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## Thousands Attend Funerals of IDF Soldiers Killed in Truck- Ramming Attack



(Clockwise from top) 20-year-old Erez Orbach of Alon Shvut, 20-year-old cadet Shira Tzur of Haifa, 22-year-old cadet Shir Hajaj of Ma'aleh Adumim and 20-year-old Lt. Yael Yekutieli of Givatayim. Photo: Facebook.

**BY RUTHIE BLUM**

Thousands of Israelis attended the funerals on Monday of each of the four IDF soldiers killed in the previous day's truck-ramming attack in Jerusalem, Hebrew news outlets reported.

The soldiers, participants in an officers' course who were killed during an educational tour in the nation's capital by a terrorist who

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced was a supporter of ISIS, were: 20-year-old Lt. Yael Yekutieli of Givatayim; 22-year-old cadet Shir Hajaj of Ma'aleh Adumim; 20-year-old cadet Shira Tzur of Haifa; and 20-year-old cadet Erez Orbach of Alon Shvut.

At Yael Yekutieli's burial at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery in Tel Aviv, where her father wept as he recited the mourner's kaddish, her older sister gave a tearful eulogy, the

Hebrew news site nrg reported.

"You were an emissary of love and tranquility...You were the family glue," the sister said.

Her distraught parents, Yaakov and Sheli, who thanked the crowd for coming to pay their last respects, addressed their murdered daughter: "What will we do without you?"

Earlier in the day, Shir Hajaj was buried at the Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem.

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## Trump's Son-in-Law Jared Kushner to Serve as President's Senior Adviser

**BY JNS.ORG**

President-elect Donald Trump has appointed his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, as senior adviser to the president.

The 35-year-old Kushner, an Orthodox Jew married to Trump's daughter, Ivanka, who converted to Judaism, played a key role in the 2016 presidential campaign. His new position is expected to test the limits of federal anti-nepotism rules.

"Jared has been a tremendous asset and trusted adviser throughout the campaign and transition, and I am proud to



Jared Kushner. Photo: Twitter.

have him in a key leadership role in my administration," Trump said in a statement.

"He has been incredibly successful, in both business and now politics. He will be an invaluable member of my team as I set and execute an ambitious agenda, putting the American people first," added Trump.

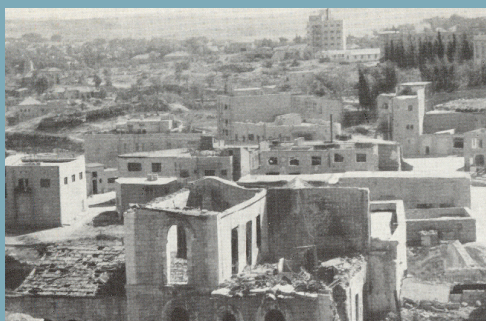
In a news conference Wednesday, Trump is expected to detail how he plans to manage his company's potential conflicts of interest after he is sworn into office.

Kushner intends to resign from the management positions he currently holds, including as CEO of Kushner

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## Being Poor in Jerusalem

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### ShabbatCalendar

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## Opinion.

## Israel, Obama and the United Nations



BERNARD-HENRY LÉVY  
PARIS, FRANCE

I am an unwavering proponent of the two-state solution in the Middle East.

And I continue to think that, even battered and bruised, abandoned by some, rejected by others, it is the only solution that, over time, will allow Israel to remain at once the Jewish state conceived by its pioneers and the exemplary democracy whose spirit and institutions 70 years of war, open and otherwise, have not managed to erode.

Yet, inured as I am to disappointment, I was deeply shocked by the circumstances surrounding the adoption by the United Nations Security Council, on December 23, of Resolution 2334, which called upon Israel to “immediately ... cease” what some view as the colonization of the occupied Palestinian territories.

I know that news moves fast. Given that fast pace — especially at a moment when the United States has eyes and ears only for the “transition,” for the acts and utterances of the president-elect, for the government that he is setting up, and for his wife, his daughter and little Barron — this story may strike some as already being ancient history. Nevertheless, it has been swirling around in my head for two weeks. And I would like to take a moment to explain why.

There was the source, of course: the United Nations, an organization that for decades has not ceased to condemn, vilify, and ostracize Israel, becoming in the process one of the last places on earth where one could expect to encounter, on this question as on many others, a balanced or courageous stance.

Then there was the spectacle of those fifteen raised hands, the same hands that were so pointedly not raised a few days before to stop the massacre in Aleppo. How could they dare to portray little Israel as the great barrier to peace? How could they imagine that by doing so they might recover in the applause of those in attendance a share of their lost honor? And what is one to make of the splintered and anemic international community trying to repair itself on the back of the Jewish state? All of this was as pathetic as it was ghoulish.

There was the poor wording of the text of the resolution, which, despite the phrase condemning “all acts of violence against civilians, including acts of terror” (the words “including acts of terror” lead one to wonder about the other “acts of violence” that are being put on the same plane as these “acts of terror”), assigned responsibility for blocking the peace process primarily, if not solely, to Israel. What about Palestinian obstinacy? What about the double-speak of the Ramallah government? What about the Christmas trees on which, in some quarters of Arab Jerusalem, people hung, in place of garlands, photos of “martyrs” killed in “combat” — killed, that is, while trying to stab

Israeli civilians? None of that, for the drafters of the resolution or for those who voted for and celebrated it, apparently was an “obstacle to peace.” Nothing was equal in perfidy to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s policy of expanding the settlements.

There was the question of the settlements and the manner in which the issue was, once again, presented. That the continued pursuit of settlements in the West Bank is wrong — that is obvious. And that there is a growing number of hawks on the Israeli right who, with Netanyahu at their head, dream of seeing the process accelerate into an irreversible situation — that is probable. But it is not true that we are already there. It is not accurate to present the building effort as a methodical and malign proliferation metastasizing throughout the future Palestine and dismembering it in advance. The reality, readily apparent to anyone who takes the trouble to analyze matters without blinkers or prejudice, is that the territorial concentration of the densest settlements is creating a situation that, except for the number of settlements, is not radically different from that which prevailed in the Sinai Peninsula before the 1982 agreement with Egypt or in the Gaza Strip before the redeployment undertaken by Ariel Sharon in 2004. In fact, the great majority of the building is still being done close enough to the Green Line to permit, when the time comes, an exchange of territory and, elsewhere (that is, at the most distant and



US Ambassador to the UN Samantha Power.  
Photo: Screenshot.

isolated sites) to allow for admittedly painful evacuations. (Not to mention the option that I am amazed is so seldom raised — namely, that Jews should be invited to stay and live in the new Palestine, just as 1.5 million Palestinians now live in Israel as full citizens.)

And finally there was, for the first time in forty years, the surprise abstention of the United States delivered by Ambassador Samantha Power, followed a few days later by Secretary of State John Kerry’s long speech in support. People can say what they will about this. But to see this administration, which has conceded so much to Iran, offered so little resistance to Russia, and invented, in Syria, the doctrine of a red line that turned out to be red only with the blood of Syrians sacrificed on the altar of a renunciation of power and of law; to see that same administration trying to

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## NY Times Editor Acknowledges Injecting Opinion Into Reporting Twice a Day



IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

There are “a couple examples...every day” of *New York Times* editors and reporters injecting opinion into news articles, the executive editor of the *New York Times*, Dean Baquet, acknowledged in a recent interview.

Today’s “couple of examples” just happen both to involve the newspaper’s coverage of Israel.

The first comes in the *Times* coverage of an attack in Jerusalem that killed four Israeli soldiers. Prime Minister Netanyahu connected the killings to attacks inspired by the Islamic State in France and Germany. The *Times* article follows that claim with this sentence:

*Mr. Netanyahu has often made the comparison between local attacks against Israelis and those in the rest of the world, though the attacks in Israel are more broadly viewed as being more connected to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.*

“Are more broadly viewed” by whom? By the *Times* editors and reporters, who use the passive voice as a trick to sneak their own opinions into what is supposed to be a straightforward news article. If the *Times* wants to dispute Mr. Netanyahu’s characterization of Israel’s fight against Islamist extremist terrorism as being related to the broader global

struggle, let the newspaper build a fact-based case based on polling, or reporting, or quotes from experts or elected officials. Instead we get vaguely sourced assertions.

The lapse is not entirely surprising, because the post of *Times* Jerusalem bureau chief is again vacant and unfilled, as it has been for a majority of the past year. Though perhaps not even a full-time and fully present bureau chief might improve the coverage, at least it might be worth a try.

Alas, the *New York Times*’s London-based reporting isn’t any better. A dispatch from there begins:

*LONDON — In a deeply embarrassing episode revealed on Sunday, a senior employee of the Israeli Embassy in Britain was recorded plotting to “take down” senior British politicians critical of Israel and calling Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson “an idiot” who “has become minister of foreign affairs without any responsibilities.”*

This is some heavy spin. The *Times* here doesn’t just tell us the news; it first prepares us by telling us what to think about it, that it

is “deeply embarrassing.” Not merely embarrassing, mind you; deeply embarrassing.

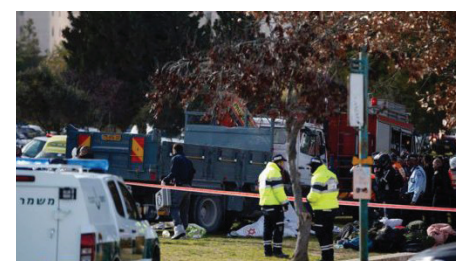
The only thing deeply embarrassing here is the *Times* departure from journalistic standards.

It takes until the fifth sentence of the story for the *Times* to tell readers that the so-called “plot” was a kind of sting operation provoked by a reporter for *Al Jazeera*. The *Times* does not mention that that news organization is controlled by a government, Qatar, which doesn’t have diplomatic relations with Israel.

Contrast that to how the *Times* covered a similar stunt a few years back by political conservatives who secretly taped NPR executives they goaded into saying silly things. That story didn’t carry any language about how it was “embarrassing,” let alone begin with a claim that it was “deeply embarrassing.” In that story, the third sentence reports, “The video was the product of James O’Keefe, a Republican provocateur, whose organization helped trick Mr. Schiller into attending a lunch and sharing what he said were his personal opinions.”

The *Times* doesn’t use the “trick” or “provocateur” language about the *Al Jazeera* reporter who spoofed the Israeli, even though it seems warranted.

In Mr. Baquet’s interview with the public editor of the *Times*, Liz Spayd, he was largely dismissive of the problem of opinion slipping into reporting: “You and I could probably go through *The Times* every day and come up with a couple examples where they do. But I think mostly they don’t.”



The scene of the truck-ramming attack in Jerusalem. Photo: MDA

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## World News.

## Watchdog: Approval of Natural Uranium Shipment to Iran is 'Reckless Unilateral Concession'

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The news that the US and five other world powers have approved a Russian shipment of 116 metric tons of natural uranium to Iran is "only likely to spark a greater backlash" by the new Congress and President-elect Donald Trump against the July 2015 nuclear agreement, a top official with an anti-deal advocacy group told *The Algemeiner* on Monday.

"No part of the JCPOA [Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action] obligates the P5+1 to gift the Iranian regime tons of natural uranium, which can be further enriched to build bombs," United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI) Executive Director Matan Shamir said. "This is one more reckless unilateral concession that the Obama administration should forgo, particularly amid reports that Iran has been close to exhausting its domestic deposits."

According to *The Associated Press*, the shipment is meant to "compensate" Iran for 44 metric tons of heavy water it has exported to Russia since the implementation of the nuclear deal began.

David Albright, head of the Washington, DC-based Institute for Science and International Security think tank, was quoted by AP as saying the material could be used to make 10 simple nuclear bombs — "depending on the efficiency of the enrichment process and the design of the nuclear weapon."

The fate of the nuclear deal after Trump takes office on Jan. 20 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."

Last month, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, "I look forward to speaking to [President-elect Donald Trump] about what to do about this bad deal."

"Now, I opposed the deal because it doesn't prevent Iran from getting nukes," Netanyahu explained. "It paves the way for Iran to get nuclear weapons. The problem isn't so much that Iran will break the deal, but that Iran will keep it because it just can walk in within a decade, and even less, and certainly within 12 years, it can just walk in to industrial-scale enrichment of uranium to make the core for an arsenal of nuclear weapons."

In a late November interview with *The Algemeiner*, Behnam Ben Taleblu — senior Iran analyst for the Washington, DC-based Foundation for Defense of Democracies think tank — said a Trump administration "should look to recent history and course-correct some of the issues in the deal that the current administration overlooked."

"For instance," Taleblu noted, "it should not excuse Iran's excess production of heavy water, which has happened twice now. More broadly it should work to change a key dynamic in the JCPOA's implementation, namely the asymmetry. Iranian officials often tout that America needs the deal more than they do. They regularly transgress the deal's spirit and occasionally its letter. To change this, the Trump administration should aim for, borrowing from the noted academic Thomas Schelling, 'the manipulation of risk,' and make it known that Iran needs the accord more than the US."

## Netanyahu: IDF Will Always Remain in West Bank,

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The IDF will always remain in the West Bank no matter what, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reiterated on Tuesday, the Hebrew news site nrg reported.

Joined by Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman and IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gadi Eizenkot, Netanyahu toured the IDF's West Bank headquarters in Beit El on Tuesday — two days after four Israeli soldiers were killed in a truck-ramming attack in Jerusalem. In remarks made to the press at the end of the visit, the prime minister said, "I was very impressed with the tough work being done on the ground to thwart Palestinian terrorism in Judea and Samaria — intelligence, arrests, raids and operations. This is being carried out with great ingenuity and effort."

"In 2016, 43 weapons-production sites workshops were found [in the West Bank] — with closures, confiscations of equipment and arrests of those in charge," Netanyahu went on to say. "There was also a dramatic rise in the seizure of weapons, but we still have a great challenge ahead of us."

"We are aware of the fact that the Pales-

tinian Authority, unfortunately, not only failed to condemn the recent terror attack in Jerusalem, but some in Fatah praised it," the prime minister noted.

"We know we are standing before dramatic diplomatic changes, some I believe which are very good for Israel, but — unfortunately — we have not yet reached a stabilization of the situation," he went on to say. "But from what I saw today, the efforts of the IDF and security forces are significant. There have been some major breakthroughs — in technology, intelligence and other areas — that are leading in the right direction. We must remain alert, as the fight against terrorism is always facing us."

Lieberman, according to nrg, said, "Incitement comes from the top. Everything we've seen in the past few days is from Abu Mazen [PA President Mahmoud Abbas]. There are inciting calls made from mosques, and this has a direct influence."

"Those who think intimidation, pressure and an international conference will change reality are wrong," he added, in an apparent reference to the diplomatic gathering set to be held in Paris on Sunday to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian "peace process."

## Ex-Top Israeli Official: Paris Conference Could Lead to UNSC Action Against Jewish State



Former Israeli Foreign Ministry Director General Dore Gold. Photo: Screenshot.

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The international diplomatic conference set to be held in the French capital this coming Sunday could lead to further anti-Israel action at the UN Security Council next week, according to a former top Israeli official.

In a video published on Sunday, ex-Israeli Foreign Ministry Director General Dore Gold — the current president of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs — cautioned, "On Jan. 17, again the UN will reconvene and it will probably discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and if there is a conclusion to this meeting in Paris [on Jan. 15], that conclusion may find its way to New York."

"This is objectionable to Israel," Gold — who served as the Jewish state's UN envoy in the late 1990s — went on to say. "What Israel learned through many years of negotiations and diplomacy, from the days of [the late former Foreign Minister] Abba Eban to the period of [Prime Minister] Benjamin Netanyahu, was that the only way we resolve our differences with our neighbors is by sitting

face-to-face at the peace table."

Last week, Netanyahu said, "The Paris conference is a futile conference, but there are signs that they will try to take decisions reached there and have them become another decision at the UN Security Council. We are entering a big diplomatic effort in order to succeed in avoiding this."

In an interview with *The Algemeiner* two weeks ago, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations Executive Vice Chairman and CEO Malcolm Hoenlein said it was possible the Obama administration could — following the recent passage of the anti-Israeli settlement Security Council resolution — take a "further damaging step" against Israel before US President-elect Donald Trump takes office on Jan. 20.

"We need to prepare for every option," Hoenlein said.

Expressing concern about the planned Paris conference, Hoenlein noted it "could produce a document that could then be brought to the Security Council for an immediate vote."

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**Adviser**

Companies, publisher of New York's *Observer* newspaper and positions with other organizations, and will divest from a "significant number" of his assets to comply with government ethics rules, his attorney Jamie Gorelick told CNN. Additionally, Kushner will not take

a salary in his new White House position.

Kushner first played a role in his father-in-law's presidential campaign when he advised him on U.S. policy toward Israel and helped write the speech Trump delivered to the March 2016 policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee lobby.

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**Funerals**

Her cousin gave a eulogy in which she said, "Beloved Shir, dear and special, modest, full of wisdom and maturity projecting from your pretty eyes. One look was enough to understand who you were, to see all the goodness and love you had."

Hajaj's sister added: "Words can't describe the pain...I will tell my [future] children and grandchildren about their amazing aunt. I will remember you forever."

The funerals of Shira Tzur, laid to rest at the military cemetery in Haifa, and Erez Urbach, buried at the Kfar Etzion cemetery, were closed to the press at the families' requests.

As *The Algemeiner* reported, Israeli police on Monday dismantled a mourning tent set up by the family of the terrorist — 28-year-old Fadi al-Qanbar from the Jabel Mukaber neighborhood of east Jerusalem — who was shot dead while in the act of committing the truck-ramming attack at the Armon Hanatziv promenade in which the four soldiers were killed and another 15 were wounded.

Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza took to the streets and social media on Sunday to celebrate the attack, saying it was proof that the "Jerusalem Intifada" was not over — referring to the recent lull in the surge of terrorism that began in September 2015.

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**Opinions**

Rather than going through the newspaper after it is published to find these examples,

maybe Mr. Baquet could authorize his editing staff to find them, and remove them, *before* they are inflicted on *Times* readers. Doing otherwise risks being deeply *embarrassed*.

## World News.



Sebastian Gorka. Photo: Facebook.

## Counterterrorism Expert: No Surprise ISIS Tactic Used in Jerusalem Truck-Ramming Attack; Israel Better Able to Cope Than Other Nations

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Following Sunday's truck-ramming attack in Jerusalem, which left four IDF soldiers dead and another 15 wounded, a world-renowned counterterrorism expert and Fox News insider told The Algemeiner that the method employed by the Palestinian assailant "should come as no surprise."

Sebastian Gorka — vice president and professor of strategy and irregular warfare at the Institute of World Politics in Washington, DC, and author, most recently of *Defeating Jihad: The Winnable War* — said that it is evident and was to be expected that "the tactic of vehicular attack would move from Nice and Berlin to Jerusalem — after the Palestinian 'knife intifada' that Israel has had to confront for nearly a year and a half."

Gorka — who has been warning of the dangers of global jihad and what he considers the Obama administration's enabling of the

phenomenon, by not calling it by name or confronting it — said, "Israel will cope better than most nations with this threat, given the alertness of its citizens and their military training."

It is noteworthy, he said, "that a civilian neutralized the perpetrator."

Gorka was referring to Eitan Rund, the guide accompanying the group of IDF officers' course cadets on an educational tour, who shot at the terrorist truck driver with his privately owned pistol, even after being wounded in the attack.

Gorka's statement echoed that of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who said "all signs indicate" the truck-ramming terrorist from the Jabel Mukaber neighborhood of east Jerusalem was a supporter of ISIS. Netanyahu also referred to recent vehicular terrorism in Europe with a similar *modus operandi*. "We know there is a succession of attacks, and it could well be that there is a connection between those in France and Berlin — and now in Jerusalem," he said.

## Israel Police Dismantles Mourning Tent Erected by East Jerusalem Family of Truck-Ramming Terrorist

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Israeli police on Monday dismantled a mourning tent set up by the family of the terrorist from east Jerusalem who killed four IDF soldiers in a truck-ramming attack the previous day, the Hebrew news site Walla reported.

The terrorist — 28-year-old Fadi al-Qanbar — was a married father-of-four with no record of security offenses. Early Sunday afternoon, the Jabel Mukaber resident took the truck he drove for a living and deliberately plowed into a gathering of officers' course cadets on an educational tour at the Armon Hanatziv promenade. Al-Qanbar was shot dead at the scene.

Later on Sunday, police swept into Jabel

Mukaber and detained nine people — five of whom were relatives of Al-Qanbar — for suspected involvement in the attack.

Palestinians took to the streets and social media to celebrate the attack. In the Gaza Strip on Sunday, the Hamas and Islamic Jihad terror groups praised Al-Qanbar's action and organized parades to mark the occasion.

On Monday, concrete barriers were installed at the Armon Hanatziv promenade — a prominent tourist destination offering a panoramic vista of Israel's capital city — to prevent similar attacks in the future.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday that "all signs" indicated that Al-Qanbar was an ISIS supporter.

## Former Commander of UK Forces in Afghanistan Says Anti-Israeli Settlement UN Resolution 'Incites Palestinian Violence, Encourages BDS, Antisemitism'

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The former commander of Britain's forces in Afghanistan blasted the anti-Israeli settlement Resolution 2334, passed last month by the UN Security Council, on the grounds that it "incites [Palestinian] violence against Jews and encourages BDS movements around the world that will encourage antisemitism."

In a debate on Jewish Internet station J-TV's program "Current Affairs" — moderated by the UK-based Henry Jackson Society founder and executive director Dr. Alan Mendoza — Col. Richard Kemp also criticized his government for supporting the resolution and the Obama administration for abstaining from the vote, rather than vetoing it.

Kemp was debating Tal Ofer, a member of the British Labour Movement originally from Israel, who said that though "the resolution is really, really bad for the settlements, it's actually really good for Israel, because it requires Israel to make a decision into what direction it wishes to go — whether it's the one-state solution or the two-state solution."

Ofer, a member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews Executive Committee and Labour Friends of Israel, said, as well, that perhaps "it is a sign for Mr. Netanyahu that maybe he needs to change his policy in regard to the settlements."

Kemp argued that not only are settlements "not illegal," but "the British Foreign Office and the British prime minister, [who] have said that they're illegal... know that they're not."

But, he claimed, "By saying they're illegal, [the UK] will be applying pressure to Israel..." He also said, "The Palestinians do not wish to negotiate with Israel, because they do not want to do the one thing that Israel will require them to do, which is accept the existence of the Jewish state."

Kemp said he believes that the ultimate aim of both the British and current American governments is Israel's total withdrawal from the West Bank and east Jerusalem — home to "Judaism's most holy sites." However, he added,



Col. Richard Kemp, addressing the Gatestone Institute. Photo: Raymond Hamlin.

Israel will never pull out completely, because it knows what would happen in such an event. "We've seen the consequences of pulling out of Gaza; we've seen the consequences of pulling back from Southern Lebanon; we've seen the consequences of pulling out of Sinai," he said, claiming that such a move in the West Bank would "allow an Islamic [terrorist] state" to form and flourish there.

Ofer conceded that "the settlements are not the only reason there is no peace agreement," saying that in any territorial withdrawal, Israel "would maintain the large settlement blocs...it's those outside the major blocs that are causing the controversy."

Asked by moderator Mendoza about Kemp's claim that an Israeli withdrawal would result in a terrorist state, Ofer said, "Yes, obviously, that can happen, and that's why you don't need to unilaterally withdraw, as happened in Gaza and south Lebanon. Because you leave a vacuum, and...when you leave a vacuum, terrorism is going to enter. That's why it needs to be a direct negotiation between Israel and the Palestinians with some land swaps. And that's why any expansion of settlements right now and any of these illegal outposts is not really helpful for peace, because it puts facts on the ground...and that's the purpose of it; it makes it more difficult to achieve a two-state solution...they need to come clean about it and not claim that they mean to achieve a two-state solution, while in reality on the ground, things are quite different."

## Wounded Soldiers Tell Netanyahu: We Want to Return to Officers' Course

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday visited the IDF officers' course cadets wounded in the previous day's deadly truck-ramming attack at the Armon Hanatziv promenade in the country's capital.

"It's simply unbelievable," Netanyahu — who was joined by Health Minister Yaakov Litzman — remarked from the Hadassah Ein Kerem Medical Center, where the young men and women are being treated for their injuries. "They [the wounded soldiers] told me one thing: Prime minister, we want to go back

to the course; we want to return to service; we want to continue our mission as soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces."

"This is the true secret of our country," Netanyahu continued. "And this is why we will win, and this is why we've won until now."

In Sunday's attack, four IDF soldiers were killed and another 15 were wounded. According to the Hebrew news site nrg, five remained hospitalized on Sunday.

One female soldier who was seriously wounded was still in life-threatening condition at the Shaare Zedek Medical Center.

## U.S. News.

# Trump Inauguration Rabbi: All Americans Should Be 'Rooting for the Success' of President-Elect

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The rabbi who will deliver a prayer at the inauguration ceremony in Washington, DC next week told *The Algemeiner* on Tuesday that all Americans should be "rooting for the success" of President-elect Donald Trump.

"Ample time has been given to play out the politics," Rabbi Marvin Hier — the 77-year-old founder and dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center — said. "We have a new president. Instead of more divisiveness, let's hope for the best from him."

Rejecting criticism he has received from some segments of the Jewish community for his decision to participate in the inauguration, Hier said, "When you look at who will be sitting on the platform, you see Hillary and Bill Clinton, you see Barack and Michelle Obama, George W. and Laura Bush. And you see Jimmy Carter. That's hardly a collection of people who agreed with Donald Trump. Nonetheless, they are smart enough to know that they should be at the inauguration of an American president, because it's a symbol of this peaceful transition of power we



Rabbi Marvin Hier, the founder and dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Photo: Maxine Dover.

have here. There are no tanks. It's a remarkable thing. It's a day when we showcase to the world why the United States of America remains, so many years after its founding, the greatest democracy on the planet."

Opponents of Trump, Hier said, should show "respect for the institution of the American presidency and the peaceful transition of power that comes once every four years."

Hier pointed out that he himself did not see eye-to-eye with Trump on every issue.

"I disagreed with some of his policy proposals and I said so publicly," Hier noted. "For example, I'm not in favor of 12 million immigrants being kicked out of the country. I'm against the Muslim registry, as I would be against a Jewish registry. But what I am in favor of is a jihadist registry. I think the intelligence agencies should keep very careful records on who is a jihadist — that is to say those who want to overthrow Western civilization."

Hier commended Trump for his "strong commitment to Israel."

"We just witnessed a last-minute duplicitous move by the Obama administration to throw Israel under the bus," Hier said. "Those people who don't want a rabbi to appear at the inauguration have nothing to say about that?"

The rabbi was one of six clergy members invited to deliver prayers at the inauguration.

"I was shocked, completely surprised," Hier said. "I had no idea, I wasn't expecting it. But I was honored to accept the invitation."

Hier did not reveal the prayer he would recite at the inauguration, but said it would "reflect the 21st century."

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*Obama and the UN*

compensate for all this by speaking up at the last minute against the planet's black sheep, the scruffy prime minister of Israel — what could be more abject?

I no longer recognized, in this facile effort to regain lost authority on the cheap, the obscure young senator from Illinois whom I met in Boston one day in July 2004: he evoked for me, then, the shared glory — in his eyes, parallel and commensurate glories — of the American civil rights movement and the Jewish people's new flight from Egypt, as represented by Zionism.


But I sense only too clearly now the early warning signs of a broken humanity,

resounding more loudly than ever before with the clash of empires and of competing visions of the world, doomed to suffer the eternal recurrence of injustice and carnage — but in which "the longest hate" once again becomes a shared religion.


Bernard-Henri Lévy — French philosopher, filmmaker, and activist; defender of Israel and of Jewish values — returns to New York on January 11 for a conversation with Charlie Rose at the 92nd Street Y. On the previous day, Random House will publish *The Genius of Judaism*, an English translation of Lévy's best-seller, *L'Esprit du judaïsme*.

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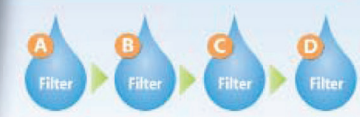
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## Opinion.

# An Appeal to French Foreign Minister Ayrault to Cancel the Paris 'Peace' Conference



DAVID HARRIS  
NEW YORK

Dear Minister Ayrault,

I take the liberty of writing this open letter in the wake of the latest Palestinian terror attack, which killed four young Israelis and wounded many others in an assault eerily similar to the one in Nice in July. This attack occurred just days ahead of the "Middle East peace conference" in Paris that you will be hosting.

I write with respect, coming from a Francophone home — with deep roots in France and French culture.

I write representing an organization, AJC, that has engaged with France at the highest levels for decades, and that, even when we have disagreed vigorously, has rejected those in the Jewish community who have called for boycotts against you, and have spread "fake news" about the situation in your country.

And I write, if I may say, no less eager than you to find a lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ideally based on a two-state agreement.

For me, the issue is not another geopolitical quagmire in need of resolution. As a Jew, I also have a metaphysical link to an ancestral land in an age-old search for peace, not to mention the contemporary home of many of my closest relatives and friends.

Mr. Minister, please understand the reasons why we hope that the Paris gathering will be canceled.

As the one-and-only La Rochefoucauld

said, "It is easier to be wise for others than for ourselves."

With everything happening in Europe today, is this the one issue that deserves such an investment of effort and energy?

The European Union, soon to mark 60 years since the ground-breaking Treaty of Rome, is at risk — especially after the Brexit vote in June. Terrorists are exposing the weakness of the Schengen agreement. Disaffected parallel societies have emerged in the cities and suburbs of France, Belgium and elsewhere. Populist parties opposed to the EU and the Eurozone, and promoting xenophobia and antisemitism, are threatening the established order. Ukraine, on the EU's eastern border, remains a partially occupied land, as does Cyprus, an EU member state. Turkey, which is key to the European migration challenge, is hurtling towards authoritarianism. Greece and Spain, among other EU countries, have alarmingly high youth unemployment rates.

But instead of focusing on any or all of these issues, the Quai d'Orsay is organizing yet another international effort to address a conflict that everyone knows, a priori, can only be resolved by the parties themselves, no matter how many nations travel to Paris for the conference you are hosting.

I'd add that, if France nonetheless has decided on the need for an international conference of some sort at this time, how about one on Syria, the greatest human tragedy of this century and a country that France has claimed, since the 1916 Sykes-Picot agreement carved up the Middle East, to know better than others?

Or how about on Libya, where a French decision in 2011 to help topple Muammar

Gaddafi achieved its immediate goal, but left the country in tatters, a breeding ground for jihadism and a grave danger to European interests?

Or how about on the Kurds, a people in the Middle East with all the elements of nationhood — and among our most reliable allies — but denied any chance for sovereignty because of superseding geopolitical interests among the great powers?

Or how about a summit on Russian meddling in the European Union, including financial support for extremist, anti-EU political parties, creation of faux environmental groups to oppose any energy projects without Russian involvement, and malicious manipulation of the media?

No, the conference to begin on January 15th in Paris is about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, even though one of the two main parties, Israel, has opposed the idea; even though the United States, key to any progress on this front, will have a change of administrations (and policies) exactly five days later; and even though France, it must be said, cannot be viewed as an honest broker.

Why can't France be an honest broker? Well, despite strong bilateral ties between Paris and Jerusalem in some spheres, when it comes to the international arena, France is too often on the other side. This occurred in the recent vote at the UN Security Council on Resolution 2334, just as it did at the World Health Organization General Assembly in May, when France voted in favor of a measure that bizarrely singled out Israel by name as the only country in the world accused of undermining "mental, physical and environmental health." This is also because France could do no more than abstain at UNESCO in April on a resolution that denied any Jewish (and



French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault.  
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Christian) link to the holy sites in Jerusalem.

If the aim is to advance a two-state accord, then it's high time to face facts.

Fact #1: From the Peel Commission report of 1937 until today, the Palestinians and their supporters have, in the end, rejected every compromise put on the table to find a viable solution.

Fact #2: Every effort that circumvents the face-to-face negotiating table only emboldens the Palestinians to believe they can get all they want without the need for direct talks with Israel, and the inevitable compromises that would result from any agreement.

Fact #3: Palestinian incitement is not just a minor issue to be thrown into UN resolutions and diplomatic speeches as an afterthought or footnote; it is the heart of the problem. As long as Palestinians glorify suicide bombings and "martyrdom," and deny the Jewish people's legitimacy in Israel, there will be no solution.

Fact #4: The role of nations of good will should be to send a clear message to the Palestinians that their every whim, no matter how counter-productive to the cause of peace, will no longer be indulged. Israel has certainly gotten its share of clear messages from the international community, but, alas, not the other side.

Talleyrand, the legendary French foreign minister who once occupied your post, said: "The art of statesmanship is to foresee the inevitable and to expedite its occurrence."

The inevitable should not be more dead-end international gatherings, but rather face-to-face Israeli-Palestinian talks. When everyone wakes up to that stark reality, perhaps a two-state accord can be expedited.

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# The Tide Slowly Turns Against Iranian Terror



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A glimmer of hope in the fight against Iranian-backed terrorism shone forth from Argentina during the final days of 2016. An Argentinian federal appeals court ruled that former President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner will face a new investigation over allegations that she and her close colleagues made a secret pact with the Iranian regime over the probe into the July 1994 bombing of the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA) Jewish community center in Buenos Aires.

Eighty-five people were murdered and hundreds were wounded that fateful day, when a truck packed with primitive explosives rammed into the AMIA building. But the perpetrators of the atrocity, the Iranian mullahs and their Hezbollah auxiliaries, have escaped justice for more than 20 years. Under

Kirchner's government, the most tangible outcome of the probe into the bombing was to produce its 86th victim: federal prosecutor Alberto Nisman, who was found dead in his Buenos Aires apartment on January 18, 2015 — the day before he was due to unveil a lengthy, painstakingly researched complaint against Kirchner over her collusion with the Iranians.

Kirchner was defeated in last year's presidential election, and under her successor, Mauricio Macri, there have been constant hints that the question of justice for both the original AMIA victims and Nisman himself is on the agenda once more. Specifically, Macri promised not to challenge a court ruling that the accommodation reached with the Iranians — formally described as a Memorandum of Understanding — was unconstitutional, and he promised that there would be a proper investigation into whether Nisman's death was a suicide or, as is far more likely, an assassination.

Since Argentina is saddled with a notoriously corrupt judiciary, it's hard to predict whether the hoped-for progress will be made in the coming year. Much depends on

which judge is appointed to handle the AMIA case. Some of the judges who served under Kirchner may well be guilty themselves of collaborating in the Nisman cover-up, but there are also others being considered for the renewed investigation who are more independently minded.

As we await the next developments, it's important to remember how we got to this sorry juncture. One of the key influences on Kirchner was the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. Riding the wave of an oil price boom in the early 2000s, Chavez joined the pantheon of left-wing dictators with loud mouths and wide appeal. His policies were defined by short-term social welfare programs in some of the country's poorest towns and cities, oil subsidies to his Cuban friends worth at least \$7 billion a year, and a shrill foreign policy founded upon both anti-Americanism and anti-Zionism.

Under Chavez, antisemitism, which up until then had not been particularly significant in Venezuela, surged through the media — including attacks upon Israel's legitimacy and the lampooning of opposition leader Henrique Capriles, a devout Catholic who nonetheless proudly acknowledges his Jewish heritage. As a result, many of Venezuela's Jews have sought refuge in Israel and other countries.

At the same time, and not by coincidence, Venezuela's relations with Iran also surged. There were at least two significant outcomes from that relationship.

First, Iran, along with Hezbollah and its allies, massively boosted its fundraising, criminal activities, and intelligence and terror-planning operations throughout Latin America. Second, Chavez used his influence on Kirchner to undermine Nisman's investigation into Iranian culpability in the AMIA bombing. Nisman was also the target of direct Iranian threats. Hence the suspicion, as yet unproven, that Kirchner ordered his assassination, or at least acquiesced in it.

Out of that triangle — Kirchner, Chavez and the Iranian regime — only one still stands strong. Kirchner has been utterly discredited and may eventually find herself in prison. Chavez, too, is no longer with us, and the Venezuela he bequeathed to his successor, Nicolas Maduro, has collapsed into criminality, political thuggery, and chronic shortages of basic food and medicine; what was once one of the wealthiest countries in Latin America now has more in common with Zimbabwe under the dictatorship of Robert Mugabe.

In contrast, Iranian power continues to rise, cemented by an alliance with Russia, a dominant military position in Syria and the political collusion of the Obama Administration. (Shamefully, that same administration didn't even stop to consider the moral turpitude of abstaining on the recent UN Security Council Resolution 2334 condemning Israel, even though Iran's Venezuelan allies were among its sponsors.)

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## Opinion.

# The Blame-Game Blitz After the Truck-Ramming Attack in Jerusalem



RUTHIE BLUM  
TEL AVIV

On Sunday evening, when the details of the allegedly Islamic State-inspired truck-ramming attack in Jerusalem that afternoon were beginning to take shape, I received a phone call from a friend in distress.

Unlike so many of our peers that day, neither she nor I had been directly affected by the terrorist atrocity, in which an IDF officer and three officers' course cadets were murdered and another 15 wounded. And she was not suffering from a common form of anxiety experienced when the loved ones of others are killed or injured.

"I have had it with leftists," she said.

Since she is not exactly a rabid right-winger herself — and though I was deeply upset by the tragedy I had just spent hours reading and writing about — I laughed. What, I wondered, brought this on?

She told me that she first learned of the attack from a mutual friend whom she encountered while out running errands.

"The blood of the victims wasn't even dry yet, and the only thing that woman had to say was, 'It's so awful; now Bibi will go up in the polls.'"

Again I chuckled, this time at my friend's



The victims of Sunday's truck-ramming attack in Jerusalem. (Clockwise from top) 20-year-old Erez Orbach of Alon Shvut, 20-year-old cadet Shira Tzur of Haifa, 22-year-old cadet Shir Hajaj of Ma'aleh Adumim and 20-year-old Lt. Yael Yekutieli of Givatayim. Photo: Facebook.

naive outrage at something I have come to take for granted: Whenever something bad happens, including a rainstorm at an outdoor wedding, blame Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and bemoan his electoral popularity.

But it is not only members of the Israeli Left who respond to every ill that befalls the Jewish state by bashing it and its leaders. My compatriots on the Right have a similar tendency, albeit from the opposite point of view.

Sunday's attack gave expression to the latest example of this phenomenon on both sides of the political spectrum.

To understand the way Israelis — as all human beings — automatically translate every event into the language of their ideology, one has to review the facts of the truck-ramming, as they have unfolded, based on security camera footage, eyewitness accounts and other evidence collected at the scene.

At approximately 1:30 pm, a large group

of cadets on a weekly educational outing that is part of their training to become officers arrived at the Armon Hanatziv promenade and began to disembark from their buses.

The terrorist truck driver sat in wait while the young men and women in uniform descended onto the curb and adjacent grass. He then stepped on the gas and plowed into them. Many said later that initially they thought they were witnessing a car accident, but realized it was an attack when the perpetrator put his vehicle in reverse and slammed into them again.

One of the guides, a civilian who had served in a combat unit, was knocked down, but pulled out his pistol and proceeded to shoot the terrorist. He said that though he emptied his magazine, the driver continued to move. Meanwhile, dozens of soldiers fled, and others took cover, as they were instructed to do by another guide.

Before the proverbial dust had settled — or, as my friend put it, "before the blood was dry" — Facebook and Twitter lit up with video clips, accompanied by comments and arguments about what had transpired. The print and broadcast media were frantically playing catch-up, competing to reveal the "truth" of the whole episode, quoting sources from the government, security forces and medical first-responders.

Yes, while the parents of the 20-year-old victims were hysterically making their way to Jerusalem, either to identify bodies or reach hospitals, the rest of the country was engaged in ongoing commentary and debate.

On the Left, as my friend can attest, there were those who cynically saw the attack as a boost to the Right, which garners more support when Arabs kill Jews. Others on that side who believe that Palestinian terrorism is the result of Israeli "occupation," held the government responsible for failing to secure a two-state solution.

On the Right, there were those who criticized the soldiers for running away, rather than cocking their rifles and doing the job that their uniform requires. Others defended the soldiers, attributing their seeming cowardice to the fear instilled in them that using their weapons could lead to lawsuits. This position was based on the idea that the case of IDF Sgt. Elor Azaria — convicted last week of manslaughter for killing a subdued terrorist — was responsible for "trigger reluctance" on the part of the soldiers witnessing the truck-ramming attack.

What got lost in all the noise was the carnage itself, as well as the reality — for which Netanyahu is neither responsible nor has a magic formula to prevent — of global jihad.

There is a time and a place for investigations, interrogations and even the hurling of accusations. But first and foremost, let us mourn the dead, help the wounded heal and direct our wrath at the death-worshippers who slaughter innocent people and are glorified by their inciters for doing so. Remember: While we were engaging in a blame-game blitz after the attack, directing our anger at Netanyahu and the IDF brass, residents of Ramallah and Gaza were honoring their own leaders by dancing in the streets and distributing candy.

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# John Kerry's Israel Speech Dishonored Martin Luther King Jr.



STEPHEN M. FLATOW/  
JNS.ORG

In his recent speech about Israeli settlements, Secretary of State John Kerry unfairly blamed Israel and minimized Palestinian violence. But he also did something else: he grievously dishonored the African-American civil rights movement, just weeks before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

In his December 28 speech, Kerry recited a litany of accusations against Israel. The unkindest of all was his charge that Israeli

2014? How different was that from white racists in the American south who falsely accused African-Americans of assaulting white women?

I wonder if Kerry and his staff are aware of the fact that the majority of Israelis are "people of color." They are immigrants from, or descendants of immigrants from, African and Middle Eastern countries. Moreover, Israel is the only country in the world that ever sent its planes to a famine-ravaged African country to airlift tens of thousands of starving blacks — Ethiopian Jews — to safety.

In its daily life, Israel ensures civil rights for people of all colors and faiths. Contrast that with the Arab world, where racism against Jews and other non-Arabs is rampant. To this day, there are Arab countries (Sudan,



Dr. Martin Luther King delivering his 'I Have a Dream' speech during the March on Washington on 28 August 1963. Photo: Wiki Commons.

policies were creating "segregated enclaves" for Palestinians, and a "separate but unequal" system for Israelis and Palestinians.

Kerry's choice of language could not have been an accident. He didn't speak off the cuff. He didn't ad-lib his 73-minute lecture. He spoke from a carefully prepared text that he and his speechwriters must have spent many days, if not weeks, preparing.

Kerry knew what phrases would resonate the most strongly with the American public, especially in the final days of the first African-American president. The secretary of state invoked the words "separate but unequal" in order to equate Israel with some of the ugliest images from America's past.

But Kerry got it completely backwards. It is the Palestinians, not Israel, whose behavior is similar to that of the segregationists of America's civil rights era.

I suspect that Dr. King would have understood this very clearly. After all, the Palestinians demand that Jews be kept out of certain areas, just as the white segregationists demanded that blacks be kept out of certain areas. The Palestinians have repeatedly lynched innocent Jews, just as the white segregationists lynched blacks. The Palestinians smear Jews with antisemitic slurs, just as the white segregationists smeared blacks with racist slurs.

Does anybody remember that disgusting cartoon of an Israeli soldier preparing to rape a Palestinian woman, which was posted on the official website of the Palestinian Authority's (PA) National Security Forces, in November

Mauritania) where black slavery still exists. For some reason, human rights groups — including those who claim to revere Dr. King's memory — don't pay much attention to it.

By contrast, the PA promotes racism every single day. How? By inciting its citizens to engage in racist violence that targets members of one ethnic group: Jews. The PA does not encourage violence against "Israelis." It encourages violence specifically against Israeli Jews. Not Israeli Arabs. Only Israeli Jews.

Palestinian-populated areas are not "segregated enclaves." The only reason that there are no Jewish residents of those areas is that a racist PA refuses to let Jews live there. And if there is anything "unequal" about the residents of the PA-governed areas, it is because the PA refuses to hold democratic elections, thereby depriving its Palestinian residents of their equal rights.

Kerry's inappropriate use of civil rights-era rhetoric libels Israel and slanders the cherished memories of all those who fought and sacrificed in America's civil rights movement, including American Jews who went to prison and, in some cases, even gave their lives for it. To compare them to the Palestinians, whose "struggle" consists of bombing, stabbings and lynching Jews, is a grievous slur and dishonors everything we commemorate on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Stephen M. Flatow, a vice president of the Religious Zionists of America, is an attorney in New Jersey. He is the father of Alisa Flatow, who was murdered in an Iranian-sponsored Palestinian terrorist attack in 1995.

## Impressions.

# Preserving the Early History of the State of Israel

BY JUDITH LASH BALINT /  
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The early founders of the Jewish state are being encouraged by an ambitious documentary program to tell their remarkable, personal stories of Israel's beginnings, so that the human dimension of the Zionist national project will be on record for future generations.

Toldot Yisrael, Hebrew for Chronicles of Israel, founded by American immigrant Aryeh Halivni, was inspired by the efforts of the Shoah Foundation and Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust museum to supplement the work of historians with individuals' oral testimonies, before those accounts are lost.

"We have a finite opportunity to capture and preserve the inspiring stories of the incredible generation that enabled the creation of the state of Israel," Halivni said, explaining that when Toldot Yisrael started a decade ago, there was an estimated pool of 120,000 potential interviewees, but that 70 percent of those people have since passed away.

On a recent evening at Tel Aviv's Beit Hatfutsot Museum, the organization introduced an audience of olim to the dapper and articulate



At left, Harold (Smoky) Simon, a South African-born accountant who became chief of air operations of the nascent Israeli Air Force in May 1948, talks with Aryeh Halivni, Toldot Yisrael founder. Photo: Judy Lash Balint.

Harold (Smoky) Simon, a South African-born accountant who became chief of air operations of the nascent Israeli Air Force in May 1948, during the War of Independence. Simon, 97, described in detail what he called Israel's longest, costliest and most fateful war, including the role of 4,800 volunteer soldiers who came from abroad to fight and the crucial purchase of Czechoslovakian planes in defeating the Egyptian front.

"In order to get the full picture of this amazing period of history, it's important to get testimony from people who were active in every part of it," said Toldot Yisrael videographer Peleg Levy, who has conducted hundreds of hours of interviews with more than 1,000 subjects, ranging

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# Being Poor in Jerusalem: Pre-1967 Memories

BY JEREMY ROSEN

After I graduated from Cambridge University, I went to study at Mir Yeshiva in Jerusalem. The yeshiva was located in a small industrial quarter, sandwiched between Meah Shearim and the Mandelbaum Gate. In those pre-1967 days, the Mandelbaum Gate was the crossing point between west Jerusalem (the new city) and east Jerusalem (the Old City), which was then occupied by Jordan and under the control of the Jordanian Legion.

A concrete wall divided the two sections, and one would often see Jordanian soldiers patrolling the ramparts of the Old City. Sometimes they fired, seemingly at random, into the new city.

During the 1967 War, the yeshiva was shelled as the students sat in the subterranean dining room.

You can still see the patched brickwork

on the western façade where the building was hit. After the war, Jerusalem changed dramatically, as the unified city opened up to new vistas and populations. But before the war, the city was so small it seemed that everyone knew everyone else. Mir was in a pretty run-down area, and some of the destitute lived in makeshift huts and cardboard shelters right up into no-man's land.

The yeshiva's large study hall, the beit midrash, was packed throughout the day. It was always stuffy and very noisy, as everyone argued and shouted or sang, often trying to solve the complex problems in the Gemara. In summer, the haze was compounded by clouds of cigarette smoke. Everyone in those days smoked.

Throughout the day as we studied, beggars kept up a constant stream, clinking the coins in their hands under our noses, as a way of asking for donations as they passed up and down the gangways between the rows of benches and shtenders. Some were well-dressed and even elegant. Others wore smelly rags and were clearly down and out. We would have rows of small coins ready at hand to dispense to the beggars until we ran out.

In those days, most of the students in Mir were married. They went home to sleep. So by the night study session, only a few remained — mainly those who, like me, slept in a dormitory in the building. And by midnight in winter time, the hall was all but empty, except for a few beggars who had crept in to lie on the benches and enjoy some warmth from the stove during the bitter winter nights. I often stayed up late studying, and saw and interacted with these people.

Among those who came in for warmth was

an elderly man in old tattered clothes that he never changed, and shoes with holes in them. Most of the time he dozed by the fire. But when he was awake, he would open a Chumash and seem to be studying. We sat as far away from him as we could — because he really stank. On occasion, we would engage him in a brief conversation, but he was rarely lucid. He never asked for money, but he would accept anything we gave him.

I recall one late night when he was present. It was late and cold, and a professional beggar came into the hall, and started clinking his hand



Jerusalem, circa 1960. Photo: Wikipedia.

for donations. The poor old man rose from his sleeping position and fumbled around under his clothes. He took out an old worn leather purse and found a grush — a cent — and gave it to the beggar. To my surprise and anger, the fellow took it. I was amazed. I did not know anyone poorer or more destitute than that poor man, and yet he still gave to a much better-dressed and better-off man than he was. I went over to him. I asked him, "Why did you give your money to him? You know he doesn't need it as much as you."

The old man looked at me and smiled. He said, "The Torah commands everyone to give charity. Me, as well."

A week later, the old man was not there where he usually lay late at night. Nor was he there the following night, which was very, very cold. In the morning, a fellow student and I wondered where he was. We asked around. No one seemed to know. But the kitchen helper said he thought the man might be living among the huts and shelters near the border. We went in search of him. Eventually we found him, covered in cardboard and newspapers, in the cellar of an abandoned building. He was dead. We ran to the burial society, and they went and picked up his body.

I will never forget that old man. I have never gone without food or shelter. I give charity, but never to the extent that he did. Whenever I think of him, I feel profound sadness that there is such destitution. I regret that I didn't do more. But at the same time, I feel profound gratitude for having known him. Most of us have no idea how spoiled we are. This man remains someone that I respected for his simplicity and nobility, even in the depths of destitution. He was an unknown, silent Jew.



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and why the net residuary estate should not be distributed as follows: 50% to John P. Monaghan, 25% to Ellen Feudenberg, 25% to William Feudenberg. Dated, Attested and Sealed 28th day of November, 2016 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Margaret M. Gribbon Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation AJ 12/23/30; 1/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP, HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2004-5, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-5, Plaintiff -against- LUISA POMARE, US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2004, AMONG CREDIT-BASED ASSET SERVICING AND SECURITIZATION LLC, JP MORGAN ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP AND U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-CBS, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated JULY 29, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on January 26, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1494E 49 STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234. ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS and State of New York. Block: 7828 Lot: 84 Approximate amount of lien \$282,648.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 20469/2013 GREGORY THOMAS CERCHIONE, ESQ. STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: December 16, 2016 FILE #: WELLS 68985 AJ 12/23/30; 1/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST FREDERICK L. GRANT, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 02, 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 February 02, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 660 WARWICK STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. 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 4078, LOT 45. Approximate amount of judgment

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\$653,662.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 6144/2013. William D. Bowman Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 AJ 12/30; 1/6/13/20

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff against ALEKSANDER KHARKOVER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 29, 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 February, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises Lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn and State of New York. In the condominium known as "The 235 Ocean Parkway Condominium." Together with an undivided 5.56% interest in the Common Elements. Said premises known as 235 Ocean Parkway, 2A, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218. Tax account number: SBL#: 5339-1103. Approximate amount of lien \$ 504,479.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501108-14. Robert L. Howe, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900 J 12/30; 1/6/13/20

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 Karen Wood a/k/a Karen L. Wood; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 31, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 2, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 102-19 Seaview Avenue a/k/a 10219 Seaview Avenue, 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 New York, Block: 8305 Lot: 1. Approximate amount of judgment \$465,843.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 7831/2013. Jay D. Cohen, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: December 19, 2016 AJ 12/30; 1/6/13/20

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Warren Bridge LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 12/15/2016. 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: Warren Bridge LLC 301 Warren Street Unit 2 Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 12/30; 1/6/13/20/27; 2/3

File No.: 2016-306/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Arthur Delan, NYC Human Resources Administration, Attorney General of

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the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of DAVID DELAN, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of DAVID DELAN, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 128 Beach 115th Street, Rockaway Park, NY 11694, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of DAVID DELAN, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 9th day of February, 2017 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$19,467.44 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim of NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$661,090.53 should not be partially paid to the extent of the net distributable estate, Dated, Attested and Sealed 15th day of December, 2016 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Margaret M. Gribbon Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation AJ 12/30; 1/6/13/20

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST JOSEPH CAMPISI, RYAN SARACO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 06, 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 November 17, 2016 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 1934 PROSPECT PLACE, BROOKLYN,

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NY 11233. 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 1465, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$524,555.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 5843/13. Edward Mark Rappaport Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 AJ 1/6/13/20/27

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), a Corporation organized and existed under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff -against- LYNETTE DAVIS AKA LYNETTE J. DAVIS AKA LYNETTE GOODRIDGE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated September 16, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on February 9, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Maple Street, distant 220 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Maple Street with the westerly side of Nostrand Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 20 feet by 100 feet by 20 feet. Block 5033 Lot 31. Said premises known as 276 MAPLE STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$366,259.49 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 13812/2013. BRUNO F. CODISPOTI, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 95-25 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor, Rego Park, NY 11374 File# 7254.8744 AJ 1/6/13/20/27

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

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## Tradition.

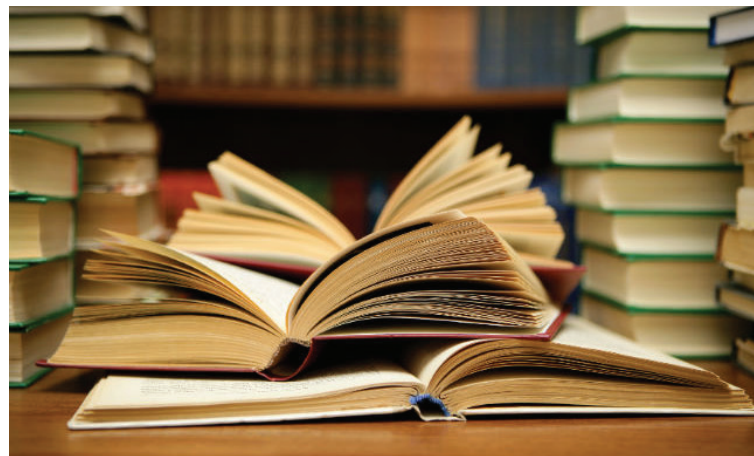
## Jewish Time



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

Different cultures tell different stories. The great novelists of the nineteenth century wrote fiction that is essentially ethical. Jane Austen and George Eliot explored the connection between character and happiness. There is a palpable continuity between their work and the book of *Ruth*. Dickens, more in the tradition of the prophets, wrote about society and its institutions, and the way in which they can fail to honour human dignity and justice.

By contrast, the fascination with stories like *Star Wars* or *Lord of the Rings* is conspicuously dualistic. The cosmos is a battlefield between the forces of good and evil. This is far closer to the apocalyptic literature of the Qumran sect and the Dead Sea scrolls than anything in Tanakh, the Hebrew Bible. In these ancient and modern conflict narratives the struggle is "out there" rather than "in here": in the cosmos rather than within the human soul. This is closer



to myth than monotheism.

There is, however, a form of story that is very rare indeed, of which Tanakh is the supreme example. It is the story without an ending which looks forward to an open future rather than reaching closure. It defies narrative convention. Normally we expect a story to create a tension that is resolved on the final page. That is what gives art a sense of completion. We do not expect a sculpture to be incomplete, a poem to break off halfway, a novel to end in the middle. Schubert's Unfinished Symphony is the exception that proves the rule.

Yet that is what the Bible repeatedly does. Consider the Chumash, the five Mosaic books. The Jewish story begins with a repeated promise to Abraham that he will inherit the land of Canaan. Yet by the time we reach the end of Deuteronomy, the Israelites have still not crossed the Jordan. The Chumash ends with the poignant scene of Moses on Mount Nebo (in present-day Jordan) seeing the land – to which he has journeyed for forty years but is destined not to

enter – from afar.

Nevi'im, the second part of Tanakh, ends with Malachi foreseeing the distant future, understood by tradition to mean the Messianic Age:

*See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.*

Nevi'im, which includes the great historical as well as prophetic books, thus concludes neither in the present or the past, but by looking forward to a time not yet reached. Ketuvim, the third and final section, ends with King Cyrus of Persia granting permission to the Jewish exiles in Babylon to return to their land and rebuild the Temple.

None of these is an ending in the conventional sense. Each leaves us with a sense of a promise not yet fulfilled, a task not yet completed, a future seen from afar but not yet reached. And the paradigm case – the model on which all others are based – is the ending of Bereishit in this week's sedra.

Remember that the story of the people of the covenant begins with

God's call to Abraham to leave his land, birthplace and father's house and travel "to a land which I will show you". Yet no sooner does he arrive than he is forced by famine to go to Egypt. That is the fate repeated by Jacob and his children. Genesis ends not with life in Israel but with a death in Egypt:

*Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place". So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt. (Gen. 50:26)*

Again, a hope not yet realised, a journey not yet ended, a destination just beyond the horizon.

Is there some connection between this narrative form and the theme with which the Joseph story ends, namely forgiveness?

It is to Hannah Arendt in her

*The Human Condition* that we owe a profound insight into the connection between forgiveness and time. Human action, she argues, is potentially tragic. We can never foresee the consequences of our acts, but once done, they cannot be undone. We know that he who acts never quite knows what he is doing, that he always becomes "guilty" of consequences he never intended or even foresaw, that no matter how disastrous the consequences of his deed, he can never undo it... All this is reason enough to turn away with despair from the realm of human affairs and to hold in contempt the human capacity for freedom.

What transforms the human situation from tragedy to hope, she argues, is the possibility of forgiveness:

*Without being forgiven, released from the consequences of what we have done, our capacity to act would, as it were, be confined to one single deed from which we could never recover...*

Forgiving, in other words, is the only reaction which does not merely re-act but acts anew and unexpectedly, unconditioned by the act which provoked it and therefore freeing from its consequences both the one who forgives and the one who is forgiven.

Atonement and forgiveness are the supreme expressions of human freedom – the freedom to act differently in the future than one did in the past, and the freedom not to be trapped in a cycle of vengeance and retaliation. Only those who can forgive can be free. Only a civilisation based on forgiveness can construct a future that is not an endless repetition of the past. That, surely, is why Judaism is the only civilisation whose golden age is in the future.

It was this revolutionary concept of time – based on human freedom – that Judaism contributed to the world. Many ancient cultures believed in cyclical time, in which all things return to their beginning. The Greeks developed a sense of tragic time, in which the ship of dreams is destined to founder on the hard rocks of reality. Europe of the Enlightenment introduced the idea of linear time, with its close cousin, progress. Judaism believes in covenantal time, well described by Harold Fisch: "The covenant is a condition of our existence in time... We cooperate with its purposes never quite knowing where it will take us, for 'the readiness is all.'" In a lovely phrase, he speaks of the Jewish imagination as shaped by "the unappeased memory of a future still to be fulfilled".

Tragedy gives rise to pessimism. Cyclical time leads to acceptance. Linear time begets optimism. Covenantal time gives birth to hope. These are not just different emotions. They are radically different ways of relating to life and the universe. They are expressed in the different kinds of story people tell. Jewish time always faces an open future. The last chapter is not yet written. The Messiah has not yet come. Until then, the story continues – and we, together with God, are the co-authors of the next chapter.

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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.] AJ 1/13/20/27; 2/3

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from high-ranking Mossad intelligence agency officials to ordinary Jerusalem residents who struggled to survive the siege of the city.

"We have interviews with Palmach, Haganah, Lechi and Etzel fighters. Everyone had a job, and collectively they impacted the British Empire," said Levy.

Today, Toldot Yisrael is housed at the National Library of Israel but is privately funded, and mostly by American donors, Halivni noted. The non-profit's steering committee includes Member of Knesset Michael Oren, an historian and former Israeli ambassador to the US; Ruth Wisse, professor emeritus of Yiddish and comparative literature at Harvard University; and Michael Berenbaum, former president of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

The organization's goal is to digitize all the interviews and integrate them with newspaper articles and photos from the period in order to make it a usable database easily accessed for educational and research purposes.

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Hence the importance of real progress, and soon, in the Nisman case.

Argentina's courts are once again in a position to convict the Iranians for the unpunished crime of the AMIA bombing. Doing that will generate momentum to take on Iranian-backed terror globally, from Buenos Aires to Gaza, and from Aleppo to Kurdistan. If Iran's allies in Latin America can crumble, after all, then so too can its allies elsewhere. The pain they have caused, though, can never be undone.

Ben Cohen, senior editor of *TheTower.org* & *The Tower*

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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 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. Longo, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ 1/13/20/27; 2/3

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

*Magazine, writes a weekly column for JNS.org on Jewish affairs and Middle Eastern politics. His writings have been published in Commentary, the New York Post, Haaretz, The Wall Street Journal, and many other publications. He is the author of "Some of My Best Friends: A Journey Through Twenty-First Century Antisemitism" (Edition Critic, 2014).*

## Social.



Berlin's Brandenburg Gate lit up with an Israeli flag on Monday. Photo: Twitter/Israel Los Angeles.

## Berlin Landmark Lights Up With Israeli Flag in Solidarity With Victims of Jerusalem Truck-Ramming Attack

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Berlin's famed Brandenburg Gate was lit up with an Israeli flag on Monday in a show of solidarity with the victims of Sunday's truck-ramming attack in Jerusalem, which left four IDF soldiers dead.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tweeted a photo of the illuminated landmark with the caption, "Thanks, Germany, for standing with us in our common struggle against terrorism." Israel's ambassador to Germany, Avraham Nir-Feldklein, said in a Facebook post that he was "moved by the gesture of the Berlin Senate."

"We are very grateful for the support of the German government and the people for the consoling words of solidarity," Nir-Feldklein said. "We all see us faced with the same terror, from Nice over Berlin to Jerusalem, but together we will face evil and we will win. Today, the light of the Brandenburg Gate symbol-

izes the connection of our hearts."

France's i24News reported that the Brandenburg Gate memorial was the result of an online petition calling on the Berlin Senate to light up the landmark with the Israeli flag, the way it did with the flags of France, Poland, Turkey and Germany itself, in the aftermath of terror attacks against citizens of those countries. The petition said, "Anything else would be a damning indictment for Berlin and would give the impression that there are first- and second-class victims." A mere 24 hours after the petition was started, it was signed by 4,173 supporters, according to the report.

The IDF soldiers, aged 20 to 22, were killed when a resident of east Jerusalem ran a truck into a group of troops waiting at a bus stop during an educational tour. Sixteen soldiers were wounded and four remain hospitalized. The terrorist, who was killed in the attack, is suspected of having been a member or supporter of ISIS.

## Muslim Teen Honored by Community, Religious Leaders

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A Muslim teenager from Brooklyn was honored by political, community and religious leaders on Friday for assisting in the arrest of a man who attacked a Jewish woman last week on a train, NBC New York reported.

Ahmed Khalifa, 17, was presented by Jewish Assemblyman Dov Hikind with a legislative citation

and a new laptop, donated by a local business, to use when he starts college in the fall.

Hikind tweeted that he was "proud of [Khalifa's] noble and heroic act." He also expressed hope that others will follow the teen's example in similar situations, because "hate is unacceptable under any circumstances."

Khalifa chased Rayvon Jones, 31, after he punched an Orthodox Jewish woman on Brooklyn's Q train on Dec. 28 and fled. A member of the Jewish neigh-

## Pregnant Israeli 'Wonder Woman' Gal Gadot Presents Golden Globe Award With Australian Portrayer of Thor

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Israeli "Wonder Woman" Gal Gadot made her fans back home proud when she was selected to present this year's Golden Globe award for Best Foreign Language Film.

According to the Hebrew news site Ynet, though Israelis already know that Gadot has made it as an international star — for her now-famous role in the blockbuster — she was acknowledged as such by being given the honor of taking the stage at the prestigious Hollywood ceremony.

Gadot presented the award with Australian heartthrob Chris Hemsworth — something that paired the DC Comics heroine with rival company Marvel's superhero Thor.

The 31-year-old movie star, who is about five



Gal Gadot as 'Wonder Woman.' Photo: Wikia.

months pregnant with her second child, showed off her baby bump on the red carpet, in a sequined gown with a plunging neckline and high slit up the side of her leg.

Gadot was accompanied to the Beverly Hilton in Los Angeles — the venue of the 74th annual Golden Globes — by her Israeli real estate developer husband Yaron Versano, with whom she has a five-year-old daughter named Alma.

Before presenting the Best Foreign Language Film to France's "Elle," starring Isabelle Huppert, Gadot made a quip about her being from Israel and Hemsworth hailing from Australia, saying they both understand how movies break through boundaries.

borhood patrol group Shomrim joined Khalifa in tracking down Jones, whom they saw boarding a bus nearby. Khalifa called 911 and, along with Shomrim volunteers, followed the bus until police arrived and apprehended the assailant.

The victim was treated at Methodist Hospital for bruises and a cut lip. Her attacker was charged with assault.

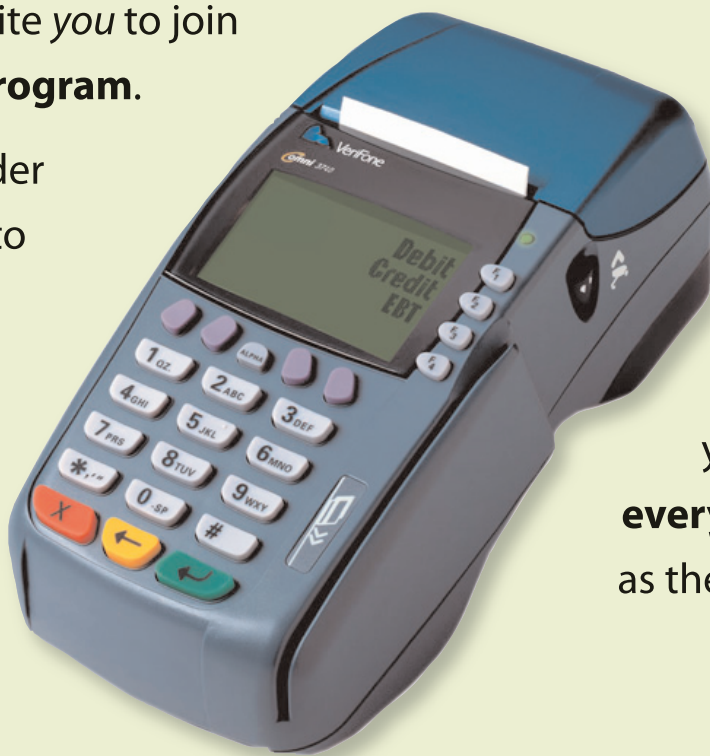
Khalifa said he does not consider himself a hero, as his behavior under the circumstances was "something everyone should do."

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