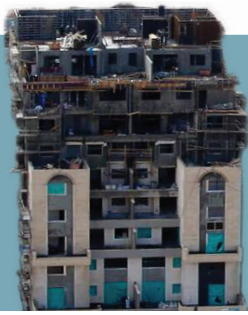


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Netanyahu Welcomes Trump's 'Change of Approach' to US- Israel Relationship



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.
Photo: Screenshot.

**BY BARNEY BREEN
-PORTNOY**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday revealed further details of his self-described "very warm" 30-minute telephone conversation with new US President Donald Trump the previous day.

Speaking at a Likud faction meeting, Netanyahu said the

call reflected the "depth" of his longstanding relationship with Trump.

"I congratulated him on his [inauguration] and thanked him for his unequivocal and resolute support of the state of Israel," Netanyahu told Likud lawmakers.

"President Trump believes peace will be achieved only through direct negotiations," the prime minister went on to say. "Does that sound familiar to you?"

He noted he has an unprecedented commitment to Israel's security and the war against radical Islamic terrorism. Does that also sound familiar to you?"

"[Trump] spoke with me at length about the threat posed by Iran," Netanyahu continued. "He also thinks that the nuclear agreement with Iran is a bad deal. That certainly must ring a bell."

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White House Non-Committal on Embassy Move

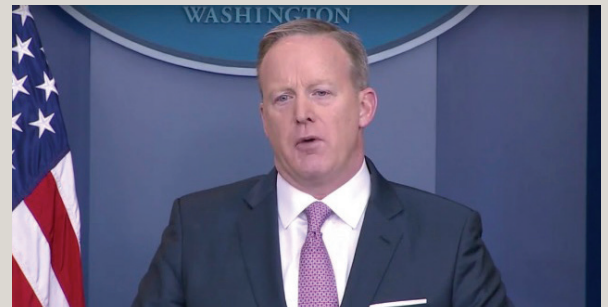
BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A day after announcing the new Trump administration was in the beginning stages of talks on the potential relocation of the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem — a key campaign promise of President Donald Trump — White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer was non-committal about a timeline for the process.

At his first official White House press briefing Monday, Spicer declined on three occasions to be pinned down on specifics regarding the embassy issue.

"There's no decision, we're at the very early stages of that decision-making process," Spicer said.

Later, he added, "It's very early in this process...and his



White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer. Photo: Screenshot.

[Trump's] team is going to continue to consult with stakeholders as we get there."

The third time around, Spicer said, "There is a reason you go through a decision-making process and that's what we're in the process of starting right now. So I just don't want to get ahead of [it]. If there was already a decision, we wouldn't be going through a process."

Spicer also noted that Trump could use his executive power to move the embassy.

In their public statements following their phone call on Sunday, Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu did not mention the embassy matter.

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Opinion.

UK Media Bias: Outlets Note Jewish Construction in 'East' Jerusalem, Ignore New Palestinian Homes



ADAM LEVICK
JERUSALEM

Here's the complete text of Sunday's announcement by the Jerusalem municipality concerning approved construction in the city:

Today (Sunday), the Local Building and Planning Committee in Jerusalem approved the construction of 671 housing units in various neighborhoods whose approval had been delayed for several weeks: 324 units in Ramot, 174 units in Ramat Shlomo, 68 units in Pisgat Ze'ev, 49 units in Beit Hanina, 14 units in Wadi Joz, 24 units in Umm Lison and Umm Tuba, 7 units Jabel Mukaber, 4 units in Beit Safafa, 3 units in Sur Baher and 4 units in A-Tur.

Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat said: "The past eight years have been difficult with pressure from the Obama administration to freeze construction. While the Jerusalem Municipality did not freeze construction, pressure from the American government meant that national approval was often not granted, and sometimes the publication of new plans was delayed. I believe that we are entering a new era, in which we will be able to continue to build and develop the city for

the benefit of all residents, Jews and Arabs alike, This will enable us to the right thing - to strengthen our sovereignty, to provide housing solutions for young people, and to develop Jerusalem - Israel's indivisible capital."

As you can see, the city approved 667 new homes in "east" Jerusalem: 566 new homes in Jewish neighborhoods and 101 new homes in Palestinian neighborhoods. However, quite tellingly, several British news sites that reported on the new construction focused only on the Jewish homes, while ignoring the Palestinian homes.

A report by Peter Beaumont in the *Guardian* ("Israel reveals plans for nearly 600 new settlement homes in East Jerusalem,") included the following passage:

Israel has announced plans to build almost 600 new settlement homes in occupied East Jerusalem, just two days after Donald Trump's inauguration as US president, with officials stating the "rules of the game have changed."

The words "almost 600 new settlement homes" seems to refer narrowly to the Jewish homes, as the total number of homes (including in Palestinian neighborhoods) is, as we've noted, 667. Beaumont's omission of the 101 Palestinian homes is especially misleading in that he later quotes Mayor Nir Barkat applauding the new construction as an example of the city developing "Jerusalem

for the welfare of its residents, Jews and Arabs alike" (emphasis added.) A reader would never know that Barkat was alluding to the fact that new homes would be built for "Jews and Arabs alike."

A report by Gregg Carlstrom in the *Times of London* ("Israel marks Trump's arrival with a raft of new settlements") included the following passage:

Jerusalem approved the construction of 566 homes in the settlements of Pisgat Ze'ev, Ramat Shlomo and Ramot, and the deputy mayor, Meir Turgeman, said thousands more would follow.

As you can see, the *Times of London* was even more misleading, in that it actually listed the Jewish neighborhoods where new construction was approved, while ignoring the Palestinian neighborhoods.

A report in *The Independent* by Bethan McKernan ("Israel approves more than 500 new settler homes in East Jerusalem") included the following text:

Israel has approved the construction of 566 settler homes in East Jerusalem, officials have said.

The *Indy* similarly omitted the 101 Palestinian homes in east Jerusalem that were approved.

A report in the *Financial Times* by Joel Greenberg ("Israel approves hundreds of settlement homes in East Jerusalem")



The neighborhood of Jabel Mukaber.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

included these passages:

Hard on the heels of Donald Trump's inauguration, the Israeli government has approved the construction of hundreds of homes for Jews in East Jerusalem.

The planned construction is in three Jewish neighbourhoods on land Israel annexed after it captured East Jerusalem in the 1967 Six-Day war.

As with the *Guardian*, *Independent* and *Times of London*, the *Financial Times* report omitted any mention of the Palestinian homes.

The only major British publication we reviewed that mentioned Palestinian homes in their report was the *Telegraph*. Its report, by Sara Elizabeth Williams ("Israel announces hundreds of new settlement homes as new US administration begins discussions to

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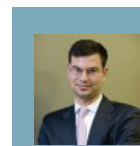
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NY Times's New Jerusalem Bureau Chief Passes Along Embassy 'Speculation'



IRA STOLL
BOSTON

The newly arrived *New York Times* bureau chief in Jerusalem, Ian Fisher, has a dispatch reporting:

The Israeli news media was filled with speculation on Sunday that the Trump administration would immediately announce the embassy move — as a de facto recognition of Israel's annexation of predominantly Arab East Jerusalem, which it captured from Jordan during the 1967 war.

There's no hyperlink, so it's hard to know to what Mr. Fisher is referring. But as a *Times* reader, my hope is that its journalists will try to help assess whether "speculation" is accurate or not before passing it along.

In this case, the statement's logic leaves a lot to be desired.

If President Trump moves the American embassy to west Jerusalem — which has been under Israeli control since the establishment of Israel in 1948 and is the location of the Knesset, the Prime Minister's Office, the Israel Museum, the Jewish Agency for Israel and a host of other institutions that have been there since before the 1967 war — how does that say anything about, let alone constitute "de facto recognition" of, Israel's annexation of "predominantly Arab East Jerusalem"?

The phrase "predominantly Arab East Jerusalem" is itself tendentious. When Israel recaptured it from Jordan in 1967,

east Jerusalem was indeed "predominantly Arab" — but only because the Jews who had lived there for the previous thousands of years had been violently expelled or otherwise extinguished by Arabs in the 1948 war. Mr. Fisher might consult his own newspaper on this point.

From the September 15, 1948 issue of the *New York Times*: "JERUSALEM, Sept. 14 — The concussion of mortar shells fired by Arab batteries into the Jewish areas of Jerusalem echoed this morning."

From May 28, 1948:

Inside the Old City, in Jerusalem, May 27 (AP) — Riflemen of Trans-Jordan's Arab Legion clambered across blood-stained rubble in Jerusalem's Old City tonight in an attempt to dig out the last of the Israeli defenders besieged in three ancient stone houses. Arab Legion infantry captured and occupied the great Hurva Synagogue in the Old City's Jewish Quarter this morning, Arab leaders said... Hurva was the last of the Old City's five synagogues to be evacuated by Israeli defenders. When the synagogue fell, 300 women, children, and non-combatants were believed to be in the ancient underground tunnels and chambers.

The May 30, 1948 *New York Times* reported (thanks to the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America for the pointer to this one):



New York Times Jerusalem bureau chief Ian Fisher.
Photo: Video Screenshot.

The Jews were beaten not by lack of food or water but because they ran out of ammunition... Thus the Jews have been eliminated from the City of David for the first time since the sixteenth century. Except for sixty years in the sixteenth century they are believed to have been there continuously since the return from the Babylonian captivity... All last night and early today the noncombatants were trekking out through the Zion Gate over Mount Zion and through the Valley of Hinnon [sic] to the Yemin Moshe quarter from where they were driven to billets in the Katamon quarter. They are mostly orthodox and poor.

Without that context, the contemporary *Times* language — "Israel's annexation of predominantly Arab East Jerusalem, which it captured from Jordan during the 1967 war" — makes it sound, misleadingly, like the Jews just showed up there in 1967 and took something that wasn't theirs.

World News.

Ex-Israeli Official Reveals Never Before Told Story Highlighting Fraught Obama-Netanyahu Relationship

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A former top Israeli diplomatic official revealed a never-before told story that shed further light on the fraught personal relationship between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former US President Barack Obama, in an interview published Friday.

Dore Gold — who was until recently the director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry — told the Hebrew newspaper *Makor Rishon* that after the September funeral of the late Israeli statesman Shimon Peres, someone from Air Force One — on which Obama, then-Secretary of State John Kerry and former President Bill Clinton were aboard — called Netanyahu's chief of staff Yoav Horowitz and told him, "Tell your boss if he wants a funeral like Peres, he should begin to move, to go forward," the implication being that Netanyahu should be more flexible when it comes to the peace process with the Palestinians.

Netanyahu, according to Gold, told Horowitz to respond, "Tell him that I give up the honor because I have no intention of participating in the funeral of my country."

Later in the *Makor Rishon* interview,



US President Barack Obama with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara at Shimon Peres' funeral in September. Photo: Twitter.

Gold accused the Obama administration of having demonstrated a "kind of arrogance" when it came to its Middle East policies.

"They developed a vision, according to which no matter what the Arabs say or what the Israelis say, they know better the needs of both sides," Gold said.

Despite his criticism of the Obama administration's policies, Gold noted, "I refuse to use these descriptions in regards to Obama — 'antisemite,' 'pro-Muslim' or 'threw Israel under the wheels of the bus.' Absolutely not."

Report: Jews in North West London Pelted With Eggs

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Jews in North West London suffered a spate of attacks over the Sabbath, the UK-based organization the Campaign Against Antisemitism (CAA) reported on Sunday.

According to the Jewish neighborhood patrol group Shomrim, the first incident occurred at approximately 10:30 pm on Friday night. Recognizably Jewish families walking home from dinners at friends' houses were pelted with eggs from a moving car on Edgwarebury Lane, Edgware.

The second took place at dawn on Saturday in the same neighborhood. A brick with swastikas and antisemitic slurs drawn on it was hurled through the window of a Jewish family's home.

The third, involving swastika graffiti on a residential building on Watford Way, Mill Hill, was discovered a while later.

Shomrom London is calling on witnesses to come forward, while the Metropolitan Police Service investigates.

CAA chairman Gideon Falter told *The Algemeiner* at the end of August that because British Jews are "being denied justice" by the country's main criminal prosecution agency for failing to properly address hate crimes against them, "The resulting atmosphere of impunity is enabling antisemitism in our country to grow and become increasingly violent."

Falter said that the CAAs National Antisemitic Crime Audit revealed that hate crimes

against British Jews surged to a new peak in 2015.

This year's annual report on worldwide antisemitism — presented by to the Israeli cabinet on Sunday by Diaspora Affairs and Education Minister Naftali Bennett ahead of International Holocaust Remembrance Day this coming Friday — revealed an increase in hate crimes against Jews in 2016. Britain was among the countries that experienced a rise in antisemitic incidents, including a 62% rise in the number of violent attacks in London alone.

Although the report found that the majority of the incidents in the UK were perpetrated by members of the far-right, the left-wing Labour Party was also examined for its contribution to the overall antisemitic atmosphere.

In October, British Prime Minister Theresa May declared that Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn must "think very carefully" about antisemitism within his party. May made the statement during a Prime Minister's Questions session, just days after the publication of a House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee report that found Labour had shown "demonstrable incompetence" in dealing with antisemitism within its ranks.

In response to a question posed by Conservative MP Oliver Dowden, May said: "I absolutely agree with my honorable friend that this house should send a very clear message that we will not tolerate antisemitism. I have been concerned about the rise in the number of incidents of antisemitism in this country."

Obama Quietly Releases \$221 Million to Palestinians During Final Hours in Office, Officials Confirm



President Barack Obama. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

BY JNS.ORG

In its waning hours, the Obama administration reportedly transferred \$221 million to the Palestinian Authority (PA) that had been blocked by Republican members of Congress.

According to a State Department official and several congressional aides, former President Barack Obama's departing administration formally notified Congress of the move on the morning of Jan. 20, just hours before President Donald Trump's inauguration, the Associated Press reported. Former Secretary of State John Kerry had also informed some lawmakers of the move shortly before leaving State Department headquarters for the final time Jan. 19.

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tion to Netanyahu to visit the White House next month, the prime minister said, "I attach great importance to this meeting," adding that it would "further strengthen the personal trust" between himself and Trump.

"After eight years in which I withstood enormous pressure on various issues, primarily Iran and the settlements, I certainly welcome the change of approach," Netanyahu stated. "We are facing great and significant opportunities for the security and future of the state of Israel. But they demand responsibility and discretion so that we don't squander either the moment or the opportunities. Now is not the time for knee-jerk reactions, not the time for dictates, and also not the time for surprises."

"Now is the time for responsible, wise diplomacy with friends — diplomacy that will strengthen the coordination between us and the trust between the Israeli government and the new administration in Washington," the prime minister said.

Trump on Sunday called his talk with Netanyahu "very nice," and a White House statement on the call read as follows:

President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu spoke today by phone to discuss

While Congress initially approved the funding for the Palestinians for 2015 and 2016, at least two lawmakers — US Reps. Ed Royce (R-Cal.) and Kay Granger (R-Texas) — had held up the funding over unilateral moves by the PA to join international organizations. While the congressional hold is not legally binding, it is generally respected, according to the Associated Press.

The report added that the Obama administration had been pressing Congress for some time to release the funding, which comes from the US Agency for International Development. The funds are slated to be used for humanitarian aid in the West Bank and Gaza as well as to support political and security reforms in a possible future Palestinian state.

ways to advance and strengthen the U.S.-Israel special relationship, and security and stability in the Middle East. The president emphasized the importance the United States places on our close military, intelligence, and security cooperation with Israel, which reflects the deep and abiding partnership between our countries. The president and the prime minister agreed to continue to closely consult on a range of regional issues, including addressing the threats posed by Iran. The president affirmed his unprecedented commitment to Israel's security and stressed that countering ISIL and other radical Islamic terrorist groups will be a priority for his administration. The president emphasized that peace between Israel and the Palestinians can only be negotiated directly between the two parties, and that the United States will work closely with Israel to make progress towards that goal. The president invited Prime Minister Netanyahu to an early February meeting at the White House.

Also on Sunday, as reported by *The Algemeiner*, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer announced that the Trump administration was in the beginning stage of talks on the relocation of the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

World News.



Rabbi Marvin Hier, delivering his benediction at the inauguration of new US President Donald Trump. Photo: Screenshot.

Trump Inauguration Rabbi Hier: Reciting Psalm of Jerusalem 'Absolutely Intentional' in Wake of UN Resolutions Denying Historical Jewish Ties to Holy City

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Hier went on: "I wanted to make sure everyone understood that if we couldn't successfully divide Vienna, and we couldn't successfully divide Germany — much larger territories than Jerusalem — how is anyone going to do that in such a small city?"

Hier also explained how his words fit his role at the event held to instate the new president. "I was a representative of the Jewish community," he said. "So it was right to remind those viewing all over the world that the Jews have a historical connection to Jerusalem."

Furthermore, he said, "The Torah was given to the Jewish people. Surely they didn't want me to quote Shakespeare."

During Hier's invocation, viewed live around the globe, the Twittersphere lit up with Nazi imagery. Likening Hier to the devil, social media users expressed sorrow that Hitler had not finished the job of exterminating all Jews and similar messages.

This was "outrageous," said Hier, the founder and dean of the Los Angeles-based human rights organization the Simon Wiesenthal Center, which is in an ongoing battle to combat just such activity. "We don't know who is behind it, but whoever it is, they are neo-Nazis, plain and simple. Everybody knows we have haters and bigots in our country. And the new Nazis who went on such vile rants would have behaved just as the old Nazis did in Germany."

Hier continued: "There are antisemites on the extreme Right and on the extreme Left — like the BDS-ers who call Israel an apartheid state. But nobody in his right mind can

say that Trump loves these neo-Nazis. He's got a daughter who converted to Judaism, a Jewish son-in-law whom he respects and Jewish grandchildren."

In contrast, Hier was "moved" by the five Christian clergy members who also took part in the event, saying they "were so accommodating and nice to me. They very much approved that the Jewish community was being represented." Not only that, he added, "Dozens of Christians who heard the benediction came up to me afterwards to say how much they loved it."

Asked about Sunday evening's announcement by White House press secretary Sean Spicer that the new administration was in the beginning stages of talks on relocating the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Hier said, "I hope Trump moves the embassy, despite those who advise against it. There's a new Arab world out there, much of which secretly admires Israel and opposes radical groups like the Muslim Brotherhood."

He added, "There is more than one way to move forward, such as placing the embassy in the part of West Jerusalem where there is already a branch of the consulate."

Calling his decision to accept the invitation to participate in Trump's inauguration — something many of his peers tried to persuade him not to do — Hier said, "For me, it was a no-brainer. One day every four years, it's OK for America, the greatest democracy in the history of the world, to affirm the peaceful transition of power to the duly elected president. It's enough to have the other 364 days for political discord."

Israeli Minister: 'Europe Must Send Clear Message Against BDS'

BY JNS.ORG

Israel's Social Equality Minister Gila Gamliel denounced the international movement to isolate and delegitimize the Jewish state at a conference on combatting BDS, hosted Monday by the European Parlia-

ment in Brussels.

"All European countries must send a clear message against boycott, as they did in Britain and Germany," she said.

"The BDS movement, which has in recent years encouraged diplomatic terrorism against the state of Israel by spreading lies on

Iranian Atomic Energy Chief: If Trump Rips Up Nuclear Deal, We Will 'Snap Back' and Be In Better Position Than Before

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

If newly inaugurated US President Donald Trump nixes the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), Iran's nuclear program will "snap back" and be better off than it was before the July 2015 deal, a top Tehran regime official told Canada's CBC News in an interview published on Saturday.

The Islamic Republic Atomic Energy Organization of Iran chief Ali Akbar Salehi declared, will "act appropriately" if Trump moves to kill the nuclear agreement that was reached by Iran and six world powers.

"We can very easily snap back and go back ... not only to where we were, but a much higher position technologically speaking," Salehi told CBC News. "I don't want to see that day. I don't want to make a decision in that course, but we are prepared."

Salehi, according to CBC News, watched Trump's inauguration address with the expectation that he would talk about Iran or the nuclear deal. Neither was mentioned during the speech — something that Salehi called "positive."

Trump did, however, vow to "eradicate" radical Islamic terrorism "completely from the face of the earth."

Earlier last week, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said his country would retaliate if Trump takes action against the JCPOA.

"We will surprise him the same way he likes to surprise the others," Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was quoted as saying during a visit to Myanmar.

"It is up to the US to decide to behave in front of the international community," Zarif stated. "It seems the others are worried about



Atomic Energy Organization of Iran chief Ali Akbar Salehi (right). Photo: Wuest / MSC via Wikimedia Commons.

Trump's in-campaigning remarks, especially about the issue of Palestine and some other issues, but we are not at all worried, and we wait to see."

"Whatever Trump does, does not concern us at all, as we have our own options," he continued. "However, it is an international agreement which demands the full commitment of the whole world."

On Tuesday, as reported by *The Algemeiner*, Zarif said there had been no communication between Iran and Trump's transition team.

The fate of the JCPOA in the Trump era remains unclear.

In a pre-election interview with *The Algemeiner* in early November, senior Trump adviser David Friedman — who has since been picked to serve as the next US ambassador to Israel — said a Trump administration would "reengage with the world powers in a way that seeks to reintroduce leverage on Iran."

Iran was expected to be one of the subjects discussed by Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during a phone call on Sunday.

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UK Bias

move embassy to Jerusalem.") included the following sentence in the middle of the article:

Alongside the 566 settler homes, the construction of 105 Palestinian homes in east Jerusalem were also approved.

The reason for the omission in the *Guardian*, *Independent*, *Financial Times* and *Times of London* seems quite clear: The desired story — the fundamental message they wanted to convey to their readers — involved Israeli construction of Jewish "settlements" in "occupied" east Jerusalem. The inclusion of the fact that more than 100 new Palestinian homes in Jerusalem are also part of the municipality's plan would have complicated that narrative.

It would have forced journalists and their readers to focus on complex questions involving the identity and national aspirations of Palestinians in east Jerusalem. It would have also forced them to confront a dynamic Matti Friedman characterized as the "quiet

unification" of the holy city.

Moreover, the reporting by the UK media leads us to a very uncomfortable question: Are Israeli homes built across the green line only considered "illegal settlement construction" when the homes are built for Jews?

In short, the political dynamics at play regarding settlement construction across the green line in Jerusalem are much more complicated and nuanced (politically and geographically) than construction in isolated West Bank settlements. This is a complexity that most journalists covering the region often ignore, opting instead for a binary moral tale that is as facile as it is misleading.

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campuses and at antisemitic events around the world, is not interested in finding a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but rather works to isolate Israel from the rest of the world and undermines its right to exist as a democratic and Jewish state," said Gamliel.

Jewish community leaders from across Europe and European Parliament members

participated in the conference, titled "Israel: Include. Invest. Involve." The gathering was organized by the Europe Israel Public Affairs lobby.

The European Parliament hosted a conference in support of the BDS movement on the same day as the pro-Israel event

U.S. News.

Palestinians Protest, Burn Posters of 'Lunatic, Fascist' Donald Trump

BY RUTHIE BLUM

During Friday's inauguration of Donald Trump as president of the United States, West Bank Arabs burned images of the new world leader, and said supporting the Jewish state was tantamount to backing ISIS in its aim to establish an Islamist caliphate, the non-governmental Palestinian news agency Ma'an reported on Sunday.

Participants in the demonstration — which the report said was disrupted by Israeli police trying to disperse the crowd — told Ma'an that they were sending a message to the incoming administration not to move the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. A sign that they posted on the security barrier separating Israel from the Palestinian Authority (PA) — at the entrance to Bethlehem — where the protest was held, read: "Stop Trump... Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine."

This protest was similar to ones that preceded Trump's inauguration. On Thursday, a few hours before incoming White House press secretary Sean Spicer told journalists to "stay tuned" for the new administration's decision about its proposed embassy move, Palestinians took to the streets of three West Bank cities to demonstrate.

According to Palestinian News Network, hundreds of flag-waving Palestinians held protests in Ramallah, Nablus and Hebron, where banners, in English, read: "Trump, take your racism away from the Holy City," and in Arabic: "The whole world is moving forward but the Trump administration is moving backwards."

Those demonstrations came about a week after PA President Mahmoud Abbas reportedly sent a letter to Trump, warning against such a move.

Jerusalem-based research organization Palestinian Media Watch reported that official PA media outlets have been awash with threats about the "bloodshed" that will ensue if Trump moves the embassy, as it signifies American recognition of

Virginia Lawmakers Consider Bill to Combat Anti-Semitism on State Universities

BY JNS.ORG

Virginia lawmakers are considering a new bill to help school administrators better combat anti-Semitism on state universities following a string of incidents in the past year.

The bill, known as HB 2261 that was introduced by Delegates Dave A. LaRock and Mark L. Cole, enables Virginia state colleges to possess better tools to target anti-Semitism while not infringing upon students' First Amendment right to free speech. The bill ensures that authorities consider the U.S. State Department's definition of anti-Semitism when deciding whether an activity was motivated by anti-Semitic intent.

"Delegate LaRock has introduced important legislation that can help ensure that all Virginia state university students are provided an equal opportunity to an outstanding Virginia education," said Kenneth L. Marcus, president of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, a non-profit organization that works to advance civil and human rights of Jewish people. "I am pleased that Delegate LaRock was careful to draft the bill in a way that protects the freedom of speech of all students and professors."

The bill comes amid a number of anti-Semitic incidents on public universities across Virginia. In November, anti-Semitic graffiti was found in a residence hall bathroom, while a month prior, Holocaust imagery was discovered on the University of Virginia. Additionally, at Old Dominion University last March, multiple fliers portraying a swastika and Nazi-supporting messages were posted on poles on campus and students at George Mason University were threatened by an anti-Israel activists who promised to "f*** up a Zionist," while others another disparaged Jews as "Zionist terrorists" and said that "Zionists are so ugly."

Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state, which the Palestinians dispute.

In a video translated and posted by the Middle East Media Research Institute on Wednesday, Fatah Central Committee member Jibril Rajoub — head of the Palestinian Football Association and Palestine Olympic Committee — called the possible embassy relocation a "declaration of war" against the whole world. In an appearance on PA TV, Rajoub said, "We want the confrontation to be between this new fascist in the White House and the whole world — Christians as well as Muslims." Referring to Trump as a "lunatic," Rajoub asked: "Why does he think that he has the right to give [the Israelis] the keys to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher?!"

America's incoming ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, stated on Sunday

that he will be living in an apartment he owns in Jerusalem's Talbiyeh neighborhood, and not in the ambassador's official residence in Herzliya. A few hours later, as The Algemeiner reported, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer announced that the Trump administration has begun discussions on relocating the embassy — a move Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat applauded as "historic."

"President Trump has proven that he is a true friend of the state of Israel and a leader who keeps his promises," Barkat said in a statement on Sunday evening. "This... has sent a clear message to the world that the US recognizes Jerusalem as the indivisible capital of the state of Israel. We will provide any and all necessary assistance to the US administration to ensure that the embassy move is done seamlessly and efficiently."

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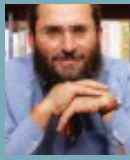


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Opinion.

Schizophrenic America

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On Friday, I attended the inauguration of President Donald Trump, with hundreds of thousands of other fortunate witnesses to the peaceful transfer of unimaginable power. It was an inspirational and patriotic experience. The inaugural concert was especially moving, and I thought that Trump's address was punchy and to the point.

The very next day I stood on a street corner across from the White House and witnessed hundreds of thousands of protesters demonstrating against his presidency at the Women's March. An endless river of humanity swept passed me.

Welcome to schizophrenic America, where, in the space of just 48 hours, the capital city can change from blue to red to blue again.

Are these opposing stripes now destined to forever remain parallel lines that never meet? Are we the generation to have witnessed the last of a united America?

In asking whether America can be brought together again in our lifetimes, let me be clear that there is nothing inherently wrong with deep political divisions in our nation — as long as no side suppresses or disrespects the rights of the other. To be sure, America is much stronger unified. And yet, the very essence of democracy is the existence

of opposing factions that need not always cohere. When people say that America is more divided than ever before, they forget the 20,000 who died in a single day at Antietam, the more than 50,000 who died at Gettysburg or the four students murdered at Kent State.

But, as President Trump said in his inaugural address — quoting from the Bible — there is sublime beauty when people dwell together.

I am personally wounded by the deep divisions in our country, which manifest themselves in increasingly bitter exchanges that I witness at our Sabbath table on Friday nights. Most weeks we host significant numbers of people from the Left and Right, liberals and conservatives. But these days, I find myself increasingly in the position of having to police the exchanges, lest they drift in an instant into friction, acrimony and discord.

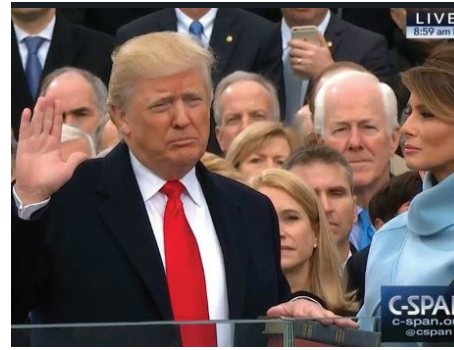
Given that America today is more prone to political extremes, what can possibly unite us?

Is it religion?

No. Not just yet.

I would venture that a large percentage of the Trump supporters who came to DC are more identifiably religious than the arguably more secular crowd that participated at the Women's March. In that sense, religion may be dividing rather than unifying America.

Is it, perhaps, patriotism, then? No, because the two sides have very different definitions of what constitutes patriotic loyalty. The Right glorifies the military — as was plain from Toby Keith's message at the inaugural concert — while the Left puts



Donald Trump being sworn in as America's 45th president. Photo: Screenshot.

greater emphasis on patriotism expressed in social justice.

We are left then with only one solution: values.

The American Right and Left must be united through common values: a shared dedication to the infinite dignity of the human person, to protecting the innocence of children, respect for the sanctity of love and relationships, a shared belief in generosity and charity, a commitment to the blessing of education and knowledge, a respect for women as the equals of men — a commitment to a common humanity. Cap this off with unbridled dedication to the integrity of the will of the people as expressed in the democratic process and we still might be one nation, under God.

The women who marched in DC might not be great fans of Donald Trump. But they sure looked like they enjoyed marching together. And we must emphasize to them that the glue that binds them as a sisterhood is a shared belief in affirming their values, rather than a hatred of Trump. Likewise, those who gathered on the steps of the Capitol to salute America's 45th President should affirm the idea of unity, rather than despising the Left.

My Journey Away From Radical Islam

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prime duty to establish its influence all across the globe. I regarded politics as a vital and fundamental part of Islam and concurred with Maududi's view that without politics, Islam becomes incomprehensible and utterly empty.

In this view, politics is the dominant component in Islam. If we disregarded politics, then it would be like disregarding most of Islam. I advocated severe punishments for apostasy and blasphemy, believing that violators of either rule deserved the death penalty. But I also believed that non-Muslims should have full rights to practice their faith and be allowed to build their own places of worship.

My views on women and the LGBT community were appalling, and I feel only disgust when I recall them. I regarded homosexuality as an unnatural act and against the directives of God, and believed women should not serve as heads of state.

My thinking changed a few years later, when I came across the great religious scholar, statesman and poet, Maulana Abul Kalam Aza, while reading about Islamic scholars who had opposed the partition of the Indian sub-continent.

Aza was trained as a journalist and started his career as a pan-Islamist, but his ideas changed dramatically after his association with Mahatma Gandhi during the 1920s and witnessing the campaign of non-violence. Azad gave up pan-Islamism and embraced Indian secular nationalism. He provided Islamic

arguments to support his stance on a united secular India. He believed that composite nationalism was the teaching of Islam.

"I am a Muslim, and this fills me with pride," he proclaimed in his party's presidential address in 1940. "But in addition to these feelings, I am also the possessor of another, which has been created by the stark realities of my external life. The soul of Islam is not a barrier to this belief: in fact, it guides me in this path. I am proud to be an Indian. I am an integral part of this unified and impartible nation."

Azad considered it impractical to suggest that Muslims could be unified under a single state, known as a Caliphate, simply by being of the same faith.

"It is one of the greatest frauds on the people to suggest that religious affinity can unite areas which are geographically, economically, linguistically and culturally different," Azad wrote in his autobiography, *India Wins Freedom*.

Azad sought a political alliance with the Indian National Congress on the basis of the Charter of Medina, in which the Prophet Muhammad declared Medina's Jews and Muslims a single nation, notwithstanding their religious differences. Both groups would enjoy equal rights, including full religious freedom, and they were to work jointly for the protection of Medina from external enemies.

I already had doubts regarding pan-Islamism — Muslims are not monolithic, and it seemed almost impossible to unite all sects and cultural differences into a single state — and Azad's comments was the push I needed to give up on Islamism altogether.

As a former Islamist, I believe that the radical Islam we see today is based on a certain interpretation of my faith.

Islam is a religion and Muslims are the people who follow it; Islamism is the political

Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, the founder of the Chabad system in Judaism, once said that a bird requires two wings pushing in opposite directions in order to fly.

Can we not see the political Right and Left in the same light?

Would America be blessed if we were a one-party state like China or Putin's Russia?

I read many of the thousands of signs that passed me by at the Women's March. Those that affirmed the dignity and equality of women touched my heart. I am, after all, the father of six daughters. But those that vilified Trump, dropped the F-bomb or displayed lewd depictions of the female anatomy (and you'd be amazed at how many there were) left me cold.

Conversely, President Trump's calls for unity during his inaugural were the most moving parts of his address. But those in the crowd who booed Chuck Schumer, even as his speech seemed unnecessarily laden with political calculation, undermined the dignity of the inaugural.

In the final analysis, Americans need to ask themselves a simple question: Will it take tragedy to bring us together, as it did at 9/11? Or will we reach out to one another in full recognition that a nation as fortunate as America must see as its greatest blessing not just diversity of ethnicity and color, but especially the diversity of opinion, creed and thought.

How utterly boring and monolithic it would be otherwise.

Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom the Washington Post calls "the most famous Rabbi in America," has just published "The Israel Warrior: Standing Up for the Jewish State from Campus to Street Corner." Follow him on Twitter @RabbiShmuley.

and totalitarian interpretation of Islam. Unlike most Muslims, an Islamist believes that his faith assigns him political and social responsibilities. Not all Muslims are Islamists, but every Islamist is a Muslim. Islamism presents Islam as a *deen* (way of life) and not just a *madhab* (religion). It does not just apply only to an individual, but is a set of guidelines that must be implemented all over the world.

Jihad is central to this interpretation. The very purpose of jihad, according to this school of thought, is to spread Islam's dominance over the world.

"It is the nature of Islam to dominate, not to be dominated, to impose its laws on all nations and to extend its power to the entire world," Muslim Brotherhood founder Hassan al-Banna famously said.

Similarly, Sayyid Qutb, another famous Muslim Brotherhood ideologue, wrote in his book, *Milestones*:

The abolition of man-made laws cannot be achieved only through preaching. Those who have usurped the authority of God and are oppressing God's creatures are not going to give up their power merely through preaching. [Pointing towards an armed struggle].

Many Muslims, along with the political far-left, are in denial about radical Islam. They reject reality. Anyone who dares to use the term "radical Islam" is immediately labeled as an "Islamophobe."

When ISIS beheads innocent people or attacks Paris and Brussels, it believes that such acts are a religious obligation. When Islamist terrorists mistreat and enslave women and persecute homosexuals, they interpret Koranic verses, such as 4:24 and 7:80-84, as justification. These are theological issues that I have discussed on various media outlets, and these matters are why I support reformist

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Opinion.

Relocating the US Embassy in Israel: Better Late Than Never



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President Donald Trump made a campaign promise to “move the American embassy to Jerusalem – to the eternal capital of the Jewish people.”

Amid the media brouhaha that followed, it went largely unnoticed that Congress — by an overwhelming vote in both Houses in 1995 — had passed the Jerusalem Embassy Act, calling for the undivided city to be recognized as “the capital of the State of Israel” by no later than May 31, 1999. It thereby affirmed the principle that, “Each sovereign nation, under international law and custom, may designate its own capital.” Ignoring his own pre-election pledge, President Clinton, followed by Presidents Bush and Obama, disregarded the act.

The history of denial, abetted by the United Nations, began in 1947 when the Security Council declared Jerusalem a separate entity, under the aegis of the Trusteeship Council. Seven months after Israel declared its independence, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 194 calling for Jerusalem to be placed under “effective United Nations supervision” pending the development of “a permanent international regime” for the ancient capital of the Jewish people.

Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion responded by proclaiming Jerusalem as the new country’s capital. During the 1948 Independence War, while the city was under siege, it had been compelled to establish its seat of government in Tel Aviv. But, Ben-Gurion noted, “for the state of Israel there has always been and always will be one capital only – Jerusalem the Eternal.” He urged the Knesset to conduct its sessions there, which it did beginning in February 1949. The following year Israel designated Jerusalem as its capital.

Thirty years later the Knesset passed a Basic Law affirming Jerusalem, “complete and united,” as the capital of Israel. The UN Security Council labeled it “null and void” as “a violation of international law.” Like frightened sheep, twenty-two countries with embassies in (West) Jerusalem relocated them to Tel Aviv. Periodically thereafter, the United Nations reiterated its insistence that the Israeli action was null and void.

Now, once again, the wheel of recognition has turned. In mid-December President-elect Donald Trump’s announcement of David M. Friedman — an Orthodox Jew — as his choice for ambassador to Israel

roiled the liberal Jewish world. New York Times reporters Isabel Kershner and Sheryl Gay Stolberg (ignoring the 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Act passed by Congress) cited Friedman’s “frequent statements that flout decades of bipartisan American policy.” They seemed shocked that “he refers to the West Bank by its biblical name, Judea and Samaria,” and anticipated working “from the U.S. Embassy in Israel’s eternal capital, Jerusalem.”

Several days before his inauguration, President-elect Trump reassured an Israel Hayom reporter: “I am not a person who breaks promises.” His promise, given to the AIPAC Conference the previous March, was to relocate the embassy to Jerusalem. By



Donald Trump addressing the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) conference earlier this year. Photo: AIPAC.

Inauguration Day, New York Times unease over that prospect was palpable. Headlining the promise as “a Gift of Uncertain Value,” its Jerusalem reporters cited “many Israeli Jews” who wondered if it was “a gift that could be politely pushed away.” Their primary source was Akiva Eldar, a former Haaretz columnist and editor who co-authored a blistering critique of Jewish settlements a decade ago (lavishly praised in the Times for its “detailed narrative of injustice”). For reinforcement of his critique they turned to chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat.

Times reporters lamented “a victory for Israel’s right wing.” But they quoted Israel’s UN Ambassador Danny Danon, who noted: “Jerusalem was the capital of the Jewish people 3,000 years ago,” during the reign of Kings David and Solomon. And Orthodox Rabbi Marvin Hier, delivering an Inaugural Benediction, cited Psalm 137: “If I forget you O Jerusalem...”

It remains to be determined when, and whether, President Trump’s promise will be honored. Amid the diplomatic flurry, and Palestinian threats of mass protests and violence, the White House press secretary indicated: “We are at the very beginning stages of even discussing the subject.”

Stay tuned.

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Reform seems to be the only long-term solution to the ever-increasing menace of radical Islam. Therefore, when the far-left and many Islamic organizations label Muslim reformists and the critics of radical Islam as “anti-Muslim,” they aid and comfort the Islamists. Islamists do not want to see people from within the Muslim community challenging their religious authority.

Not long ago, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) smeared the liberal and reformist Muslim Maajid Nawaz as an “Anti-

Has the Time Come for Amexit From the UN?



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As British Prime Minister Theresa May plans a Brexit from the EU, Americans may soon ask what kind of exit we want from another international institution.

In our case, the organization is not the European Union, but the United Nations. Earlier this month, Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Ted Cruz (R-TX) introduced a bill to block taxpayer dollars from going to the UN. These senators, like many Americans, are incensed by a recent anti-Israel resolution adopted by the world body. But the US’ problems with the UN run deeper than one bad resolution. They are endemic to the institution. At some point, our elected leaders will ask whether the time has come not just to defund, but also to depart — and then replace the UN with something better.

That point may come sooner rather than later.

Today — Monday, January 23 — journalist Edwin Black is launching a national conversation about United Nations reform. At a major noon-time event in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill, I will be pleased to join Black, US Representative Trent Franks and other concerned leaders in the launch of a new project called “The Covenant of Democratic Nations” (CDN). The event coincides with the first full workday of a new presidential administration. Additional events are planned for New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Berlin, London, Ottawa and many other cities.

More of a conversation than an institution or a treaty, the CDN asks us to consider whether the time has arrived to fundamentally rethink our involvement with international institutions.

The United Nations was established seven decades ago, in the aftermath of the Nazi horrors, to free the world from the scourge of war, to promote social progress, to encourage treaty compliance and, in the language of the United Nations Charter, “to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small.”

Yet, in the ensuing years, this corrupt, ineffective and biased body has failed at all of these goals — but none more sadly than its pursuit of fundamental human rights.

In retrospect, the UN’s basic problems were probably unavoidable from the start, given that the institution is by design primarily a congress of undemocratic, corrupt and

ineffective nations. Consider that the 2017 elected membership of the UN Human Rights Council includes Burundi, China, Cuba, Iraq, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and the United Arab Emirates.

In its one-sided obsession with Israel, the United Nations has largely disregarded serious human rights violations the world over. The UN, founded with such high hopes, has responded year after year with silence and indifference to persecution, torture and violence. It has done little to nothing to respond to global brutalities and genocides. From the Cambodian genocide to the bloodbath in Syria, the United Nations has proven peculiarly unfit to the task for which it was founded.

The problem with the United Nations is not just its abject failure to accomplish its mission, but also its affirmative wrongdoing. It has condemned one single state in resolution upon resolution. That state is democratic Israel. And through it all, tyrants throughout the rest of the world continue to go ignored.

To paraphrase Hillel Neuer, the UN has become the forum at which those who condone rape lament the rights of Palestinian women; the occupiers of Tibet bemoan the disputed territories West of the Jordan River; the bombers of Yemen castigate the treatment of Gaza; and the murderers of Muslims in Syria claim to care about Muslims in little Israel.

The UN’s failings were on display last month with passage of Security Council Resolution 2334, just as those failings were previously on display when the UN passed the infamous 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism. As then-US Ambassador to the UN Daniel Patrick Moynihan said at the time, “If there were no General Assembly, this could never have happened.”

Even the UN’s boldest critics agree that the UN does some important work. The question is whether other institutions could do it better. In Black’s vision, the CDN will review all of the United Nations’ treaties and actions. Some could be repealed, others continued and still others strengthened. The result could be a long-overdue rethinking of international law.

This doesn’t need to happen all at once. In England, Prime Minister May has chosen a “hard Brexit.” When it comes to the UN, we may have other options, and we may be well-advised to put strong new institutions in place before we withdraw from the old ones. The key however is that we should permit ourselves to think boldly and not feel imprisoned by the international status quo.

Governor Nikki Haley, the US Ambassador-nominee, recently observed, “The United States is the indispensable voice of freedom. It is time that we once again find that voice.” When we do find that voice, we may need to find a better venue in which it should be heard.

and won.

We need to address the ideological roots of radical Islam. Without doing this — and without supporting the Muslims who are confronting this ideology — we will never be able to counter it.

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scholars, like Javed Ahmed Ghamidi, who are highly critical of radical Islam.

Ghamidi is a modernist Islamic scholar who has vehemently criticized religious fundamentalism. He also spoke out against the Pakistan’s blasphemy law, which is often used to harm and mistreat religious minorities. His modern views almost cost him his life, as well as that of his closest associate, Muhammad Farooq Khan.

Muslim extremist.” Ironically, SPLC claims to stand against hate, intolerance and discrimination, but through its acts, it collaborates with Islamic extremists. This discourages the brave, progressive voices that are coming out from within the Muslim community.

I am happy that I walked away from Islamism. Today, instead of being dogmatic, I advocate secularism, democracy, freedom and equality. It is always difficult to leave your roots. Many people find themselves in a battle against their own souls. I fought that battle

Impressions.

Children's Cultural Identities

BY JEREMY ROSEN

We all know about how much damage parents can do to children. But sometimes society, even when it means well, can do much worse. Yair Ronen trained as a lawyer specializing in the rights of children. Unhappy with the way the law seemed too impersonal, he studied counseling. Now he is a tenured senior lecturer at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Ronen has just published *Re-understanding the Child's Right to Identity: On Belonging, Responsiveness and Hope*. It raises fascinating issues. It contrasts Jewish spiritual perspectives, thinkers such as Levinas and the Lubavitcher Rebbe, who place a lot of emphasis on a child's sense of cultural and religious self, with the failures of doctrinaire secular societies to understand and respond to the cultural and identity needs of children. It is a short, academic work, but very stimulating and well worth reading.

The law claims to recognize the need to protect children. Western societies talk a lot about protecting rights and human dignity. But in their secular fundamentalism, they tend to overlook one of the most important elements in a child's development, which is his cultural — and that includes the spiritual — identity. Neither the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child nor the European convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms explicitly upholds the need to have and preserve a sense of identity.

Or, as Ronen puts it, "Legal protection of the child's right to human dignity does not guarantee protection of an individualized identity...the child's need 'to be' his authentic self. This involves the need to be and to become...we need policies of difference or identity which see suppressing distinctness by a dominant or majority identity as the cardinal sin against authenticity."

Ronen's personal experience informs his work. He was born in Israel to Iranian Jewish parents. Like many immigrant families in the early years of Israel's existence, he felt the prejudice of the European Ashkenazi Jews. The atmosphere in Israel in the first 30 years of the state was one in which the secular ideology of the elite looked down on religion and tried its best to impede or discourage it.

Ronen's family moved to London for a few years, where he went to school. There he encountered a very different world, different ways of dealing with prejudice. Anglo Jews tended to suppress their issues with identity and the prevailing antisemitism. They were expected to play down Jewish identity in public. In some, this led to an aggressive reaction.

This is particularly relevant in Israel, to which well over a million Jewish refugees from Arab lands came after 1948. Some were forced out of the countries where they had been living, others eagerly left persecution. Their culture was Arabic as well as Jewish. Their music, literature, language, mentalities, values and passions were oriental, not occidental. They were more sympathetic to tradition than most Ashkenazi Jews. And they were made to feel less-than because of it.

The result was some disastrous social engineering. For example, in the early years, unaccompanied immigrant minors were sent to Youth Aliyah villages where they were denied religious services by the secular agencies for immigration. The religious parties protested and negotiated a deal whereby 25% of unaccompanied minors would be sent to religious absorption centers.

In 1958, after the religious quota had been filled, a boat arrived from Morocco with religious children. They were packed off to a secular Youth Aliyah center near Haifa. The yeshiva where I was studying had been

alerted to their plight, and we were encouraged to visit the village in support of the children. We were refused entry. Through the wire fences we spoke to them. Some were crying because they were denied all religious services, and the staff were constantly upbraiding and teasing them for being old fashioned. There was nothing we could do. The religious parties had to stand by their agreement. Incidentally, this was the beginning of my distaste for religious party politics. But nothing could better illustrate the cultural imperialism of doctrinaire socialism.

Israel has another problem validating the cultures of its Arab populations, both Muslim and Christian. It has not done enough to make these minorities, including

pursuing their own ideological or personal agendas. They fail to see the damage they often cause by pursuing human rights as they define them without considering cultural and religious identities.

Ronen refers a lot to Levinas, whereas I prefer to go further back to the Torah. There, with regard to the "other," it insists on a contractual obligation to abandon paganism in exchange for equal civil rights. But the Torah goes further. It insists on understanding the nature, the soul, the characteristic of the other, the stranger. "And you must surely understand the soul of the stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 23:9). It is the level of understanding



Children. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

the children, feel that their cultures are validated — even if under the law they are equal. Of course, those living in the Palestinian territories are under their own educational, social and political agencies. There the problems are magnified by their policy of incitement and intentional alienation.

But this problem of cultural identity is now much wider. It threatens to undermine European society and create tensions that could well destroy it. The reaction of liberal individualism damages in that it allows societies to demand that citizens should ideally abandon their group identities in order to be "rights bearing citizens" rather than culturally autonomous. Young, disaffected Muslim immigrants react with anger and violence to a situation in which they feel undereducated, underemployed and under-respected.

In Britain 20 years ago, all immigrants from east of the Mediterranean were regarded as part of the Asian racial minority. Social policy was that a parentless or at-risk child was placed with someone of a racial minority. This meant that a Muslim child from Bangladesh would be placed with a black Christian from Jamaica rather than a white Muslim from the UK. Minority had to go with minority, regardless of religion. Multiculturalism, however one defines it, had not yet become the buzzword.

Indeed, courts in the UK have defined Judaism as a racial minority rather than a religious one. Governments, NGOs, even movie stars are all too busy

that comes from experiencing alienation that compels one to recognize the similar state in others. Also, the repeated coupling in the Torah of the terms *Mishpat*, justice, with *Tzedek*, moral value, underlines the importance of tempering justice with understanding and empathy.

There is a complication, of course. Any of us involved in education knows that one of the biggest problems is weighing sympathy for the miscreant and his or her background against the negative impact such a person may have on others and, indeed, on the wider society. This has now become a major issue in Europe, where moral sensitivity toward refugees has created challenging conditions for society at large. It has certainly been at the root of the debate in Israel on how to balance self-protection with sensitivity towards the occupied. Who is doing greater harm, one might wonder: Those who occupy or those who train children to hate?

Ronen does us the great service of forcing us to recognize that the child is dependent on others and therefore vulnerable — in the best of societies, let alone the worst. His great contribution is to insist that we consider the child's sense of identity within a framework of other rights. We need to appreciate the security that comes when identity is reinforced and validated. And the insecurity that follows from its being ignored. I must admit to having a very high personal regard for Yair. But on its own merits, his work deserves wide recognition.

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File No. 2005-2377 PROBATE CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT-QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By The Grace of God Free and Independent To Regina Harper and Paul Harper if living and if dead, to his/her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he/she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his/her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose name and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Robert Allen a/k/a Robert R. Allen the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence To: Carol A. See, Barbara Elaine (Allen) Myers, Iris Dance-Murray, Emmerson O. Allen, Dianne E. Bell, Gordon Keith Mottley, Hamdi Abdel Nuur, Dorian Ridley-Curtis and Todd Elliott. A petition having been duly filed by Laura S. Francis, who is domiciled at 178-41 Crandall Avenue, Springfield Gardens, New York 11434 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York 11435 on February 9, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Robert Allen a/k/a Robert R. Allen lately domiciled at 178-43 Crandall Avenue, Springfield Gardens, New York 11434 admitting to probate a Will dated July 6, 2001, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Robert R. Allen, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Laura S. Francis Dated, Attested and Sealed Dec 2, 2016 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate Margaret M. Gribbon Chief Clerk RAZIS & ROSS, P.C. Attorney for Petitioner 23-09 31st Street, Astoria, New York 11105 (718) 932-7500-Telephone [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 you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff against LUIS RODOLFO PEARSON A/K/A LUIS R. PEARSON; MARCIA PEARSON; ALANA PEARSON; CAMILLE PEARSON; LISA PEARSON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 6, 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 16th day of February, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 491 East 53rd Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11203. (Block: 4728, Lot: 28). Approximate amount of lien \$ 445,751.44 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501751/14. Mark A.

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Longo, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY 14614 (585) 232-7400
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY LIVE WELL FINANCIAL, INC.; Plaintiff(s) vs. IRIS LUMBSDEN A/K/A IRIS WILLIAMS A/K/A IRIS I. WILLIAMS; 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 December 13, 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 February 16, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 351 EAST 32ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11226 Block: 04949 Lot: 0066 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$707,461.67 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 502033/2015 Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee
AJ 1/13/20/27; 2/3

Notice of formation of WANG 1686 LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 6617 16th Ave., Bklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful act.
AJ 1/13/20/27; 2/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF NEW YORK, SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY- 21st Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgage Loan Servicer to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, a federal savings bank d/b/a Christiana Trust, a division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, solely in its capacity as Trustee for and on behalf of the Knoxville 2012 Trust, Plaintiff(s) vs. Tracy Brock, James Louis, Paulette Small, et al, Defendant(s). Index No. 12524/14. In pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale in the amount of \$866,028.89 plus interest and costs duly granted by this Court and entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on the 11th day of August, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder therefor in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017 at 2:30 P.M., the real estate and mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold and in said judgment described as follows: 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, known and designated as Block 1452 Lot 21. Said premises known as 1892 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Premises sold subject to provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale. SUBJECT TO restrictions, covenants, etc. of record, prior lien(s), if any, and an easement, if any, contained in Deed

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recorded September 25, 1997 in Reel 4028 Page 934. LEONARD SPECTOR, ESQ., Referee Helfand & Helfand, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff, Office address, 350 Fifth Avenue - Suite 5330, New York, NY 10118
AJ 1/20/27; 2/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. DANIELLE KRAMER; MICHAEL A. MASTROGIOVANNI; 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 July 22, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York. On February 23, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1844 EAST 37TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234 Block: 8480 Lot: 68 ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,270.08 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 502755/2014 Leo Salzman, Esq.; REFEREE
AJ 1/20/27; 2/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, DOING BUSINESS AS CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2015-13BTT, Plaintiff, vs. COLETTE R. BURNETT, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 05, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 23, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1214 East 82nd Street, Unit # 106 and Garage Space G53, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8060 and Lot 1150 & 1037. Unit No. 106 together with an undivided 0.5512 percent interest in the common elements of the condominium and Garage Unit No. 53, together with a 0.0643 percent undivided interest in the common elements of the condominium. Approximate amount of judgment is \$394,198.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 22137/13. Jeffrey Miller, Esq, Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523. Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ 1/20/27; 2/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff AGAINST Ilda Clarke; Daniel Clarke; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 28, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of the Kings County

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Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 23, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1057 East 95th 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 8164 Lot 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$389,164.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 506396/2014. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 3, 2017
AJ 1/20/27; 2/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-3XS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff AGAINST CAVIS PILGRIM, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 03, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on March 02, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 305 EAST 38TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11203. 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 4892, LOT 41. Approximate amount of judgment \$719,521.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 21745/2013. Jeffrey R. Miller Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221
AJ 1/27; 2/3/10/17

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), V. AMARNAUTH RAMOTAR; et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 17, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of KINGS, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE") is the Plaintiff and AMARNAUTH RAMOTAR, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11201, on February 23, 2017, at 2:30 pm, premises known as 446 DREW STREET A/K/A 97-28 DREW STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11416: Block 4185 Lot 45: 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 Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501102/2013. Leo Salzman - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ 1/27; 2/3/10/17

Tradition.

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Freedom & Truth



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

Why did Moses tell Pharaoh, if not a lie, then less than the full truth? Here is the conversation between him and Pharaoh after the fourth plague, arov, "swarms of insects" (some say "wild animals"):

Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land." But Moses said, "That would not be right. The sacrifices we offer the Lord our God would be detest-



able to the Egyptians. And if we offer sacrifices that are detestable in their eyes, will they not stone us? We must take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, as He commands us." (Ex. 8:21-23)

Not just here but throughout, Moses makes it seem as if all he is asking is for permission for the people to undertake a three day journey, to offer sacrifices to God

and (by implication) then to return. So, in their first appearance before Pharaoh, Moses and Aaron say:

"This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Let My people go, so that they may hold a festival to Me in the wilderness.'"

Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey Him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go."

Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, or He may strike us with plagues or with the sword." (Ex. 5:1-3)

God even specifies this before the mission has begun, saying to Moses at the burning bush: "You and the elders of Israel will then go to the king of Egypt. You must tell him, 'The Lord, God of the Hebrews, revealed Himself to us. Now we request that you allow us to take a three day journey into the desert, to sacrifice to the Lord our God'" (3: 18).

The impression remains to the very end. After the Israelites have left, we read:

The king of Egypt received news that the people were escaping. Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds regarding the people, and said, "What have we done? How could we have released Israel from doing our work?" (14:5)

At no stage does Moses say explicitly that he is proposing that the people should be allowed to leave permanently, never to return. He talks of a three day journey.

There is an argument between him and Pharaoh as to who is to go. Only the adult males? Only the people, not the cattle? Moses consistently asks for permission to worship God, at some place that is not Egypt. But he does not speak about freedom or the promised land. Why not? Why does he create, and not correct, a false impression? Why can he not say openly what he means?

The commentators offer various explanations. R. Shmuel David Luzzatto (Italy, 1800-1865) says that it was impossible for Moses to tell the truth to a tyrant like Pharaoh. R. Yaakov Mecklenburg (Germany, 1785-1865, Ha-Ktav v'ha-Kabbalah) says that technically Moses did not tell a lie. He did indeed mean that he wanted the people to be free to make a journey to worship God, and he never said explicitly that they would return.

The Abarbanel (Lisbon 1437 - Venice 1508) says that God told Moses deliberately to make a small request, to demonstrate Pharaoh's cruelty and indifference to his slaves. All they were asking was for a brief respite from their labours to offer sacrifices to God. If he refused this, he was indeed a tyrant. Rav Elhanan Samet (Iyyunim be-Parshot Ha-Shevua, Exodus, 189) cites an unnamed commentator who says simply that this was war between Pharaoh and the Jewish people, and it war it is permitted, indeed sometimes necessary, to deceive.

Actually, however, the terms of the encounter between Moses and Pharaoh are part of a wider pattern that we have already observed in the Torah. When Jacob leaves Laban we read: "Jacob decided to go behind the back of Laban the Aramean, and did not tell him that he was leaving" (Gen. 31:20). Laban

protests this behaviour: "How could you do this? You went behind my back and led my daughters away like prisoners of war! Why did you have to leave so secretly? You went behind my back and told me nothing!" (31:26-27).

Jacob again has to tell at best a half-truth when Esau suggests that they travel together: "You know that the children are weak, and I have responsibility for the nursing sheep and cattle. If they are driven hard for even one day, all the sheep will die. Please go ahead of me, my lord" (33:13-14). This, though not strictly a lie, is a diplomatic excuse.

When Jacob's sons are trying to rescue their sister Dina who has been raped and abducted by Shechem the Hivite, they "replied deceitfully" (34:13) when Shechem and his father proposed that the entire family should come and settle with them, telling them that they could only do so if all the males of the town underwent circumcision.

Earlier still we find that three times Abraham and Isaac, forced to leave home because of famine, have to pretend that they are their wives' brothers not their husbands because they fear that otherwise they will be killed so that Sarah or Rebecca could be taken into the king's harem (Gen. 12, 20, 26).

These six episodes cannot be entirely accidental or coincidental to the biblical narrative as a whole. The implication seems to be this. Outside the promised land Jews in the biblical age are in danger if they tell the truth. They are at constant risk of being killed or at best enslaved.

Why? Because they are powerless in an age of power. They are a small family, at best a small nation, in an age of empires. They have to use their wits to survive. By and large they do not tell lies but they can create a false impression. This is not how things should be. But it is how they were before Jews had their own land, their one and only defensible space. It is how people in impossible situations are forced to be if they are to exist at all.

No one should be forced to live a lie. In Judaism, truth is the seal of God and the essential precondition of trust between human beings. But when your people is being enslaved, its male children murdered, you have to liberate them by whatever means are possible. Moses, who had already seen that his first encounter with Pharaoh made things worse for his people - they still had to make the same quota of bricks but now also had to gather their own straw (5:6-8) - did not want to risk making them worse still.

The Torah here is not justifying deceit. To the contrary, it is condemning a system in which telling the truth may put your life at risk, as it still does in many tyrannical or totalitarian societies today. Judaism - a religion of dissent, questioning and "arguments for the sake of heaven" - is a faith that values intellectual honesty and moral truthfulness above all things. The Psalmist says: "Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord and who shall stand in His holy place? One who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not taken My name in vain nor sworn deceitfully" (Ps. 24:3-4). Malachi says of one who speaks in God's name: "The law of truth was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found in

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Warehouse of Yes LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 11/07/2016. Office location kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be Served SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC 2 Wyckoff Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ 1/20/27; 2/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings PennyMac Corp., Plaintiff AGAINST Nataliya Dobrer, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/28/2016 and entered on 12/13/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 23, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 3543 Leif Ericson Drive, Unit C2 a/k/a 3543 Shore Parkway, Unit C2, Brooklyn, NY 11235. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8782, LOT: 1113. Approximate amount of judgment is \$622,665.31 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 507031/2014. Steven D. Cohn, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ 1/27; 2/3/10/17

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff against TAHIRA SHARIF A.K.A. TAKIRA SHEIKH A.K.A. TAHIRA SHARIF AHMAD A.K.A. TAHIRA SHEIKH, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 13, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 2nd day of March, 2017 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. Said premises known as 1237 67th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11219. Tax account number: SBL #: 5760-62. Approximate amount of lien \$ 398,498.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 503068-2014. Regina Darby, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400
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his lips" (Mal. 2:6). Every Amidah ends with the prayer, "My God, guard my tongue from evil and my lips from deceitful speech."

What the Torah is telling us in these six narratives in Genesis and the seventh in Exodus is the connection between freedom and truth. Where there is freedom there can be truth. Otherwise there cannot. A society where people are forced to be less than fully honest merely to survive and not provoke further oppression is not the kind of society God wants us to make.

Brother of Slain Civil Rights Worker Warns Against Racism

BY ALAN ZEITLIN

On a scale of 1 to 10, how is America doing when it comes to race relations? Only a 4, according to Stephen Schwerner, who recently spoke with Rabbi Mark Wildes at the Manhattan Jewish Experience on the Upper West Side.

Schwerner's brother, Michael, and fellow civil rights workers Andrew Goodman and James Chaney, were murdered in 1964 when they went to Mississippi to help register black voters. The case was the basis of the film Mississippi Burning, starring Gene Hackman.

The state of Mississippi - which enabled many acts of racial violence - did not file murder charges against the perpetrators. The murderers were, however, charged under federal civil rights laws. Some of the conspirators received sentences of three to 10 years, while others were acquitted.

Wildes asked Schwerner if justice had been served. "Justice would have been served if there were much more Federal involvement in the civil rights movement from the beginning," said Schwerner, who added that the FBI is wrongly portrayed as a hero in the film - when J. Edgar Hoover hated the civil rights movement. The Ku Klux Klan marked his brother for death well before the murder, Schwerner said.

The 79-year-old also told the crowd that there is much work to be done regarding today's racial climate.

"This is still a segregated country with a huge amount of racism," he said.

He said that recent harmful rhetoric has given rise to the idea that "it's ok to be racist again," and that he was truly upset by recent attacks by Trump supporters against Rep. John Lewis of Georgia.

"John is an icon," Schwerner said, noting that Lewis was almost killed by the KKK, and was beaten mercilessly as he campaigned for civil rights.

So what of the Jewish role in the civil rights movement, and what is happening today? Schwerner said that there's always been a thread of fighting for social justice in Jewish history, but he said that now there isn't as strong a passion for it.

"I don't find as many people who are Jewish thinking that discrimination against black folks is their problem as it used to be," Schwerner said.

He said that there could be many reasons for this: Some civil rights groups have become critical of Israel; Jews are firmly in the middle class and don't feel discriminated against; and that racism is sometimes more hidden today than it was in the 1960s.

Schwerner recalled a time when he protested with his brother on the Lower East Side.

"I would lock arms with people," he said. "My brother was much more courageous; he would lie down in front of bulldozers."

As for his brother's decision to go to Mississippi in 1964, Schwerner said the dangers were evident.

"Anybody who went to Mississippi knew it was dangerous," he said. "But there's a lot of things that are important to do even if [they're] dangerous."

Wildes echoed Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, who said that since Jews had been slaves, it was in our DNA to be sympathetic to anyone who is persecuted.

"We know that 'charity begins at home,' but it doesn't end there," Wildes said. "We're sitting with a great hero whose brother gave his life for something that I believe is a Torah imperative."

Social.



A view from the air of the sharks off the coast of Hadera. Photo: Israel Police.

Shark Frenzy Has Israel Nature Authority Warning Curious Public Not to Dive in Area

BY RUTHIE BLUM

A warning was issued to the Israeli public on Monday not to go diving along the Mediterranean coast near the Hadera power plant, due to the presence of some 150 sharks in the area, the Hebrew news site nrg reported.

According to the Israel Nature and Parks Authority (INPA), the appearance of the herd — or frenzy — of sharks off Israeli shores is not uncommon during this season. The INPA explained that the power station is a draw for the

sharks, because it ejects hot water into the sea.

The INPA said that one reason it had to warn the public was that curiosity has been causing people to dive in the area to catch a glimpse of the sharks and photograph them.

“Encounters with sharks are uncontrollable and can endanger both the divers and the sharks,” the INPA said, adding that sharks are an endangered species and protected by law as such. “This means it is forbidden to harm, disturb, feed or do anything else to them without risking criminal prosecution.”

Israeli Teen Cinderella Continues Meteoric Runway Rise to Stardom

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The Israeli tween who was catapulted out of anonymity and poverty in 2015 to become one of Europe’s hottest runway models has just made another leap in the fashion industry, the Hebrew news site Walla reported on Tuesday.

Sofia Mechetner, who was given a £170,000 (\$212,850) two-year deal by the Christian Dior company when she was 14, was seen this week modeling couture by Chanel.

According to Walla, the clothes that Mechetner wore at the Chanel show were reminiscent of the Ralph Lauren sky blue dress that US First Lady Melania Trump sported at her husband’s inauguration ceremony on Friday.

Mechetner became an overnight sensation in the Jewish state, when her rags-to-riches story was told on Israel’s Channel 2.

The feature showed the young girl in the Tel Aviv tenement where she grew up with her siblings and Russian immigrant mother, whose total earnings as a cleaning lady amounted to \$1,000 per month. Sofia, then in ninth grade, had to care for her younger brother and sister — with whom she shared a small bedroom — by picking them up from school every day, cooking their food, doing laundry and keeping the tiny apartment neat.

Sofia told Channel 2 that her family’s living conditions made her embarrassed to invite classmates over. When out of the house, however, the lanky Sofia said, she

would be stopped on the street by strangers asking her if she was a basketball player or model.

Those questions got it into her head to try her luck in the fashion industry. When her mother took her to the Roberto modeling agency in Tel Aviv, not only was Sofia instantly signed by the waning business looking for a “new face,” but the establishment sent her to Paris, accompanied by a young female employee named Rotem.

At the modeling agency in the French capital where her Israeli agent had scheduled a “go see,” Sofia was rejected on the grounds that she was too young.

Sofia and Rotem then began to wander around Paris, coming upon the Christian Dior store. Miraculously, the company’s creative director, Raf Simons, happened to be on the premises. Recognizing him instantly, Rotem asked Simons if he wouldn’t mind taking a selfie with them. He obliged and asked for Rotem’s contact information. Sofia told Channel 2 that she thought he was just being polite and that nothing would come of the encounter.

Before Rotem and Sofia even made it to the airport to return to Israel, however, they received a call from the agency that had just turned them down. In the interim, Simons had phoned and asked that “Sofia from Israel” appear on the catwalk of July Fashion Week at the Rodin Museum.

Despite Sofia’s complete lack of experience or training in modeling, Dior made her a “presenter” — the first model to appear on the runway at the start of the show. In one fell swoop, according to Channel 2, Sofia

Israel’s President Honors Philanthropist for Supporting American-Israeli STEM Research

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin honored a media mogul and philanthropist this week for his campaign to support joint US-Israel projects in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

At the President’s Residence in Jerusalem, Rivlin recognized Mortimer Zuckerman for the Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program, which will provide more than \$100 million in scholarships and other funding over the next 20 years to American post-doctoral researchers and graduate students looking to collaborate with Israeli academics at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, Tel Aviv University and the Weizmann Institute of Science.

“One person can, by himself, think of and find, but when we work together we share experience



Mortimer Zuckerman (left) with Israeli President Reuven Rivlin in Jerusalem. Photo: Israel Hadari.

and truly advance. As an Israeli, I know that you, Mr. Zuckerman, are one of the great people that has helped us create something that allows Israel to be appreciated all over the world for its education and responsibility,” Rivlin said.

The first group of “Zuckerman Scholars” began their collaborative efforts during the 2016–2017 academic year.

Zuckerman said he has “always admired what the Israelis could achieve in a country that is not rich in natural resources, but rich in human resources.”

and her family received a windfall of one million shekels (the equivalent at the time of some \$265,000) — a sum that would have taken Sofia’s mother about 22 years to earn.

Sofia said she hoped to move her family into a bigger apartment, where she could have her own room.



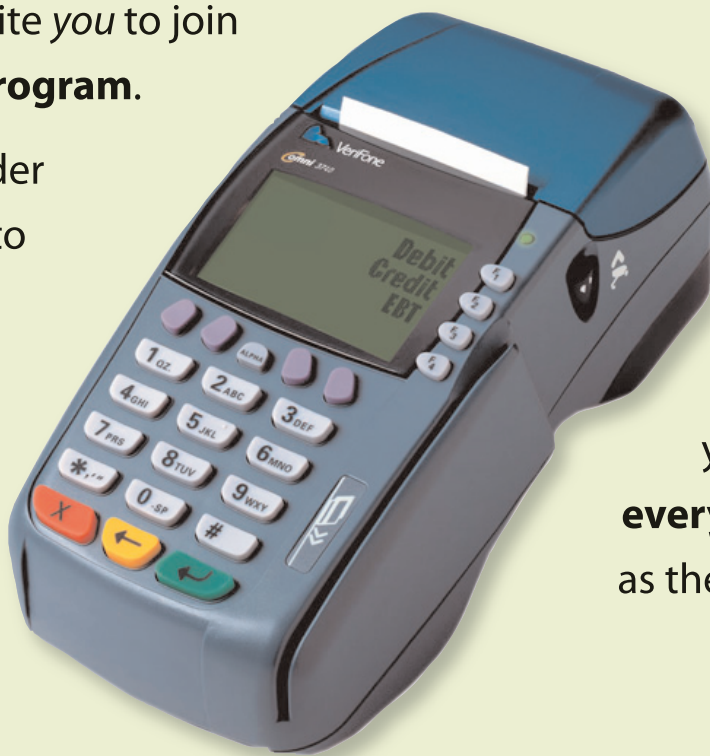
Sofia Mechetner. Photo: Alchetron.

Attention Not-For-Profit Organizations

Be part of the Tribul Merchant Services Charity Ventures Program

For over 10 years Tribul Merchant Services have been working with **Not-For-Profit Organizations** across the country, now we invite you to join our **Charity Ventures Program**.

All you need to do in order to enter the program is to refer us to any business that currently accepts credit cards — tell them to expect a phone call from Tribul Merchant Services.



We keep it simple: Leave it to us to take care of all the necessary paperwork and details.

For each approved application you will receive a check from us for \$180.

We will also send you a residual check **every month** for as long as the account processes with Tribul.

**Earn a monthly residual,
PLUS \$180 for every
approved referral**

**Over \$1,000,000 paid out
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