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President Trump Says Antisemitism Is 'Horrible' and 'Has to Stop'



President Donald Trump. Photo: Gage Skidmore via Wikimedia Commons.

**BY BARNEY BREEN
-PORTNOY**

Antisemitism is "horrible" and "has to stop," US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday during a visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC.

In a statement to the press delivered at the museum, Trump referred to the recent surge of antisemitism in the US — including a spate of telephone bomb threats

against Jewish community centers across the country and the desecration of graves at a Jewish cemetery in St. Louis.

"The antisemitic threats targeting our Jewish community and community centers are horrible and are painful and a very sad reminder of the work that still must be done to root out hate and prejudice and evil," Trump said.

Earlier on Tuesday, in an NBC interview, Trump said antisemitism was "age-old."

"There is something going on that doesn't allow it to fully heal," he stated. "Sometimes it gets better and then it busts apart. But we want to have it get very much better, get unified and stay together."

On Monday, Trump's daughter Ivanka tweeted, "America is a nation built on the principle of religious tolerance. We must protect our houses of worship & religious centers. #JCC"

Also on Monday, the World

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At Least Ten Jewish Community Centers Across US Targeted

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

At least ten Jewish community centers across America received telephone bomb threats on Monday, according to media reports.

NBC News reported that JCCs in Birmingham, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Paul, Tampa, Albuquerque, Houston, Milwaukee, Nashville and Buffalo were evacuated.

No bombs were found at any of the threatened sites.

This marked the fourth spate of concurrent bomb threats issued against JCCs in different parts of the US since the start of 2017.

In a statement on Monday, Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan A. Greenblatt said, "We are confident that



Police tape outside the JCC in Nashville, Tenn., after a recent telephone bomb threat. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

JCCs around the country are taking the necessary security protections, and that law enforcement officials are making their investigation of these threats a high priority. We look to our political leaders at all levels to speak out against such threats directed against Jewish institutions, to make it clear that such actions are unacceptable, and to pledge that they will work with law enforcement officials to ensure that those responsible will be apprehended and punished to the full extent of the law."

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Opinion.

In 2012 Speech, Incoming National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster Emphasized Importance of Remembering the Holocaust



BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY
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US President Donald Trump announced on Monday that Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster has been chosen to serve as his next national security adviser, replacing Michael Flynn, who resigned last week less than a month into the job.

McMaster, 54, is a 1984 West Point graduate who served overseas in both Iraq and Afghanistan over the course of a decorated three-decade military career.

"He is a man of tremendous talent and tremendous experience," Trump said on Monday of McMaster. "I watched and read a lot over the last two days. He is highly respected by everybody in the military, and we're very honored to have him."

On August 26, 2012, McMaster spoke at the dedication of a new Holocaust exhibit at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning in Georgia. The transcript of his remarks — in which he talked about the importance of remembering the Holocaust — was unearthed by The Algemeiner on Monday and can be read below:

Good afternoon.

It an honor to represent the Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning at this opening of the National Infantry Museum exhibit dedicated to victims of the Holocaust and in memory of Colonel Aaron Cohn, soldier, fellow Brave Rifles cavalry trooper, public servant, example for all of us.

Members of the Cohn family, community leaders, leaders of the National Infantry Foundation and the National Infantry Museum, fellow soldiers, Fort Benning civilians and family members, distinguished guests:

In the Germany of the 1920s and 30s, humanity was eroded by xenophobia in general and anti-Semitism in particular — and then in the 1940s, gave way completely. The scale of the human toll, the suffering during the holocaust, is really unimaginable — six million Jews, five million others systematically murdered.

On a recent trip to Israel, I made my third visit to the Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem. One enters the memorial and is immediately gripped by a sense of foreboding. It is Europe in the early 1930s. Grey granite walls narrow toward the ceiling and squeeze out the light as one walks downward, descending as humanity descended during a period when good men did nothing.

By the time one reaches the lowest point

in the memorial, knees are weak. The mass murder of Jews, prisoners of war, homosexuals, people with certain disabilities, had already begun. But Germany's colossal genocidal project grew in scale in the beginning of 1942 when the SS took the lead. The criminals who led the SS quickly determined that mass shooting, although it would remain a significant element in their "process" did not work with the speed and efficiency they desired. They began to use gas vans which they first tried out on Russian prisoners. They then decided to reverse the approach they adopted in the summer of 1941; instead of bringing the murderers to the victims, they would bring the victims to the murderers. Large shipments of German Jews began on October 15, 1941. At the Wannsee conference in December of that year, leaders and bureaucrats of government agencies deliberately planned the implementation of the program to kill all the Jews of Europe. Their plans included not only all Jews in German-controlled and influenced areas, but those — like the ones in England, Spain, Sweden, and Portugal — which it was assumed would soon also be under Nazi domination.

It was around this time that The United States entered the war after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. America mobilized. The war involved all of



Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster. Photo: US Army Public Affairs via Wikimedia Commons.

America. The U.S. Army grew from an army of 190,000 to an army of almost 8.5 million — a 44 fold increase. A total of 16 million Americans served in uniform in WWII; virtually every family had someone in harm's way, virtually every American had an emotional investment in our Army. That WWII army of 8.5 million existed in a country of about 130 million; by comparison, today we have an army of roughly 500,000 in a country of 307 million.

It is when that American Army, alongside British forces crossed the English Channel in June 1944 that the floor at the Yad Vashem memorial begins to slope upward toward sunlight streaming in through the window at the far end of the memorial.

Hitler's and Nazi Germany's genocidal

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Nikki Haley's First Hurrah



RUTHIE BLUM
TEL AVIV

Four months ago, when South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley was nominated by the president-elect as US ambassador to the United Nations, I wrote that there was reason to hope she would live up to the legacies of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Jeanne Kirkpatrick and John Bolton as "shining beacons in the Midtown Manhattan snake pit."

Though at the time, I could not judge whether she was the right person for the job, it appeared that she possessed the kind of moral clarity — and tough skin — required in an arena filled with people whose key purpose is to cloud the distinction between good and evil. Indeed, it takes a special kind of envoy to maneuver the Orwellian universe in which the international body operates, where Western values are on a lower hierarchical rung than third world culture. And where a mockery is made of the concept of human rights, the championing and upholding of which the organization was originally established to safeguard.

One indicator that Haley seemed to fit the bill was that she, the daughter of Indian immigrants who went through legal channels to become Americans, signed a law to crack down on illegal immigration. Another was her introducing legislation to outlaw boycotts, divestment and sanctions "based on race, color, religion, gender, or national origin of the targeted person or entity." Since Israel

has been the focus of BDS campaigns everywhere, it was clear what she had in mind. No wonder her appointment caused Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations Riyad Mansour to flinch.



US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley. Photo: Screenshot.

Mansour was right to be worried, just as I now believe my high hopes were well-founded, when Haley was confirmed.

On Thursday, after her first encounter with the UN Security Council, Ambassador Haley told reporters that she had asked its members to help her understand why, "when we have so much going on in the world, why is it that every single month we're going to sit down and have a hearing where all they do is obsess over Israel?"

Haley went on to describe the meeting, which she called "a bit strange," as exactly what it was: a forum for bashing the Jewish state.

"[T]he discussion was not about Hezbollah's illegal build-up of rockets in Lebanon," she said. "It was not about the money and weapons Iran provides to terrorists. It was not about how we defeat ISIS. It was not about how we hold Bashar al-Assad accountable for the slaughter of hundreds and thousands of civilians. No, instead, the meeting focused on criticizing Israel, the one true democracy in the Middle East."

Asserting that the US "will not turn a blind eye to this anymore," Haley underscored America's "ironclad support" for Israel and intolerance for the UN's anti-Israel bias.

She pointed to the fact that, "incredibly, the UN Department of Political Affairs has an entire division devoted to Palestinian affairs," while it has "no division devoted to illegal missile launches from North Korea... no division devoted to the world's number one state-sponsor of terror, Iran."

The double standards, she said, "are breathtaking," especially as "Israel exists in a region where others call for its complete destruction, and in a world where antisemitism is on the rise." This ongoing stance has the UN "is long overdue for change," she said. "The United States will not hesitate to speak out against these biases in defense of our friend and ally, Israel."

If this was Haley's first hurrah, it won't take long for her to take her rightful place alongside, if not surpass the achievements of, a handful of predecessors whose mark was indelible.

Ruthie Blum is the managing editor of The Algemeiner.

World News.

Netanyahu Rejects Report That Former US Secretary of State Kerry Initiated Secret Peace Meeting in Jordan

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu participated in a secret diplomatic summit a year ago in Aqaba, Jordan, with then-US Secretary of State John Kerry, Jordan's King Abdullah and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, Haaretz reported Sunday.

At the meeting, Kerry reportedly presented a regional peace framework that included recognition of Israel as a Jewish state and the renewal of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations with the support of Arab nations. Netanyahu responded that he would have trouble garnering support for Kerry's proposal within Israel's governing coalition.

Several months later, Kerry presented Netanyahu with a framework to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including a demilitarized Palestinian state based on the 1967 lines with land swaps, with Jerusalem serving as the capital of both Israel and the Palestinian state. Netanyahu rejected the proposal.

When the subject was raised Sunday at a Likud party ministers' meeting, Netanyahu



Former US Secretary of State John Kerry (left) and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

did not deny the occurrence of the Jordan summit, and even hinted that he — rather than Kerry — had initiated it, contrary to Haaretz's report.

"Who says that this (the report of Kerry initiating the meeting) is accurate? Maybe I was the one who initiated this meeting," Netanyahu said, essentially confirming to the ministers that the summit had taken place.

of Holocaust victims. A memorial that helps bring home the singularity of those who perished. As our fellow citizens enter this wonderful museum and come to this spot, I hope that they realize that the vast host memorialized here, the victims of the Holocaust — died one by one. And I hope that they also realize that the American soldiers, airmen, sailors and marines who gave their lives to defeat Nazi Germany and end the Holocaust gave their lives one by one and that they died for all of us and all of humanity. We must, as author Rick Atkinson has said so well, remember that every death was as unique as a snowflake or a fingerprint.

As President Obama observed in Oslo on 10 December 2009, "To say that force may sometimes be necessary is not a call to cynicism — it is a recognition of history; the imperfections of man and the limits of reason." He observed that "a non-violent movement could not have stopped Hitler's armies. Negotiations cannot convince al Qaeda's leaders to lay down their arms." America, he observed, has used its military power "because we seek a better future for our children and grandchildren, and we believe that their lives will be better if other peoples' children and grandchildren can live in freedom and prosperity."

Our Army is a living historical community. That is why this memorial and this museum are important to us. The American soldiers memorialized in this great Infantry Museum and those serving today are both warriors and humanitarians. Colonel Judge Aaron Cohn was a warrior and humanitarian.

Proverbs 22:1 says that a good name is to be valued more than riches. We come together to commemorate the human tragedy of the holocaust. And we also come together at this memorial and in this great Infantry Museum to celebrate two good names — Colonel Aaron Cohn and the American soldier.

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Remembering

campaign would continue until soldiers liberated the concentration camps and Hitler's murderous regime was defeated.

Mass murderers had to be stopped physically. Their inhuman, fascist ideology of hatred and violence and murder also had to be defeated. And, ultimately, it would fall of the shoulders of American soldiers to stop these mass murders and defeat their ideology — soldiers like Colonel Aaron Cohn of the 3rd United States Cavalry who led his troopers into the concentration camp at Ebensee, Austria on 9 May 1945. What he and his troopers found was deplorable. The 25 Ebensee barracks had been designed to hold 100 prisoners each; each of them held over 700 emaciated men. In the weeks prior to liberation, the crematorium was of course unable to keep pace with those who were murdered or starved to death; the death rate had reached about 350 per day. Naked bodies lay stacked up outside the blocks and the crematorium itself. American soldiers found a ditch outside the camp where bodies were flung into quicklime.

We should celebrate the end of this horror — it was a real victory for our nation and for all of humankind. A victory won by men like Judge Cohn. But this memorial and this museum also reminds us that victory in war is only possible through sacrifice. In World War II, the U.S. military sustained almost 300,000 battle deaths and about 100,000 deaths from other causes. The war lasted 2,174 days and claimed an average of 27,600 lives every day, or 1,150 an hour, or 19 a minute, or one death every three seconds.

The human toll of World War II and the Holocaust is hard to imagine. But we must not be numbed by statistics and remember the singularity of every death.

At the end of Yad Vashem's historical narrative is the Hall of Names — a repository for the Pages of Testimony of millions

Egyptian Spokesman: Report of El-Sisi's Part in Clandestine Summit in Jordan Includes 'False Information'



Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

BY RUTHIE BLUM

A spokesman for Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi railed against a report in the Israeli media about his country's part in a clandestine Mideast peace summit in Jordan last year, hosted by King Abdullah II and attended by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and then-US Secretary of State John Kerry, the Hebrew news site nrg reported on Monday.

According to nrg, Alaa Youssef demanded to clarify that the Haaretz report "included false information."

Youssef was referring to the Haaretz article which said Egypt was "sparing no effort" to reach a just and comprehensive two-state solution, which involves the establishment of an independent Palestinian state along the June 4, 1967 borders.

Youssef said that, "contrary to the false report," Egypt's position has been to "lead the way towards a permanent solution to the

Palestinian issue and to safeguard the rights of the Palestinian people by hearing and weighing various opinions from the involved parties and is prepared to examine initiatives aimed at reviving the peace process."

Youssef, who failed to say what about the Haaretz report was false, added, "Reaching a final solution to this issue will lead to a new reality that guarantees the safety and security of the Palestinian and Israeli peoples, and will provide hope to anyone who wants to achieve economic and social development in the region."

During a speech Monday morning to a gathering in Jerusalem of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Israeli Opposition Leader Isaac Herzog confirmed the Haaretz report about the secret meeting, at which Netanyahu purportedly presented a five-point plan that included a freeze in settlement construction outside of the major blocs, in exchange for American recognition of Israel's right to build within those blocs.

Arab-Israeli Indicted for Planning ISIS-Style Attacks in Jewish State

BY JNS.ORG

An Arab-Israeli man was indicted Monday for his alleged links to the Islamic State terror group and his plans to orchestrate attacks in Israel.

Anas Haj Yehiye, 35, was arrested in late January by the Shin Bet security agency and Israel Police, following intelligence-gathering on his suspected terrorist ties and activities. Haj Yehiye swore allegiance to ISIS chief Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and was recruiting others for the formation of an ISIS terror cell within Israel, according to the Shin Bet.

The security agency said Haj Yehiye was planning attacks on a bus in Tel Aviv and against

Israeli soldiers. He also distributed instructions to potential fellow terrorist operatives on the production of explosive belts, explosive devices connected to cellphones and lethal substances such as sarin gas. Islamic State's "Detailed Guide for the Jihadist" was seized at Haj Yehiye's home in the village of Taibe.

The Israeli State Attorney's Office filed an indictment Monday against Haj Yehiye in the Central District Court. The Shin Bet said it "views Islamic State supporters in Israel as a severe security threat, and will use all counter-terrorist and preventive means at its disposal and will with those involved to the fullest extent of the law."

World News.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu enters the Maghain Aboth Synagogue in Singapore on Monday. Photo: Screenshot.

Netanyahu Meets Members of Singapore's Jewish Community During Visit to Southeastern Asian Island Synagogue

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

During his visit to Singapore on Monday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stopped by the Maghain Aboth Synagogue to meet members of the Southeast Asian city-state's Jewish community.

"70 years ago if you looked at Israel and you looked at Singapore, there wasn't much to see," Netanyahu said in remarks delivered at the synagogue. "But there's a lot to see, and it's not I think accidental that our two nations formed this bond between us, because we are both inspired to do things, to punch above our weight. Israel is the innovation nation; we're both entrepreneurial centers. We have innate talent and we have great drive to succeed."

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Last month, an international security consultant and political risk analyst told The Algemeiner that the bomb threats targeting JCCs were part of an "unfortunate growing trend."

"There has been an increase in non-profit organizations — both Jewish and not — receiving these types of bomb threats, whether through robocalls or other telephonic means," Dr. Joshua Gleis, president of Gleis Security Consulting, said.

One reason for this, according to Gleis, is technology.

"It's very easy today to anonymously

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Jewish Congress called for a "strong and decisive reaction by the authorities at all political levels to combat" antisemitism in the US.

"This is not merely a problem for the Jewish community, it's a problem for America as a whole," WJC President Ronald S. Lauder said in a statement. "It is equally important that political leaders in Washington and on the state and local levels speak out and condemn such vile acts. I know that President Trump and his administration will take all necessary steps on the federal level to address this problem."

"It's time for all good people in America to join forces in order to root out all forms of antisemitism, racism and bigotry," Lauder concluded.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center on Tuesday urged US Attorney General Jeff Sessions to set up a special task force to catch the perpetrators of the JCC bomb threats.

Rabbis Marvin Hier and Abraham

"I believe that great powers around the world look at Israel and Singapore today and see tremendous economic opportunities, tremendous," the prime minister continued. "And one reason that that is the case is that we have an unbridled spirit and we put it to use. That spirit is something that we've enshrined in our peoples for a long time, for a long time. The Jewish people have passed learning from one generation to another, an inquisitive mindset and the ability to produce new things."

According to The Straits Times, the two-century-old Jewish community in Singapore currently numbers around 2,500 people — a tiny minority of the island nation's total population of more than 5.6 million residents.

make phone calls," he noted. "Law enforcement cannot always find out where they are coming from."

The perpetrators, Gleis said, might "just be looking to sow fear in the community."

"But another concern, which is more sinister, is that it is not just to create panic and fear, but really, God forbid, to see how different organizations respond and then potentially attack them while they're responding — for example attack them while they are evacuating, where they could be potentially more vulnerable because now there are hundreds of people outside," he added.

Cooper — the dean and associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center — stated, "The multi-pronged threats of antisemitism today demand concerted action. We look to President Trump to take a leadership role in addressing the problem of antisemitism and hate in America head-on in a speech at a time and place of his choosing."

"American Jewry," they continued, "is being targeted by extremists from multiple sources: On our nation's campuses, where incessant anti-Israel campaigns have created a climate of intimidation; in New York, home to the world's largest Jewish community, which reports a spike in antisemitic incidents, and just this week, 100 headstones in a Jewish cemetery in Missouri were overturned. Further, social media is being deployed 24/7 by extremists to target and demonize individual Jews, entire communities, our faith and values. We need leadership from the top to effectively combat the hate."

Watchdog Launches Database for 'Easy Access' to Info on Quarter Billion Shekels Given to Israeli NGOs by Foreign Governments

BY RUTHIE BLUM

An Israel-based watchdog has launched an interactive database for what it calls "easy access and analysis" of the more than \$60 million (NIS 235 million) in foreign government funding that went to Israeli non-profits actively working to undermine the Jewish state in its conflict with the Palestinians from 2012 to 2016.

NGO Monitor said that it collected the data from the quarterly submissions to the Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits in accordance with the 2011 "Law and Disclosure Requirements for [Groups] Supported by a Foreign Governmental Body," and it does "not reflect the organizations' total budgets or full amount of donations received annually."

NGO Monitor President Prof. Gerald Steinberg said, "The unique and disproportionate funding that a small group of Israeli NGOs get from European governments is used to influence Israeli politics and society. Over the past four years alone, 34 Israeli NGOs have

received nearly a quarter of a billion shekels. Our new database brings this essential information directly to journalists, the public and decision-makers, increasing transparency in a clear, comprehensive and user-friendly way."

The organization, which said it will regularly update the database, provided a video clip describing how to use the tool.

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In years past, Beth Shifra maintained a Free Soup Kitchen all year round, open seven days a week, serving free meals three times a day, without charge. During the week of Pesach, Beth Shifra sponsored free Kosher for Pesach Sedorim and daily meals around the city. We are personally familiar with their significant work and urge you to help Beth Shifra with any support that you can, including publicizing their inspiring work in your Shul or organization.

This year, Beth Shifra is sponsoring free Kosher for Pesach Seders and meals daily from Monday April 10th, through Tuesday, April 18th, at The White Shul, 2102 Avenue T & East 21st in Brooklyn. Free Kosher for Passover food packages will be offered on Monday, April 10th, at the White Shul, 2102 Avenue T & East 21st in Brooklyn from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

We proudly invite you to join us in making this year a memory of a lifetime for those in need. Take the time now to have the merit and joy of helping a hungry family celebrate Passover. Please help Beth Shifra with any assistance that you can, including publicizing their good work in your Shul or organization.

May all those that participate in this holy effort be blessed from Heaven.

On behalf of the Igud/RAA Presidium and of the Beth Din, I extend greetings of Torah.

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In a statement on Tuesday, Rabbis Denise L. Eger and Steven A. Fox — the president and chief executive of the Central Conference of American Rabbis — said, "We call upon the

president and leaders of both parties to speak up forcefully against antisemitism and all forms of hatred based on religion, race, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity, among others."

U.S. News.

Iranian FM Warns US, Israel, Saudi Arabia Against Getting Themselves Into 'Serious Trouble' Confronting Tehran Militarily

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The US, Israel and Saudi Arabia should be "prudent enough not to get themselves into serious trouble" by confronting Iran militarily, the Islamic Republic's top diplomat said in a BBC interview that aired on Monday.

"First of all, we're not talking about the law of the jungle," Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told BBC's Lyse Doucet. "We're talking about the international law, and according to international law, those [military] options are a violation of international law."

"I certainly hope that prudence will prevail because Iran is not an easy target," Zarif asserted.

"We're not going to provoke anybody. We're not going to instigate any hostility. We've never started hostility, and we're not planning to do it. But we will defend ourselves."

"I do not believe that people looking at our history, people looking at our capabilities, will ever make the decision to engage in that misadventure," the foreign minister also stated.

After meeting with new US Secretary of Defense James Mattis for the first time on Friday, Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said, "The three main problems we must handle are Iran, Iran and Iran. We must build a genuine and effective coalition to deal with the terrorism it [Iran] spreads around the world, the development of missiles it is engaged in and its nuclear arms race."

At the start of this month, the Trump administration announced it was "officially

putting Iran on notice" over recent hostile behavior, including a ballistic missile test.



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif. Photo: Screenshot.

New US Ambassador to UN Nikki Haley Draws Praise From Pro-Israel Community After Calling Out Security Council for Double Standard Toward Jewish State

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The new American UN envoy is receiving warm praise from the pro-Israel community in both the US and abroad after taking the Security Council to task last week for its double standards when it comes to its treatment of the Jewish state.

Addressing reporters on Thursday after taking part for the first time in a monthly Security Council meeting on Middle East issues, US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley said, "I am here to underscore the ironclad support of the United States for Israel. I'm here to emphasize the United States is determined to stand up to the UN's anti-Israel bias. We will never repeat the terrible mistake of Resolution 2334 and allow one-sided Security Council resolutions to condemn Israel. Instead, we will push for action on the real threats we face in the Middle East."

Anti-Israel bias at the UN, Haley declared, was "long overdue for change. The United States will not hesitate to speak out against these biases in defense of our friend and ally, Israel."

The video of Haley's statement went viral in pro-Israel circles around the world over the weekend. On Monday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — currently in the midst of a visit to Singapore and Australia — posted a link to the video on Facebook and said, "US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley, thank you for your unequivocal support for Israel! It's time to put an end to the absurdity in the United Nations."

Later on Monday, Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon shared Netanyahu's post and said, "Thank you Ambassador Nikki Haley, we are expecting to bring about together a new era at the UN!"

After meeting with Danon for the first time earlier this month, Haley said, "Never again will our allies have to question our support."



US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley. Photo: Screenshot.

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Opinion.

Cory Booker Condemned David Friedman While Giving Iran a Pass



SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

Last week's hearing on the nomination of David Friedman to be the US ambassador to Israel was intense. The Democratic senators on the Foreign Relations Committee came after him hard, quoting every controversial thing he's ever said.

Mind you, they couldn't seem to find one controversial thing he's ever done, because no one disputes that David is an upstanding, decent man.

Most of all, I was upset by how harshly he was treated by New Jersey Senator Cory Booker.

There is a growing evolution in Cory's position on Israel that is becoming more aligned with the left wing of the Democratic Party. I hope that Cory resists its pull.

Cory was once a steadfast friend and reliable supporter of Israel. And while I don't question Cory's love for the Jewish state and his commitment to its security, I do question whether he is allowing himself to succumb to pressure from those on the left who are gravitating away from it.

After years of pledging support for Israel in front of audiences of the American Jewish community — who made him the single largest recipient of pro-Israel contributions in the nation — Cory stunned many by supporting the nuclear agreement with

Iran. He did this even though Iran repeatedly threatened a second holocaust of the Jewish people, and has consistently funded terrorism around the world.

Cory is also prolific on social media. It was therefore mystifying when he failed to post anything from Israel during his visit there last summer. Furthermore, many alarms also went up when Cory refused to condemn the Obama administration for abstaining on the anti-Israel resolution that was passed by the UN Security Council last December.

At the Friedman hearing, Cory's main complaint was that David's inflammatory rhetoric was unacceptable. He said that David's harsh comments about J Street were wrong and that they required "atonement."

David agreed, showed contrition and apologized.

And yet, during the Iran nuclear negotiations, Cory never once said that Iran's vile words about Jews were abominable. Here was Khameinei, Iran's supreme leader, repeatedly threatening the Jewish people with a second holocaust and calling Israel a scab and cancer that required total destruction. But although Cory called out Friedman for comments he found objectionable, he never once found Iran's threats against Israel to be objectionable. He never once took to the Senate floor to condemn Iran for violating the 1948 UN Anti-Genocide convention by pledging the destruction of another people.

Anti-Israel organizations have mounted a campaign to derail Friedman's nomination because of his belief that Jews have the right to live anywhere in their homeland, and that Jerusalem, Israel's eternal capital, should be



Democratic Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

the site of the US Embassy. After the hearing last week, it became clear that their campaign will fail, and that David will be confirmed.

But that still doesn't excuse senators who lambasted Friedman while giving Iran a pass.

For too long, American ambassadors have been forced to toe the line of timid State Department officials whose phobia over Arab reactions to US support for Israel have prevented the United States from recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and relocating the US embassy there.

For too long, our ambassadors have seen the need to publicly criticize the democratically elected government of Israel for protecting the interests of the Israeli people.

And for too long, our ambassadors have blamed Israel for the ongoing dispute with the Palestinians rather than acknowledge that the obstacle to peace is the Palestinians' refusal to accept the idea of a Jewish state coexisting next to a Palestinian state.

J Street has every right to its harsh opinions about Israel. But sitting in the comfort

of homes 6,000 miles away may not give them the same perspective as Israelis who face threats of genocide from Hamas to the West, Hezbollah to the North and Iran to the East. J Street does not believe Jews have a legitimate claim to Judea and Samaria or the right to live in all of their homeland. The group is also out of step with Congress and mainstream Jews who support moving the US embassy and recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Prodded by J Street, Friedman has been challenged about his past support for Jews in the community of Beit El. The world may villainize the families there as settlers, but in my view, they have every right to live in the land of Israel.

The Palestinians have been offered the possibility of statehood no fewer than seven times going back to 1937, and missed every opportunity because of their refusal to accept a Jewish state.

While Democrats have united in opposition to Trump's cabinet nominations, support for Israel has always been bipartisan — because Republicans and Democrats recognize that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East, the only reliable US ally in the region and a nation that shares American values and interests. President Obama undermined that bipartisan tradition, which is why staunch Democratic supporters of Israel like Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York, Ben Cardin of Maryland and Robert Menendez of New Jersey had the wisdom to vote against the Iran nuclear deal.

Cory supported the deal. He had that right. But he must show consistency. If you're going to criticize an ambassador-designate, then at least condemn the Iranian regime that has pledged death to America, and its foremost ally, Israel.

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The Associated Press Smear of David Friedman



ELDER OF ZION
NEW YORK

The AP is attempting to smear David Friedman with this incredibly biased "fact check" article:

David Friedman, President Donald Trump's pick to be U.S. ambassador to Israel, displayed an exhaustive knowledge of Israeli-Palestinian affairs during his Senate confirmation hearing on Thursday, but at times glossed over intricacies of the famously complex region. A look at some of his statements before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee:

FRIEDMAN: Asked about the Trump administration's position on a two-state solution, he said he would be delighted to see a peace deal giving Palestinians an independent state. But he acknowledged skepticism "solely on the basis of what I've perceived as an unwillingness on the part of the Palestinians to renounce terror and accept Israel as a Jewish state."

He said Palestinians had failed to

"end incitement" of violence, and terrorism had increased since the Oslo Accords in the 1990s, intended to be a stepping stone toward Palestinian statehood.

THE FACTS: Not all Palestinians are the same.

The Palestinian Liberation Organization, the group that formally represents all Palestinians, officially denounced terrorism decades ago, although attacks have continued to be a problem for Israel in the years since. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, in office since 2005 and in charge of autonomous enclaves in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, has spoken out against violence, saying it undermines Palestinian statehood aspirations.

Hamas refuses to renounce violence or recognize Israel. Hamas controls the Gaza Strip after seizing it in 2007 in a violent takeover and setting up a government there to rival Abbas' West Bank-based Palestinian Authority.

As far as Israel being a Jewish state, Abbas, current head of the PLO, says the Palestinians met their peace requirements by recognizing Israel, and it's not up to them to determine the religious nature of the state of Israel.

Friedman's statement was 100% correct. The Palestinians have failed to end incitement; the PLO still praises (and pays) terrorists, despite pretending to renounce terror; the Palestinians still regard terrorists as heroes;

and Fatah still views terrorism as a legitimate and justified tactic.

And the reason that the Palestinians refuse to accept a Jewish state is because they want to ensure that they have a "right to return," and can demographically destroy it.

Friedman is right; the AP is wrong.

The story goes on:

FRIEDMAN: Asked whether under Palestinian law the Palestinians were "rewarding terrorists" and whether there was an "increasing incentive" based on the number of people a terrorist murdered, said, "Exactly true."

THE FACTS: It's complicated.

Israel has long scoffed at the Palestinian fund for "martyrs," set up in 1967 by the PLO, arguing that the payments it makes are an incentive to kill Israelis. The fund makes monthly payments to roughly 35,000 families of Palestinians killed or wounded in the conflict with Israel and had a budget last year of \$170 million, Palestinian figures show. Recipients include relatives of Palestinian suicide bombers.

But the fund doesn't pay people in advance to carry out attacks. The Palestinians argue the fund helps support Palestinian victims of Israel's occupation, including families of those driven to attack by the dire conditions of occupation or by a desire to avenge others killed by Israelis.

Once again, Friedman is 100% right. The PLO pays the families of terrorists, and terrorists know that their families will be taken care of when they are in prison (and that the terrorists will be handed jobs when they leave prison).

Friedman is right; the AP is wrong.

Here's a final except:



David Friedman, President Donald Trump's pick to serve as the next US envoy to Israel. Photo: Screenshot.

FRIEDMAN: Asked about his connections to Beit El, a settlement of religious nationalists near Ramallah in the West Bank, Friedman said his affiliation had been as the president of a group called American Friends of Beit El Yeshiva, the U.S. fundraising arm of the settlement's Jewish seminary and affiliated institutions. He said the money he'd helped raise had gone toward educational facilities like dormitories, gymnasiums and classrooms.

"It primarily derives from my commitment to Jewish education," Friedman said of his involvement with Beit El. "The quality of those schools is excellent."

THE FACTS: It's true that the funds Friedman's group raises help support the settlement's educational activities. But Friedman appears to be playing down his family's long association with Beit El.

In addition to supporting Beit El's institutions, which include high schools and an Israeli military academy, Friedman has written numerous columns for Arutz Sheva, a right-wing news site affiliated with Beit El. It was in some of those columns that Friedman

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Opinion.

The Impossible Deal: Establishing a Peaceful Palestinian-Arab State



MORTON A. KLEIN
NEW YORK

It was exhilarating to watch US President Donald Trump, at his press conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, refuse to parrot the tired, irrational, dangerous mantra that a Palestinian state is the only option for peace.

Instead, Trump wisely spoke about real peace; creative solutions; ending the Palestinian-Arabs' teaching of "tremendous hate" to their children in their schools; and the essential requirement that the Palestinian-Arabs recognize the Jewish state.

The truth is, however, that irreconcilable, diametrically opposed differences between Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA) have long made it clear that the creation of a Palestinian-Arab state is an impossibility.

For example, the PA demands control, at a minimum, of all of east Jerusalem – while Israel requires that the entire city remain united under Israeli sovereignty.

The world needs to understand that Jerusalem is not even holy to Muslims. It is never mentioned in the Quran; it is mentioned 700 times in the Jewish holy books. No Arab leader, except Jordan's King Hussein, ever visited Jerusalem when Arabs controlled it from 1948-67. Jerusalem has never been the capital of any country except Israel.

The PA demands that every Jew must be ejected from their future state, meaning the 800,000 Jews in east Jerusalem-Judea-Samaria. That will never happen.

The PA also insists that millions of descendants of so-called Palestinian "refugees," created by the 1948 Arab war to destroy Israel, be allowed to move to Israel (Een though there are only 40,000 actual refugees from 1948 living today). Every Israeli government, from Left to Right, unequivocally rejects this, because it means overwhelming Israel with a hostile population and ending Israel as a Jewish state.

The PA also demands a "contiguous" state that connects Gaza to Judea-Samaria, thereby cutting Israel into two separate pieces. Israel obviously cannot agree to this demand either, if Israel wishes to remain in existence.

The PA refuses to agree to Israel's basic demand for recognition as the Jewish state.

To top off all of the above, the PA refuses to sign a peace deal that "ends all claims" against Israel. Israel understandably cannot agree to any agreement that does not include such a clause.

Another irreconcilable PA demand is that Israel must free all Palestinian-Arab terrorists in Israeli jails. Of course, Israel won't release thousands of unrepentant convicted murderers and attempted murderers.

Also with respect to security, Israel, at

a minimum, must maintain control over the major Jewish communities in Judea-Samaria, and, as Netanyahu said during Wednesday's joint press conference, Israel needs "overriding security control over the entire area west of the Jordan River," because "otherwise we'll get another radical Islamic terrorist state in the Palestinian areas exploding the



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Photo: Twitter

peace, exploding the Middle East."

Israel also requires that it continue the legal Gaza weapons blockade, but, the PA says it will never accept this.

Similarly, as Netanyahu explained in 2009 during his speech at Bar-Ilan University, any Palestinian-Arab state needs to be "demilitarized" – meaning that it cannot have an army, control its airspace, forge military pacts with the likes of Hezbollah and Iran, and import weapons, and must be subject to strong measures to prevent weapons smuggling. The PA opposes all of these Israeli security requirements.

Still another irreconcilable issue is that because a Palestinian state deal asks Israel to give up irreversible tangibles (i.e., land) for intangible peace promises, Israel needs partners who keep their promises. But the PA broke its repeated Oslo and other agreements to combat and stop inciting terror, collect illegal weapons, outlaw terrorist groups and preserve and provide Jews access to Jewish holy sites in PA territory.

Finally, the PA's unrelenting goal is to destroy and replace all of Israel with a Palestinian-Arab state that no Jews can step foot in. This goal is clearly laid out in the PA ruling party Fatah Charter and in PA President Abbas' speeches condemning the Israeli "occupation" since 1948 – and in the PA maps, stationery, official emblems, stamps, media and atlases showing all of Israel as Palestine. The PA leadership assures its people that any concessions it obtains are "stages" towards their final goal of destroying the Jewish state. Additionally, the PA is politically aligned with Hamas, whose charter calls for Israel's destruction and the murder of every Jew.

Israel cannot agree to commit suicide – or give the PA a stronger base for advancing the Palestinian-Arab "struggle" for Israel's total annihilation.

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In the above passage, the AP did not contradict a single thing that Friedman said. Writing for Arutz Sheva is not a violation of any law or US regulation. And blindly trusting an anti-settlement group is irresponsible.

This is a travesty of a "fact check." The AP has nothing to contradict Friedman, so instead, it throws a bunch of mud at the wall, and hopes that some will stick. Shame on them.

New Hamas Leader Is a Vicious Killer

YAAKOV LAPPIN
JERUSALEM

The election of Yahya Sinwar to lead Hamas in Gaza represents the completion of a lengthy takeover by Hamas' military wing at the expense of its political wing. And it could signal an imminent confrontation with Israel.

Hamas' military wing, the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, has been gradually pushing aside the terror group's political wing, seeing it as an impediment to its jihadist war efforts against Israel.

Sinwar and his military wing comrades want to reestablish their alliance with Iran and boost their tactical partnership with ISIS in the Sinai Peninsula.

Sinwar's rise likely means that Hamas and Iran will grow close once again, after years of turmoil over their opposing stances on the Syrian war.

In fact, Sinwar's rise to power is being described by veteran analyst Pinhas Inbari as Iran taking back power in Gaza.

Inbari believes that the move was "Iran's way of conveying a message before the Trump-Netanyahu talks" that took place last week in Washington.

Sinwar, who served 22 years in an Israeli prison for murdering Palestinians he accused of being Israeli collaborators, is a trigger-happy senior Hamas member who does not hesitate to shoot Gazans he perceives as being disloyal.

He was released from Israeli prison during the 2011 Shalit prisoner swap, and quickly rejoined his comrades in the Hamas military wing, under the command of Muhammad Deif, who were feverishly preparing rocket and tunnel attacks against Israel.

Last year, Sinwar ordered the execution

of a Gaza City Hamas battalion commander, Mahmoud Eshtwi, who was seen as being too openly critical of his superiors.

According to a recent report by Israel's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, Sinwar and his brutal track record might signal the rise of a Hamas dictatorship.

That could spell trouble for the Palestinian Authority, which Sinwar views as an enemy, and wants to topple in the West Bank. It could also spell problems for Hamas' other neighbors, Egypt and Jordan, both of which have their own domestic Islamist and jihadist problems.

Traditionally, Hamas' Shura Council has included the military and political wings, as well as the Hamas overseas politburo. But Sinwar, a charismatic and dominant figure, has been working to undermine this system. Backed by Hamas' "chief of staff," Muhammed Deif, and another high ranking leader, Marwan Issa, who acted as a 'bridge' between the two wings, Sinwar and his military wing have been consolidating power.

Sinwar did not consult with the political wing before having the Gaza City battalion commander murdered, and he will likely not consult with it when he moves to establish closer bonds with Tehran.

But Sinwar might be thwarted by a more aggressive Israeli approach in any future confrontation with Hamas. This potential change in strategy was hinted at by Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman, who said last year that Israel would destroy Hamas "completely" in the next war.

Israel's recent breakthroughs in tunnel detection capabilities, precision air power and the revamping of its Armored Corps could mean that a mistake by Sinwar might prove to be the most costly yet for Hamas.

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Nudge*

On the other hand, we know that people will not always make the right choices. The old model on which classical economics was based, that left to themselves people will make rational choices, turns out not to be true. We are deeply irrational, a discovery to which several Jewish academics made major contributions. The psychologists Solomon Asch and Stanley Milgram showed how much we are influenced by the desire to conform, even when we know that other people have got it wrong. The Israeli economists, Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky, showed how even when making economic decisions we frequently miscalculate their effects and fail to recognize our motivations, a finding for which Kahneman won the Nobel Prize.

How then do you stop people doing harmful things without taking away their freedom? Thaler and Sunstein's answer is that there are oblique ways in which you can influence people. In a cafeteria, for example, you can put healthy food at eye level and junk food in a more inaccessible and less noticeable place. You can subtly adjust what they call people's "choice architecture."

That is exactly what God does in the case of slavery. He does not abolish it, but He so circumscribes it that He sets in motion a process that will foreseeably, even if only after many centuries, lead people to abandon it of their own accord.

A Hebrew slave is to go free after six years.

If the slave has grown so used to his condition that he wishes not to go free, then he is forced to undergo a stigmatizing ceremony, having his ear pierced, which thereafter remains as a visible sign of shame. Every Shabbat, slaves cannot be forced to work. All these stipulations have the effect of turning slavery from a lifelong fate into a temporary condition, and one that is perceived to be a humiliation rather than something written indelibly into the human script.

Why choose this way of doing things? Because people must freely choose to abolish slavery if they are to be free at all. It took the reign of terror after the French Revolution to show how wrong Rousseau was when he wrote in The Social Contract that if necessary people have to be forced to be free. That is a contradiction in terms, and it led, in the title of J. L. Talmon's great book on the thinking behind the French revolution, to totalitarian democracy.

God can change nature, said Maimonides, but He cannot, or chooses not to, change human nature, precisely because Judaism is built on the principle of human freedom. So He could not abolish slavery overnight, but He could change our choice architecture, or in plain words, give us a nudge, signalling that slavery is wrong but that we must be the ones to abolish it, in our own time, through our own understanding. It took a very long time indeed, and in America, not without a civil war, but it happened.

There are some issues on which God gives us a nudge. The rest is up to us.

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Smear*

made controversial comments that have attracted attention since his nomination.

In Beit El, his and his wife's names are on the facade of the Friedman Faculty House, which the anti-settlement watchdog Kerem Navot says is built on private Palestinian land without permission from its Palestinian landowners.

Impressions.

University of Edinburgh to Be First Scottish Campus to Receive, House Torah Scroll

BY RACHEL FROMMER

A Torah scroll will soon come to a Scottish campus, marking the first time ever a university in the country will have one on site, the rabbi leading the effort told The Algemeiner.

"It is very exciting for all the students at the University of Edinburgh," said Rabbi Pinny Weinman, co-director of the school's Chabad center, which will house the Torah.

More than 100 students and community members are expected to attend the scroll dedication ceremony next month, which will take place at a venue on campus and include an LED show from DeLighters, a physical performance troupe.



University of Edinburgh. Photo: Wikipedia

"Particularly given these challenging times in Europe, this is an opportunity to celebrate Jewish pride publicly in Scotland's capital city," Weinman said, alluding to the rise of antisemitism that has hit the UK, with attacks on Jewish students and faculty doubling last year.

Weinman added that though faculty and administration have been supportive of the Jewish students, life in Edinburgh can be tough, with minimal kosher facilities available and basic religious needs difficult to come by — not least of which, he said, was a Torah scroll.

Chabad of Edinburgh will receive its Torah courtesy of the Beis Yisroel Torah Gemach (BYTG), a free Torah-loan program that finds scrolls sitting unused in synagogues, then fixes and redeploys them to Chabad centers — and some non-Chabad institutions — around the world.

Bentzion Chanowitz, who founded BYTG, told The Algemeiner the Edinburgh Torah was made possible through the work of a donor who got involved with the loan program a few years ago.

"The donor saw how widespread the problem is of shlichim (Chabad emissaries) being able to accommodate a minyan, but unable to obtain a Torah. He said, 'I can't believe there are so many places missing the essential book,'" Chanowitz said.

Through Chanowitz's vetting process, the Edinburgh center was made a top priority — with many other locations still looking for similar assistance.

Demolishing the Spurious, Libelous Claim That Israel Is an Apartheid State

BY JEREMY ROSEN

Benjamin Pogrund was born in South Africa. As a journalist, he fought the apartheid regime, most notably through his work for The Rand Daily Mail. When the government closed the paper down and exiled him, Benjamin moved to London, where he joined The Independent and The Sunday Times. In his latest book, *Drawing Fire: Investigating the Accusations of Apartheid in Israel*, he completely demolishes the spurious, not to say libelous, claim that Israel is an apartheid state.

I became an opponent of apartheid when my father took me with him to South Africa in 1955, on one of his lecture tours. While he was busy, I was placed in the charge of some lovely Jewish ladies who turned out to be radical adversaries of the system. They took me around the country, making sure I saw the evils of the system first hand. As a student, I joined the Anti-Apartheid Movement, eventually rising to become honorary president of the Scottish arm of the movement.

In 1985, I was approached by the then-chief rabbi of South Africa Bernard Casper, to consider succeeding him. I spent a month in Johannesburg to explore the possibilities, and familiarize myself with the inside story of South Africa — to see whether there was anything I could do, if I took the position, to mitigate or even combat the apartheid government. It was through Benjamin's good offices that I met many of the African National Congress and Congress of South African Trade Unions underground leadership — not an easy feat. Only Benjamin's reputation and the enormous respect they had for him got me through. They all advised me not to move to South Africa, telling me that if I would take a stand, I'd be put on the next plane out of the country. They said the situation was hopeless, and a bloodbath was imminent. Of course, fortunately, things worked out differently, due overwhelmingly to the greatness of Nelson Mandela and the realism of President de Klerk. And the late Rabbi Cyril Harris, who took on Rabbi Casper's role, did an excellent job shepherding the Jewish community through the transition.

Benjamin and his family subsequently moved to Israel, where he joined my late brother, Mickey, in setting up the Centre for Social Concern at Yakar, in Jerusalem, to try to bring Israelis and Palestinians together.

Unlike most people, Benjamin personally knows and has experienced apartheid. Hence, he is better able than most to deal with the charges that Israel is an apartheid state. He can say, categorically, that applying the term apartheid to Israel is simply ignorance, if not malice. To call Israel genocidal when its Arab population has doubled is a joke. Even the population of the Palestinian territories has mushroomed. Which means that Israelis must be the most incompetent genocidists ever!

In his balanced, detailed and honest book, Benjamin completely demolishes the comparison — by presenting entirely objective facts. Under apartheid, no black South African was allowed to vote or take up residence in white areas. In contrast, Israeli Arabs sit in the Knesset, the Supreme Court and hold senior positions never, ever accorded to blacks in South Africa under the old regime. The areas beyond the Green Line currently occupied by Israel are, indeed, in a state of limbo awaiting a final peace settlement, but only the Palestinians are

looking for the area to be occupied by only one race. The Afrikaner whites never intended to give any sovereignty to blacks, regardless of any settlement of differences. There was an ideology of racial superiority, not an unfortunate political accommodation awaiting a peace treaty, in which peace was being pursued in principal, if not always in reality. This book is an excellent overview of the present struggle between two competing claims. It is possibly the fairest book on the market for a balanced, objective viewpoint of this conflict.

It is all the more important because, in examining the charges, Benjamin pulls no punches in criticizing Israel — as it functions within the Green Line, and in the occupied West Bank and Gaza. He has no patience for extremism on either side. He points out Israel's mistakes, failures and shortcomings without trying in any way to disguise or minimize them. This book is an important source of facts and arguments that will help anyone on the frontline defending Israel against the lies, half-truths and mendacious libels that one hears all the time and in almost every sector of the media, the glitterati, the NGOs, the charities and academia. That polemicists and politicians lie is, of course, a given. But that people professing honesty,



Jack Lunzer. Photo: screenshot.

objectivity and ethics lie illustrates the prejudice and hypocrisy that stalks the world we live in, and actually prevents and postpones any chance of a settlement.

This is the issue. Sadly, no matter what Benjamin, or anyone else for that matter, writes, it will make absolutely no difference. Ideological blindness is played out on university campuses where professors' leanings become the only points of view acceptable if one intends to pass exams or gain promotions. There, aggressive, bullying student cadres look to disrupt and silence any other perspectives. All this, at a time when most of the nations who berate Israel as a colonial interloper and aggressor are themselves the most corrupt offenders against human rights and civilized behavior on earth.

Israel will survive. But the awful side effect of exaggerated and prejudiced anti-Israel propaganda is that it further empowers right-wing refusal to compromise. It reinforces a siege mentality, imperviousness to self-analysis. One despairs of a solution when exceptional, fair and experienced people like Benjamin will simply not be listened to, because they will be dismissed as tools of colonialism, regardless of their record. At the same time, he will be dismissed by the Israeli Right as being too liberal. Such is the mad, mad world we live in. It is only by encountering good, honest people like Benjamin Pogrund that we can retain some faith in humanity and its prospects.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Warehouse of Yes LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 11/07/2016. Office location kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be Served SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC 2 Wyckoff Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: all lawful activity
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. CESAR L. ROCHA; MARVIN E. ZUNIGA; 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 November 28, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On March 9, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 41 LOGAN STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208-1312 Block: 4102 Lot: 4 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 \$57,813.40 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 508093/2015 Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee
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Index No.: 12913/2012 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2005-SD1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-SD1, Plaintiff(s), Against OSWALD ALLEN, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on 11/29/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 3/9/2017 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 47 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216 and described as follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 01860 and Lot 0082. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$413,373.18 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 12913/2012. If the sale is set aside

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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. Charles Capetanakis, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 12/28/16 GNS/tks
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REFeree'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff - against - GALO MONTESDEOCO A/K/A GALO MONTESDEOCA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 28, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 9th Day of March, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221. (Block: 3284 and Lot: 39) Approximate amount of lien \$639,228.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 7907/2013. Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: January 05, 2017
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-6, Plaintiff AGAINST Andrea Romeo; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 8, 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 March 9, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2952 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings City and State of NY, Block 8900 Lot 866. Approximate amount of judgment \$243,106.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 510782/2015. Gregory Laspina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 7, 2017
AJ 2/3/10/17/24;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. KAIUM AKANDA; 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 8, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder

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in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On March 16, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 922 HERKIMER STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233 Block: 1713 Lot: 22 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, known and designated on the Tax Map of the City of New York as Section 6 Block 1713 Lot 22 as said Map was on October 20, 1965. 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 \$608,434.66 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 4719-13 Kecia Juanita Weaver, Esq., Referee
AJ 2/10/17/24; 3/3

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-3XS, Plaintiff AGAINST DERWENT SLATER, DAVID SNAGG, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 08, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on March 16, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 517 MILFORD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. 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 4480, LOT 148. Approximate amount of judgment \$824,069.35 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 2380/2014. Andree Sylvestre-Johnson Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221
AJ 2/10/17/24; 3/3

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST EDWARD BATISTA, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 15, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on March 16, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 224 MOFFAT 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 3447, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$901,751.09 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 16667/13. Charles F. Otey Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221
AJ 2/10/17/24; 3/3

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, Plaintiff against ZISEL BRIEGER: LARRY BRIEGER, et al Defendant(s).

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Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 2, 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 March, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1252 58th Street Brooklyn, NY. 11219. Tax Account Number SBL #: 5704 - 28. Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,641.64 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 16371-11. Salvatore Scibetta, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400
AJ 2/10/17/24; 3/3

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. CHRISTOPHER PANLASIGUI; KAREN TANG; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about July 27, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On March 16, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 35 MCDONALD AVENUE, UNIT 1A, BROOKLYN, NY 11218-1082 Block: 00895 Lot: 1127 The Condominium Unit known and designated as Unit No. 1A (hereinafter called "the Unit") in the building known as the 35 McDonald Avenue Condominium, 25-47 McDonald Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York (the "Building") designated and described in the Declaration establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the Building and the land upon which the Building is situated (said Building and land referred to collectively herein as the "Property" or the "Condominium"), dated January 31, 2007, made by 25-47 McDonald Avenue LLC under the Condominium Act of the State of New York (Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York), recorded in the Office of the Register of the City of New York on the 27th day of April, 2007, in City Register File Number (CRFN) 2007000221142 (hereinafter called the "Declaration"). The Unit is also designated as Tax Lot No. 1127 in Block 895 of the Borough of Brooklyn on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York and on the floor plans of the Building, certified by Douglas Pulaski, Registered Architect, on January 31, 2007, approved with the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York on January 31, 2007, as Condominium Plan No. 1794, and filed in the Register's Office on April 27, 2007, in CRFN 2007000221143. Together with an undivided 1.51 percent interest in the Common Elements (as such term is defined in the Declaration) appurtenant to the unit. 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 \$359,779.64 plus interest and costs.

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INDEX NO. 506194/2015 Steven D. Cohn, Esq., Referee
AJ 2/10/17/24; 3/3

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff against AGNES MOSES, PATRICIA MOSES, MARK MOSES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 8, 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 23rd day of March, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and state of New York. Said premises known as 939 East 100th Street Brooklyn, NY. 11236. Tax account number: SBL#: 8208-24. Approximate amount of lien \$ 673,511.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 510524-15. Mark Longo, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10

IGLOO NYC LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/20/17. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o The Vorea Group LLC, 184 North 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/17/24

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS MVMF III FIN TRUST, Plaintiff against JOSEPHINE JEAN PIERRE; PHENICIEN JEAN PIERRE, EMMA JEAN PIERRE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 26, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 23rd day of March, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street, distant three hundred and fifty (350) feet Northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of Avenue G with the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street; Running thence Easterly parallel with Avenue G one hundred and one (101) feet, six and three-quarter (6 3/4) inches; Thence Northerly parallel with East Nineteenth Street fifty (50) feet; Thence Westerly and again parallel with Avenue G one hundred and one (101) feet, six and three-quarter (6 3/4) inches to the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street; Thence southerly along the said Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street fifty (50) feet to the point or place of beginning. Avenue G is now Glenwood Road. Subject to covenants and restrictions as contained in former instruments of record affecting the said premises, and to an easement granted to the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, by agreement recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Kings. Together with all right, title

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Tradition.

God's Nudge



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

First in Yitro there were the Aseret Hadibrot, the "ten utterances" or general principles. Now in Mishpatim come the details. Here is how they begin:

If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he shall go free, without paying anything . . . But if the servant declares, 'I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,' then his master must take him before the judges. He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life. (Ex. 21:2-6)



There is an obvious question. Why begin here? There are 613 commandments in the Torah. Why does Mishpatim, the first law code, begin where it does?

The answer is equally obvious. The Israelites have just endured slavery in Egypt. There must be a reason why this happened, for God knew it was going to happen. Evidently He intended it to happen. Centuries before He had already told Abraham it would happen:

As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. (Gen 15:12-13)

It seems that this was the necessary first experience of the Israelites as a nation. From the very start of the human story, the God of freedom sought the free worship of free human beings, but one after the other people abused that freedom: first Adam and Eve, then Cain, then the generation of the Flood, then the builders of Babel.

God began again, this time not with all humanity, but with one man, one woman, one family, who would become pioneers of freedom. But freedom is difficult. We each seek it for ourselves, but we deny it to others when their freedom conflicts with ours. So deeply is this true that within three generations of Abraham's children, Joseph's brothers were willing to sell him into slavery: a tragedy that did not end until Judah was prepared to forfeit his own freedom that his brother Benjamin could go free.

It took the collective experience of the Israelites, their deep, intimate, personal, backbreaking, bitter experience of slavery – a

memory they were commanded never to forget – to turn them into a people who would no longer turn their brothers and sisters into slaves, a people capable of constructing a free society, the hardest of all achievements in the human realm.

So it is no surprise that the first laws they were commanded after Sinai related to slavery.

It would have been a surprise had they been about anything else. But now comes the real question. If God does not want slavery, if He regards it as an affront to the human condition, why did He not abolish it immediately? Why did He allow it to continue, albeit in a restricted and regulated way? Is it conceivable that God, who can produce water from a rock, manna from heaven, and turn sea into dry land, cannot change human behaviour? Are there areas where the All-Powerful is, so to speak, powerless?

In 2008 economist Richard Thaler and law professor Cass Sunstein published a fascinating book called *Nudge*. In it they addressed a fundamental problem in the logic of freedom. On the one hand freedom depends on not over-legislating. It means creating space within which people have the right to choose for themselves.

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and interest of the party of the first part in and to any land lying in the bed of East Nineteenth Street in front of said premises to the center line thereof. Said premises known as 689 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11230. (Block: 5240, Lot: 80). Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,476,235.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 6953-09. Elena Makau, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: skyline creative works LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/01/2016 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: Thevan D.Parker 944 herkimer street Brooklyn, NY 11233. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank, National Association, as Successor Trustee to Bank of America, N.A., as Successor By Merger to LaSalle Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the Certificateholders of The MLMI Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-AR1, Plaintiff AGAINST Cheryle E. Williams; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated

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December 5, 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 March 23, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 297 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of NY, Block: 1675 Lot: 42. Approximate amount of judgment \$754,004.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20070/2013. Meryl L. Wenig, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 9, 2017
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name:BAJX GENERAL RENOVATION LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/25/2017. Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Cristian Manolo Bajxac Estrada 328 Clove Rd. APT.1FL staten Island, NY 10310 purpose: all lawful activity
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/17/24

Notice of formation of DREAMLAND PROPERTY NY LLC, Arts of Org filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/06/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 316 Fountain Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/17/24

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-12XS, V. CLAUDE L. HENRY, et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of KINGS, wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-12XS, is the Plaintiff and CLAUDE L. HENRY, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11201, on March 16, 2017 at 2:30pm, premises known as 1934 BERGEN ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11233: Block 1452 Lot 42: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed

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Judgment Index # 5359/2013. Elena Makau, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. BRENDA A. BULL, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on September 15, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 23, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 609 East 96th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4756 and Lot 31. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 12064/13. Dominic J. Famulari, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoeh, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Magestic visions,LLC . Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/24/2016 Office location kings county . SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC C/O United States corporation agents inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn New York 11228 purpose: all lawful activity
AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17/24/31

Notice of formation of a limited liability company (LLC) Name: NRIA 227 Berkeley Manager,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/01 /2017 Office location Richmond County SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Gabor & Marotta LLC, 1878 Victory Blvd, Staten Island NY 10314. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17/24/31

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Berkeley Place Capital 227, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on 02/01/2017 . Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall Mail copy of the process to: Gabor & Marotta LLC, 1878 Victory Blvd, Staten Island NY 10314. Purpose: any lawful activity
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: THIRD STREET CAPITAL 423, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 12/12/2016. Office location Richmond County SSNY has it been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall mail copy of the process to: Gabor & Marotta LLC, 1878 Victory Blvd, Staten Island NY 10314. purpose: all lawful activity
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THIRD MANAGER,LLC .Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 12/12/2016 .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: Gabor & Marotta LLC, 1878 Victory Blvd, Staten Island NY 10314. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2006-EMX6, Plaintiff AGAINST Norma Tirado; Joao F. Camilo a/k/a Joao Camilo; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 7, 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 March 30, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 281 Ashford 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 of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 3984 Lot 7. Approximate amount of judgment \$865,788.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 4148/2013. Gregory T. Cerchione, Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 16, 2017
AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2010-2 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff -against- PAMELA ELLIS-COOMBS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 3, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on March 30, 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 westerly side of East 49th Street, distant 90 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 49th Street with the southerly side of Avenue I; being a plot 100 feet by 18 feet by 100 feet by 18 feet. Block 7774 and Lot 51. Said premises known as 12-72 EAST 49TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$795,765.44 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 12567/2007. ANTHONY M. ABRAHAM, ESQ., Referee Jeffrey A. Kosterich, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 68 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Tuckahoe, NY 10707
AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17

Notice of formation of Limited liability company LLC. Name: SQWAB LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/08/2017. Office location kings county . SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall Mail process to: SQWAB LLC 190 72nd St., Apt. 198, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17

Social.



Cameron Jordan. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

NFL's Cameron Jordan During Trip to Holy Land Rebuffs Twitter Follower Accusing Him of 'Doing PR for Israeli Apartheid'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

An NFL star currently on a week-long tour of Israel batted away criticism from a social media user on Saturday who accused the player of “doing PR” for the Jewish state’s “apartheid system.”

“PR? I’m goin on a trip for the spiritual and historical layout of a country I’ve always wanted to go to. I’m learning more,” New Orleans Saints defensive end Cameron Jordan shot back.



Tooty Pang @neshoba77 18 Feb
Disappointed you are doing PR for Israel with their apartheid system. Close your Bible and open your eyes.
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Cameron — one of five out of an original group of 11 NFL players scheduled to take the Feb. 13-20 trip who did not succumb to pressure from the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement and cancel his participation — also posted positive reviews of the country, along with photos of fun-filled activities and visits to Christian sites.

The trip was sponsored by Israel’s Tourism Ministry.

Ashton Kutcher Recounts Talmudic Tale During Senate Foreign Relations Committee Hearing

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Actor Ashton Kutcher recounted a Talmudic tale on Wednesday after testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during an informal hearing on human trafficking.

“[B]eing here today, I was reminded of a story a friend of mine told me about a rabbi named Hillel, who was asked to explain the Torah while standing on one leg. And he said, ‘Love thy neighbor as thyself. Everything else is just commentary,’” Kutcher, a longtime student of Kabbalah, told Committee Chairman Senator Bob Corker.

Kutcher— who was at the session as the co-founder of the initiative “Thorn: Tech Innovation



Ashton Kutcher at the Senate. Photo: Screenshot.

to Fight Child Sexual Exploitation,” which he established in 2009 with his then-wife actress Demi Moore — got the story slightly wrong, but his sentiment was received in the spirit in which it was clearly intended.

The actual tale is about the sage Hillel who was approached by a gentile who wanted to convert to Judaism, but only on condition that a rabbi would teach him the entire Torah while he, the prospective convert, stood on one leg.

Rabbi Hillel said to the man, “What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah; the rest is the explanation

Avner Netanyahu, Son of Israeli PM, Makes Social Media Appeal for Dog-Walker During Parents’ State Visit to Singapore and Australia

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The younger of the Israeli prime minister’s two sons, announced on social media that he was seeking a sitter for the family dog, the Hebrew news site Walla reported on Monday.

Avner Netanyahu, who took a short leave from the IDF to accompany his parents on what is being called a historic visit to Singapore and Australia, posted a picture of the Alaskan Malamute on Instagram ahead of the trip, along with a plea on behalf of Kaia for a dog

walker for the upcoming week.

“Anyone interested should send a message,” Avner wrote on his page, where he goes by his mother Sara’s maiden name, Ben-Artzi. “She is incredibly sweet and no longer bites.”

He was referring to two cases in 2015 of Kaia’s having bitten members of the prime minister’s Likud party whom he hosted at his official Jerusalem residence: MK Sharren Haskel and the husband of Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely. This was a mere six months after the Netanyahus adopted the 12-year-old female canine, with a hip malady that

makes walking laborious for her.

At the time, Kaia was placed temporarily in quarantine with the Israeli State Veterinary Services and Animal Health office.

Upon Kaia’s release, the prime minister wrote on Facebook about the treatment she had received, which, he said, left much to be desired. He added that he intended to take the matter up with officials in the ministries of health and agriculture, as well as with animal rights groups, to come up with proposals for improving the existing laws.



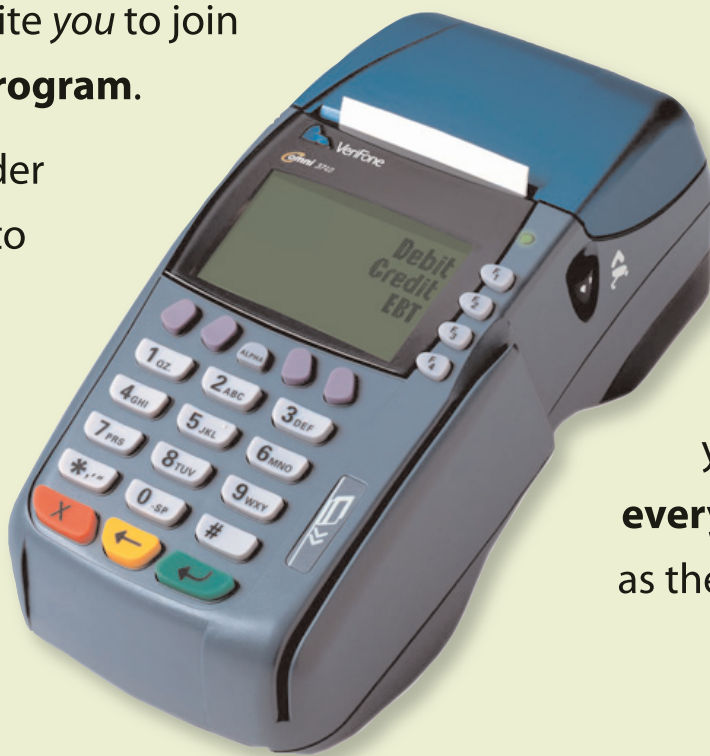
The Netanyahu family dog, Kaia. Photo: Instagram.

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