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US: Israelis Born in Travel Ban Countries Can Enter America



BY BARNEY BREEN -PORTNOY

Israeli citizens who were born in countries covered by the controversial travel ban executive order issued on Friday by President Donald Trump can enter the US, the American Embassy in Tel Aviv announced on Tuesday.

A statement published on the embassy's website said, "If you

have a currently valid US visa in your Israeli passport and were born in Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, or Yemen, and do not have a valid passport from one of these countries, your visa was not cancelled and remains valid. Similarly, we continue to process visa applications for applicants born in those countries, so long as they do not have a valid passport from one of those countries and have not otherwise declared

themselves to be a national of one of those countries. Authorization to enter the United States is always determined at the port of entry. We have no further information at this time."

As reported by The Algemeiner on Monday, Israel had sought clarifications from the Trump administration regarding the status of its around 140,000 citizens who were born in

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White House Takes Heat for Holocaust Remembrance Statement

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The White House has faced widespread criticism since Friday, when it issued a statement in honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day that omitted mention of the Jewish genocide.

Australian-Israeli Jewish leader Isi Leibler said he was "deeply disappointed" in the new president for "failing to relate to Jews in his Holocaust statement."



Rows of bodies of dead inmates fill the yard of Lager Nordhausen, a Gestapo concentration camp. Photo: Wikipedia.

However, he told *The Algemeiner*, "I don't believe it was a conspiracy, but rather due to incompetence born out of the chaos of an inexperienced administration trying to get its bearings"

"I would have expected responsible Jewish leaders to get him to rectify the situation rather than confront him," Leibler added.

He was referring, among others, to Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt, who tweeted on Friday that President Donald Trump's statement was "puzzling and troubling" because it refers to "depravity and horror" inflicted

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Opinion.

Pseudo-Liberal Jews Are Causing Unspeakable Damage



ISI LEIBLER IERUSALEM

Chaos is the order of the day throughout the entire democratic world.

This has been accelerated by the hypocrisy and intolerance of the vindictive Left, aided and abetted by foolish bleeding-heart pseudo-liberals who have become accomplices in the undermining of democracy.

One can understand that many Democrats were incredulous and devastated that Hillary Clinton could be defeated by Donald Trump, whose lack of civility, absence of political experience and coarse language even offended conservatives.

But the outpouring of rage, the histrionic protest marches throughout the world, the establishment of committees to impeach Trump — even prior to the traditional 100-day honeymoon period — is unprecedented. Contrary to all the claptrap about democracy that they sanctimoniously preached while in office, leftists are unwilling to accept the fact that their candidate was defeated by a parvenu.

The same chaos has swept through Europe, many of whose citizens are revolting against the failure of the Brussels-based European Union bureaucrats to address their needs and above all the collapse in the quality of their lives resulting from millions of so-called refugees flooding their countries.

This has led to a rise in global populism, a revival of conservative and right-wing political parties and rejection of the "politically correct" way of life imposed by sanctimonious liberal ideologues.

What impact has this chaos had on Diaspora Jews?

As history has testified, during periods of stress and anxiety, Diaspora Jews face grave threats. Antisemitism, already having reached record levels since the Nazi era, is poised to become even more vicious. That situation has been temporarily muted because the prevailing threat of Islamic fundamentalist terror attacks in many Western nations has directed public anger toward Muslims rather than Jews. This does not apply to Hungary, Greece and Germany.

The Jews, as a minority that has suffered tyranny and persecution, would be expected under current circumstances to concentrate primarily on their own security.

Ethics of the Fathers quotes Hillel the Elder, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, what am I?"

Liberal-inclined Diaspora Jews — especially those lacking an authentic Jewish education — appear to have reversed this dictum. They consider that the well-being of the world and politically correct standards of social values must be their priority — with disregard to the harm this inflicts on them as a community.

Observing Conservative and Reform Jewish leaders in the US, accompanied by once-mainstream liberal Jewish groups like the Anti-Defamation League and National Council of Jewish Women, at the forefront of hysterical demonstrations accusing Trump of being fascist and encouraging antisemitism, it is if they have been possessed by a dybbuk.

The same bleeding hearts in the US as well as those in Europe were at the forefront of calls to open the gates to Muslim "refugees" steeped in anti-democratic behavior and nourished on diets of undiluted, visceral antisemitism. Setting aside the question of ISIS terrorist sleeper cells, there is little doubt that these elements will strengthen existing antisemitism in the older immigrant Muslim communities that failed to integrate. Yet many Jews are so dismally ignorant and oblivious that they even compare these immigrants to Jews facing annihilation during the Holocaust who were denied haven by other democratic countries.

This behavior is even more disturbing at a time of historic opportunities with the election of President Trump.

Although by no means yet assured, the US, still the only true global superpower, may truly treat Israel as a genuine ally, a move that would be reinforced by an overwhelmingly pro-Israel Congress.

Trump has repeatedly proclaimed his determination to reverse former President Barack Obama's hostile anti-Israeli policy and create a new alliance between the US and Israel that would be sensitive to the security needs of the Jewish state.

His commitment to recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel would have more than symbolic value. It would have a



A scene from the Women's March protests against Donald Trump. Photo: Wikipedia.

major impact in reversing the odious definition of the settlement blocs and even the Western Wall and Temple Mount as "occupied territory." Israel could proceed to build homes and the Jewish neighborhoods over the Green Line would prosper.

Furthermore, the US will hopefully no longer acquiesce to the UN persecution of Israel and will reject calls to return to the indefensible 1949 armistice lines.

Trump is also likely to bring an end to the US component of the scandalous \$300 million per annum provided to the Palestinian Authority, much of which is doled out to murderers.

Israel will also have a powerful ally that recognizes Iran as a rogue state and would substantially reduce the genocidal threat from the Iranian Muslim fundamentalists.

All this has yet to be delivered, but there is no doubt that there is now a window of

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Fictional Hebron



JEROLD AUERBACH

A trio of Californian-American-Jewish novelists, whose religion is liberalism, have recently discovered the ancient biblical city of Hebron. But they demonstrate little fondness for the city that houses the revered burial place of the Jewish people's patriarchs and matriarchs, the city from which King David ruled before relocating his throne to Jerusalem. Nor are they concerned with the destruction of the centuries-old Jewish community of Hebron in 1929, when 67 innocent Jews were brutally slaughtered by rampaging Arabs. Their focus, predictably, is the plight of "occupied" Palestinians.

Back in 2009, aspiring novelist Ben Ehrenreich wrote a column for the Los Angeles Times entitled "Zionism is the Problem." The Judaism that he inherited from his Marxist Jewish grandparents and secular liberal Jewish father led him to conclude that Zionism was an unwelcome "distraction" from the class struggle. Worse yet, it flagrantly disregarded the prophetic obligation to defend the oppressed and "cry out against the oppressor."

Ehrenreich's "deep sense of what it meant to be Jewish" eventually led him to "Planet Hebron." In The Way to the Spring (2016), he described his chosen base in the Youth Against Settlements House. Located adjacent to a tiny Israeli-controlled neighborhood of the old city of Hebron, where 800 "particularly zealous" Jews live among 30,000 Palestinians, his outrage over Israeli occupation and Pales-

tinian victimization was palpable.

Curiously, Ehrenreich had virtually nothing to say about the 80 percent of Hebron under full Palestinian control. With a Palestinian population nearing 200,000, it is a thriving center of West Bank commerce. Its modern apartment houses, two universities and multi-story shopping malls along a thriving commercial avenue have no place in Ehrenreich's narrative of Israeli oppression. No Jews may live there and Israeli military personnel are permitted to enter only with a Palestinian security escort. But Palestinian prosperity in Hebron does not fit Ehrenreich's narrative of Israeli oppression, so he ignored it.

Israeli occupation and oppression in Hebron are no less compelling to The New York Times. Two Jewish novelists — husband and wife Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman – ventured from their home in Berkeley to Hebron, where "cruel absurdities" are more "intense" than anywhere else in Israel's "occupied territories" (otherwise



Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, Israel.

known as biblical Judea and Samaria).

Palpably misinformed, they recently wrote (January 28): "In the center of this city of some 200,000 Palestinians, a group of 800 Israeli settlers occupies heavily fortified positions, guarded by 650 Israeli soldiers. To manage this inherently combustible situation, the Israeli military has turned swaths of the central city into 'sterile zones' in which Palestinians are no longer allowed to drive."

Like Ehrenreich, Chabon and Waldman seem oblivious to the reality that no Jews – none – live in "the center" of Hebron. Known as "H1" under the Oslo II Accord (1995), it is inhabited solely by Palestinians. The "800 Israeli settlers" whose presence so upsets them are confined to "H2," the eastern fifth of the city, where they are vastly outnumbered by 30,000 Palestinian residents. Their homes – notably Beit Hadassah, which, before 1929, was a clinic that provided free medical care to Jews and Arabs, and adjacent properties once inhabited by Hebron rabbis and their families – were restored to Jewish habitation after the Six-Day War.

Jewish homes in Hebron hardly are "heavily fortified positions." (I know; I have enjoyed the welcoming hospitality of residents.) The presence of Israeli soldiers is the response to repeated Palestinian attacks, most tragically in 1980, when six young Jewish men were murdered by terrorists while entering Beit Hadassah for Shabbat dinner. When I visited, there was a solitary guard outside. The nearby Avraham Avinu synagogue, beautifully renovated half a century after its 1929 destruction, was unguarded.

None of this, to be sure, is to be found in

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World News.

UN Antonio Guterres: 'Completely Clear' That Jerusalem Mount Was Home to Jewish Temple

BY JNS.ORG

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said it is "completely clear" that Jerusalem's Temple Mount was home to the ancient Jewish Temple.

Guterres, who assumed office earlier this month, told Israel Radio last Friday that there is "no doubt" that Jerusalem is holy to all three Abrahamic religions.

On the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Guterres said he has no intention of pushing for negotiations, but believes in a "two-state solution" and would assist in helping to attain that goal if asked to do so.

Guterres' comments came amid ongoing international attempts to erase the Jewish connection to Jerusalem. Last October, the UN's cultural body, UNESCO, passed two Palestinian-backed resolutions ignoring

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on "innocent people" by the Nazis and fails to mention that the victims were Jews.

Israeli-American academic Omer Bartov, John P. Birkelund Distinguished Professor of European History at Brown University, told *The Algemeiner*:

First, you can compare this statement to how the Soviets spoke about the Holocaust. They always mentioned "innocent Soviet citizens," never Jews, so that people who collaborated in the murder of the Jews were off the hook, and the specific nature of the Nazi genocide was obfuscated. Second, that America's greatest sin again the Jews was not what happened during the war, when Americans died fighting the Germans, but before the war, when the US would not admit Jewish refugees, and even sent back an entire ship to the Germans. [Chief Strategist and Senior Counselor to the President] Steve Bannon apparently said in an interview that he was a Leninist and wanted to "tear this country down." And Trump has a strange liking to [Russian President Vladimir] Putin. Put this statement in the context of these facts, and you will be able to see the nasty underbelly of this administration.

US Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA), Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's running mate went further on Sunday, calling Trump's statement "Holocaust denial" and linking it to the executive order the president signed the same day on vetting visitors to the US from Muslim countries.

"Remember, remember earlier administrations have done these statements and the first thing you do is you pull up what earlier statements have said and the earlier staples, president Obama, and President Bush with the slaughter of Jews and the final solution was about the slaughter of Jews," Kaine told NBC News' "Meet the Press."

We have to remember this. This is what Holocaust denial is. It's either to deny that it happened or many Holocaust deniers acknowledge oh, yeah, people were killed and it was a lot of innocent people, Jews weren't targeted and the fact that they did that and imposed this religious test on Muslims in the executive orders on the same day is not a coincidence.

Jewish and Christian claims to the holy sites in Jerusalem.

Palestinian officials were quick to condemn Guterres' remarks.

"[The statements] are a direct attack on the Palestinian people's right in the holy city, biased in favor of the site of occupation, and akin to granting legitimacy to Israel's illegal presence in Jerusalem," said Fayez Abu Eitah, secretary-general of the Fatah Revolutionary Council.

Ahmad Majdalani, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization's executive committee, told China's Xinhua News Agency that Guterres's comments "ignored UNESCO's decision that considered the Al-Aqsa mosque of pure Islamic heritage," and "violated all legal, diplomatic and humanitarian customs and overstepped his role as secretary-general...and [he] must issue an apology to the Palestinian people."

Leibler called all such accusations against Trump for antisemitism or Holocaust denial "utter nonsense."

Also on "Meet the Press," White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus asserted, "There was no harm or ill will or offense intended by any of that. I mean, everyone's suffering in the Holocaust — including obviously all of the Jewish people affected, and the miserable genocide that occurred — is something that we consider to be extraordinarily sad and something that can never be forgotten."

Zionist Organization of America President Mort Klein reacted harshly: "As a child of Holocaust survivors, I and ZOA are compelled to express our chagrin and deep pain at [the] Holocaust Remembrance Day Message, omitting any mention of antisemitism and the six million Jews who were targeted and murdered by the German Nazi regime and others. ZOA hopes that president Trump will direct his staff and COS Reince Priebus to immediately rectify this painful omission."

In a statement to Politico, Republican Jewish Coalition spokesman Fred Brown said, "The lack of a direct statement about the suffering of the Jewish people during the Holocaust was an unfortunate omission. History unambiguously shows the purpose of the Nazis' final solution was the extermination of the Jews of Europe. We hope, going forward, he conveys those feelings when speaking about the Holocaust."

American-Israeli Attorney Marc Zell, president of Republicans in Israel, openly defended Trump, telling *The Algemeiner*:

As a member of a family that lost over 150 souls during the Shoah, I thought the president's statement on Holocaust Remembrance Day was inclusive and sensitive. That the Jewish People was not specifically mentioned struck me as unusual, but given the president's extremely close ties to the Jewish People, including within his own immediate family, and his history of supporting and contributing to Jewish causes, it would be a mistake to impute anything but the most noble motives to him in framing the White House statement.

World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder also defended the Trump statement, saying, "It does no honor to the millions of Jews murdered in the Holocaust to play politics with their memory. Any fair

Saudi Journalist to Palestinians: Arab World Has Lost Interest in Your Cause



Hamas fighters. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

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BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The Palestinian cause is "no longer a top priority" for the Arab world, a Saudi journalist declared earlier this month.

In an article published by the Saudi daily Al Jazirah newspaper — and translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) — Muhammad Aal Al-Sheikh wrote that the reliance of radical Palestinian groups on armed resistance "constitutes a kind of political suicide that only political ignoramuses [can] condone."

According to Al-Sheikh, a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the sole option "that can be demanded and which enjoys the support of most of the international community."

What the Palestinians, Al-Sheikh went on to say, "need to understand is that the Arabs of today are not the Arabs of yesterday, and that the Palestinian cause has lost ground among Arabs. This cause is no longer a top priority for them, because civil wars are literally pulverizing four Arab countries, and because fighting the 'Islamic' terrorism is the foremost

concern that causes all Arabs, without exception, to lose sleep. It is folly to ask someone to sacrifice [tending to] his own problems and national interests in order to help [you solve] your own problems."

"All I can say to my Palestinian brethren is that stubbornness, contrariness, and betting on the [support of] the Arab masses are a hopeless effort, and that ultimately you are the only ones who will pay the price of this stubbornness and contrariness," he concluded.

In recent years, Israel has been quietly developing ties with the Sunni-Arab axis in the Middle East – including Saudi Arabia. In his September address to the UN General Assembly, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that in addition to Egypt and Jordan, which already have signed peace treaties with the Jewish state, "Many other states in the region recognize that Israel is not their enemy. They recognize that Israel is their ally. Our common enemies are ISIS and Iran. Our common goals are security, prosperity and peace. I believe that in the years ahead we will work together to achieve these goals."

reading of the White House statement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day will see it appropriately commemorates the suffering and the heroism that mark that dark chapter in modern history. There are enough real antisemitism and true threats facing the Jewish people today. Our community gains nothing if we reach a point where manufactured outrages reduce public sensitivity to the real dangers we confront."

The statement in question read as follows: It is with a heavy heart and somber mind that we remember and honor the victims, survivors, heroes of the Holocaust. It is impossible to fully fathom the depravity and horror inflicted on innocent people by Nazi terror. Yet, we know that in the darkest hours of humanity, light shines the brightest. As we remember those who died, we are deeply grateful to those who risked their lives to save the innocent. In the name of the perished, I pledge to do everything in my power throughout my Presidency, and my life, to ensure that the forces of evil never again defeat the powers of good. Together, we will make love and tolerance prevalent throughout the world.

When asked by *CNN* why the White House failed to mention the genocide of the six million Jews, an administration spokeswoman, Hope Hicks, defended the statement.

"Despite what the media reports, we are an incredibly inclusive group and we took into account all of those who suffered," she said, sending an email to *CNN* with a link to a *Huffington Post UK* article listing the other groups who were targeted and killed by the Nazis, including "priests, gypsies, people with mental or physical disabilities, communists, trade unionists, Jehovah's Witnesses, anarchists, Poles and other Slavic peoples, and resistance fighters."

As *The Algemeiner* reported in January 2016, the official statement released by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau ahead of International Holocaust Remembrance Day last year caused a storm on social media for its omission of the mention of Jews. Trudeau had assumed office two and a half months prior to the incident.

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World News.



Mars. Photo: Wikipedia.

Israel Space Week Takes Off With Focus on Future Mars Mission

BY JNS.ORG

Israel Space Week kicked off Sunday, with dozens of activities across the country centering on this year's theme of Mars.

Space Week's activities include simulated missions to the Red Planet, exhibits on developments in the field of space exploration, observations, workshops for building model spaceships, planetarium viewings, astronaut encounters and more.

In the main complex of the Eretz Israel Museum in Tel Aviv, guests can attempt a series of challenging space missions that demonstrate what life would be like on Mars and the challenges future colonizers of the planet will face. Activities include fixing a space rover that is about to be sent to Mars, farming fruits and vegetables on the planet and a zero gravity simulation. The museum is also hosting an exhibit on Israeli developments in the field of space exploration. "Space Week is an opportunity to make space accessible to the Israeli public as far as possible and close to home. Israel Space Week takes this complicated field and translates it into an enjoyable experience," said Israeli Science, Technology and Space Minister Ofir Akunis.

The annual programming is held in commemoration of the legacy of Ilan Ramon, Israel's first astronaut, who was killed in the Columbia space shuttle explosion in February 2003.

Akunis called Ramon "a pioneering man, a role model and a source of Israeli pride."

Among those set to attend Israel Space Week are former NASA astronaut Garrett Reisman, the first Jew to visit the International Space Station and a friend of Ramon's; NASA astronauts Don Thomas and Richard R. Arnold; and French astronaut Jean-Jacques Favier, who now works at the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission.

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opportunity that Israel should exploit to dramatically minimize the security challenges and separate from the Palestinians with defensible borders. This can be achieved if Israel now has the support of a US that can be counted on as a true ally. Over the past eight years under Obama, the US dramatically eroded Israel's diplomatic standing, treated the Jewish state as a pariah and provided incentives to the Palestinians to stall negotiations and engage in terror. With renewed American support, Israel could at long last stabilize itself.

There is no disputing that many Democratic Party supporters, including large numbers of Jews, were bitterly disappointed at the election result and were further outraged by Trump's triumphant and, in their view, divisive inaugural address.

But surely it is in the interest of the Jewish community to develop a good relationship with the new administration, especially taking into account the enormous uplift it could provide to the beleaguered Jewish state. Even setting aside his religious Jewish son-in-law, Trump has always been close to Jews and his inner councils incorporate an unprecedented number of passionate religious Zionist Jews. This was highlighted by the honored role of Rabbi Marvin Hier as the first Orthodox rabbi invited to invoke a prayer at the presidential

In this context, setting aside individual political beliefs, one must question the legitimacy of those purportedly mainstream Jewish organizational leaders who led the scurrilous accusation of fascism against the new president and the Jewish progressive religious groups calling for mourning and fasting.

One of the main justifying positive elements of progressive Jews was that even if they did not consider themselves obligated to follow Halacha (Jewish law), their activity would ensure that they at least remained within a Jewish framework. What their leaders are doing now is the opposite — encouraging them to take up liberal causes even if it means forsaking Israel, the most fundamental component providing them with a Jewish identity.

They have reversed Hillel's maxim and act for what they perceive to be the universal needs of humanity, dismissing the interests of their own people. They are undermining themselves as a community and acting as lemmings marching off a cliff to their own destruction.

There is only one example in Jewish history to which such behavior can be compared. The Jewish Bolsheviks also turned against their own people and ultimately the revolution consumed them. Unfortunately, the vociferous anti-Trump Jewish activists represent a far greater proportion of the Left and their bleeding-heart pseudo-liberal allies than the Bolsheviks who represented an insignificant proportion of Russian Jews.

It is clear that in the Diaspora, committed Jews will remain overwhelmingly supportive of Israel while the pseudo-liberal or progressive Jews will become less interested in Israel and ultimately lose their identity. Indeed, Christian evangelicals now play a far greater role in promoting Israel than some of the mainstream Jewish groups.

We live in a world of chaos and upheaval. Now is the time for all committed Jews to unite, stand together and concentrate primarily on securing their own rights.

Former Analyst: Mixed Conciliatory -Threatening Messages From **Tehran Indicate Regime Running** Scared in Face of Trump Administration

BY RUTHIE BLUM

All indications are that the powers-that-be in Tehran are running scared in the face of the new administration in Washington, an expert on Islamic culture and former Pentagon analyst, who was a student in Iran when the revolution began, told The Algemeiner on Monday.

Harold Rhode, a distinguished senior fellow at the New York-based think tank the Gatestone Institute, was responding to what he called "mixed messages emanating daily from the mullah-led regime - some threatening and others more conciliatory - since the lead-up to Donald Trump's presidential inauguration earlier this month and in its aftermath."

On one hand, Rhode said, Iranian officials continue to boast about their ballistic-missile capabilities and warn about the "consequences" of an American breach of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) — the nuclear deal it reached with world powers in July 2015. On the other, he noted, "regimeaffiliated clerics used a more muted tone in relation to the US in last Friday's sermons."

This, he assessed, "appears to show that there is an internal struggle going on among the top echelons, all of whom are unsure about how best to deal with this new reality."

Rhode said that the Iranian regime is in a "dilemma leading to a lose-lose situation." He explained: "In Iranian culture, public threats are seen as an indication of anxiety. In the West, we say, 'Hold me back or I'll kill him;' In the Middle East, it's more like, 'Hold me back or he'll kill me.' Words are not considered actions, but rather a substitute for actions. And the last thing the regime wants or can afford is for the Iranian people to perceive it as weak, because if the Iranian government appears weak in the eyes of the Iranian people — as history has $repeatedly \ shown-they \ will \ take \ matters \ into$ their own hands and denounce their leaders."

It is balancing act, Rhode said, between what the mullahs show the world and how they are perceived internally.

"They have to keep showing the people that they have both the will and the ability to keep themselves in power, while trying to figure out how best to stand up to Trump."

Sunday's Iranian ballistic missile test which US officials told Fox News was in direct violation of UN Resolution 2231, which endorsed the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{JCPOA}}$ — is an example of the regime's attempt to exhibit strength at home and abroad.

However, he added, "They know that if they provoke Trump and he escalates the situation, they're in real trouble, because they're no match for America."

Rhode says this is why it is likely the regime - which remembers that former US President Barack Obama responded to the mass street demonstrations in Iran in 2009 (surrounding the rigged re-election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to the presidency) by doing nothing and allowing the protesters to be quashed — were hoping that Hillary Clinton would end up occupying the Oval Office.

"Tehran is not at all certain about Trump, who appears never to shy away from confrontation," he said. "Which is why the Iranian people were probably rooting for his election - to put them out of their misery; to help rescue them from the oppressive and repressive grip of the ayatollahs."

As The Algemeiner reported earlier this month - after Iran's atomic energy chief claimed that if Trump were to cancel the JCPOA, Tehran's nuclear program would "snap back" and be better off than it was before the deal was reached - two experts on the Islamic Republic said the statement reflected the regime's "trepidation" in relation to the new administration in Washington.

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the Chabon-Waldman narrative. In fact, their mislabeled Israeli "sterile zones," confined to the ancient Jewish quarter outside the bustling modern sector of Hebron, are inhabited by many more thousands of Palestinians than Jews. Evidently, the only Hebron resident worth interviewing - and the centerpiece of their column - is Issa Amro, co-founder of Youth Against Settlements who is "engaged in a creative, nonviolent campaign against the Israeli occupation." They effusively laud

him as "a particularly appealing and visible spokesman for his people" and "the best hope of peace for Palestinians and Israelis alike."

For now, however, Issa Amro is the exalted beneficiary of two American Jewish novelists whose Hebron spin is welcome in the Times. In New York as in Los Angeles, the Hebron story line is molded by Californian fiction writers. Readers, beware.

Jerold S. Auerbach is the author of Hebron Jews: Memory and Conflict in the Land of Israel (2009).

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Travel Ban

of the seven Middle Eastern countries subject to the three-month travel restrictions put in place by the executive order — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. Most are older Jews who made aliyah in their youth or young adulthood, due to persecution they faced in their home countries following Israel's establishment.

Some 53,000 living Israeli Jews were born in Iraq and 45,000 were born in Iran, data published by Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics shows. Syria, Yemen and Libya also used to host large Jewish communities.

Diaspora Jews who, from their comfortable armchairs, claim a better understanding than Israelis of what is good for their security, should be treated with contempt. Israel is entitled to expect support from committed Jews over the next few years until it stabilizes its relationship with the world and creates an iron barrier to deter its genocidal enemies.

Once the threats to the Jewish people have been overcome, we can and will become more directly involved in tikkun olam and fulfilling Rabbi Hillel's wise advice.

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U.S. News.

'From Palestine to Mexico, All the Walls Have Got to Go!': Anti-Israel Chants Heard Across Country at Protests Against Trump Travel Ban

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Anti-Israel activists at a number of demonstrations across the US over the weekend appeared to co-opt protests against President Donald Trump's controversial travel ban executive order by leading chants of "From Palestine to Mexico, all the walls have got to go!" or variations thereof.

Such chants were reportedly heard at airports in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Austin, Detroit and Baltimore, among other locations, as protesters rallied against the executive order, which imposes temporary travel restrictions on incomers from seven Middle Eastern nations — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.







Protesters at O'Hare chanting "From Palestine to Mexico, border walls have got to go!" #NoBanNoWall #Chicago

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In November, as reported by The Algemeiner, anti-Israel activists sought to hijack left-wing protests that erupted across the US following Trump's victory over Hillary Clinton in the presidential election.

Chants heard at some of those protests included, "There is only one solution...intifada revolution," and "Trump, Obama, you will feel the intifada."

Israeli UN Envoy Calls on Security Council to Punish Iran for Latest Ballistic Missile Test

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Israel's UN envoy has called on the Security Council to punish the Tehran regime following the ballistic missile test carried out this past weekend by the Islamic Republic.

"Iran has once again defied Security Council resolutions and revealed its true intentions," Ambassador Danny Danon said in a statement. "The international community must not bury its head in the sand in the face of this Iranian aggression. The Security Council members must act immediately in response to these Iranian actions which endanger not only Israel, but the entire Middle East."

At a press briefing on Monday, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer was asked about the test.

"We're looking into that," he said. "We're aware that

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Iran fired that missile. We're looking into the exact nature of it, and I'll try to have more for you later."

Shortly before Spicer's press briefing, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu tweeted, "Iran has again launched a ballistic missile. This is a flagrant violation of a UN Security Council resolution."

According to a Fox News report, Iran on Sunday conducted a "failed test of a reentry vehicle." A Khorramshahr medium-range ballistic missile, the report said, was fired from a test site about 140 miles east of Tehran and exploded after flying 600 miles.

This, the report noted, marked a violation of UN Security Council Resolution 2231, which was passed in July 2015 shortly after Iran and six world powers reached a landmark nuclear

agreement. The resolution called on Iran "not to undertake any activity related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons, including launches using such ballistic missile technology."

Meanwhile, the regime-aligned Tasnim news agency quoted a top-ranking Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commander as saying on Sunday that Iran was "among a handful of countries that have gained the knowhow" to build ballistic missiles that can hit moving targets.

"Our enemies have stood against us with complex and special tactics and techniques," Brigadier General Hossein Salami said. "In order to confront them, we need to take the initiative and employ special methods, techniques and tactics."



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Opinion.

Playing Politics With the United States Holocaust Museum



Over the weekend, the Trump administration faced justified criticism over its statement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, which did not reference the centrality of Jewish mass murder as the very essence of the German genocide.

President Trump did not expressly mention that six million Jews were annihilated by the Nazis — and that should have been corrected. A strong friend of Israel's who is extremely devoted to his Jewish daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren, Trump undoubtedly did not mean to cause offense. But where something as serious as the Holocaust is concerned, what matters is action, not intent. Though it refused to correct this one, I trust the administration will be much more careful in its future pronouncements.

The same is true of the president's temporary ban on refugees coming into the United States. Yes, the case can be made that extreme vetting is necessary in an age of widespread Islamic terrorism. But the president must demonstrate a simultaneous commitment to saving innocent Arab lives in Syria and Yemen by establishing safe zones where refugees can find immediate sanctuary. The Jewish community should be at the forefront of calling on the president to safeguard the lives of refugees — even as he acts to protect the American people against possible infiltration by terrorist elements.

And whatever new procedures he seeks to put in place to properly vet refugees must be done in great haste, so that America's gates do not remain closed and innocent lives are not lost. America is and must remain a haven for refugees. No one knows this better, and no one's voice should be heard more passionately on refugees, than the Jewish community.

It would also behoove President Trump

to likewise correct an affront to Holocaust memory that was made by President Obama, just days before he left office. In a brazen act of contempt for the Jewish and pro-Israel community, Obama appointed Ben Rhodes, the chief Iran nuclear deal messenger, to the United States Holocaust Memorial Commission.

According to the New York Times, as the deputy national security adviser for strategic communications, Rhodes wrote the president's speeches, planned his trips abroad and developed the White House communications strategy. He was "the single most influential voice shaping American foreign policy aside from Potus himself." His influence, the article said, was a function of his "mind meld" with the president. Translated, this means that Rhodes shares accountability for the disastrous foreign policies of the Obama administration.

The most damaging policy Rhodes supported was the catastrophic nuclear deal with Iran that has allowed it to blackmail the United States; to act with impunity in pursuing its hegemonic goals in the Middle East; to expand its support for global terrorism; to finance and arm Hezbollah and Hamas for a future conflict with Israel; to develop ballistic missiles designed to carry nuclear warheads; and to build nuclear weapons when the deal expires, if not before.

The Times profile highlighted "Rhodes's innovative campaign to sell the Iran deal." He presented the deal as a way to take advantage of a "new political reality in Iran, which came about because of elections that brought moderates to power in that country." This was patently false, but the argument was "manufactured for the purpose for selling the deal" and "even where the particulars of that story are true, the implications that readers and viewers are encouraged to take away from those particulars are often misleading or false." Rhodes, like others in the Obama administration, exemplified the definition of diplomacy as the patriotic art of lying for one's country.

"We created an echo chamber," he told the Times, when asked to explain how he organized experts to endorse the deal. "They



Former Deputy US National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications Ben Rhodes.

Photo: Screenshot

were saying things that validated what we had given them to say." The tactics were effective, and Rhodes proudly said that they drove the deal's critics crazy.

"Rhodes is not bragging about being a master of political spin," Jeff Dunetz observed in a blog for The Lid. "He is bragging about being a ventriloquist for the media. What he writes comes out of the mouths of 'the columnists and reporters."

Rhodes also mounted a campaign to demean Israel's concerns about the nuclear deal. A senior Obama official, now widely believed to be Rhodes, suggested that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's warnings about Israel resorting to military force to stop the Iranians were mere bluster. The "official" told Jeffrey Goldberg, "The thing about Bibi is, he's a chickenshit" — an ironic comment from someone representing an American leader who never served in the military about a man who served in Israel's Special Forces in two wars.

The Obama official went on to intimate that relations with Israel would get worse after the midterm elections, and that the administration might withdraw diplomatic cover for Israel at the United Nations, which eventually happened.

In defending Obama's vote at the UN, Rhodes blatantly lied to Judy Woodruff when he claimed that Israel has built "thousands of new settlements." First, the total number of settlements, according to Peace Now, is 228, including "illegal" outposts. No new settlements have been built in years.

Rhodes' tendency toward the use of alt-facts to feed the echo chamber is why

Israeli Ambassador to the US Ron Dermer called him "a master of fiction." Rhodes' credibility was further called into question when reports recently surfaced that the FBI denied, or was going to deny, Rhodes an interim security clearance during President Obama's transition. If true, Rhodes had no business taking part in sensitive discussions about issues such as Iran.

Membership on the board of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council carries with it a weighty responsibility of honoring the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and speaking out against modern-day genocides. Rhodes is a man whose disrespect for the truth and the homeland of the Jewish people, and his excuses for Iran's genocidal threats against Israel, mirror the callousness of State Department officials who wouldn't help European Jews.

The gravest sin he committed, however, which disqualifies him for any association with the Holocaust Memorial, is his complicity in the genocide in Syria.

Like Nero, Obama has figuratively fiddled while Syria burned. After stating that Bashar Assad's use of chemical weapons against his opponents would cross a red line that would trigger a US military response, Obama failed to back up his threat. This cowardly act was universally viewed by friends and foes alike in the Middle East as a sign of weakness, and left allies, including Israel, questioning whether they could depend on the United States to protect their interests.

A bystander to genocide has no business in a position of honor or responsibility at an institution devoted to documenting past genocides and preventing future ones. Rhodes was worse than a bystander, however; he was an active participant in the decision not to act to prevent the slaughter.

President Trump should call for Rhodes' immediate resignation. In addition, a campaign should be conducted through the "echo chamber" calling on the Chair and the rest of the Holocaust Memorial council to remove Rhodes forthwith, to prevent his presence from tarnishing the reputation and mission of this vital institution.

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

Trump's Awful Mistake on the Holocaust



IRWIN GRAULICH

Full disclosure: I voted for Donald Trump and fully support him as president of the United States. Of course, my friends here in New York, especially the Jewish ones, thought I was absolutely crazy. However, I saw an extremely successful businessman who I believed could take a much needed new approach to government.

A Holocaust survivor Jewish mother raised me to be an independent thinker, which is why I will never be one of those leftist, progressive Obama zombies, for whom our previous president could do no wrong.

But when President Trump makes a serious error, he should be called out on it. Trump's first week in office was a positive reinvention of the presidency — from pulling out of the TPP trade pact to penalizing companies for moving manufacturing out of the country.

But it was International Holocaust Day that brought him his first major error, and it was a serious one. The White House issued a 117-word statement that said, in part, "It is with a heavy heart and somber mind that we remember and honor the victims, survivors, heroes of the Holocaust. It is impossible to fully fathom the depravity and horror inflicted on innocent people by Nazi terror. Together, we will make love and tolerance prevalent throughout the world."

There was no mention of Jews and no mention of antisemitism.

Can you envision anyone on International Slavery Day at the UN not mentioning



President Donald Trump. Photo: Michael Vadon via Wikimedia Commons.

the pain and torture that black people lived through? Imagine working on a press release saying, "In the interest of inclusiveness, we would like to mention all of the various groups that were slaves throughout the centuries. After all, Jews were slaves in Egypt. So we won't mention black people specifically." No. Black Americans own the term "slavery," just like Jews own the term "Holocaust." Remember, it is not called "a" Holocaust; it is called "the" Holocaust, because it was the

of course many other people in history.

Of course, many other people died from Nazi evil. Yet the vast effort of torture, murder, gas chambers, crematoria and cruelty was fixated on "the Jews." The purpose of Nazism was to eradicate the Jewish people from the face of the earth. When the Nazis could have sent trucks to the Russian front to help in the war effort, they directed those trucks to pick up Jews and take them to Auschwitz

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Impressions.

'The Jews Are More Honorable Than All Arab Regimes,' Declares Iraqi Muslim in Viral Video

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Gabriel Naddafis an Israeli Greek Orthodox priest and spokesman for the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem. A supporter of the integration of Christian Arabs into all Israeli institutions, including the IDF, he has been threatened by Arabs for his stance.

An Iraqi Muslim who said he fled his country due to its volatile security situation professed his love for



An Iraqi Muslim praising Israel and the Jews in a video clip. Photo: Screenshot.

Israel and the Jewish people last week in a video that went viral on social media, the Hebrew news site nrg reported on Tuesday.

In the clip — posted on Facebook by "Friends of Gabriel Naddaf" last Wednesday — Saad Fayyed Salman al-Iraqi announced: "I love my Jewish brothers and sisters; love those people. Look at how people in Israel live, and [compare that to the] situation in the Arab world. Look at the condition of Palestinians in Arab countries, particularly in the Gulf States, where they are humiliated. I swear to God that if I were Palestinian, I would shake the hands of the Jews. The Jews are more honorable than all the Arab regimes."

The clip so far has garnered nearly 200,000 views and more than $4{,}000$ shares.



Magda Goebbels and Haim Arlosoroff

BY JEREMY ROSEN

Professor Colin Shindler — a celebrated historian who has written extensively on Zionism and famous rivalries of Israeli politics and an outspoken moral and intellectual voice against oppression and hypocrisy — will shortly be publishing a collection of his reviews and essays under the title The Hebrew Republic: Israel's Return to History. I have been privileged to see an advance copy of the book, and I heartily recommend it.

Among this treasure trove of Zionist history, I discovered a reference to Magda Goebbels, the wife of that revolting Nazi, Joseph Goebbels. According to the book, she was once the mistress of Haim Arlosoroff when he was a young man in Germany, known then as Viktor. Together they went to Zionist meetings, and she used to wear, in public, a necklace with the Star of David that he gave her as a love token.

Arlosoroff was one of the most important Zionist leaders in the era of the British Mandate in Palestine. He was born in Ukraine in 1899. His family settled in Königsberg, Germany, where he studied economics at the University of Berlin. He visited Palestine in 1921 and became actively involved in Zionism. In the 1923 Zionist Congress, Arlosoroff was elected to the Zionist Action Committee. In 1926, he was chosen to represent the Yishuv at the League of Nations in Geneva and became the political director of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, until his assassination in 1933. It is not known who murdered him or why. The left and right wings of the Zionist movement blamed each other for his death. Despite intense investigation and much controversy, the murder was never solved.

All kinds of theories floated around. One said that he was blamed for initiating the Haavara, the agreement with the Nazis to permit Jews to leave Germany for Palestine, provided they deposited their money into a special bank account. This money was then used to purchase German goods for export to Palestine (and other countries). Ultimately, more than 60,000 German Jews escaped persecution by the Nazis directly or indirectly through Haavara. On June 16, 1933, just two days after his return from negotiations in Germany, Arlosoroff was murdered in Israel. It was widely believed that right-wing activists in Palestine who objected to any deal with the Nazis were responsible. But there were bitter personal rivalries within the Zionist Left, as well. Others suggested that Arab nationalists were to blame.

In the mid-1970s, another theory emerged. It was suggested in the Israeli press that Joseph Goebbels had sent two Nazi agents (Theo Korth and Heinz Geronda) to murder Arlosoroff in order to cover up the fact that he had been Magda's lover.

Who was Magda? Magda had a Jewish stepfather, whose name (Friedländer) she adopted. But she was brought up as a Catholic. Magda led a colorful life. In 1920, while returning to her university on a train, she met Günther Quandt, a rich German industrialist twice her age, whom she married the following year. He demanded that she change her name back to her mother's and convert to Protestantism. She had a son, Harald. But she soon grew frustrated with her marriage, and in 1929, Quandt discovered that she was having an affair. He divorced her, with a generous settlement.

Young, attractive and with no need to work, she attended a meeting of the Nazi Party on the advice of a friend. She was impressed by one of the speakers, Joseph Goebbels, then the Gauleiter of Berlin. Magda and Goebbels were married on December 19, 1931, with Hitler as a witness. Joseph and Magda Goebbels went on to have six children.

In her former life, she had met Arlosoroff at the university. They became lovers, and she got involved with him in Zionist affairs. Years later, he visited Berlin and discovered his old flame had married Goebbels. He even came across an opposition newspaper headline that read: "Nazi Chief Weds Jewess."

Once the shock had subsided, Arlosoroff, so the theory went, began to view Magda as his conduit to Goebbels to secure a deal to transfer Jewish assets and people from Germany to Palestine. Their relationship proved to be an embarrassment to Goebbels and Magda, now very much part of the Nazi leadership. This, the theory goes, was why Goebbels had him killed. In truth we still don't know.

In late April 1945, the Soviet Red Army entered Berlin, and the Goebbels family moved



Magda Goebbels. Photo: Wikipedia

into the Hitler's bunker. Magda wrote a farewell letter to her son, Harald Quandt, who was in a POW camp in North Africa. She said that she saw no point in carrying on living after Hitler's death and the end of his dream. The Goebbels' charred corpses were found on the afternoon of May 2, 1945 by Russian troops.

Why did Magda become a Nazi? Was it simply because, like so many others, she took advantage of the circumstances to advance her own position in life, regardless of morality or ideology? Don't most people? And how did she feel about Jews, having loved one in the past? Did she simply blot it out, or did she adopt the pathology of her second husband? Was she, in other words, a good-time girl hitching a ride, or did she turn into an ideologically committed racist? It seems to me the latter, and therefore, she deserved her fate.

Is her story anything more than coincidence and a strange quirk of fate? I wonder why I even bother to write about her. I guess it is only because it is interesting how life turns out. Arlosoroff is remembered as an intelligent, gifted, capable (if controversial) contributor to the foundation of the Jewish state. Goebbels is seen as the apotheosis of evil, an apology for a human being. And Magda? She is not remembered at all, other than as the one-time mistress of a Zionist, thanks to Colin Shindler's reference. But she lived, while six millions Jews did not.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Warren Bridge LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 12/15/2016. Office location kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall Mail copy of the process to: Warren Bridge LLC 301 Warren Street Unit 2 Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 12/30; 1/6/13/20/27; 2/3

File No. 2005-2377 PROBATE CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT-QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By The Grace of God Free and Independent To Regina Harper and Paul Harper if living and if dead, to his/her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he/ she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his/her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose name and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Robert Allen a/k/a Robert R. Allen the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence To: Carol A. See. Barbara Elaine (Allen) Myers, Iris Dance-Murray, Emmerson O. Allen, Dianne E. Bell, Gordon Keith Mottley, Hamdi Abdel Nuur, Dorian Ridley-Curtis and Todd Elliott. A petition having been duly filed by Laura S. Francis, who is domiciled at 178-41 Crandall Avenue, Springfield Gardens, New York 11434 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Iamaica, New York 11435 on February 9. 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Robert Allen a/k/a Robert R. Allen lately domiciled at 178-43 Crandall Avenue, Springfield Gardens, New York 11434 admitting to probate a Will dated July 6, 2001, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Robert R. Allen, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Laura S. Francis Dated. Attested and Sealed Dec 2, 2016 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate Margaret M. Gribbon Chief Clerk RAZIS & ROSS, P.C. Attorney for Petitioner 23-09 31st Street, Astoria, New York 11105 (718) 932-7500-Telephone NOTE: This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.] AJ 1/13/20/27; 2/3

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff against LUIS RODOLFO PEARSON A/K/A LUIS RODOLFO PEARSON A/K/A LUIS R. PEARSON; MARCIA PEARSON; ALANA PEARSON; CAMILLE PEARSON; LISA PEARSON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 6, 2016. I,

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the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 16th day of February, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 491 East 53rd Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203. (Block: 4728, Lot: 28). Approximate amount of lien \$ 445,751.44 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501751/14. Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ 1/13/20/27; 2/3

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY LIVE WELL FINANCIAL, INC.; Plaintiff(s) vs. IRIS LUMBSDEN A/K/A IRIS WILLIAMS A/K/A IRIS I. WILLIAMS; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about December 13, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Public Auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On February 16, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 351 EAST 32ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11226 Block: 04949 Lot: 0066 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$707,461.67 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 502033/2015 Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee

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

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NOTICE OF SALESTATE OF NEW YORK, SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY- 21st Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgage Loan Servicer to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, a federal savings bank d/b/a Christiana Trust, a division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, solely in its capacity as Trustee for and on behalf of the Knoxville 2012 Trust, Plaintiff(s) vs. Tracy Brock, James Louis, Paulette Small, et al. Defendant(s), Index No. 12524/14. In pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale in the amount of \$866,028.89 plus interest and costs duly granted by this Court and entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on the 11th day of August, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder therefor in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017 at 2:30 P.M., the

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real estate and mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold and in said judgment described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 1452 Lot 21. Said premises known as 1892 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Premises sold subject to provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale. SUBJECT TO restrictions, covenants, etc. of record, prior lien(s), if any, and an easement, if any, contained in Deed recorded September 25, 1997 in Reel 4028 Page 934.LEONARD SPECTOR, ESQ., RefereeHelfand & Helfand, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff, Office address, 350 Fifth Avenue - Suite 5330, New York, NY 10118 AJ 1/20/27: 2/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. DANIELLE KRAMER; MICHAEL A. MASTROGIOVANNI; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about July 22, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York. On February 23, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1844 EAST 37TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234 Block: 8480 Lot: 68 ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,270.08 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 502755/2014 Leo Salzman, Esq. ; REFEREE

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

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Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ 1/20/27; 2/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff AGAINST Ilda Clarke: Daniel Clarke: et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 28, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 23, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1057 East 95th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8164 Lot 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$389,164.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 506396/2014. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 3, 2017 AJ 1/20/27; 2/3/10

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

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MORTGAGE ("FANNIE MAE"), V. AMARNAUTH RAMOTAR; et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 17, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of KINGS, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIA-TION ("FANNIE MAE") is the Plaintiff and AMARNAUTH RAMOTAR, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11201, on February 23, 2017, at 2:30 pm, premises known as 446 DREW

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STREET A/K/A 97-28 DREW STREET. BROOKLYN, NY 11416: Block 4185 Lot 45: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVE-MENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN. COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501102/2013. Leo Salzman - Referee, RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106. Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff against TAHIRA SHARIF A.K.A. TAKIRA SHEIKH A.K.A. TAHIRA SHARIF AHMAD A.K.A. TAHIRA SHEIKH, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 13. 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 2nd day of March, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1237 67th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11219. Tax account number: SBL #: 5760-62. Approximate amount of lien \$ 398,498.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 503068-2014. Regina Darby, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400

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Tradition.

The Necessity of Asking Questions



It is no accident that parshat Bo, the section that deals with the culminating plagues and the exodus, should turn three times to the subject of children and the duty of parents to educate them. As Jews we believe that to defend a country you need an army, but to defend a civilisation you need education. Freedom is lost when it is taken for granted. Unless parents hand on their memories and ideals to the next generation - the story of how they won their freedom and the battles they had to fight along the way - the long journey falters and we lose our way.

What is fascinating, though, is the way the Torah emphasises the fact that children must ask questions. Two of the three passages in our parsha speak of this:

And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when He struck down the Egyptians.'" (Ex. 12:26-27)

In days to come, when your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' say to him, 'With a mighty



hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. (Ex. 13:14)

There is another passage later in the Torah that also speaks of question asked by a child:

In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?" tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. (Deut. 6:20-21)

The other passage in today's parsha, the only one that does not mention a question, is:

On that day tell your son, 'I do this because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.' (Ex. 13:8)

These four passages have become famous because of their appearance in the Haggadah on Pesach. They are the four children: one wise, one wicked or rebellious, one simple and "one who does not know how to ask." Reading them together the sages came to the conclusion that [1] children should ask questions, [2] the Pesach narrative must be constructed in response

to, and begin with, questions asked by a child, [3] it is the duty of a parent to encourage his or her children to ask questions, and the child who does not yet know how to ask should be taught to ask.

There is nothing natural about this at all. To the contrary, it goes dramatically against the grain of history. Most traditional cultures see it as the task of a parent or teacher to instruct, guide or command. The task of the child is to obey. "Children should be seen, not heard," goes the old English proverb. "Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is wellpleasing to the Lord," says a famous Christian text. Socrates, who spent his life teaching people to ask questions, was condemned by the citizens of Athens for corrupting the young. In Judaism the opposite is the case. It is a religious duty to teach our children to ask questions. That is how they grow.

Judaism is the rarest of phenomena: a faith based on asking questions, sometimes deep and difficult ones that seem to shake the very foundations of faith itself. "Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justice?" asked Abraham. "Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people?" asked Moses. "Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all the faithless live at ease?" asked Jeremiah. The book of Job is largely constructed out of questions, and God's answer consists of four chapters of yet deeper questions: "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? ... Can you catch Leviathan with a hook? ... Will it make an agreement with you and let you take it as your slave for life?"

In yeshiva the highest accolade is to ask a good question: Du fregst a gutte kashe. Rabbi Abraham Twersky, a deeply religious psychiatrist, tells of how when he was young, his teacher would relish challenges to his arguments. In his broken English, he would say, "You right! You 100 prozent right! Now I show you where you wrong."

Isadore Rabi, winner of a Nobel Prize in physics, was once asked why he became a scientist. He replied, "My mother made me a scientist without ever knowing it. Every other child would come back from school and be asked, 'What did you learn today?' But my mother used to ask: 'Izzy, did you ask a good question today?' That made the difference. Asking good questions made me a scientist."

Judaism is not a religion of blind obedience. Indeed, astonishingly in a religion of 613 commandments, there is no Hebrew word that means "to obey." When Hebrew was revived as a living language in the nineteenth century, and there was need for a verb meaning "to obey," it had to be borrowed from the Aramaic: le-tsayet. Instead of a word meaning "to obey," the Torah uses the verb shema, untranslatable into English because it means [1] to listen, [2] to hear, [3] to understand, [4] to internalise, and [5] to respond.

Written into the very structure of Hebraic consciousness is the idea that our highest duty is to seek to understand the will of God, not just to obey blindly. Tennyson's verse, "Theirs not to reason why, theirs but to do or die," is as far from a Jewish mindset as it is possible to be.

Why? Because we believe that intelligence is God's greatest gift to humanity. Rashi understands the phrase that God made man "in His image, after His likeness," to mean that God gave us the ability "to understand and discern." The very first of our requests in the weekday Amidah is for "knowledge, understanding and discernment." One of the most breathtakingly bold of the rabbis' institutions was to coin a blessing to be said on seeing a great non-Jewish scholar. Not only did they see wisdom in cultures other than their own, they thanked God for it. How far this is from the narrow-mindedness than has so often demeaned and diminished religions, past and present.

The historian Paul Johnson once wrote that rabbinic Judaism was "an ancient and highly efficient social machine for the production of intellectuals." Much of that had, and still has, to do with the absolute priority Jews have always placed on education, schools, the beit midrash, religious study as an act even higher than prayer, learning as a life-long engagement, and teaching as the highest vocation of the religious life.

But much too has to do with how one studies and how we teach our children. The Torah indicates this at the most powerful and poignant juncture in Jewish history - just as the Israelites are about to leave Egypt and begin their life as a free people under the sovereignty of God. Hand on the memory of this moment to your children, says Moses. But do not do so in an authoritarian way. Encourage your children to ask, question, probe, investigate, analyse, explore. Liberty means freedom of the mind, not just of the body. Those who are confident of their faith need fear no question. It is only those who lack confidence, who have secret and suppressed doubts, who are afraid.

The one essential, though, is to know and to teach this to our children, that not every question has an answer we can immediately understand. There are ideas we will only fully comprehend through age and experience, others that take great intellectual preparation, yet others that may be beyond our collective comprehension at this stage of the human quest. Darwin never knew what a gene was. Even the great Newton, founder of modern science, understood how little he understood, and put it beautifully: "I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only a boy playing on the seashore. and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."

In teaching its children to ask and keep asking, Judaism honoured what Maimonides called the "active intellect" and saw it as the gift of God. No faith has honoured human intelligence more. LEGAL NOTICE

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 & ASSOCI-ATES, 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 AJ 2/3/10/17/24

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 ALLEN, Defendant(s). OSWALD 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 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 LEGAL NOTICE

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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 CERTIF-ICATES, 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 AJ 2/3/10/17/24

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;

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and Treblinka. They did not specifically pick up gypsies, gays or any other group — although they happily killed them. But it was Jews, especially Jewish babies, who were their targets.

For Donald Trump and Jared Kushner not to understand this very basic concept is a serious issue. Jews do not need the Trump administration's recognition. General Eisenhower, upon entering a concentration camp right after WWII, made sure that the world would see and remember this massive cruelty and

genocide of the Jews.

Trump's misrepresentation of the Holocaust — and his refusal to apologize for it or amend his statement — is a moral error of grave proportions.

My advice to him: Move the embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem immediately.

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Steven Spielberg. Photo: Ranker.

Steven Spielberg Launches World-Wide Search for 'Jewish-Italian' Boy to Star in New Film

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Auditions are underway around the world for the lead role in director Steven Spielberg's new film, "The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara," based on the 1997 book by Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Kertzer.

The hunt is on for a child actor of Jewish-Italian descent — or at least one who appears as such. The boy must be between the ages of six and nine, but need not have an Italian accent, according to McGregor Casting, which is conducting the Australia auditions. Open audition casting calls are being held elsewhere, as well, including in New York, London, Toronto and Vancouver.

The movie, as the novel before it, is set in 1858 Bologna. It tells the true story of a Jewish boy who was secretly baptized by a maid when he fell ill, and was taken away from his family by Pope Pius IX to be raised

as a Catholic in the Vatican. His parents' desperate struggle to return their son, who eventually became a priest, was a defining moment in papal history.

The role of Edgardo Mortara is "a unique and very challenging part for a truly special boy," McGregor Casting said on its website, adding that the film's storyline "deals with the complexity of an extremely intelligent and gifted child's desire to return to his family and his faith against his ability to learn the catechism and engage with the Pope on a level far beyond his years."

Oscar-winning actor Mark Rylance, who took home the award for his supporting role in Spielberg's "Bridge of Spies," will star as Pope Pius IX in the movie, which will begin filming in Italy in April and is scheduled to premiere in December, according to The Australian Jewish News.

British Band Duran Duran, Canada's Bryan Adams, Australian Nick Cave to Perform in Israel in Coming Months

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The British band Duran Duran will be performing in Israel this summer, preceded in March by Canadian singer Bryan Adams, the Hebrew news site Walla reported on Monday.

In addition, according to the blog Israellycool, UK-based Australian singer-songwriter Nick Cave has announced he will be performing in the Jewish state for the first time since 1998. In 2014, Cave reportedly declared support for activists who broke into an Israeli-owned

we apons factory in the English county of Staffordshire.

Duran Duran — formed in Birmingham in 1978 — was scheduled to appear in Israel in 2011, but it canceled that trip, in addition to the rest of its European tour that year, due to problems with lead singer Simon Le Bon's vocal cords.

Among the new wave and synthpop group's best-known hits are: "Is There Something I Should Know?" "Save a Prayer," "Rio," Girls on Film," and "Paper Gods." The band is made up of Le Bon, bass guitarist John Taylor, Keyboardist Nick Rhodes, and drummer Roger Taylor.

Bar Refaeli Among Hundreds of Israelis to Respond to Plea to Celebrate Birthday of 'Lonely, Blind' Holocaust Survivor

BY RUTHIE BLUM

International supermodel and TV personality Bar Refaeli was among the hundreds of Israelis who answered an impassioned plea on social media to celebrate the 92nd birthday of a lonely Holocaust survivor who has gone blind, Israel's Channel 2 reported on Thursday.

According to the report, the public call was posted on Facebook by the organization "The Good Spirit: The Association for Immediate Assistance to Holocaust Survivors."



Bar Refaeli with Ernest, a blind Holocaust survivor, on his 92nd birthday. Photo: Channel 2/Screenshot.

Refaeli said that she arrived to meet Ernest after she heard that he was impressed with her work on behalf of Israel and the way she serves as a positive role model for the Jewish state around the world.

At the party, Refaeli told Ernest that she was "happy to be taking part" in such a moving event, at which so many people of all ages were in attendance.

The event came just ahead of International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Friday.

Adams, who is also a philanthropist and political activist, raised money at a benefit in London for Palestinian refugee children in 2006. In 2007, he was slated to perform in Tel Aviv and Jericho, as part of the OneVoice Movement concert series, to help solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But the concert was called off due to security concerns.

He is known for hits like "Run to You," "Summer of '69" and "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You."

Cave, who is also an author, screenwriter, composer and occasional film actor, is best known as the the frontman of Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds. His hit songs include "As I Sat Sadly by Her Side" and "Fifteen Feet of Pure White Snow."

These are among a number of other major musical acts set to perform in Israel in 2017, among them iconic American rock band Aerosmith and pop sensation Justin Bieber. As The Algemeiner has reported, this in spite of repeated efforts to boycott the Jewish state spearheaded by industry heavy-weight Roger Waters of Pink Floyd fame.

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