet today more than half of the 6 billion people alive on the face of the planet identify themselves as his heirs.

His name, of course, is Abraham, held as the founder of faith by the three great monotheisms, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. He fits no conventional stereotype. He is not, like Noah, described as unique in his generation. The Torah tells us no tales of his childhood as it does in the case of Moses. We know next to nothing about his early life. When God calls on him, as He does at the beginning of this week's parsha, to leave his land, his birthplace and his father's house, we have no idea why he was singled out.

Yet never was a promise more richly fulfilled than the words of God to him when He changed his name from Abram to Abraham:

"For I have made you father of many nations" (Gen. 17:5).

There are today 56 Islamic nations, more than 80 Christian ones, and the Jewish state. Truly Abraham became the father of many nations. But who and what was Abraham? Why was he chosen for this exemplary role?

There are three famous portraits of Abraham. The first is the one we learned as children. Abraham, left alone with his father's idols, breaks them with a hammer, which he leaves in the hand of the biggest of the idols. His father Terach comes in, sees the devastation, asks who has caused it, and the young Abraham replies, "Can you not see? The hammer is in the hands of the largest idol. It must have been him." Terach replies, "But an idol is mere of wood and stone." Abraham replies, "Then, father, how can you worship them?" [1] This is Abraham the iconoclast, the breaker of images, the man who while still young rebelled against the pagan, polytheistic world of demigods and demons, superstition and magic.

The second is more haunting and is enigmatic. Abraham, says the midrash, is like a man travelling on a journey when he sees a palace in flames.

He wondered, "Is it possible that the palace lacks an owner?" The owner of the palace looked out and said, "I am the owner of the palace." So Abraham our father said, "Is it possible that the world lacks a ruler?" God looked out and said to him, "I am the ruler, the Sovereign of the universe." [2]

This is an extraordinary passage. Abraham sees the order

of nature, the elegant design of the universe. It's like a palace. It must have been made by someone for someone. But the palace is on fire. How can this be? Surely the owner should be putting out the flames. You don't leave a palace empty and unguarded. Yet the owner of the palace calls out to him, as God



called to Abraham, asking him to help fight the fire.

God needs us to fight the destructive instinct in the human heart. This is Abraham, the fighter against injustice, the man who sees the beauty of the natural universe being disfigured by the sufferings inflicted by man on man.

Finally comes a third image, this time by Moses Maimonides:

After he was weaned, while still an infant, Abraham's mind began to reflect. Day and night, he thought and wondered, "How is it possible that this celestial sphere should continuously be guiding the world and have no one to guide it and cause it to turn, for it cannot be that it turns itself?" He had no teacher, no one to instruct him in anything. He was surrounded, in Ur of the Chaldees, by foolish idolaters. His father and mother and the entire population worshipped idols, and he worshipped with them. But his mind was constantly active and reflective, until he had attained the way of truth, found the correct line of thought, and knew that there is one God, He that guides the celestial spheres and created everything, and that among all that exists, there is no God beside Him.

This is Abraham the philosopher, anticipating Aristotle, using metaphysical argument to prove the existence of God.

Three images of Abraham; three versions, perhaps, of what it is to be a Jew. The first sees Jews as iconoclasts, challenging the idols of the age. Even secular Jews who had cut themselves adrift from Judaism were among the most revolutionary modern thinkers, most famously Spinoza, Marx and Freud. Thorstein Veblen said in an essay on "the intellectual pre-eminence of Jews," that the Jew becomes "a disturber of the intellectual peace . . . a wanderer in the intellectuals' no-man's-land, seeking another place to rest, farther along the road, somewhere over the horizon."

The second sees Jewish identity in terms of tzedek u-mishpat, a commitment to the just society. Albert Einstein spoke of the "almost fanatical love of justice" as one of "the features of the Jewish tradition which make me thank my stars that I belong to it."

The third reminds us that the Greek thinkers Theophrastus and Clearchus, disciples of Aristotle, speak of the Jews as a nation of philosophers.

So these views are all true

History of Time that if we had a Unified Field Theory, a scientific "theory of everything", we would "know the mind of God." We believe otherwise. To know the mind of God we do not need theoretical physics. We simply need to know what it is to be a parent. The miracle of childbirth is as close as we come to understanding the love-that-brings-new-life-into-the-world that is God's creativity.

There is a fascinating passage in Yossi Klein Halevi's book on Christians and Muslims in the land of Israel, At the Entrance to the Garden of Eden. Visiting a convent, he is told by a nun, Maria Teresa:

"I watch the families who visit here on weekends. How the parents behave toward their children, speaking to them with patience and encouraging them to ask intelligent questions. It's an example to the whole world. The strength of this people is the love of parents for their children. Not just the mothers but also the fathers. A Jewish child has two mothers."

Judaism takes what is natural and sanctifies it; what is physical and invests it with spirituality; what is elsewhere considered normal and sees it as a miracle. What Darwin saw as the urge to reproduce, what Richard Dawkins calls "the selfish gene", is for Judaism high religious art, full of drama and beauty. Abraham the father, and Sarah the mother, are our enduring role models of parenthood as God's gift and our highest vocation.

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The result would be that a Jewish organization might trigger US sanctions merely by sending a tour group to visit the Western Wall, for example. Major American Jewish organizations, like the Jewish National Fund and American Friends of Hebrew University, would be affected. That would create an unprecedented clash between American Jewry and the outgoing president that would spill over into the Jewish community's relationship with the next president.

Critics say that an Obama "December surprise" against Israel is likely to end as badly as the "December surprise" of 1988. During the weeks between former President Ronald Reagan's departure and George H.W. Bush's inauguration, the US recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), claiming Yasser Arafat had sincerely accepted Israel and forsaken terrorism.

Ambassador Yoram Ettinger, former minister for congressional affairs at Israel's embassy in Washington from 1989 to 1992, told JNS.org that the underlying flaw in US policy toward Arafat was "that the State Department decided in advance that Israel was the bad guy and that the Palestinians wanted peace, so the US refused to accept the reality that Arafat was still sponsoring the intifada and other terrorism." In May 1990, evidence of Arafat's continued involvement in terrorism had become so overwhelming that President Bush had no choice but to end US contact

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"The same thing is bound to happen if President Obama pulls some kind of 'December surprise' this time," Ettinger said. "Pressuring Israel and appeasement of terrorists never results in peace. That policy backfires every time, and it will backfire on Obama, too."

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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
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff -against- OMAR EVANS; MONIRAM MANBODE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 11, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on December 15, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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 a point on the westerly side of Essex Street, distant 100 feet southerly from the southwesterly corner of Essex Street and Folsom Place; being a plot 19 feet by 50 feet 4 inches by 19 feet by 50 feet 4 inches. Block: 3956 Lot: 19. Said premises known as 222 ESSEX STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$461,794.91 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 504324/2014. WILLIAM F. MACKEY, JR., ESQ., Referee Buckley Madole, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840, New York, NY 10170
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