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North Korean Military Exports Directly Threaten Israel, Report Says



BY RUTHIE BLUM

North Korean exporting of missile and other military systems to countries and terrorist organizations around the world directly threatens the Jewish state. Israel's Channel 2 reported on Monday.

According to Channel 2, Arab media outlets reported over the weekend that an arms shipment on its way to Hezbollah was attacked

by the IDF in Syria late Thursday night/early Friday morning. The shipment, according to these sources, included advanced North Korean missiles. Channel 2 added that the nuclear reactor in Syria, which Israel destroyed in September 2007, was built for President Bashar Assad with the aid of the regime in Pyongyang.

As The Algemeiner reported last April, former US Vice President Dick Cheney's national

security adviser John Hannah, a senior counselor at the DC-based policy institute the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, penned a piece in the journal Foreign Affairs in which he said about the 2007 reactor-bombing — codenamed "Operation Orchard" — that America "dodged a bullet in Syria...all courtesy of the Israelis."

"Not only did [the Israelis] discover [it] in the nick of time,"

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US to Boycott Debates on Anti-Israel UN Human Rights Council Agenda Item

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The US will boycott deliberations conducted within the framework of a permanent UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) agenda item that singles out Israel, the Trump administration announced on Monday.

The news came as the UNHRC was set to weigh a slew of anti-Israel resolutions this week at its Geneva, Switzerland headquarters.

"While we are making some progress on reversing the



The meeting room at the UN Human Rights Council headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Photo: Ludovic Courtès via Wikimedia

anti-Israel bias at the UN in New York, regrettably, today in Geneva, the UN Human Rights Council begins debate on the only country permanently on the body's calendar," American UN envoy Nikki Haley said in a statement on Monday. "It is not Syria, where the regime has systematically slaughtered and tortured its own people. It is not Iran, where public hangings are a regular occurrence. It is not North Korea, where the regime uses forced labor camps to crush

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Mazal: Hope or Superstition





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Opinion.

Why Must Women Choose Between Feminism and Zionism?



ALAN DERSHOWITZ

On March 8, women abstained from work as part of the International Women's Strike (IWS), a grassroots feminist movement aimed at bringing attention "to the current social, legal, political, moral and verbal violence experienced by contemporary women at various latitudes." But these positive goals were distorted by the inclusion of anti-Israel rhetoric in the IWS platform.

There are many countries and movements throughout the world that treat women as second-class citizens; Israel is not among them. Yet this platform singles out for condemnation only Israel, the nation-state of the Jewish people. There is a word for applying a double standard to Jews: antisemitism.

It is a tragedy that this women's movement, which has done so much good in refocusing attention on important women's issues in the United States — from gender violence, to reproductive rights and equal pay - has now moved away from its central mission and gone out of its way to single out one foreign nation by calling for the "decolonization of Palestine." Not of Tibet. Not of Kurdistan. Not of Ukraine. Not of Cyprus. Only Palestine.

The platform, which is published on IWS's website under the headline "Antiracist and Anti-imperialist Feminism," also states: "We want to dismantle all walls, from prison walls to border walls, from Mexico to Palestine." No mention is made of the walls that imprison gays in Iran, dissidents in China, feminists in Gaza or Kurds in Turkey. Only the walls erected by Israel.

Criticizing Israel's settlement and occupation policies is fair game. But singling out Israel for "decolonization" when it has repeatedly offered to end the occupation and to create a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza; and when other countries continue to colonize, can be explained as nothing other than the application of a double standard to Jews and their state.

Linda Sarsour, a Palestinian-American who helped organize the Women's March on Washington in January, responded recently to criticism of the anti-Israel plank appearing in a feminist platform, saying in an an interview

When you talk about feminism you're talking about the rights of all women and their families to live in dignity, peace, and security. It's about giving women access to health care and other basic rights. And Israel is a country that continues to occupy territories in Palestine, has people under siege at checkpoints — we have women who have babies on checkpoints because they're not able to get to hospitals [in time]. It just

doesn't make any sense for someone to say, "Is there room for people who support the state of Israel and do not criticize it in the movement?" There can't be in feminism. You either stand up for the rights of all women, including Palestinians, or none. There's just no way around it.

Sarsour was responding directly to a New York Times op-ed by Emily Shire, the politics editor of the online new site Bustle, in which Shire asked why women have to increasingly choose between their Zionism and feminism.

Shire wrote: "My prime concern is not that people hold this view of Israel. Rather, I find it troubling that embracing such a view is considered an essential part of an event that is supposed to unite feminists. I am happy to debate Middle East politics or listen to critiques of Israeli policies. But why should criticism of Israel be key to feminism in 2017?"

Israel, like every country, including our own, is far from perfect - and I and other supporters of Israel have been critical of its flaws - but its commitment to gender equality can be traced back to its Declaration of Independence, which states that Israel "will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex." As the only democracy in the Middle East, Israel's legal guarantee of rights has meant that women play crucial roles in all aspects of Israeli society. It elected the first woman head of government in history - Golda Meir - who was not related to a male political leader. There is no legitimate reason for singling Israel out for condemnation, as the platform does, based on a denial of "basic rights" to women.

Sarsour presents a Catch 22. Under her own all-or-nothing criteria, she herself can't be pro-Palestinian and a feminist because the Palestinian Authority and Hamas treat women and gays far worse than Israel does. If Sarsour was concerned with addressing structural causes of all female oppression, she would mention the status of women in the PA-controlled West Bank, where just a few months ago the names and photos of female candidates for the municipal elections were omitted, referring to the women instead as "wife of" or "sister of." Sarsour would also call out the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, where the police are a law unto themselves who act as judge, jury and executioner of those who speak out against their oppression and misogyny. She would condemn the tolerance, if not acceptance, by so many Muslim countries of the "honor killings" and genital mutilation of women. Instead, the IWS platform exploits the feminist cause in order to delegitimize and demonize only one nation: the Jewish people.

Nor does Sarsour address the fact that one of the organizers of the strike, Rasmea Odeh, was a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) convicted and sentenced to life in prison by an Israeli military court for her role in a 1969 terror attack, which

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Falsehoods and False Hopes



RUTHIE BLUM

Fatah Central Committee Secretary Jibril Rajoub told foreign reporters on Monday that he was encouraged by US President Donald Trump's overtures to PA President Mahmoud Abbas, which ostensibly indicated a strong commitment to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Referring to Trump's phone conversation with Abbas, whom he invited to the White House for a meeting, Rajoub said the administration in Washington is in a "stage of exploration" on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and ways to achieve "real and serious" peace between the sides.

There are a two main problems with Rajoub's enthusiasm. One is that no matter who occupies the Oval Office, there will be no peace between Israel and the PA until the latter decides to stop delegitimizing Israel, while killing and encouraging violence against Jews. The other is that Rajoub himself is among those leaders who promote, in word and deed, the elimination of the Jewish state. He is thus both deluding himself and lying about the extent to which Trump has a say in the matter.

But this is par for the course for someone like Rajoub, the head of the Palestinian Football Association and Olympic Committee, who uses sports as an additional tool to incite

Like the rest of his fellow Fatah honchos, Rajoub pretends for international consumption that it is only the "malignant cancer" of

occupation under dispute. Aside from the fact that the land in question was not "Palestinian" to begin with - and the entity that is known today as the "Palestinian people" was invented after the Six-Day War in 1967 - Rajoub and the rest of the PA make no bones in Arabic about considering the establishment of Israel in 1948 a "nakba" ("catastrophe") in need of eradicating.

This is old news by now, which is why no peace agreement negotiated with the Palestinians has led to anything but bloodshed. Trump may not be fully cognizant of this yet, but he will come to learn that deals with mendacious murderers are simply not possible.

Someone might want to fill him in on who Rajoub – touted as a possible successor to 82-year-old Abbas - actually is.

In 1970, Rajoub was arrested for, tried and convicted of throwing a grenade at an IDF bus and of membership in an armed group, and sentenced to life in prison. While incarcerated, he led hunger strikes and protests, while studying Hebrew, the language of the enemy.

In 1985, he was among the 1,150 Arab prisoners freed in the Ahmed Jibril Agreement — the exchange for three Israeli hostages held by the terrorist organization the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Upon his release, Rajoub resumed



Jibril Rajoub. Photo: Dlisbona via Wikimedia Commons.

terrorist activity and was detained on several occasions. In between and following his bouts in jail, Rajoub continued to work with terrorist cells in the West Bank, and was arrested for his part in the First Intifada. In 1988, he was deported to Lebanon, from where he moved to Tunisia, serving as an "intifada adviser" to PLO chief Yasser Arafat's deputy, Khalil al-Wazir, and subsequently - after Wazir's assassination by Israeli commandos - as a close aide to Arafat himself.

After the signing of the Oslo Accords, Rajoub was allowed in 1994 to return to the West Bank, where he became head of the Palestinian Preventive Security Force and then national security adviser to Arafat. This role entailed using harsh methods, including torture, to thwart any opposition to his boss.

Since that time, he has been busy glorifying terrorists who died as "martyrs" while killing Israelis, naming soccer stadiums and sports events after them.

In 2013, during a visit to Lebanon, Rajoub gave an interview to the Hezbollahaffiliated TV network Al Mayadeen in which he said, "We, the Palestinians, are the enemies of Israel...Until now we have not had nuclear weapons, but in the name of Allah, if we had nuclear weapons, we'd be using them."

If Trump is harboring illusions about his ability to employ the "art of the deal" with Palestinian leaders like these, he will have a rude awakening. And if Rajoub is imagining that Trump can be hoodwinked by Abbas, he has not been paying attention. If there's one thing that the new US president cannot tolerate it is having his intelligence insulted.

Ruthie Blum is the managing editor of The Algemeiner.

World News.

Report: Israel Launches More Strikes in Syria, IDF Drone Downed

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli jets struck targets in Syria twice within 24 hours and three times in as many days, according to unconfirmed reports Tuesday.

Syrian media claim Israeli targets in the latest alleged strikes included a Hezbollah weapons convoy and Syrian military targets near the Lebanon-Syria border.

The Israeli military has confirmed that one of its Skylark drones had been downed over Quneitra, in the Syrian part of the Golan Heights.

News of the suspected Israeli strikes and downing of an Israeli military drone came as tensions between Syria and Israel escalated following an Israeli drone strike Sunday, which reportedly killed a militia commander of a group supporting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The Syrian military responded to the incident by firing on Israeli Air Force planes.

Last week, Israel's Arrow long-range missile defense system intercepted a Syrian missile, marking that system's first operational use in its 17 years of existence.

"The next time the Syrians use their air defense systems against our planes, we will destroy them without the slightest hesitation," Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said following the Arrow interception.

Syrian Ambassador to the United Nations Bashar al-Jaafari called last week's incident a "game-changer" and said that Russian President Vladimir Putin has informed Israel that it no longer has the freedom to act in Syrian skies. The Arrow system, however, had reportedly intercepted the missile in Israeli airspace.

Al-Jaafari's comments came after last week's meeting between Putin and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Moscow, which was convened to "prevent friction" in Syria.



An Israeli Air Force jet. Photo: Maj. Ofer/Israeli Air Force.

BDS Movement Founder Omar Barghouti Arrested in Israel for Tax Fraud

BY JNS.ORG

The co-founder of the worldwide Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement has been arrested for tax evasion, Israeli business news outlet Globes reported Monday.

Omar Barghouti was arrested by Israeli authorities on suspicion of dodging some \$700,000 in taxes from 2007 to 2017, earned when he was serving as director of the Ramallah-based National Computing Resources, which markets and rents ATMs, as well as other technology, within the areas under Palestinian Authority jurisdiction. He had allegedly hid his income from Israeli authorities by storing money in a Ramallah bank.

Barghouti reportedly hid additional earnings from book royalties and a global speaking tour via a US bank account.

The Israel Police supported the charges against Barghouti with transaction records and credit cards discovered at the BDS founder's Acre residence.

Following an interrogation by authorities in Haifa, Barghouti was released on bail, but is subject to a travel ban and cannot leave the country.



Omar Barghouti. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

Barghouti has been a leading proponent for the destruction of the Jewish state, saying in 2013, "We are witnessing the rapid demise of Zionism, and nothing can be done to save it...I, for one, support euthanasia."

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its people into submission. It is Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East."

"The so-called 'Agenda Item 7' discredits the standing of the only UN body specifically designed to address the state of global human rights by allowing nations to distract from their own abuses back home by churning out anti-Israel propaganda," Haley further noted. "As a result, the United States will not participate in discussions under Agenda Item 7 at the Human Rights Council in Geneva, other than to vote against the outrageous, one-sided, anti-Israel resolutions that so diminish what the Human Rights Council should be, and we encourage

Report: Extremist Content Prompts Global Ad Agency to Pull UK Clients From Google Websites



Google headquarters in Mountain View, California. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A top global advertising agency has withdrawn all of its 240 UK clients from Google websites — including YouTube — due to concerns about ads being displayed next to extremist content, the Times of London reported this weekend.

According the report, Havas — which represents companies such as O2, Dominos and Hyundai, among many others – spends around £175 million a year in the UK on digital advertising, of which Google gets around £35 million.

Google, the report said, failed to give Havas "specific reassurances, policy and guarantees that their video or display content is classified either quickly enough or with the correct filters."

"We have a duty of care to our clients in the UK marketplace," Paul Frampton, chief executive of Havas UK, was quoted as saying. "Our position will remain until we are confident in the YouTube platform and Google Display Network's ability to deliver the

standards we and our clients expect."

Ronan Harris — managing director of Google UK — was quoted as saying his company had "begun a thorough review of our ads policies and brand controls, and we will be making changes in the coming weeks to give brands more control over where their ads appear across YouTube and the Google Display Network."

Last week, a top Google executive told British lawmakers that an antisemitic YouTube video titled "Jews admit organizing White Genocide" did not constitute hate speech.

While the video — narrated by ex-Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke — was "deeply offensive and shocking," it did not violate YouTube rules against hate speech and would remain on the site, Google Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Peter Barron said at a House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee hearing on Tuesday

The hearing marked the start of a parliamentary inquiry into online hate. Representatives of Facebook and Twitter also spoke before the committee.

other council members who purport to be defenders of human rights to do the same."

A statement released by acting State Department spokesman Mark Toner earlier on Monday said, "The United States strongly and unequivocally opposes the existence of the UN Human Rights Council's Agenda Item Seven: 'Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories.' Today's actions in the council are yet another reminder of that body's long-standing bias against Israel. No other nation has an entire agenda item dedicated to it at the council. The continued existence of this agenda item is among the largest threats to the credibility of the council."

"As an expression of our deeply-held conviction that this bias must be addressed in order for the council to realize its legitimate purpose, the United States decided not to attend the council's Item Seven General Debate session," the statement continued. "It does not serve the interests of the council to single out one country in an unbalanced matter. Later this week, the United States will

vote against every resolution put forth under this agenda item and is encouraging other countries to do the same."

"The US is dedicated to the pursuit of respect for international human rights by all countries in the world and we call on all UN member states and international partners who are committed to human rights to work with us to pursue much needed reforms in the UN Human Rights Council," the statement concluded.

Last week, Elliott Abrams — a senior fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations and a former deputy national security adviser to President George W. Bush — told *The Algemeiner*, "The key reform [at the UNHRC] must be to bar from membership countries that are themselves great human rights violators."

Deputy Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely tweeted at Haley on Monday, "I welcome US determined position against UNHRC's bias towards Israel. Today's decision is an important step to change this bias."

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World News.



Iran's Supreme Leader Calls Objectification of Women in West a 'Zionist Plot'

BY JNS.ORG

Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei took to Twitter Sunday to share his views on gender issues and asserted that the objectification of women in Western society is the product of "a Zionist plot."

In a series of tweets for Iranian Mother's Day, marked on the anniversary of the birth of Fatimah Zahra, the Prophet Muhammad's daughter, Khamenei said the West considers women to be "goods, and means of pleasure," a perception he attributed to "a Zionist

conspiracy to destroy human community."

Khamenei said men and women "are different" in aspects like "duties in handling life," and criticized the West for "humiliating housewives." Men and women, he said, "are no different in some aspects like 'spiritual ascension,' 'leadership power' or 'ability to guide humanity."

The Iranian leader concluded his Twitter spurt by slamming Western terms such as "gender justice" and "gender equality," arguing that justice is "realizing and nurturing capabilities God has gifted."

Black Zionist Leader: Despite Anti-Israel Movement Efforts, Vast Majority of African Americans **Support Jewish State**

BY RACHEL FROMMER

A black Christian Zionist leader told The Algemeiner on Friday that, "despite the anti-Israel movement's best efforts, the vast majority of the African American community

Dumisani Washington — senior pastor for California's Congregation of Zion, founder of the Institute of Black Solidarity with Israel and diversity outreach coordinator with Christians United for Israel — was responding to endeavors such as Black History Month in February, during which anti-Israel Palestinian activism was highlighted at college campuses throughout the country.

"Only the intellectually lazy buy into intersectionality," he said, referring to the concept of placing under the same ideological umbrella all racial, class or gender groups selfdescribed as discriminated against - among these blacks and Palestinians.

"Most members of the Black community attend church, where they are taught a biblical worldview of Israel, of the Jewish people as God's chosen," Washington explained. "When many blacks hear, for example, that Black Lives Matter has brought an anti-Israel

position into their movement, they are pissed off or confused. They don't get what one has to do with the other."

Washington said that pro-Israel students should remember that "no community black, Hispanic or Jewish — is monolothic, and the hard-left academic world involved in 'black-Palestinian solidarity' are not representative of the majority of the African-American population. The anti-Israel view is not true. It's crap, and smart people don't want crap."

According to David Brog, executive director of the Maccabee Task Force - a group formed in 2015 to combat demonization of Israel on campus — "A false narrative of shared oppression has been tailored over years by the anti-Israel movement to appeal to minority communities. At some universities, the BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) issue has become so racialized that African-American students are its primary promoters," he said. "But, though the anti-Israel bullies might have been winning for the last few years, the tide is turning."

Brog said, "Now, Jewish students have to put in the time in building their own relationships with minority groups. You have to invest and communicate with these communities

Student Leader Who Tweeted 'Jews Will Get What Coming to Them' Rails Against Exposure as 'Islamophobic Smear Campaign'

BY RACHEL FROMMER

A Minnesota university student leader who tweeted "yahood [Jews] will get what coming for them [sic]" railed on Facebook against exposure of his social media posts as an "Islamophobic smear campaign."

Mayzer Muhammad - president of the undergraduate student union (USG) at the University of St. Thomas - wrote last Wednesday: "I am coming under attack for being a Muslim leader of the student government at a private Catholic institution," after his online activity, revealed by campus watchdog Canary Mission, was reported by The Algemeiner two days earlier.

Muhammad called his posts - which included calling Zionists "the scum of the earth" - "poorly chosen...words" written "during a period of time where I was very emotional about Israel's politics and the loss of life in Gaza."

"I want to reassure everyone that I am committed to serving and assisting each and every single student that I represent. I also want to assure you all that I stand firmly against anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, divisiveness, and oppression that don't create an inclusive campus for everyone," he wrote.

He added, "The tweets that resurfaced were from 3+ years ago and do not reflect what I meant at the time."

As The Algemeiner reported, Muhammad's anti-Israel posts are as recent as March 2016, a month before he won his uncontested bid for USG leadership.

Muhammad told local news site FOX 9 that he deactivated his Twitter account after receiving a flood of hostile messages about his social media activity. He also said that he met with the university's rabbi in residence to discuss the matter.

In an official statement issued on Thursday, USG President Julie Sullivan wrote, "It is deeply disappointing that the president of our student government or any other member of the St. Thomas community would be accused of anti-Semitic discourse."

Sullivan added that the university "strongly denounces the 2014 statements."

Neither Muhammad nor USG representatives immediately responded to The Algemeiner's request for comment.

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killed two university students and injured nine others, including several women, at a supermarket in Jerusalem. Odeh was later freed in a prisoner exchange, but a subsequent case against her in the United States is ongoing.

This double standard is reflective of a broader trend in hard-left politics. Increasingly, groups such as Black Lives Matter, MoveOn, Code Pink and Occupy Wall Street have embraced intersectionality — a radical academic theory, which holds that all forms of social oppression are inexorably linked — as an underpinning to their anti-Israel activism. This type of selective ideological packaging has left liberal supporters of Israel in an increasingly uncomfortable position. On the one hand, they care deeply about causes such as women's rights, criminal justice reform, income inequality, environmental protection and LGBT rights. On the other, they find themselves excluded from the groups that advance those very causes unless they agree to delegitimize Israel and denounce Zionism as the national liberation movement of the Jewish people.

Addressing the structural causes of sexism in the United States will take more than reproaching Israel; it will require far-reaching legislative and grassroots action. By morphing the discussion about women's rights into a polemic against Israel, the IWS makes progress of the feminist cause even more difficult. All decent people should continue to fight for the absolute equal status of women in society. But we must not be forced to become complicit in the promotion of anti-Israel bigotry as a pre-condition for supporting the broader feminist movement.

The real choice to be made now by all those who care about the feminist cause is whether to allow Sarsour and her radical anti-Israel allies to hijack the movement in support of their own bigoted views. The alternative is to maintain feminism's focus on key issues that pertain to women and to call out countries and movements according to how seriously they violate women's rights, rather than singling out the one Jewish democracy, Israel.

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Hannah said of the North Korean-built, plutonium-producing reactor in the town of Al-Kibar, in the desert east of Damascus. "They also carried out the attack that was almost certainly the only means of ensuring the reactor never went hot."

Hanna used the story of active North Korean involvement in Syria nearly a decade ago to warn against its behavior today. "The greatest threat we face from [Supreme Leader] Kim Jong Un is probably not a suicidal attack against the United States or our allies in Northeast Asia with nuclear missiles." he wrote. "Rather, the more likely danger is that North Korea's tyrant sells part of his ever-expanding nuclear arsenal to other rogue actors that mean us harm." He then went on to identify Iran and its proxy, Hezbollah, as particularly worthy of note and monitoring in this context.

Earlier this month, David Albright — head of the Institute for Science and International Security think tank — told *The Algemeiner* that paying attention to any potential nuclear cooperation between North Korea and Iran should be a priority for the Trump administration.

to demonstrate that being a Zionist includes concern about human rights or race relations. You have to show them that supporting Israel

As The Algemeiner reported, an American

higher-education-reform group released a report this month labeling BDS as "one of the greatest threats to academic freedom in the United States today," and offering recommendations for how university boards can combat the movement on campus.

and teach them truth about Israel. You have is not about changing their entire worldview."

U.S. News.

Virginia Tech Rabbi: 100 Swastika Leaflets Strewn in Front of Jewish Student Center on Shabbat 'Disgusting Act of Hatred'

BY LEA SPEYER

One of the heads of a Jewish center on the campus of Virginia Tech University (VT) called the scattering of more than 100 hand-drawn swastika leaflets in front of his building on Saturday a "disgusting act of hatred."

Rabbi Zvi Yaakov Zweibel, co-director of VT's Chabad Librescu Jewish Student Center, said in a statement obtained Monday by The Algemeiner that he was shocked to discover that the fliers had been strewn across the front yard "as we celebrated the Jewish Sabbath."

Zweibel, who said that this was the first such incident since Chabad on Campus opened at

VT eight years ago, promptly organized a solidarity rally for Monday afternoon — attended by university officials, campus police and students — "to fight hatred by increasing our efforts in spreading Jewish pride and the beauty of our heritage."

The leaflets were found a day after Chabad at VT announced that it would be hosting a lecture in April by renowned Holocaust survivor Rabbi Nissen Mangel.

Responding to the VT's Jewish Student Union call on social media followers to offer support to Jews on campus, the school's president, Timothy Sands tweeted:

AIPAC: Pence, Haley, Harper Among Top Speakers at Upcoming Annual Conference

BY JNS.ORG

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), whose annual policy conference draws more than 15,000 people and is arguably the world's largest pro-Israel gathering, Thursday announced the highest-level dignitaries who will address the lobby's 2017 conference later this month.

US political leaders Vice President Mike Pence, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY.), Speaker of the House of Representatives Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), and Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley will all speak at the March 26-28 convention in Washington, DC.

In the realm of foreign leaders, Rwandan President Paul Kagame and former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper will address the conference, AIPAC said.

President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu were not included on AIPAC's list of top-level speakers. Netanyahu, who typically appears at the conference, already visited Washington to meet with Trump last month.

While he was a presidential candidate, Trump spoke at last year's policy conference, igniting a controversy when he said "yay" about how it was President Barack Obama's final year in office. Following the AIPAC crowd's significant applause for Trump's remark about the sitting president, the lobby distanced itself from the candidate's rhetoric the next day, acknowledging on the convention stage that "there are people in our AIPAC family who were deeply hurt last night" and lamenting that "so many applauded a sentiment that we neither agree with nor condone."



The opening session at AIPAC's annual policy conference in 2016. Photo: AIPAC. Mayzer Muhammad.



Jewish Student Union @... 19 Mar @VTSandsman A day announcing that a holocaust survivor will be speaking on campus. We appreciate any support you can offer at this time. pic.twitter.com/aRbxtYnxRQ





@jsu_vt #Hokies stand with you. The propagators of hate may be among us, but they are not welcome in our community:

vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2017/...

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His post linked to a February statement asserting that "hate and bias incidents will not be tolerated" at VT.

The fliers at VT are the latest in a wave of similar incidents on campuses across North America.

As The Algemeiner reported last week, fliers calling to "end Jewish privilege" were distributed at the University of Illinois at Chicago. A day later, leaflets denying the Holocaust and equating Zionism with Nazism were found on campus.



Photo: Virginia Tech.



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Opinion.

Is Jordanian-Israeli Peace in Danger?

On the surface, Israel and Jordan appear to have peaceful, productive and sometimes even friendly relations. Their 1994 peace treaty and deepening economic ties including a 15-year, \$10 billion natural gas deal inked in 2016 — seem to indicate that all is well between the neighbors.

But Jordan's recent treatment of anti-Israel terrorists has tested the Hashemite kingdom's relationship with Israel - and may have revealed seething animosity beneath the surface, at least within the Jordanian population.

Two incidents last week — the early release of convicted murderer Ahmed Dagamseh, a Jordanian soldier who massacred seven Israeli schoolgirls in 1997, and Jordan's refusal to honor a US extradition request for Palestinian terrorist Ahlam Tamimi — have brought the strength of the Israeli-Jordanian relationship into question.

"It is shocking that [Jordanian leader] King Abdullah would permit this unrepentant and unrehabilitated killer to be released from prison," Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, the

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president of the Tel Aviv-based civil rights organization Shurat HaDin - Israel Law Center, told JNS.org. "His father made such a big ceremony out of personally apologizing to the parents of the schoolgirls [that were] murdered, and swore that Dagamseh would serve out his life in jail. Apparently these were just empty words that have now been disregarded. It's an indication that Jordan is drifting further and further away from the democratic West and into the camp of the Middle East extremists that are overwhelming the regime."

Darshan-Leitner added that releasing a murderer of Jewish children, such as Dagamseh, "is not a political concession to maintain governmental stability. It's an outrage that should have been fought by the Israeli government and Jewish organizations worldwide."

Indeed, the Jordanian government is cognizant of the need to maintain political stability against the backdrop of ongoing political upheaval throughout the Middle East, which has seen long-established regimes swiftly overturned in popular uprisings since late 2010.

Further, the majority of Jordan's population remains of Palestinian origin, and despite the existence of a formal government-togovernment peace treaty with Israel, the Jordanian public harbors an enduring and deep-seated resentment toward Israel.

This dynamic was apparent in the

dramatic moments following Daqamseh's release from prison. As the Mercedes carrying Dagamseh arrived in his home village after the release, ecstatic supporters crowded around the vehicle and greeted the convicted murderer of children with triumphant chants of "Allahu akbar!" (God is great).

Throughout his imprisonment and following his release, Daqamseh has remained unrepentant and has called for the elimination of "the Zionist entity."

Meanwhile, also lat week, the Jordanian government refused America's request to extradite Ahlam Tamimi, citing a domestic US court ruling that forbids the extradition of Jordanian nationals.

Israel jailed Tamimi for her role in the Sbarro pizza restaurant terror attack in Jerusalem in August 2001 — a bombing that killed 15 people, including seven children and a pregnant woman, and injured more than 130. Both Israelis and Americans were among those killed. Like Dagamseh, Tamimi has shown no remorse for her deadly terrorism.

Tamini was granted safe haven in Jordan following her release as part of the controversial 2011 Gilad Schalit prisoner exchange between Israel and Hamas. She now hosts a Hamas-affiliated television show, which she has used as a platform to boast about her involvement in the murder of Jews, and to



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with Jordan's King Abdullah II in Amman, Jordan, Jan. 16, 2014. Photo: Kobi Gideon/GPO/FLASH90.

incite hatred against Israel.

Regarding Jordan's refusal to extradite Tamimi, Darshan-Leitner said, "It makes no sense that Jordan relies so heavily on American military support for its survival, and at the same time would refuse the request and provide this mass murderer [with a] safe haven."

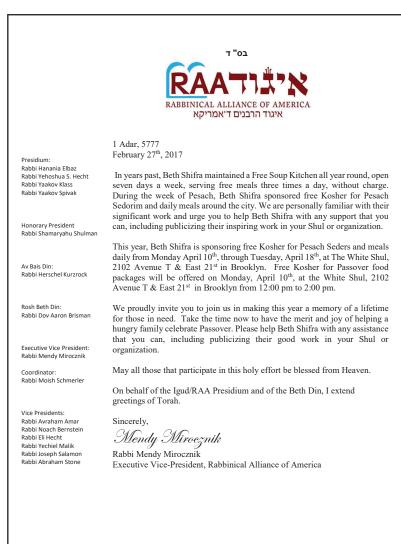
Sarah Stern, the founder and president of the Washington, DC-based Endowment for Middle East Truth, said that the extradition issue "is not just a matter of justice, it's a matter of national security."

"Tamimi is instructing people how to commit acts of terrorism on a television show that is broadcast into homes throughout the world," Stern told JNS.org. "If we are allowing people like Tamimi to literally get away with murder, and implying that the lives of certain American citizens are less important than

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Impressions.

Mazal: Hope or Superstition

BY JEREMY ROSEN

We have just celebrated Purim, a festival named after the lottery, the pur, that nearly decided the fate of the Jewish people. But the randomness of the genocidal lottery was defeated by God. You might have thought that this would have knocked Jewish belief in astrology on its head once for all. But it hasn't.

Indeed, Jews wish each other mazal tov all the time, and many of us are very concerned about whether other people can have a good or bad impact on our mazal — whether "the evil eye" might strike us down or a curse ruin us.

But isn't this total superstition? And isn't the Torah unmistakably clear that we must not be superstitious? "There is no divination in Jacob and no magic in Israel," says Balaam in Numbers 23, the law in Deuteronomy 18 is similarly specific: "You must not practice divination, astrology, reading omens, charms or sorcery, dealing with spirits or calling up the dead."

The term mazal is used only once in the Bible, in Kings II: "The pagans worship the sun the moon and the planets [mazalot]." Clearly it does not approve.

I always believed that monotheism countered the thinking that spells and incantations carried out by experts could change the course of the stars and our fates. For centuries, man looked to the planets for answers. The earliest astrological chart dates back to Mesopotamia, nearly four-thousand years ago. The great Alexandrian Claudius Ptolemy (90-168) linked the astronomical solar system to astrology — a framework used to this day, although it no longer holds any scientific weight. Francis Bacon (1561-1626) did not think the stars determined human behavior, but that they did influence it. Even such moderns as Carl Jung were still attempting to modify astrology and keep it relevant. Paganism saw us as the playthings of the gods, astrology says our fates are decided by planets, whereas Judaism, Christianity and Islam posited that the world functioned according to its own rules (Avodah Zara 54b) and only our relationship with God could affect us. Monotheism taught that our task was to accept what happens to us and see the positive in it. "Whatever God does (or allows to happen) is for the best."

Yet, the idea persists in some Orthodox circles that astrology in Judaism is still a tool to explain the way God intervenes in the world. (Then again, so does the idea that past rabbis could never have gotten any science wrong, and if some claimed the earth was flat or that the sun revolved around the earth every day, then we must be wrong not they.) Astrology's interconnection with Jewish mysticism has given it continued relevance and influence. Today, there are many "rabbis" who use astrology and its allied systems to help the sick and disturbed cope with life pressures. Usually for a healthy fee or "charitable donation."

The Talmud in Shabbath 156a discusses the issue: "R. Hanina said, 'The planetary influence gives wisdom and wealth and affects Israel.' R. Johanan, on the other hand, said that Israel is immune from planetary influence [mazal]. Rab, too, holds that Israel is immune from planetary influence, and so does R. Akiba." There are many more such discussions throughout the Talmud and in other rabbinic sources,

and it is clear that rabbinic opinion is divided.

Yet, today it is difficult to find any major rabbinic figure who will publicly decry the popular preoccupation with mazal, ayin harah (the evil eye) and their various offshoots. Once upon a time (Brachot 10b), our leaders had the guts to act against superstition. "King Chizkiyahu hid the Book of Cures and smashed the bronze serpent (of Moses's) days, and the authorities of the day approved it." Nowadays, sadly, they would make money out of it.

But what does mazal really mean? Is it fortune, something beyond our control — in which case, how does it differ from God?Yet, no one of any significance in Judaism, to the best of my knowledge, has ever said mazal is the same as God or divine inter-

vention. When mazal means superstition, it is clearly against Judaism (notwithstanding that most Jews may relate superstitiously to their religion), but is also obvious that there are forces beyond our control wars. epidemics, financial collapses — and in those cases are we not permitted to hope or pray? Or course we do, just as we pray our children should have easy lives, free from danger, disease and hardship. Hope is very different than people believing they can tap into magic and change

the will of God or the nature of the universe.

Furthermore, I do believe we can "make our own luck." By being positive, looking out for possibilities, and thinking several steps ahead, one can take better advantage of what life has to offer. This is one of the ideas behind the Talmud's injunction to avoid bad company. One's mood, attitude, company and friends can all impact the quality of one's life. Avoiding bad vibes and negativity is great advice.

Similarly, some people understand aspects of the universe and the motives of others better than the ordinary person can, or can train themselves to read faces and gestures that tell them more about people than the average person can see. A doctor can usually read physical signs better than others because of his training, and a psychiatrist can read psychological signs because of hers. Both are still capable of missing something. It is our job to distinguish between learned skills and claims of supernatural powers.

Belief in random luck also has no place in an intelligent or a genuinely spiritual mind. To wish someone luck is simply a popular way of expressing one's hopes and aspirations. To think that mazal has a power in and of itself that can be harnessed to control the uncontrollable is pure superstition. To treat it as code to unlock that which we have no control over is destructive, morally deficient and intellectually primitive. The notion that there are

irrational spells or mystical incantations that can guarantee protection is as delusionary as fool's gold. And most of us are indeed fools.

Maimonides, the great rationalist, in his Laws of Idolatry said:

Know, my masters, that it is not proper for a man to accept as trustworthy anything other than one of these three things. The first is a thing for which there is a clear proof deriving from man's reasoning — such as arithmetic, geometry, and astronomy. The second is a thing that a man perceives through one of the five senses — such as when he knows with certainty that this is red and this is black and the like through the sight of his eye; or as when he tastes that this is bitter and this



Collection of Jewish amulets, or hamsas. Photo: Wikimedia commons.

is sweet; or as when he feels that this is hot and this is cold; or as when he hears that this sound is clear and this sound is indistinct; or as when he smells that this is a pleasing smell and this is a displeasing smell and the like. The third is a thing that a man receives from the prophets or from the righteous. Every reasonable man ought to distinguish in his mind and thought all the things that he accepts as trustworthy, and say: "This I accept as trustworthy because of tradition, and this because of sense-perception, and this on grounds of reason." Anyone who accepts as trustworthy anything that is not of these three species, of him it is said: "The simple believes everything" (Prov. 14:15).

Maimonides said that all references in the Talmud to spirits and metaphysical control over human affairs was simply a reflection of popular delusion. The masses believed in it, so the rabbis spoke in a language with which the populace was familiar.

I realize there are many people who need the "security" of magic, fortune, astrology and luck. Often life is so awful to us that we cannot cope. We need comfort. It is false comfort and lies that I deplore. I accept human frailty, because I am frail. But I am offended when I hear people say that it is a requirement of religion or even an essential part of it.

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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.

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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 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

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 organiza-

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tion 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 AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17/24/31

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 AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17/24/31

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: NRIA 423 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 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; 3/3/10/17/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Jamal Williams, Individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Jermaine Williams a/k/a Jermaine M. Williams a/k/a Jermaine Michael Williams a/k/a Jermain Michael Williams a/k/a Jermain Williams; Marcel Florestal, Esq.; Sandy Martinez, as Co-Administratrix of Justin Michael Williams; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 17, 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 April 6, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 647 East 103rd 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 New York, Block: 8172 Lot: 17. Approximate amount of judgment \$703,031.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 21373/2012. Helene E. Blank, Esq., 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 3/3/10/17/24

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY
OF KINGS CIT BANK, N.A. F/K/A
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OSWALD CAMERON A/K/A ERIC O. N. CAMERON A/K/A OSWALD O. CAMERON, A/K/A ERICO CAMERON A/K/A ERIC O. CAMERON, DECEASED, et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 28, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of KINGS, wherein CIT BANK, N.A. F/K/A ONEWEST BANK N.A. F/K/A ONEWST BANK, FSB, is the Plaintiff and GEORGENE S. THOMPSON AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ERIC OSWALD NORMAN CAMERON A/K/A ERIC OSWALD CAMERON A/K/A ERIC O. N. CAMERON A/K/A OSWALD O. CAMERON, A/K/A ERICO CAMERON A/K/A ERIC O. CAMERON, DECEASED, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11201, on March 30, 2017 at 2:30pm, premises known as 383 BRADFORD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207: Block 3776 Lot 20: 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 # 2506/2013. Matthew J. Kazansky, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ 3/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Godfrey Jack, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/1/2016 and entered on 12/2/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 30, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 964 EAST 34TH STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 7561, LOT: 69. Approximate amount of judgment is \$816,041.62 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 010887/2009. Barry M. Goldstein, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ 3/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-9, Plaintiff AGAINST Raja M. Javed a/k/a Raja M. Javid a/k/a Javed Raja, Khawar Latif Raja, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/3/2017 and entered on 1/24/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 30, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 2076 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. 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,

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City and State of New York, BLOCK: 7807, LOT: 78. Approximate amount of judgment is \$594,467.91 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511373/2014. Richard Klass, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ 3/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVID-UALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISI-TION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. SERAFIN VASQUEZ; 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 January 12, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On April 6, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 293 POWELL STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11212-8136 Block: 3763 Lot: 111 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 \$850,185.63 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 21054-13 Julie A. Clark, Esq., Referee AJ 3/3/10/17/24

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME IN FORECLOSURE COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff against - ANTHONY FONTANA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 17, 2017. 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 6th Day of April, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. 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. Premises known as 1942 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234. (Block: 8500 and Lot: 64) Approximate amount of lien \$574,360.05 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500204/2014. Charles L. Emma, 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 23, 2017 AJ 3/3/10/17/24

Notice of formation of limited liability company. (LLC) Name: GRR PARTNERS, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/01/2016. Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail process to the LLC c/o United states corporation agents Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/3/10/17/24/31; 4/7

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY HSBC Bank USA,

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National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corpo-Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series Plaintiff(s) vs. ISAAC CHKOURI; ILIYA HONOVICH; 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 January 5. 2017. I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On April 13, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1809 VOORHIES AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11235 Block: 7463 Lot: 49 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 \$920,035.05 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 20473-13 Gregory M. LaSpina, Esq., Referee AJ 3/10/17/24/31;

143-145 PROSPECT LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/17/2017. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 15 Powell Lane, Staten Island, NY 10312. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. AJ 3/3/10/17/24/31; 4/7

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB FORMERLY KNOWN AS WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB; Plaintiff(s) vs. NANCY PROCH HENLE; JOHN HENLE A/K/A JOHN W. HENLE, III A/KA JOHN WILLIAM HENLE, III; 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 3, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On April 13, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1558 BROOKLYN AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11210 Block: 5010 Lot: 67 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 \$589,967.78 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 20600/2013 Gregory M. LaSpina, Esq., Referee AJ 3/10/17/24/31;

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Union Street capital 248, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/2017. Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be Served. SSNY Shall mail process to: Gabor & Marotta LLC 1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314 Purpose: all lawful activity

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: NRIA 140 Luquer, Manager LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) Office location on: 02/24/2017. Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to GABOR & MAROTTA LLC 1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/10/17/24/31; 4/7/14

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: LUQUER STREET CAPITAL 140, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/24/2017 Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall mail process to GABOR & MAROTTA LLC 1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/10/17/24/31; 4/7/14

Notice of formation of a limited liability company (LLC) Name: Best Spanish NYC, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/27/2016. Office location Kings County SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall Mail process to best Spanish NYC, LLC 101 Ocean Parkway #3c Brooklyn, NY 11218 purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/10/17/24/31; 4/7/14

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: 3211 CRUGER AVE LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/03/2017. Office location Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall Mail process to WANG & CO accounting LLC PO Box 103, Glen Cove, NY 11542 purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/10/17/24/31; 4/7/14

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, AGAINST LINWOOD ROBERTS, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered Ianuary 9-2017 I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 20, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 125 HALSEY STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11216 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 1838 and Lot 73 Approximate amount of judgment \$591,230.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to LEGAL NOTICE

provisions of filed Judgment. Index #508270/2013 JANET LISA BROWN, ESQ, Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP -Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCI-ATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. CARTER; VINCENT COLLINS; 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 January 26, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On April 20, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 4812 SNYDER AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11203 Block: 4720 Lot: 5 ALL that certain piece or parcel of land, together 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, designated as Lot 6 in Block 4720 on a certain map or plan of lots called Rugby surveyed by Wood Harmon and Co. in May 1900 and Fred L. Bartlett filed 08/04/04. 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 \$448,240.29 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 503281/2014 Marc M. Dittenhoefer, Esq., Referee AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, Plaintiff against ZISEL BRIEGER: LARRY BRIEGER, et al Defendant(s). 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, N.Y. on the 20th day of April, 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, N.Y. 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, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO NA. Plaintiff FREDERICK L. GRANT, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 02, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn. New York 11201, on April 20, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 660 WARWICK STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and LEGAL NOTICE

State of New York, BLOCK 4078, LOT 45. Approximate amount of judgment \$653,662.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 6144/2013. William D. Bowman Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA. Plaintiff AGAINST LISA COBHAM. et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 03, 2017 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 April 20, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 128A COOPER 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, and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3440, LOT 23. Approximate amount of judgment \$599,880.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 505080/2015. Mark A. Longo Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite

100 Williamsville, NY 14221

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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 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 April 20, 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, 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: March 2, 2017 AI 3/17/24/31:4/7/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Plaintiff AGAINST Karen Wood a/k/a Karen L. Wood; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 31, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 20, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 102-19 Seaview Avenue a/k/a 10219 Seaview Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, LEGAL NOTICE

City and State of New York, Block: 8305 Lot: 1. Approximate amount of judgment \$465,843.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 7831/2013. Jay D. Cohen, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 28, 2017

AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: GAO GE ZI LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 03/02/2017. 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: Mingqin Ren 239 Little Clove Rd., Staten Island, NY 10301. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/14/21

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: GOODSCOM-PANY LLC . Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/13/2017. Office location in Kings County SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall mail process to Mauricio Orantes 135 Rogers Ave. 3L Brooklyn, NY 11216 . Purpose: all lawful activity

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. SEAN O. SEATON AKA SEAN SEATON; 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 January 3, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On April 27, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 678 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11207-6944 Block: 4298 Lot: 27 LL that certain lot, parcel or tract of land, situate and lying in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings 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 \$459,953.94 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 10654-13 Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee

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Notice of Qualification of RED HOOK INDUSTRIAL CENTER, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/07/17. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 02/23/17. Princ. office of LLC: 68 Ferris St., Brooklyn, NY 11231. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ 3/24/31; 4/7/14/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-4, Plaintiff AGAINST Renee Belmar: et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 26, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 27, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1355 Saint Marks, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 1357 Lot 70. Approximate amount of judgment \$884,029.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511225/2014. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boule-

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Restaurant Wine Liquor License for beer and wine has been applied for by the undersigned to permit the sale of beer and wine at retail rates for on-premises consumption at Chuck E. Cheese's #523 located at 1816 Gunhill Road, Bronx, NY 10469 under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. CEC Entertain-

vard Rochester, New York 14624 (877)

759-1835 Dated: March 2, 2017

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Notice is hereby given that a Restaurant Wine Liquor License for beer and wine has been applied for by the undersigned to permit the sale of beer and wine at retail rates for on-premises consumption at Chuck E. Cheese's #641 located at Terminal Marketplace, 700 Exterior Street, Bronx, NY 10451 under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. CEC Entertainment, Inc. AJ 3/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 500644/2015 H. RICHARD ADELMAN, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 2/6/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 4/27/2017 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1146 39th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218, 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 5585 and Lot 26. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$890,086.65 plus interest and costs. The premise will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 500644/2015. Gregory Cerchione, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 2/23/2017 File Number: 27393 MNB

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Social.



Rabbi Nissen Mangel at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in Poland. Photo: Screenshot.

In 'Ultimate Sign of Victory,' Elderly Holocaust Survivor Returns to Auschwitz-Birkenau, Recounts His Harrowing Experiences There

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A video of an elderly Hasidic Holocaust survivor returning to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in Poland and emotionally recounting his harrowing experiences there has gone viral on Facebook, drawing hundreds of thousands of views in just a few days.

In the video, Rabbi Nissen Mangel is seen telling a group of Boyaner Hasidim in Yiddish about how he, at the age of 10, underwent the "selectzia" process — supervised by infamous Nazi doctor Josef Mengele — with his family, who were from Bratislava. Mangel lied to Mengele about his age — claiming he was 17. Even though Mengele realized this was not true, Mangel and his father were chosen for slave labor, rather than immediate execution.

"It was a miracle," Mangel said. "1.5 million children were sent to the gas chambers and to me Mengele said to work with my father."

The video was posted online on Friday by Mangel's grandson Leibel.

"My grandfather had been back once before a number of years ago, but this trip had added significance and meaning, as he returned with three of his grandchildren," Leibel — an IDF combat veteran — told The Algemeiner. "Seeing my grandfather tell his story at the location it took place was almost indescribable. It was very emotional. My grandfather was a very big reason that I decided to join the IDF, so

to hear his story of courage and bravery in that setting was so surreal. It was also a moment that both he and our family took great pride in. He is here 73 years later, telling his story — the ultimate sign of victory."

"The generation of those who lived through the horrors is dwindling," he said. "We need to remember what was done to us. We need to remember the strength, courage and bravery that so many displayed during that time for our people. We need to continue to be inspired to stand up for our people and our homeland. 'Never Again' can't just be something we say. 'Never Again' has to be something we live on a daily basis."

Furthermore, Leibel noted, "There are so many people who are unaware of what happened or have never heard first-hand stories. It is up to us to make sure this period of our history is never forgotten. This is why it was so important that this trip be documented and shared with the world."

Since publishing the video, Leibel said he has "heard from people all over the world telling me the impact watching it had on them — how they were touched and inspired to do more for our people. To overcome and power through life's challenges in general."

"That is priceless," he continued. "It makes the whole trip worth it. I know my grandfather takes great pride in that as well. Never once has he used his past as an excuse. Instead, it is a tool he has used to inspire others."

Omri Casspi, Itinerant Israeli Born NBA Player, Finds a New Home in Minnesota

BY JNS.ORG

The first Israeli-born player in NBA history has reportedly agreed to sign with the Minnesota Timberwolves for the rest of the current basketball season.

Journeyman forward Omri Casspi was recently waived by the New Orleans Pelicans, after the 6-foot-9 player suffered a broken thumb in his first game with the team. The Pelicans had acquired him from the Sacramento Kings as part of their trade for All-Star center DeMarcus Cousins in February.

The Timberwolves will be Casspi's third team this season. "If it weren't for [his injury], Casspi wouldn't be a free agent. He has that much going for him," Timberwolves analyst Derek James wrote for the local ESPN Radio



Omri Casspi. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

affiliate's website. "Casspi's ability to hit the 3-ball should give him ample playing time."

Casspi, a native of Holon, has averaged 8.4 points and 4.2 rebounds per game, while shooting about 37 percent from three-point range in eight NBA seasons for the Kings, Pelicans, Cleveland Cavaliers and Houston Rockets.

After posting career-best averages of 11.8 points and 5.9 rebounds per game last season for the Kings during his second stint with the team that drafted him in 2009, the 28-year-old Casspi — Israel's only current NBA player — had seen his playing time and numbers drop this season before the trade to New Orleans.

The Timberwolves are five games out of the final playoff spot in the NBA's Western Conference, with less than 15 games remaining in the regular season.

Tradition.

Encampments and Journeys



JONATHAN SACKS

Right at the end of the book of Shemot, there is a textual difficulty so slight that it is easy to miss, yet – as interpreted by Rashi – it contains one of the great clues as to the nature of Jewish identity: it is a moving testimony to the unique challenge of being a Jew.

First, the background. The Tabernacle is finally complete. Its construction has taken many chapters to relate. No other event in the wilderness years is portrayed in such detail. Now, on the first of Nissan, exactly a year after Moses told the people to begin their preparations for the exodus, he assembles the beams and hangings, and puts the furniture and vessels in place. There is an unmistakable parallelism between the words the Torah uses to describe Moses' completion of the work and those it uses of God on the seventh day of creation:

And Moses finished [vayechal] the work [hamelakhah]. And God finished [vayechal] on the seventh day the work [melakhto] which He had done.

The next verse states the result:

Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle.

The meaning is both clear and revolutionary. The creation of the sanctuary by the Israelites is intended to represent a human parallel to the Divine creation of the universe. In making the world, God created a home for mankind. In making the Tabernacle, mankind created a home for God.

From a human perspective, God fills the space we make for His presence. His glory exists where we renounce ours. The immense detail of the construction is there to tell us that throughout, the Israelites were obeying God's instructions rather than improvising their own. The specific domain called "the holy" is where we meet God on His terms, not ours. Yet this too is God's way of conferring dignity on mankind. It is we who build His home so that He may fill what we have made. In the words of a famous film: "If you build it, he will come"

Bereishit begins with God making the cosmos. Shemot ends with human beings making a micro-cosmos, a miniature and symbolic universe. Thus the entire narrative of Genesis-Exodus is a single vast span that begins and ends with the concept of God-filled space, with this difference: that in the beginning the work is done by God-the-Creator. By the end it is done by man-and-woman-the-creators. The whole intricate history has been a story with one overarching theme: the transfer of the power and responsibility of creation from heaven to earth, from God to the image-of-God called mankind.

That is the background. However, the final verses of the book go on to tell us about the relationship between the "cloud of glory" and the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle, we recall, was not a fixed structure. It was made in such a way as to be portable. It could quickly be dismantled and its parts carried, as the Israelites made their way to the next stage of their journey. When the time came for the Israelites to move on, the cloud moved from its resting place in the Tent of Meeting to a position outside the camp, signalling the direction they must now take. This is how the Torah describes it:

When the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, the Israelites went onward in all their journeys, but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out until the day it lifted. So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all

the house of Israel in all their journeys. (Ex. 40:36-38)

There is a small but significant difference between the two instances of the phrase bechol masehem, "in all their journeys". In the first instance the words are to be taken literally. When the cloud lifted and moved on ahead, the Israelites knew they were about to travel.

However in the second instance they cannot be taken literally. The cloud was not over the Tabernacle in all their journeys. On the contrary: it was there only when they stopped travelling and instead pitched camp. During the journeys the cloud went on ahead.



Noting this, Rashi makes the following comment:

A place where they encamped is also called massa, "a journey"... Because from the place of encampment they always set out again on a new journey, therefore they are all called "journeys".

The point is linguistic, but the message is anything but. Rashi has encapsulated in a few brief words – "a place where they encamped is also called a journey" — the existential truth at the heart of Jewish identity. So long as we have not yet reached our destination, even a place of rest is still called a journey – because we know we are not here forever. There is a way still to go. In the words of the poet Robert Frost,

The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep.

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others, that says something very ambiguous about our resolve in this fight against radical Islamic terrorism."

Yet Mideast expert Dr. Jonathan Schanzer, vice president of research at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, said that despite the recent events seemingly revealing an Israeli-Jordanian tension, the countries' ties are too crucial to be undermined by these incidents.

"The relations between Israel and Jordan have become of increased strategic importance to both sides," Schanzer told JNS.org. "Intelligence and defense cooperation have deepened over the years. And after the incident last week in the skies over Syria, it is now clear that the two neighbors will also likely have to work together in the near future to coordinate missile defense cooperation."

In the incident Schanzer referenced, Israel reportedly intercepted a Syrian anti-aircraft missile by utilizing the Arrow long-range missile defense system, marking that system's first operational use in its 17 years of existence.

"Yes, there is still anti-Israel sentiment that exists in Jordan and the Arab world, and this individual (Daqamseh) who was responsible for mass murder was celebrated by some in Jordan. But I think it's safe to say that the government of Jordan is not celebrating him and will do its best to clamp down on whatever incitement follows his release," Schanzer said. "Jordan's relationship with Israel is extremely important to the kingdom, especially as it is also connected to Jordan's relationship with the US, and Jordan greatly depe*nds on the US.*"

Experts Say Lieberman's Population Swaps Could Harm Israel

ARIEL BEN SOLOMON/

After Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman recently reiterated his plan for population swaps in any future peace deal with the Palestinians, some Mideast experts and Israeli politicians are noting that the concept is unrealistic, and could undermine Israel's security.

Last week, Lieberman said that the "only way to a sustainable agreement is through land and population swaps as part of a larger regional peace deal. ... It cannot be that a hegemonic Palestinian state will be established, without a single Jew — 100 percent Palestinian, and [that] Israel will be a bi-national state with 22 percent Palestinians."

Yet some experts fear that the defense minister's plan would be difficult to implement, and would narrow Israel's borders. Further, by surrendering Israeli-Arab villages near the so-called Green Line, Israel would lose some of its ability to monitor that area and deploy security forces there.

"Legally, [Lieberman's] option might be realized only as part of an agreement between both sides, but it is not reasonable to do such a thing without the will of the people themselves," said Kobi Michael, a senior research fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in Tel Aviv, and a senior lecturer at Ariel University of Samaria.

"But leaving aside the legal and moral aspects, the idea could be implemented only in very specific areas," Michael told JNS.org, referring to the fact that not all Israeli Arabs live within the Arab-majority villages straddling the Green Line. The scholar described Lieberman's plan as "dangerous, irresponsible and a provocation."

Michael acknowledged, however, that Israeli Arabs in the northern Galilee and southern Negev regions, as well as in mixed Jewish-Arab cities like Jaffa, Haifa and Acre, would not be touched by Lieberman's swaps.

"Eventually, the idea could be implemented with regard to less than one-third of the Arab population of Israel," he said.

The political reality

On a political level, Lieberman's plan would be extremely unlikely to pass, because many right-wing Members of Knesset (MKs) oppose any withdrawal from Israeli territory or a two-state solution. In particular, many Likud Party MKs would oppose such a move, as would Jewish Home leader Naftali Bennett — whose party has been pushing for the opposite approach (i.e. annexing territory).

"The ongoing conflict between Jews and Arabs is not the result of a territorial dispute, but a dispute between identities," Moshe Feiglin, a former Likud MK, told JNS.org.

Lieberman's land swaps not only fail to solve the peace problem, but they actually magnify the conflict by continuing to ignore the real issue, said Feiglin, who left the Likud Party to start a new political movement called "Zehut" — translated from Hebrew as "identity."

"Peace can come only when Jews stop trying to flee their identity and recognize that the land of Israel is its country. This is our land," he said. LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice.

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: MCA FUNDING LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/04/2017. 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 Joshua Golomb 2559 Nostrand Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: all lawful activity

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME TRUST 2006-3, Plaintiff LOAN -against- PETRONILLA HUNT, NEW ENVIRONMENTAL YÖRK CITY CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDI-CATION BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, PETRA DOUGLAS Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated-IULY 21, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on April 27, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 713 ESSEX STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208-4407. 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. Block: 4316 Lot: 56 Approximate amount of lien \$482,628.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 11924/2010 STEVEN Z. NAIMAN, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTOR-NEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: March 17, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 69038 AJ 3/24/31; 4/7/14/

A serious plan or a debate point?

Daniel Pipes, the president of the Middle East Forum think tank, told JNS.org that Lieberman's proposal "is cleverly flipping the Palestinians' rhetoric on themselves: 'A judenrein (free of Jews) Gaza and West Bank, you say?' Well, [Lieberman] replies, 'Israel will then be without Muslims."

Asked if the plan was realistic, Pipes said, "I see this as scoring a debate point more than forwarding a serious policy proposal, [because] Israelis and their supporters worldwide will not go in this direction. But it is an effective debate point that shows an endemic Palestinian racism that, regrettably, otherwise goes [unreported]."

INSS fellow Michael, meanwhile, is more alarmed than impressed with Lieberman's approach.

"Lieberman knows well that this [plan] is only a slogan he uses in order to keep his image among the Israeli political right," Michael said. "He is a cynical politician who has no problem changing positions according to the political circumstances."