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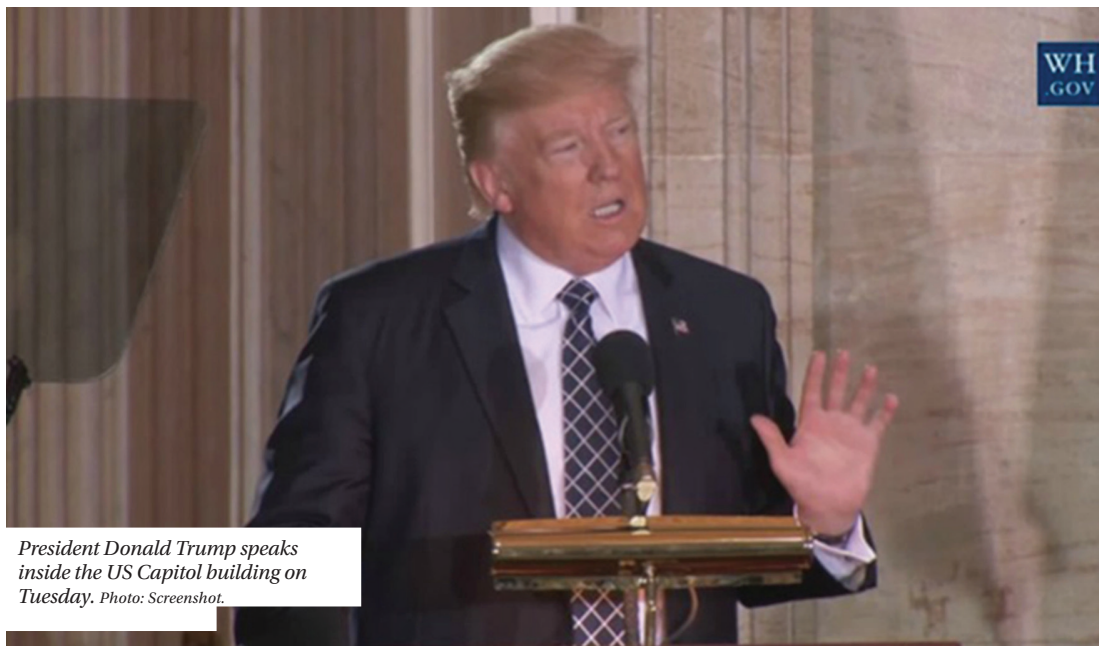
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Trump Pledges to 'Confront Antisemitism'



President Donald Trump speaks inside the US Capitol building on Tuesday. Photo: Screenshot.

BY BEN COHEN

Trump's address came a day after Israel marked Holocaust Remembrance Day.

In his speech, the president paid tribute to late Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel, who passed away last July. Trump described Wiesel as "an angel who lived through hell and whose courage still lights the darkness."

Trump cited two of the many survivor stories collected by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which is holding its annual Days of Remembrance this week. Steven Springfield, the president said, had carried his brother on his back during a death march "because, as he said, 'I just couldn't give in.'" And Trump closed his speech with the story of Gerda Klein, a young Polish Jewish woman who married the

American Jewish soldier who rescued her from a death march during the war's final days.

Trump — whose administration was strongly criticized in January after it issued an International Holocaust Remembrance Day statement that did not specifically mention the Jewish people — reflected on Tuesday, "We stand in awe at the unbreakable spirit of the Jewish people." The

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French Jews Nervous About Le Pen

BY BEN COHEN

With the first round of France's presidential election over, Jewish voters are now nervously looking ahead to the final round two weeks from now that will pit independent centrist Emmanuel Macron against far-right stalwart Marine Le Pen.

A leading French Jewish political analyst told The Algemeiner on Monday that the strong showing on Sunday of Jean-Luc Melenchon, the far-left candidate who came in fourth at 19.6 percent, demonstrates that Le Pen could yet



Far-right French presidential candidate Marine Le Pen. Photo: Emmanuel d'Aubignosc via Wikimedia Commons.

pick up valuable support from voters disillusioned with mainstream centrist parties in the May 7 head-to-head showdown with Macron.

Michel Gurfinkiel stressed that while Le Pen and Melenchon are on opposite sides of the immigration debate, both politicians share the same "authoritarian, populist, statist, anti-American and anti-globalist" principles.

"Le Pen and Melenchon represent more than 40

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Opinion.

New York Times Marks Holocaust Remembrance Day by Defending Iran and Smearing Israel



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The *New York Times* marked Holocaust Remembrance Day with an editorial condemning what it called the American government's "ominous tendency to demonize Iran" and a news article accusing "Zionist forces" of eradicating a Palestinian village.

The *Times* has been editorially plumping for Iran for years. But it takes a certain exquisite level of tone-deaf obtuseness to choose — on a day devoted to commemorating the victims of the Holocaust — to publish an editorial essentially carrying water for the Holocaust-denying, Jew-killing terror-supporting regime in Tehran.

On any day, such an editorial would be cringe-inducing and objectionable. But on this particular day, it's enough to make a person want to toss the newspaper aside in disgust. The *Times* editorial complains that the Trump administration has a tendency to "misrepresent the threat" that Iran presents. Yet it also concedes that the administration's concerns about "Iran's meddling in Syria, Lebanon and Yemen, its support for extremists and its capacity to fan regional tensions" are "legitimate."

Well, if the concerns are indeed "legitimate," how does reporting them, accurately,

to Congress constitute a misrepresentation?

The *Times* seems to worry that they might lead to military action against Iran:

Where exactly is Mr. Trump going with this? His comments echo statements used by past presidents when they tried to build a case for military action, as, for instance, against Iraq. This is not the time for such action.

When, one wonders, would be the time for such action? After Iran nukes an Israeli city? Or after it bombs another Jewish community center? Or after it funds more missiles and rockets aimed at Israeli Jews from Gaza and Lebanon? Or after it jails more Americans on phony charges?

The *Times* insistence that now "is not the time" for military action against Iran might be more credible if the editorial set out guidelines for when it would be time for such action. In the absence of such guidelines, one suspects that the *Times* would never support it, no matter how many Jews are killed. Or that there is some acceptable level of Jew-killing that the *Times* doesn't think warrants a military response. What a strange message for Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The news article isn't any better. "Oldest Holocaust Museum Recasts Lessons as 'a Warning Sign'" is the headline over a dispatch from the Ghetto Fighters' House Museum in Israel. It includes this passage:

The museum does not shy away from dealing with Israel's own inner conflicts. Its Center for Humanistic Education, founded

in 1995 by Raya Kalisman after she spent a year at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, runs a six-month program for Jewish, Arab and Druze high school students, mostly from northern Israel. The program encourages the students to confront the complexity of their identities as citizens of the country.

Reflecting that complexity, Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot was established in the vicinity of Al-Sumeiriya, a Palestinian village that Zionist forces occupied and destroyed in the 1948 war over Israel's independence, turning its inhabitants into refugees.

While paying rhetorical homage to "complexity," the *Times* one-sentence account of what happened in Al-Sumeiriya is a disturbing example of the perils of oversimplification. The *Times* has a lead editorial complaining about "the ominous tendency to demonize Iran," but this passage in the news article is an example of what might be called the "ominous tendency to demonize Israel."

Don't just take my own word for it. Here is how the *Times* itself reported the situation, in its May 15, 1948 edition. The newspaper carried the text of Israel's Declaration of Independence: "In the midst of wanton aggression we call upon the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to return to the ways of peace and play their part in the development of the state, with full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its bodies and institutions, provisional or permanent."

The newspaper reported that Arab troops were massing for an invasion, and that "the Arab League's General Secretariat proclaimed last night that a state of war exists between the Arab countries and Palestine Jewry."

And under the headline "Haganah Reports Capture of Acre," the *Times* reported, "a United Press dispatch from Haifa and Arab sources in Beirut, Lebanon, reported the Jewish capture of Ez Zib and El Bassa, two small towns between Acre and the Lebanese border. [Sumaria, in the same region, was also reported captured.]"

As Ephraim Karsh detailed in his 2000 *Commentary* article "Were the Palestinians Expelled?" some of the Palestinian Arab flight during 1948 was engendered by Arabs. Jews were urging the Arabs to stay. It was a wartime situation in which not only "Zionist forces," but also surrounding Arab armies, were on the move.

As for the particular case of Al-Sumeiriya, details are scant, but those there are, even from sources highly sympathetic to the Arab side of the story, suggest a narrative that conflicts with the *Times* fantasy of a Zionist occupation and destruction.

In an article titled "The Zionist Occupation of Western Galilee, 1948," published in the Spring, 1974 issue of the *Journal of Palestine Studies*, Nafez Abdullah Nazal reports on interviews he conducted in Lebanon with families who came from Al-Sumeiriya.

Nazal reports: "During the day of May
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Peter Beinart Is an Apologist for Terror



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Peter Beinart tries to trick his readers in his latest piece for the *Forward*. See if you can spot his sleight of hand as he describes the Israeli political reaction to the *New York Times*' decision to publish an op-ed by Marwan Barghouti:

[Michael Oren believes] because Barghouti was convicted of terrorism, his cause is illegitimate, even monstrous. The problem with this argument is that it doesn't only explain why Marwan Barghouti isn't Nelson Mandela. It explains why Nelson Mandela isn't Nelson Mandela either.

A decade earlier, when the Oslo Peace Process began, [Barghouti] had declared the era of military resistance over. "The armed struggle," he claimed in 1994, "is no longer an option for us."

...
Barghouti's shift, which led him to play an active role in the second intifada, constituted a tragic mistake, even a crime, against both Palestinians and Israelis. I'm not justifying it. But he's not the only national leader to have embraced armed struggle after losing faith in non-violence. Mandela did too.

Beinart, whose parents were born in South Africa, knows very well that the analogy doesn't hold water — so he tells half-truths to create it.

Nelson Mandela was imprisoned in 1964 for sabotaging South Africa's power grid, and plotting to overthrow the government. No one

was injured, let alone killed, by his actions.

Yes, Mandela supported violence against the state. Yes, sometimes African National Congress (ANC) violence killed civilians. But Mandela was not a murderer, and the ANC that he led never purposefully targeted civilians.

Barghouti, on the other hand, *has been convicted of five murders* — and more.

The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs summed up Barghouti's record as follows:

Barghouti was convicted in a criminal suit in Israeli district court on five separate counts of murder of innocent civilians.

Crimes orchestrated by Barghouti include: The murder of Greek monk Tsibouktakis Germanus in Jerusalem on June 12, 2001; the murder of Yoela Hen in Jerusalem on January 15, 2002; and the murder of Eli Dahan, Yosef Habi and Salim Barakat in Tel Aviv on March 5, 2002.

Barghouti was acquitted of 21 counts of murder in 33 other attacks, solely due to a lack of sufficient evidence.

Barghouti was the founder and senior official of the designated terrorist group the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, which was



Peter Beinart. Photo: New America Foundation via Wikimedia Commons.

responsible for massacring dozens of Israelis in suicide bombings and shooting attacks during the Second Intifada (2001-2005).

Barghouti also served as the head of the Tanzim, an armed faction in Fatah that carried out attacks on Israeli civilians during the Second Intifada.

During his trials in Israel, Barghouti showed no remorse for the murders that he committed.

There is a big difference between Barghouti and Mandela.

Furthermore, the *New York Times*, knowing that Barghouti was a murderer, didn't let that influence its decision to publish his accusations against Israel (of torturing him, for example) as if they were facts. Barghouti clearly lied about Israeli prison conditions, and about Israel having arrested 800,000 Palestinians since 1967.

Moreover, Mandela clearly renounced his support for violence when he became a political leader. Barghouti is not a leader, and has not shown any remorse for his murders.

Beinart's article is actually far more insidious than just comparing Barghouti and Mandela.

Beinart knows that despite Mandela's history of supporting violence, the South African leader is viewed nowadays (rightly or wrongly) as a near-saint. Beinart's intent is to make the reader feel the same way about Barghouti.

Beinart ends his article by pretending that his sickening argument has gone full circle:

"I was called a terrorist yesterday," Mandela once said, "but when I came out of jail, many people embraced me, including

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World News.

Report: Veteran Palestinian Terrorist Who Commanded Infamous 1987 Hang Glider Attack Killed in Syria

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A veteran Palestinian terrorist who commanded an infamous 1987 attack in northern Israel was killed in Syria over the weekend in a military strike that was attributed by some Syrian media outlets to the IDF, the Hebrew news site nrg reported on Monday.

The death of Abd al-Rahim Ahmed Atik, nrg said, was confirmed by pamphlets published by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command (PFLP-GC), which was founded in the late 1960s by Ahmed Jibril.

The PFLP-GC is an ally of President Bashar Assad's regime in the ongoing civil war in Syria.

Israel, nrg reported, denied involvement in Sunday morning's strike on the Naba Fawar base near Quneitra, in which three pro-Assad fighters — including, apparently, Atik — died.

According to the PFLP-GC pamphlets, Atik took part in a number of battles with the

“Zionist enemy” and was the leader of the cell that carried out a Nov. 25, 1987 attack — remembered in Israel as the “Night of the Gliders” — in which two armed terrorists attempted to fly into northern Israel from



The PFLP-GC pamphlet announcing Abd al-Rahim Ahmed Atik's death. Photo: Screenshot.

Lebanon on hang gliders. One succeeded and stormed an Israeli military base east of Kiryat Shmona. Six IDF soldiers were killed before the terrorist was shot dead.

Trump's emphasis on Israel was a notable departure from the speech made by his predecessor, Barack Obama, at the same event on Capitol Hill last year. While Obama placed a similar emphasis on tackling antisemitism, he chose not to mention Israel in his remarks.

I was told that among those who remained in the village were Zaynab al-Zayneh, her husband, and their three children. Her oldest son left the village with the rest of the villagers. The family is still separated. (Ibrahim Taher Sa'iyah, interviewed at 'Ain al-Hilweh, Lebanon, March 1, 1973.)

In other words, at least five Arabs who chose to remain in the village were allowed to do so. That conflicts with the *Times* narrative that “Zionist forces occupied and destroyed” the village, “turning its inhabitants into refugees.” So does the fact that most of the villagers left before the “Zionist forces” even got there, and that most of those who remained weren't unarmed “inhabitants” but rather a garrison of armed combatants.

I mention all this not so much to re-litigate the story of Israel's War of Independence, but to underscore how grotesque it is that the *Times* has managed to turn a news article about Holocaust remembrance into an opportunity to launch false accusations against the founders of the Jewish state. The *Times* perfervid fantasy of marauding Zionist occupiers liquidating Arab villages goes well beyond the facts recounted by even the fleeing villagers themselves in the *Journal of Palestine Studies*. It seems unmoored to reality. The *Times* cites no evidence or historical sources to support its claims.

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State of Israel, he went on to say, “is an eternal monument to the undying strength of the Jewish people. The Star of David waves atop a great nation.”

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13, Yusuf Nafa'a, believed to be an officer in the Arab Liberation Army stationed at Acre, visited the village and assured the villagers of military aid in case of a Jewish attack.” The Arab Liberation Army, the article further explains, “was an army of volunteers from the various Arab countries, formed by the Arab League on January 1, 1948 under control of the Arab League Military Committee in Damascus.”

Nazal goes on: “At dawn the next day, a Jewish force approached the village from the north-west. The few families remaining in the village began to flee to the neighboring villages... only about thirty-five armed men remained in the village to repel the Jewish attack.”

Even by May 13, Nazal reports, “many of the villagers had already moved their families out of the village. A few armed men remained in the village to protect it.”

Nazal quotes “Ahmad Ibrahim Yusuf, a farmer and a member of the village militia”:

It was impossible to withstand the Jewish attack on two fronts. We were very few in number and very poorly armed. We attempted to repel the attack from the north-west, but we never expected this armoured unit to approach our village on the main road from Acre, since we assumed that Acre was still in Arab hands... We retreated, leaving behind many killed and injured.

Nazal reports further:

European Governments Funding NGOs Linked to Bloodthirsty Terror Group PFLP, Israeli Watchdog Says



European Union funds have been donated to groups associated with the PFLP, says NGO Monitor. Photo: Amio Cajander via Wikimedia Commons.

BY BEN COHEN

European governments are funding Palestinian civic organizations with clear ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terrorist organization, a leading Israeli research organization said on Monday.

A new report from the Jerusalem-based NGO Monitor lists nearly a dozen organizations with PFLP affiliations that have nonetheless received funding from both the EU and European national governments. The PFLP has been designated as a terrorist organization by the US, the EU, Canada and Israel. All of the NGOs in the PFLP network are enthusiastic advocates of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement targeting Israel.

The organizations include the Union of Health Work Committees (UHC), whose co-founder, Dr. Rabah Muhanna, is a member of the political bureau of the PFLP and the leader of its Gaza branch. The UHC received over 350,000 Euros from the European Commission between 2014 and 2016, in addition to undisclosed amounts from European regional governments and humanitarian foundations.

The European Union is also a major funder of the Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR), whose founder, Raji Sourani, was convicted in 1979 of membership in the PFLP. In 2012, Sourani was denied an entry visa into the United States. Despite these connections, the EU donated over 400,000 Euros to the PCHR in the two years prior to 2016, while the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) provided the group with a further \$577,000.

As well as European governments and the United Nations, the NGO Monitor report identifies a number of well-known funds,

including the Open Society Foundations of liberal billionaire George Soros, that have provided support to PFLP-linked NGOs in the Palestinian territories.

“The clear affiliation between these NGOs and the PFLP requires immediate attention and concrete measures on the part of European funders, ensuring that funds do not go to groups affiliated with the PFLP or other terrorist entities,” NGO Monitor concluded in its recommendations. “All ongoing funding should be frozen until funders undertake independent reviews of the processes that allowed funding for these NGOs.”

The report also urged Israeli officials to “take up the issue of the PFLP-NGO network with their European colleagues.”

Formed in 1967 by the physician George Habash, the PFLP emerged as a left-wing nationalist rival to the dominant Fatah group within the PLO. As a 2005 Council on Foreign Relations briefing pointed out, the PFLP “is best known for pioneering the technique of international airplane hijackings in the late 1960s and 1970s—with consequences that rattled the Middle East.” Among its atrocities was the murder of over two dozen passengers at Lod Airport near Tel Aviv in 1972, and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France plane originating in Tel Aviv that was then steered to Entebbe airport in Uganda, following an invitation from the notorious dictator Idi Amin. Israeli commandos famously stormed Entebbe airport and rescued the hostages captured by the PFLP hijackers and their allies from Germany's Red Army Faction.

More recently, the PFLP claimed responsibility for the November 2014 massacre at the Kehilat Bnai Torah synagogue in Jerusalem, during which four Jewish worshipers and a Druze policeman were murdered in an attack that involved axes, knives and a gun.

World News.



British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn. Photo: paulnew via Wikimedia Commons.

British Labour Leader Corbyn Stung by Former Aide Over 'Inability to Understand' Why He's Viewed as Antisemitic

BY BEN COHEN

As the United Kingdom prepares for general elections in June, the embattled leader of the opposition Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn, is once again facing damaging allegations about his personal attitude toward the antisemitism that has swelled in Labour's ranks.

Writing in the Sunday Times this weekend, Harry Fletcher — who served as Corbyn's aide during his first year as head of Labour — declared that Corbyn and his colleagues suffered from an "inability to understand why they're perceived as anti-Semitic."

Scandals involving antisemitism have plagued Labour ever since Corbyn took the helm of the party in 2015. Earlier this month, British Jewish leaders, along with 42 Labour members of the British Parliament, slammed Corbyn's decision not to expel his ally Ken Livingstone — a former mayor of London — from the party over his repeated claim that Nazi leader Adolf Hitler was a supporter of Zionism.

In 2016, Labour launched an internal inquiry into antisemitism triggered by the remarks of both Livingstone and Naz Shah, a Labour MP who urged during the 2014 Gaza war that Israel be "relocated" to the United States. However, the inquiry was dismissed by many in the Jewish community as a whitewash for playing down the extent of antisemitic attitudes in the party, and for conceding only that "there is an occasionally toxic atmosphere."

In his Sunday Times article, Fletcher revealed that he had frequently advised the Labour leader to speak out in support of the British Jewish community, but that Corbyn "just couldn't see it at all."

Corbyn, said Fletcher, would become angry when challenged on the issue. "Jeremy believes he is completely non-discriminatory," Fletcher

wrote. "He would never be hostile to someone in the street. But he is, if you like, anti-Semitic along the institutionalized lines of the Metropolitan police in the 1990s, when they messed up the Stephen Lawrence investigation."

Lawrence was a black British teenager murdered by a white gang in South London in 1993 and a public inquiry into the handling of the investigation of the killing exposed the degree to which racist attitudes were embedded in London's police. Fletcher and others believe there is a similar problem in the Labour Party now regarding Jews.

Fletcher flatly denied that the criticism of Corbyn was aimed at his hostility towards Israel. He wrote: "It was about discrimination. Jeremy did have an antipathy towards Israel. But the criticism he received was because of a pattern of behaviour that was perceived by the Jewish community as anti-Semitic."

The account of Fletcher reflects similar reports from other party activists. Last September, Jewish Labour MP Ruth Smeeth walked out of the launch of the report from Labour's antisemitism inquiry after she was abused by Corbyn supporters. "I've never seen antisemitism in Labour on this scale," Smeeth commented at the time. "Now the sheer volume has made it normal."

Britain will hold parliamentary elections on June 7, with the campaign dominated by the country's forthcoming "Brexit" from the European Union. Current polls show an overwhelming lead for incumbent Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservative Party, which is forecast to win 48 percent of the vote against Labour's 26 percent. Corbyn's approval ratings are even more dismal, with just 18 percent of voters expressing confidence in his leadership, according to poll conducted by Opinium.

say that Peter Beinart is trying to whitewash the actions of a terrorist who is responsible for the murders of many people, directly and indirectly.

Despite his halfhearted caveats and perverted downplaying of Barghout's terrorist past as "a tragic mistake" — as if Barghout's victims died in car accidents — this essay shows that Peter Beinart is an apologist for terror.

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percent of the vote in France," Gurfinkiel said.

On Monday, in a move aimed at broadening her voter base, Le Pen announced she was stepping down as leader of the National Front party.

"This evening I decided to take my leave of the presidency of the National Front," Le Pen told TV channel France 2. "I will be above partisan considerations."

She did not make clear whether her decision was a permanent one.

Le Pen has invested much energy in pulling the National Front away from its historic fascist and antisemitic image, going so far as to expel her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, in August 2015 from the party he co-founded in 1972.

On Sunday, Macron won a slender victory with 24.01 percent of the first round vote. Le Pen came in second at 21.30 percent and Francois Fillon — of the center-right Republican party — finished third at 20.01 percent.

French Jews who gathered in a Paris bar to watch the first round results told BuzzFeed they were disappointed by what they saw as widespread public indifference to the rise of extremism in France. "Fifteen years ago, we were in the streets, marching. Today...we do not do anything anymore and that makes me angry," said Dan Lutasso, a consultant. Another patron, Rabbi Moshe Lewin, warned, "In the next two weeks, everything could change. Who knows who the Melenchon and Fillon supporters are going to vote for...They could vote for Le Pen."

Speaking to the Hebrew news site nrg, Rabbi Moshe Sabag of the Great Synagogue in Paris sounded more optimistic. "We are not

really under pressure from Le Pen because it is likely that Macron will win the second round," he said. Sabag added that there was general relief among French Jews that Melenchon, a vocal critic of Israel, did not make it to the second round.

Meyer Habib, a Jewish parliamentarian from the center-right UDI party, used the occasion of Yom HaShoah on Monday to urge a strong turnout against Le Pen. "Today I say unequivocally not to vote for Le Pen, even though she is less extreme than her father," Habib declared.

Gurfinkiel added that another key vote takes place in June, when French voters will elect the 577-seat National Assembly. That contest will determine whether Macron, should he win the second round on May 7, can form a working majority in the French parliament. If he fails to do so, Gurfinkiel said, he may have to form a government that depends on the support of French conservatives.

Another alternative for Macron, in Gurfinkiel's view, would be to hold a new snap presidential election in which the main issue would be whether to replace France's first-past-the-post electoral system with one based upon proportional representation. "In that case, the National Front and the far-left would become full-size players," Gurfinkiel said.

Gurfinkiel observed that a Le Pen victory next month might in fact compel Jews to remain in France, rather than emigrate en masse, as some have suggested. He cited Le Pen's opposition to dual nationality — some 200,000 French Jews live in Israel — and her support of strict monetary controls for those leaving France as key elements of the dilemma the community would face in the event of a Le Pen presidency.

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Rabbi Prussman said a long list of people deserve a lot of recognition for making Beth Shifra's Pesach 2017 as successful as it was. Certainly, right near the top of the list is the management of the White Shul. "Rabbi Sroya Sorscher and Rabbi Mordechai Sorscher and his congregants get a big *yasher koach*," said Rabbi Prussman. We also thank the lecturers: Rav Berkstein both of Rabbi Sorscher's brothers who enlightened our participants with their inspired insights. We are grateful to the Jewish Press, Faigy at the Algemeiner, Zev Brenner for helping to publicize our work. We also want to thank our volunteers, who helped package and disseminated packages especially the students from Yeshiva of Flatbush. The Sorscher family helped tremendously in making it the best Pesach ever! They were there for us from the beginning. Shai Auerbach was our right-hand-man from beginning to end and most importantly his advice gave us the tools to make Pesach 5777 a success. Thank you to Assemblyman Dov Hikind and his office staff as well as the Rabbinical Alliance of America under the auspices of Rabbi Mircozcnik. We also want to thank our suppliers: Manischewitz, Kedem Wines, Kerekes/Bakedeco, Mitnadvim (718-636-2384), Tumid Express, Streit's Matzah Co, The Brandsdorfer Family, Rabbi Goldstein, BaTemple, Klein's Ice Cream, Redi Record, Ritelite Toys, Paskez, Raskin Fish, Jack's Eggs,

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my enemies, and that is what I normally tell other people who say those who are struggling for liberation in their country are terrorists."

Do you hear that, Michael Oren? He's talking to you.

There is no other way to read this than to

U.S. News.

Washington U Hillel Hailed for Refusing to Fund J Street-Hosted Breaking the Silence Event

BY RACHEL FROMMER

A student leader at Washington University in St. Louis (Wash U) has applauded the school's Hillel for refusing to fund a J Street U event featuring the far-left Israeli NGO Breaking the Silence (BtS).

Paul Felder — president of Wash U Students for Israel — told The Algemeiner on Monday that the Hillel staff had done right in telling J Street U — a Hillel-affiliated group — it would not back the three-day event this week commemorating the Six-Day War as the start of the "occupation." The Jewish center had co-sponsored a similar event at the school in 2014.

"Hillel does not provide any funding to groups that support the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, which BtS is firmly behind," Felder said, referring to Hillel International's standards of partnership for Israel-related events.

A J Street U member reported Hillel's refusal to co-sponsor the event in an op-ed published on Monday in the Wash U student newspaper, writing, "[W]e were told that the event would be too radical and divisive...Respectfully, that's unacceptable."

Felder said, "Hillel does an incredible job creating an open dialogue for students to share their love of Israel, and their legitimate criticism," adding that, "J Street U members should recognize that [they are assisting] a campaign on college campuses to demonize their friends and family serving

Second UK Venue Cancels Screening of Film Honoring Jailed Palestinian Terrorist Marwan Barghouti

BY JNS.ORG

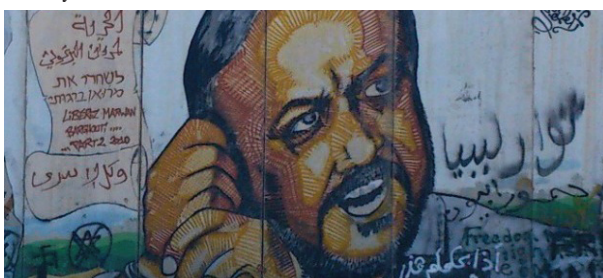
A second London hotel canceled a scheduled screening of a film honoring Palestinian arch-terrorist Marwan Barghouti, after being informed by Palestinian Media Watch (PMW) that hosting the event might violate British law.

Cophorne Tara Hotel backed out of the event, which was to be held on Sunday, after a representative from PMW — an organization monitoring Palestinian incitement — spoke directly with the hotel's manager and alerted him of the potential ramifications of showing the film.

The Palestinian Mission in the UK had changed the original venue for the screening of the film, "Marwan: A film about the life and struggle of Marwan Barghouti," to the Cophorne after the May Fair Hotel canceled a screening of the film a few days earlier.

"We were recently approached by the State of Palestine to host a private screening at the May Fair Theatre. As is usual business practice, we reviewed the request and undertook standard due diligence, following which we have decided to not progress this event any further," said a spokesperson for the Edwardian Hotels London company.

Maurice Hirsch, PMW's legal director, wrote a letter noting that Barghouti is a convicted terrorist responsible for the murder of five Israelis. The letter also emphasized that holding an event glorifying a terrorist may have "potentially criminal repercussions." The UK's Terrorism Act of 2006 prohibits the glorification of acts of terrorism, deeming such activity incitement.



A portrait of jailed Palestinian terrorist Marwan Barghouti. Photo: Ben Siesta via Wikimedia Commons.

in the IDF"

He added that his group regularly invites Israeli soldiers to speak to Wash U "about the IDF Code of Ethics and the extreme measures they take to defend civilian lives" and that this year the event was disrupted by the school's chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine.

Wash U students are said to be split on whether J Street U should lose its Hillel-affiliated status as a consequence of hosting BtS.

BtS has been accused of fabricating evidence and lying about IDF activities. A group co-founder was discovered in 2016 telling tourists that Israeli settlers poisoned Palestinian wells and its public relations coordinator was exposed in January 2017 for saying shooting IDF soldiers was "not terrorism."

Hillel and J Street U did not immedi-



Washington University in St. Louis. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

ately respond to The Algemeiner's request for comments on this week's Wash U event.

Wash U is the first stop on BtS's 2017 tour of US campuses and synagogues, according to the school's J Street U chapter.

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Opinion.

At Auschwitz, the Dead Wish to March With the Living



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Once again, I have found myself lost amid the remains of Auschwitz.

The last time I was here, I visited with a delegation from the Israeli Knesset, and the top brass of the Israeli military. Even as I walked among the very leaders of the modern miracle of the state of Israel — themselves the symbols of Jewish hope that survived the Nazi horrors — I felt deep despair.

This time, I am here with the March of the Living, among an army of Jewish youth — 12,000 strong. The mass-cascade of hopeful Jewish students, led by a delegation of survivors, is awash with the white and blue of the Israeli flag, which hundreds have draped across their shoulders or affixed to banners that rise triumphantly above the crowds.

The March of the Living represents the new face of Judaism.

No longer will Jews be driven to their deaths at the barrel of a gun. Today, Jews step along this hallowed earth in a powerful parade, marked by our pride and resilience, our strength and our grit. This is, ultimately, a testament to our rebirth as a people.

And still, as I entered the sprawling complex of death, I felt loss, numbness and confusion.

I walked under the notorious sign: “Arbeit Macht Frei.” Immediately, I was gripped by the thought that as the train-loads of Jews arrived here, they might have truly believed that “work would set them free.” For a million of those Jews, it would be a false and fruitless hope. They would never leave, but would meet their ends in chambers of poison gas. Not even their bodies would remain. They would be incinerated into ash in the crematoria.

How can one stand in this temple of horror and destruction, this barefaced symbol of God’s abandonment of his people, and feel anything within the sphere of hope? No, here there is nothing but darkness. It is a world of shadows, impenetrable to all light. Endlessly deep and profoundly unforgiving, Auschwitz is an abyss from which no soul can possibly escape.

I’ve given up on finding meaning here. But I’ve come across something else. There is an unrelenting message that is cast upon me in all directions by the camp’s decaying brick walls, sullen barracks and looming guard-towers. It is a call that springs upon me from the earth, from the hundreds of thousands of voices that were silenced here seven-decades ago — the victims, whom I can, somehow, still hear.

In a chorus of urgency and desperation, the victims impart to me the most hallowed command: stop the horror. Never allow our fate to be thrust upon more innocent victims. Treasure our memory, and protect those whom you still can save.

In Auschwitz, I find that I’ve been given a mission. And this mission has never been more crucial than it is today.

Even after witnessing the decimation of European Jewry in places like this, the world has allowed mass-slaughter and genocide to rage largely untouched in Cambodia, Iraq, Pakistan, Guatemala, Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur — among many others.

Today, the killing goes on in Iraq at the hands of ISIS, who launched a genocide of the Yazidi-Christians, and in Syria, where government forces along with the Iranian-funded Hezbollah army of terror are targeting Sunnis and Arab children for mass extermination.

For years now, Iran has continued time and again to threaten yet another holocaust against the Jewish people. Just four months ago, Iran’s defense minister promised that should President Donald Trump pull out of former President Barack Obama’s nuclear deal, the result would be the “immediate destruction of the Zionist regime.” Half a year before that, an adviser to Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps bragged that he would raze all of Israel to the ground in “less than eight minutes.”

In return for this talk, the world gave Iran a nuclear deal that all but allowed the continuation of a nuclear-program designed to make their genocidal dreams possible. The West also flooded the mullahs’ coffers with \$150 billion dollars, and legitimized trade with their putrid, autocratic regime.

What is even more horrific is that just this month, Syria’s illegitimate murderer-in-chief Bashar Assad took a note from the Nazis and employed poison gas to murder civilians in Idlib. To his credit, Trump avenged their deaths with dozens of missile strikes on a Syrian airfield. But the very fact that such attacks still occur is proof that our world has yet to learn from the Holocaust, or heard the call of its victims — a call that still rings in my ears.

We must shed light on peoples at risk across the world, bringing their plight to the



The train track leaving Auschwitz, heading into overgrown bushes and surrounded by villas built after the war with a view of the camp entrance. Photo: Gabriel Fuchs.

forefront of the global consciousness. Never again will people and governments be able to claim, as they always have, that they simply did not know.

I am here at the March of the Living with my friend Elisha Wiesel, who is going to speak about the memory of his father. On a recent Sabbath, Elisha shared a beautiful Torah thought with me. Why did God make the Nile River run red with blood as the first plague against Egypt? His answer? So that the Egyptians would never be able to deny that they had perpetrated a genocide of Jewish children in the river. The very waters cried out with blood.

We may have come too late for those who rest in Auschwitz, Rwanda and the countless mass-graves that lie all across our world. Still, their voices rise up from the earth, begging to finally be heard.

And even if we can’t save them, we can save others.

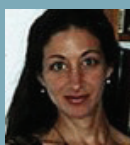
Let’s join together and build an organization that will finally endow meaning to life in a world that is so often blind to it.

Let us finally hear the screams in the silence of Auschwitz. Within those screams is not just a cry of death, but a mission of life.

It’s a mission that simply cannot wait.

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Europe’s Rising Islam-Based Political Parties



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For the past several months, eyes across the world have been trained on the growing far-right movements sweeping Europe and America — from the neo-Nazi groups in Germany and the United States, to the increasing popularity of France’s National Front.

But another, far less noticed — but sometimes equally-radical movement — is also emerging across Europe: the rise of pro-Islam political parties, some with foreign support from the Muslim world. And the trend shows no sign of stopping.

Holland’s Denk (“Think”) party, established and led by two Turkish immigrants, is among the most significant. Denk won three seats in the Dutch parliament last month, becoming the country’s “fastest-growing” new party, according to the Dutch daily *NRC Handelsblad*.

Its platform is to replace ideas of integration with “mutual acceptance” — a charming but antiquated idea in a culture where one group accepts gay marriage and the other is taught that homosexuals should be shoved off of tall buildings. It also proposes the establishment of a dedicated “anti-racism” police force.

While not the first of such Islamic parties in European politics, Denk’s March 15 election victory has made it an inspiration to others. Islamist parties now see a new chance for success, while political aspirants across Europe are making plans to start similar parties of their own.

Hence, while the focus of this week’s French elections will be on Marine Le Pen’s National Front, many European Muslims will also be watching the Equality and Justice Party (PEJ), led by French-Turk Sacir Çolak.

Like Denk, this French party claims to be a voice for the downtrodden, fighting “inequalities and injustices,” according to a report by the Turkish *Anadolu* news agency. But also like Denk, PEJ has been accused of representing Turkey’s president — a man who has spoken out against assimilation and integration, and called on European Turks to reject Western values.

And the PEJ is not alone in France:

The French Union of Muslim Democrats (UDMF), founded in 2012, made headlines when it entered the 2015 electoral race. Its platform seemed more moderate than many of its fellow Muslim parties across Europe; UDMF founder Nagib Azergui has insisted in interviews that he respects the secular foundation of the French republic, and advocates philosophy and civic education classes that would help mitigate against the recruitment efforts of Muslim extremists.

The party does, however, seek to establish sharia-compliant banks, and calls for

Turkey to become a member of the European Union. Further, UDMF seeks to re-install the right of Muslim girls to wear headscarves in public schools, a move that could be seen as a gesture towards re-introducing religion into the secular sphere.

Austria, too, has seen a rise in Islamic political parties, such as the New Movement for the Future (NBZ), which, like Denk and the PEJ, was founded by Turkish immigrants.

Unlike the others parties, however, NBZ has made little effort to hide its loyalty to Turkey. Following the failed 2016 Turkish coup, for instance, its leader, Adnan Dinçer, called on Austria to respect Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s clampdown and the mass arrests that followed. It is worth noting,



National Front leader Marine Le Pen. Photo: Emmanuel d'Aubignosc via Wikimedia Commons.

however, that Austria’s far right has been particularly virulent in its anti-Islam activity, calling for Islam itself to be banned from the country. Such motions inevitably bring forth counter-movements from the targeted

groups, and it was those actions that inspired Dinçer to form the NBZ.

But it was Denk’s success, above all, that inspired Lebanese-Belgian activist Dyab Abou Jahjah to establish his newest political effort: a party (to date, unnamed) aimed at “Making Brussels Great Again, a la Bernie Sanders,” according to an interview in the Belgian newspaper *de Morgen*.

This would be a third attempt at political relevance for Jahjah, who first came into the public eye in 2002 as the founder of the Brussels-based Arab-European League, a pan-European political group that aimed to create what he called a Europe-wide “sharocracy” — a sharia-based democracy.

In 2003, the AEL organized a political party, RESIST, to run in the Brussels elections; it received a mere 10,000 votes. Now, Jahjah, who also runs an activist group called Movement X, hopes to run in Brussels’ 2018 elections. While his party has yet to declare a platform, his anti-American, anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian and anti-European rants on Facebook and elsewhere give an indication of his plans. So, too, did a recent blog post in which he wrote: “we must defeat the forces of supremacy, the forces of sustained privileges, and the forces of the status-quo. We must defeat them in every possible arena.”

And he is not alone. Days after Denk’s win, fellow Belgian Ahmet Koç announced his own initiative, the details of which are also yet to be determined. But some things are easy enough to predict on the basis of

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Opinion.

Act on Syria to Remember the Holocaust



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This year, Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Hashoah) finds Jews deeply worried.

Here in the United States, we've witnessed cemetery desecrations, little children evacuated from Jewish community centers, and a 45 percent spike in anti-Jewish incidents across America's elite college campuses.

In England, we see too many Labourites injecting anti-Jewish animus into the political mainstream.

In France, we saw the far-right Marine Le Pen declare on national TV that France was not responsible for the Vél d'Hiv roundup in July 1942, when French police arrested more than 13,000 Jews, detained them for five days in Paris' Vélodrome d'Hiver cycling stadium and then deported them to Auschwitz. We also saw a French judge refuse to issue hate crimes charges against criminals who admitted that they chanted antisemitic threats during their rape and rampage of a Jewish couple.

In 2017, we also saw — for the first time since 1945 — a Jewish institution forced to close because of overt Nazi threats. This took place in Sweden, where the JCC in Umea was closed after being desecrated with swastikas, and after Jews received threatening phone calls. A known neo-Nazi group, Nordfront, was reportedly behind the threats.

One Jewish parent lamented, "My mother and father are (Holocaust) survivors, so this is not OK. Enough is enough. It was like



Lit Yahrzeit candles on Holocaust Remembrance Day. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

stepping into their shoes in the 1930s."

And in Iran, the mullahocracy continues to deny the Holocaust, while parading ballistic missiles bearing threats to annihilate the Jewish State and fulfill Hitler's vision.

Therefore, on this Yom Hashoah, perhaps Jews could be forgiven if they focused exclusively on take caring of their own.

But Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, the former chief rabbi of Israel, disagrees.

Rabbi Lau was an eight-year-old Shoah survivor when he reached Israel — just three months after World War II ended.

Seventy-two years later, he invokes the specter of the Holocaust to demand that Israel do more to help the people of Syria, which has often been an implacable enemy of the Jewish state.

"This is certainly a shoah of the Syrian people and it did not start today," Rabbi Lau

said. "For the past six years, they have been living in a Holocaust."

Lau added that as "a nation that has suffered more than any other nation," Israel must go in and help Syrian civilians, dozens of whom were recently killed in a chemical attack.

And Rabbi Lau is not alone: Israel's Sephardic chief rabbi, Yitzhak Yosef, likewise called the war in Syria "a small Holocaust."

"The people of Israel underwent a horrible Holocaust 70 years ago," Yosef said. "Millions of Jews were murdered ... and the world saw and remained silent; we as Jews who felt this silence in our own flesh cried out for years, we asked how the world knew and remained silent? ... As Jews it is forbidden for us to remain silent. ... Genocide cannot be ignored, not in Syria and not anywhere, and not against any people, even if they are not our friends."

Why would Rabbi Lau invoke the Shoah?

First of all, because the images of those little children gassed to death just hundreds of miles from Tel Aviv rekindled in him the nightmares of an eight-year-old boy.

Of course, he knows from brutal experience that Ilbid and Auschwitz cannot be compared. The Nazi Holocaust was unique in the annals of all human history — in its scope, its barbarity and because it targeted for annihilation an "enemy" that posed no military threat nor controlled any territory. Six million Jews were hunted down, ghettoized, starved and mass murdered by the Nazis and their enthusiastic collaborators across Europe.

But I believe that Rabbi Lau used the Shoah imagery because he understood what the other goal of the Nazis was — not just killing Jewish lives, including his sainted rabbinic father, but annihilating Jewish Life.

Rabbi Lau's call to action emphasizes a central Jewish value: "*Lo taamod al dam réakha.*" (Leviticus 19:16) — "Thou shall not stand idly by the shedding of the blood of thy fellow man."

As the late Elie Wiesel explained: "The word is not 'akhikha,' thy Jewish brother, but 'réakha,' thy fellow human being, be he or she Jewish or not. All are entitled to live with dignity and hope. All are entitled to live without fear and pain."

From the moment he arrived in Israel in 1945, Lau believed that each day that he lived in the Jewish state was another defeat for Nazism and all the contemporary genocide wannabes — from Iran and ISIS to Hezbollah and Hamas.

But Rabbi Lau also believes that for us Jews, survival — from Egypt to Auschwitz — has always been just the beginning. We have values to live up to — the very values that the Nazis sought to obliterate.

"*Lo taamod al dam réakha*" — "Do not stand idly by while others, even your enemies, bleed."

The Torah teaches us that this is what separates civilized people from barbarity.

That too, is our challenge on this Yom Hashoah.

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"traitors" of the 2016 coup.

Both Koç and Jahjah will have to reckon with the ISLAM party, which has already established itself in the Brussels area. Founded in 2012, ISLAM— which is as an acronym for "Intégrité, Solidarité, Liberté, Authenticité, Moralité" — is unapologetically religious.

The Palestinians Don't Want a Mandela, They Want Another Arafat



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Palestinian internal politics and liberal hostility to Israel came together at the New York Times this month.

The newspaper provoked a firestorm of criticism through its decision to publish an article on the eve of Passover authored by Marwan Barghouti, the imprisoned mastermind of a Second Intifada terror campaign, without mentioning that he is currently serving five life terms for the murder of civilians. But a more important discussion got lost amid the outrage about media bias. The question to be asked about this episode is not whether terrorism is significant enough to be worthy of mention, but why Barghouti is a likely candidate to succeed Mahmoud Abbas as head of the Palestinian Authority (PA).

Barghouti is currently leading a hunger strike by Palestinian security prisoners in Israel jails. But the real motive for this gesture is promoting Barghouti's desire to replace the 81-year-old Abbas. Given that Israel has as little interest in releasing Barghouti as Abbas does in having a new election — the current PA leader is serving the 12th year of the four-year presidential term to which he was elected — it's not clear how he'll pull off that trick. But the real issue here is the reason for Barghouti's popularity among supporters of the peace process is very different from the reason for his high standing among Palestinians.

The New York Times promoted Barghouti on its pages because editors of that newspaper have bought into the notion that he is the Palestinian Nelson Mandela. While a narrative that paints Israel as an "apartheid state" is a lie, the Mandela analogy is equally false. Mandela did support violence against the apartheid regime in South Africa, but only because all democratic and non-violent avenues to promote change were blocked. The same point applies to comparisons between Barghouti and others who were terrorists before leading countries to independence, such as Kenya's Jomo Kenyatta, and even Israel's Menachem Begin, who commanded the pre-state Irgun Zvai Leumi underground forces before signing a peace treaty with Egypt. (The Irgun directed terror activities at the British and their facilities, not civilians as Barghouti did.)

By contrast, acting on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's orders, Barghouti undertook his terror rampage that contributed to a death toll of more than 1,000 Jews years after peace had supposedly been agreed upon in the Oslo Accords. It was also an answer to former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak's offer of an

Its leaders pride themselves on following the koran, not party politics. With branches already in place in the Brussels districts of Anderlecht, Molenbeek (the center of Belgian radicalism) and Luik, the party now plans to expand throughout the Brussels region.

So far, none of the existing parties has had a great deal of success — and the emerging parties have yet to make their platforms known, let alone acquire active supporters. But as Denk founder Tunahan Kuzu proudly announced after the

independent Palestinian state. Rather than an attempt to force negotiations, Barghouti's terror was part of an effort to destroy hope for peace and coexistence.

Of course, it is possible — at least in theory — for Barghouti to become the man Jewish liberals would like him to be were he ever put in power. But the problem with that exercise in wishful thinking also collides with the reason why he is so popular among Palestinians.

Part of his appeal lies in the fact that he's been in prison for the last 15 years, while the rest of his Fatah party's corrupt leadership has been running the West Bank like mafia



Marwan Barghouti (left) with the late Yasser Arafat. Photo: IDF.

chieftains. Even though there's no reason to think a former Arafat aide like Barghouti will be different, like the equally corrupt and more fanatical Hamas rulers of Gaza, the current PA leadership is entirely discredited.

But Barghouti's popularity rests on more than just the fact that he isn't Abbas. Throughout the century-long Palestinian Arab war on Zionism, the political bonafides of that movement's leaders have always rested on a resume including violence against Jews, not good government or a vision of independence and peace. Barghouti's credentials rest solely on the fact that he is responsible for the deaths of Jewish men, women and children during the intifada. The political culture of the Palestinians — which is reinforced by a media and an education system promoting hatred of Jews and glorifying terrorism — is what makes Barghouti look good to the Arab street, not the hope he will rise above a record of wanton slaughter.

The reason why Abbas has been incapable of making peace, even if he really is a moderate, is that he understands Palestinians see any recognition of the legitimacy of a Jewish state — no matter where its borders are drawn — as a betrayal. The same factor argues that a man with Barghouti's record will be expected to pursue more violence rather than become a Mandela. If the last quarter century has taught us anything, it is that the Palestinians don't want a Mandela in the person of a transformed Barghouti. What they want is another Arafat.

March elections, a new voice has now gained power in European government. But what that voice ultimately will be, and the strength of its commitment to secular and democratic values, remains yet to be seen.

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Political Parties

his past: the Turkish-Belgian politician was thrown out of Belgium's socialist party in 2016 for supporting Erdogan's efforts to censor Europeans who insulted him publicly. He also called for Belgian Turks to rise up against the

Impressions.

New Broadway Drama Explores Jewish and Theatrical History

BY ALICE BURDICK SCHWEIGER

Paula Vogel's powerful play *Indecent* explores a shameful time in American theater and Jewish history. It's about events surrounding the 1923 Broadway production of Sholem Asch's provocative, groundbreaking drama *God of Vengeance*, which was written in 1906 in Yiddish and then translated for the American stage.

Asch's play follows a Jewish couple who run a brothel in their basement, and whose daughter falls deeply in love with one of their female prostitutes. The production caused an uproar when it debuted in New York, and the producer and cast were arrested and put on trial for obscenity.

"The charges were initiated by Rabbi Silverman of Temple Emanuel in New York City," explains playwright Vogel. "During that time, there was a prevalence of antisemitism. In the news, Henry T. Ford was talking about Jewish conspiracies taking over banking, theater and music. It was the perfect storm for antisemitism,



(l-r) Lisa Gutkin (with Violin) and company in *INDECENT*, a new play by Paula Vogel, co-created by Paula Vogel and Rebecca Taichman, and directed by Rebecca Taichman, at the Cort Theatre, 138 West 48th Street. Photo: Carol Rosegg

and Rabbi Silverman feared the theme would promote more hatred against Jews."

Asch was an internationally renowned writer at the time of the trial, and because of his fame, he wasn't arrested along with the rest of the creative team. However, the scandal still had an impact on his career.

God of Vengeance captured Vogel's attention when she was a graduate student at Cornell. "A professor looked at me the first week of the program, and said you should read *God of Vengeance*," recalls Vogel from a hotel lobby near the Cort Theater, where *Indecent* recently opened on Broadway.

"It was his way of saying I know that you are gay, and I want you to know your history. I stood in the library turning the pages thinking [that] a young newlywed man wrote this play in 1906, and it astonished me."

As a playwright, Vogel always wanted to bring Asch's story to the stage. Then she met the perfect creative partner — director Rebecca

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Lost And Not Found: The Unknown Fate of Jews' Everyday Possessions Looted by the Nazis

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At an antiques flea market in Berlin, one stand has two Hanukkah menorahs for sale. The husky, white-haired merchant wearing a Soviet hammer-and-sickle pin said one of them probably came from Königsberg, a former German city in modern Russia. The second has a plaque affixed to it indicating that it was gifted by an Israeli organization to a German-Jewish benefactor in 1992.

Nearby, there are piles of old German photo albums, showing happy, growing families. A picture depicts a promoted German soldier proudly posing in uniform in 1941. In one album, photos from the Nazi-era have been removed, leaving glue marks.

On display: old-fashioned typewriters, Dresden porcelain, silverware, goblets and books from the 1930s, including a volume on German submarines written in Nazi-preferred font.

But who were the original owners? Most vendors can't say for sure, but chances are some of the antiques belonged to Nazi-era Jews.

While, over the years, Jewish victims have processed claims for real estate, businesses and works of art seized by the Nazis, more mundane stolen property and goods may still be circulating in antique shops and households, unbeknownst to the current buyers or owners.

"How do you establish what ordinary household goods belonged to a family that was murdered?" asks Dr. Christoph Kreutzmüller, a curator at Berlin's Jewish Museum and author of the 2015 book *Final Sale in Berlin*, which details the Nazis' systematic theft of Jewish businesses in the city. Kreutzmüller's book covers the sometimes-overlooked subject of "Aryanization," the forced transfer of Jewish property to ethnic Germans.

"This was something that happened right in the middle of society, and it touches the core of society," Kreutzmüller tells JNS.org. "Property is central to all Western societies, and the Nazis excluded one group from property rights."

Prior to deportation, Jews were required to detail their household inventory, which ended up in the hands of the Nazi government. Jews who emigrated either left goods behind or, in some cases, planned to ship them to their next destination. Most was never retrieved.

At the outbreak of the war, shipments docked in the port city of Hamburg were confiscated by the government, their contents sold at a bargain price to German citizens.

Films like 2015's "Woman in Gold," which tells the story of a Jewish woman's quest to retrieve her

family's Gustav Klimt portrait from the Austrian government, have popularized the subject of Nazi-looted art. But the story of stolen everyday objects have received little attention in popular culture, says Sharon Adler, director of *Zurückgeben*, a German foundation providing grants for female Jewish artists and scientists. Fittingly, the foundation's name means "giving back" in German.

"Is there any public attention regarding things like porcelain, cutlery, beddings, toys, books and so on? I believe there is not, and I find this extremely important — because public opinion goes to the cliché that every Jew is a rich Jew and has a Klimt or Picasso at home," says Adler, who believes that families who possess such looted goods should keep them in their homes to encourage thoughtful discourse on how



Two Hanukkah menorahs are pictured among other antiques at a flea market in Berlin. Photo: Orit Arfa.

they were stolen, directly or indirectly, from their original owners.

Henning Kahmann, a Berlin-based lawyer specializing in art restitution, continues to assist Holocaust survivors' heirs in tracking down artwork. Unlike the case for everyday items, a restitution model for fine art exists because paintings and sculptures are identifiable and have the monetary or sentimental value to justify comprehensive efforts to secure their return.

"If your grandmother lost a nice table or silverware in Germany, there is hardly any possibility for a legal claim," Kahmann says. "Typically, any claims would end where the current owner or current possessor invokes the statute of limitations after the passage of 30 years."

According to Wesley Fisher, director of research at the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, West Germany set aside modest funds as compensation for lost household items when it began providing war reparations in the 1950s. But by then, everyday objects were not worth the search, if they could even be found.

For the most part, Fisher says, "what you see at flea markets may very well have been taken from the home of a murdered Nazi victim, but there is no way to trace the items. They remain the 'little ghosts' that are with us."

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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 against 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.
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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
AJ 3/24/31; 4/7/14/21/28

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: DEREK BRAHNEY LLC . Articles of organization filed with secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 01/24/2017. 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 the LLC C/O United States Corporation Agents 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn New York 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ 4/7/14/21/28; 5/5/12

File No 2016-2454. CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT, Queens COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: To the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of THOMAS F JASORKA aka THOMAS FRANCIS JASORKA deceased, if living and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by Dennis O'Fallon who is/are domiciled at 91 5th Avenue. Floor 4. New York. New York 10003 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court. Queens County at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on May 25th, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made In the estate of Thomas F Jasorka, aka Thomas Francis Jasorka lately domiciled at 61-41 Saunders Street Rego Park, New York 11374, United States admitting to probate a Will dated February 8, 2015 a copy of which is attached, as the

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Will of Thomas F. Jasorka deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Dennis O'Fallon Dated, Attested and Sealed, March 27th, 2017 HON. Peter J. Kelly Surrogate Lee J Coulmar Acting Chief Clerk Esther P. Levinson Ronald A. Spirn. P.C. 483R Central Avenue. Cedarhurst New York 11516 (516)596-8670 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.
AJ 4/7/14/21/28

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Roger Wagner; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 19, 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 May 11, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 442 Amber Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 4518 Lot: 121. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,028,687.30 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 19707/2012. Henry J. Achiron, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 22, 2017
AJ 4/7/14/21/28

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Taryn Miller a/k/a Taryn C. Miller; Richard Paul a/k/a Richard Paul, Jr; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 4, 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 May 18, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1113 East 93rd Street Apt 500, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8181 Lot 1009. Approximate amount of judgment \$161,886.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501348/2014. Steven Naimen, Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 21, 2017
AJ 4/14/21/28; 5/5/

Notice of formation of a limited liability company (LLC) Name: FUNCTIONAL FITNESS NY, LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 03/14/2017. 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 functional fitness NY, LLC 70 Avon Lane Staten Island, NY 10314 purpose: all lawful activity
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST

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MARCUS SMITH, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 15, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on May 18, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 570 RALPH AVENUE, 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 Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1387, LOT 47. Approximate amount of judgment \$571,443.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 4836/2014. Lisa Breier Urban Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221
AJ 4/14/21/28; 5/5/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/B/A Christiana Trust, Not Individually But as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, Plaintiff, vs. Philbert Patrick Ifill; Chrystaline Ifill, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order to Amend Caption duly filed on February 07, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 18, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 260 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4850 and Lot 16. Approximate amount of judgment is \$510,976.55 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506836/14. Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Notice of Qualification of SITEX GROUP LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/28/17. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 05/01/01. Princ. office of LLC: 68 Ferris St., Brooklyn, NY 11231. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. IL addr. of LLC: 9525 W. Bryn Maur Ave., Ste. 955, Rosemont, IL 60018. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 213 State Capitol, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ 4/14/21/28; 5/5/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MorEquity, Inc, Plaintiff AGAINST Michael P Maxwell a/k/a Michael Maxwell; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 20, 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 May 25, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 370 Marion Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 1520 Lot 39.

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Approximate amount of judgment \$543,658.94 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 503748/2013. Shmuel D. Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 31, 2017
AJ 4/21/28; 5/5/12

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank, National Association, as successor Trustee to Bank of America, N.A., as successor to LaSalle Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-4, Plaintiff AGAINST Florence Butisingh; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 4, 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 May 25, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 203 Hale Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 3960 Lot 7. Approximate amount of judgment \$836,129.70 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 504155/2014. Bruno F. Codispoti, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 30, 2017
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-6, Plaintiff AGAINST Andrea Romeo; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 8, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 25, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2952 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8900 Lot 866. Approximate amount of judgment \$243,106.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 510782/2015. Gregory Laspina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 3, 2017
AJ 4/21/28; 5/5/12

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF8 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff AGAINST HORACE SYKES, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 06, 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 May 25, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1343 JEFFERSON AVENUE,

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BROOKLYN, NY 11221. 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 3384, LOT 48. Approximate amount of judgment \$540,292.88 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 503114/2015. Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASSALE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, V. GERALDINE HAUGHTON, et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 15, 2017, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASSALE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2 is the Plaintiff and GERALDINE HAUGHTON, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on May 18 at 2:30pm, premises known as 535 E 43RD ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11203; Block 4960 Lot 53 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTD, 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 # 511261-2014. Steven Z. Naiman, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ 4/21/28; 5/5/12

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-3XS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff AGAINST CAVIS PILGRIM, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 03, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on May 25, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 305 EAST 38TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4892, LOT 41. Approximate amount of judgment \$719,521.43 plus interest and costs.

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 21745/2013. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST ANNISA DANCE and RUSSELL DANCE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 01, 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 May 25, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 686 WORTMAN AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4546, LOT 100. Approximate amount of judgment \$844,763.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511425/2014. David J. Hernandez Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221
AJ 4/21/28; 5/5/12

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, N.A., Plaintiff against LEON S. POWDAR, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 12, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 25th day of May, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, and State of New York, being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Milford Street, distant 90 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Milford Street with the northerly side of Sutter Avenue; RUNNING THENCE westerly parallel to the northerly side of Sutter Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE northerly parallel to the westerly side of Milford Street, 29 feet; THENCE easterly parallel to the northerly side of Sutter Avenue and part of the distance through a party wall, 100 feet, to the westerly side of Milford Street; THENCE southerly along the westerly side of Milford Street, 29 feet, to the point or place of beginning. Said premises known as 278 Milford Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11208. (Block: 4040, Lot: 33). Approximate amount of lien \$ 294,553.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500176-14. Judy S. Mock, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344
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Notice of formation of J 242B LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/13/2017. Office located in Kings county. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: Ridgewood Realty Group LLC, 17 Wyckoff Avenue 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Renata Ramdass; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 14, 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 June 1, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 964 East 43rd 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 of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Section 23 Block 7746 Lot 59. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,277.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502013/2014. Steven H. Richman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 14, 2017
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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF SW REMIC TRUST 2014-2 WITHOUT RECOURSE, Plaintiff - against - DARREN DOWNES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 3, 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 1st Day of June, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 546 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. (Block: 1517, Lot: 117) Approximate amount of lien \$625,716.67 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501136/2014. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: April 17, 2017
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS PNC BANK, N.A., Plaintiff against CHAIM SCHWARTZ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 24, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 1st day of June, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises Lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn and State of New York. In the condominium known as "The 677 Bedford Avenue Condominium." Together

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with an undivided 25% interest in the Common Elements. Said premises known as 677 Bedford Avenue, Unit D, Brooklyn, NY. 11211. (Block: 2225, Lot: 1104). Approximate amount of lien \$ 496,954.62 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 503407-14. Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS GRAND BANK, N.A., Plaintiff against MARIE GLEASON, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 24, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 1st day of June, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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, Bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Gerritsen Avenue 239.96 feet southeasterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southwesterly side of Gerritsen Avenue with the southeasterly side of Barlett Place; Running thence southwesterly parallel with Barlett Place and part of the distance through a party wall 90 feet to the northeasterly side of Abbey Court; Thence southeasterly along the northeasterly side of Abbey Court 16 feet; Thence northeasterly parallel with Barlett Place and part of the distance through a party wall 90 feet to the southwesterly side of Gerritsen Avenue; and Thence northwesterly along the southwesterly side of Gerritsen Avenue 16 feet to the point or place of beginning. Said premises known as 2850 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11229. (Block: 8914, Lot: 279). Approximate amount of lien \$ 445,747.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501000-14. Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff against REGINA WILLIAMS, ANDRE WILLIAMS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 27, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 1st day of June, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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. Said premises known as 587 Schroeders Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11239. (Block: 4586, Lot: 898) Approximate amount of lien \$ 185,859.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 505226/2013. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for

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Taichman, who is Jewish and whose grandfather was a Yiddish poet. Taichman wrote her Master's thesis at Yale about the trial.

"Seven years ago, I got a phone call from Rebecca," says Vogel. "She told me she always wanted to do a play about the obscenity trial, and she needed someone to write it — and my name had been suggested. I told her I [thought] there [was] an even a larger story to tell, and she agreed. Rebecca gave me the trial transcripts and all of her research."

Asch had written a second act of his play, which clearly showed the two women in love, kissing and openly declaring their love. "The Yiddish theater embraced the play with Asch's original intention. No one said it was obscene, but Harry Weinberger, the New York producer, felt that they couldn't [show] two women in love," Vogel says.

Indecent opens in Sholem Asch's bedroom, where he and his wife are discussing his play and sexuality. The show covers the trials and tribulations of the *God of Vengeance's* journey, and ends in 1952 in Connecticut, five years before Asch's death.

As Vogel worked on the storyline, she felt that having a three-piece klezmer band was essential; she listened to several hundred songs, and chose some to infuse into the story.

Although Asch's play was written almost 100 years ago, and Vogel began writing her play seven years ago, *Indecent* couldn't be more timely today, with the rise of neo-Nazi views, the plight of immigrants and the dissolving of

some gay rights. "I couldn't have imagined it would have been as current as it is," she says. "I didn't expect that in 2017, the same conditions of antisemitism, immigration and homophobia would again create a perfect storm."

Vogel considers *Indecent* part of her heritage. Her father was Jewish (though her mother Catholic), and she had a very close relationship with her paternal grandparents. "Growing up, I increasingly felt more Jewish as I encountered antisemitism, such as watching my father get turned away from memberships, hearing antisemitic words and seeing the quota system in higher education," says Vogel, who was born in Washington DC and raised in Maryland. "I married into a Jewish family, and as younger family members turn towards an observance of faith, I too am drawn towards my Jewish identity." (Her wife is Anne Fausto-Sterling.)

It was in high school where Vogel became interested in playwrighting. "I wandered into this room, and it turned out it was the drama club," she recalls. "They said I could join them, and within a half hour, I never wanted to leave the room. I tried acting but I was terrible, and I ended up being a playwright."

After attending Bryn Mawr College, Vogel transferred to Catholic University to enroll in their theater department. (She told them that she was Jewish so she didn't have to take religion classes.) She earned an MA at Cornell, and later led the graduate playwrighting program at Brown University. From 2008-2012 she was the Chair of the playwrighting department at Yale. Last year she earned her Ph.D. from Cornell. Her first play was produced in 1976.

Vogel's heartbreaking play



Sholem Asch Photo: Wiki Commons.

Baltimore Waltz, set in a hospital room, was about a brother and sister who embark on an imaginary European trip. It was her 12th play, but it was the one that gave her national recognition. It was a tribute to her brother, Carl, who died of AIDS in 1988.

In 1998, Vogel won a Pulitzer Prize in Drama for her play *How I Learned to Drive*, about a pedophile uncle who teaches his young niece to drive.

Vogel is at her best when she's pushing the envelope. Her work, which often focuses on complicated and controversial subjects, is hardly done. Vogel has a few projects in the pipeline, including a play about her childhood and the many walks of life she encountered during those formative years. Given her track record, it's sure to give audiences something to think about.

Indecent, The Cort Theater, 138 W. 48th Street. Tickets (212) 239-6200. Indecentbroadway.com

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2007-3 ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, Plaintiff, AGAINST PEDRO SALAS, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered November 22, 2016 I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224, Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 01, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 261 CLEVELAND ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11208 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 3954 and Lot 6 Approximate amount of judgment \$666,432.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #504279/2014 M RANDOLPH JACKSON, ESQ., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747
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A scene from "Olah Chadashah," winner of the "Inspired by Israel" video contest. Photo: YouTube.

Film Documenting New Immigrant Wins 'Inspired by Israel' Video Contest

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat praised the winners of the recent "Inspired by Israel" video competition which drew entries from more than 80 entrants in 14 countries.

"We always say that a picture is worth a thousand words. One good video clip developed by real people—that get excited and demonstrate their love, for our city, for our country—is the best way to promote Jerusalem and Israel," Barkat said. "It makes a huge impact around the world."

A total of \$20,000 in cash prizes were awarded to the winning videos—including a \$8,000 grand prize to

Sivan Felder and Batsheva Shachnovitz for their video, "Olah Chadasha (New Immigrant)," a poetic exploration of a teenager's journey in Israel after immigrating there five years previously. Judges chose the grand prize, first-place and two second-place winners from the 10 submissions with the most votes garnered during a ten-day period of public voting.

"This contest allows people from all around the world to celebrate the amazing people, places and innovations of Israel," said Adam Milstein, whose Adam and Gila Milstein Family Foundation sponsored the contest.

Videos from the contest are being hosted by the Israel Video Network.

In Holocaust Remembrance Day Post, Israeli Actress Gal Gadot Pays Tribute to 'Hero' Survivor Grandfather

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day on Monday, Israeli actress and model Gal Gadot paid public tribute to her late survivor grandfather by sharing life lessons she learned from him.

The 31-year-old "Wonder Woman" star posted a photo on Instagram of her grandfather, who was born in Czechoslovakia in 1928.

"My grandpa taught me there is NO wrong religion. No wrong color. And no wrong race. I was taught to love all people for what their heart is. We're all spirits and souls in this universe. Light should always beat darkness as love should always beat hatred. Today we remember and never forget," Gadot wrote.



Gal Gadot's late grandfather. Photo: Instagram / Gal Gadot.

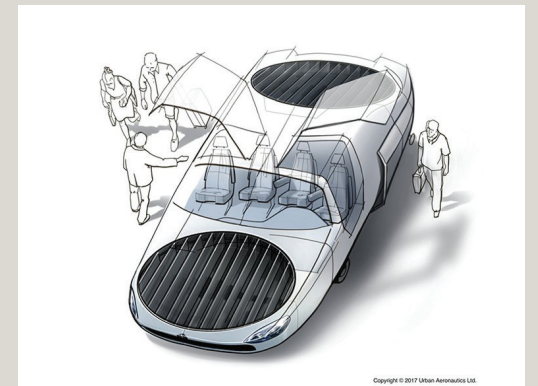
Driver's or Pilot's License? Israeli Company to Develop Flying Electric Car

BY JNS.ORG

Metro Skyways, a subsidiary of Israeli company Urban Aeronautics based in Yavne, intends to launch the design and development of a four-passenger, vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) flying car.

The company said development of the CityHawk flying electric car will take five years and is based on Urban Aeronautics' internal rotor technology called "Fancraft."

CityHawk is expected to be powered by jet fuel but is projected to also be converted to run on liquid hydrogen fuel as well as 700-bar compressed hydrogen, depending on the infrastructure and technology available during the



The CityHawk flying electric car.

development phases.

The vehicle may employ a system in which hydrogen is fed directly into a specially designed turboshaft engine, eliminating the need for fuel cells or electric motors.

The CityHawk is based on the Cormorant, a military craft developed by Tactical Robotics to ferry wounded soldiers from the urban battlefield. In the case of any airborne malfunction, the vehicle will be equipped with a standard rocket-deployed parachute to bring the driver and passengers down safely.

The Cormorant has performed over 200 test flights and can carry a driver and two passengers. It's 20 feet long, 7.05 feet wide, and 5.9 feet tall without thrusters.

CityHawk's first public demonstration is expected to take place at an air show after completion of development.

Gadot noted that her grandfather's entire family "was brutally vanished" during World War II "[j]ust because someone had decided they were born into the wrong religion and race."

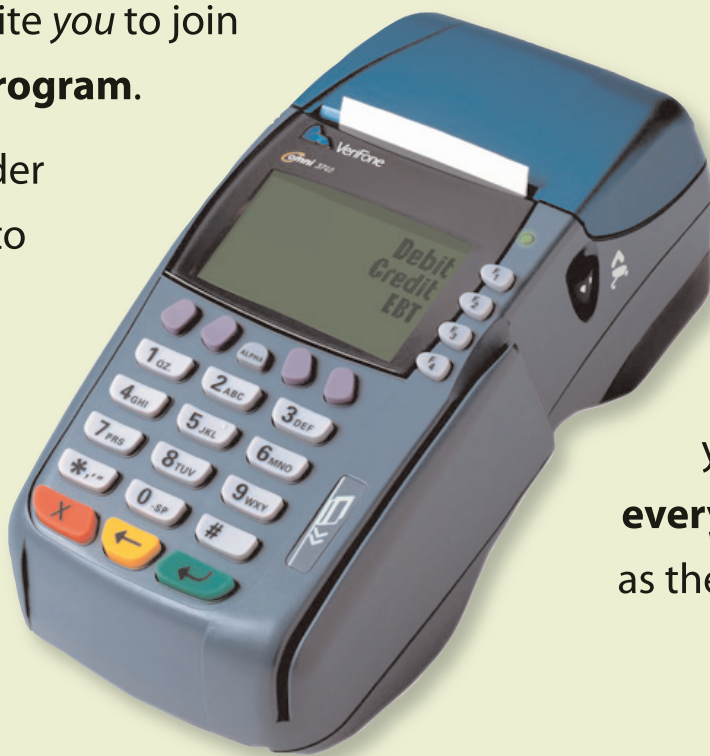
"I miss you, hero," she added. "You left us 3 years ago but your legacy is living with us forever."

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