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## Jewish Leaders Welcome Trump Admin's Clarification Over Western Wall Status



The Temple Mount and the Western Wall.  
Photo: David Shankbone.

BY BEN COHEN

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has welcomed a clarification from President Donald Trump's administration that it does not regard the Western Wall in Jerusalem as a "part of the West Bank," contrary to earlier media reports.

"We were dismayed by press accounts earlier today reporting

that, in response to a request that Prime Minister Netanyahu accompany President Trump when he visits the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, unidentified US officials said the Kotel was not in Israel and is 'part of the West Bank,'" said Stephen Greenberg, Chairman, and Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Vice Chairman/CEO, of the Conference of Presidents, in a statement.

The statement from Green-

berg and Hoenlein included a separate clarification from the Trump Administration. "The comments about the Western Wall were not authorized communication and they do not represent the position of the United States and certainly not of the president," the White House was reported as saying.

Earlier on Monday, Israeli media outlets reported that an

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## Netanyahu Welcomes New US Ambassador to Israel

BY BEN COHEN

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed new US Ambassador David Friedman to the Jewish state on Tuesday at a meeting in Jerusalem.

Friedman had arrived in Israel the previous day, pointedly making the Western Wall in the Israeli capital's Old City his first stop.

"It's a pleasure to see you and to welcome you to Jerusalem, our eternal capital," Netanyahu said as he greeted Friedman. "I know you went to the Kotel [Western Wall]. It's



US Ambassador David Friedman meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem on Tuesday.  
Photo: Screenshot / GPO via Netanyahu's Facebook page.

deeply appreciated by all our people."

"There was no other place to go," Friedman replied.

Netanyahu told Friedman he was looking forward to President Donald Trump's upcoming visit to the Jewish state next week, which, in the words of the prime minister, would provide an opportunity to further "strengthen our great alliance."

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## Opinion.

# Ronald Lauder Promoting Abbas as Respectable Moderate Is Fraught With Danger



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Last week, World Jewish Congress (WJC) President Ronald Lauder released a series of statements confirming that he had encouraged US President Donald Trump to recognize that peace between Israelis and Palestinians was now attainable. He also stressed that he considers PA President Mahmoud Abbas to be a moderate who is committed to peace.

Implicit in his narrative is that the Israeli government and especially Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had previously been insufficiently flexible but that Trump could succeed in his efforts.

We have just celebrated Independence Day and are approaching commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War and reunification of Jerusalem. The country is in great shape; the economy is booming and we have emerged as a formidable military power.

With a US administration that pulls no punches about its support and alliance with us, Israel is well-placed to achieve many of its long-term strategic goals, including resolution of borders, agreed parameters of settlement activity and ultimately, formal annexation of

the major settlement blocs and Golan Heights.

But these require skillful diplomacy and sensitivity to Trump's belief that he can negotiate a peace settlement with Abbas even though his predecessors have failed.

What has recently transpired among American Jews is somewhat surreal. Leaders of the progressive religious denominations are behaving as though possessed by a dybbuk.

But the situation has now become far more disconcerting. Lauder, who over the years has conducted private meetings with Abbas, is seeking to persuade Trump, with whom he has enjoyed a close relationship for many years, that Abbas is sincere and genuinely willing to make peace.

I have personally known Lauder for over 20 years and can testify that since his tenure as US ambassador to Austria, he has devoted himself to the Jewish people and the welfare of Israel, to which he has made major contributions, both philanthropically and by direct investment. Lauder's generous philanthropic contributions were largely responsible for the revival of the decimated remnants of Jewish life in Central and Eastern Europe.

Last month, he was elected for a third term as president of the WJC, the international Jewish umbrella body. He successfully reinvigorated the organization after its total collapse in the wake of the corruption scandal that engulfed it following the discovery by the New York attorney general of severe financial

malpractices. Over the last decade, Lauder succeeded in recruiting top professionals, restructuring the organization, and restoring its status as the premier body representing Diaspora Jewry.

Lauder had a close, almost intimate relationship with Netanyahu and loyally supported him during his years of isolation after his 1999 defeat by Ehud Barak.

But the relationship ended some five years ago when, as a major shareholder, Lauder was unable to prevent Channel 10 from broadcasting a vicious campaign to demonize Netanyahu's family. Since that time, Netanyahu has distanced himself from Lauder and the WJC.

Lauder has always dreamed that he would one day emerge as the Jewish leader to facilitate a genuine peace settlement. To this end, he has repeatedly insisted that Abbas genuinely seeks peace. He now claims that he has persuaded Abbas to make "major concessions."

In a lengthy conversation with Lauder, I failed to dissuade him and convince him of the realities of the situation. He spoke with an almost messianic fervor about the peace which we could now grasp. Setting aside the issues, I reminded him that he was breaching an iron law governing Diaspora Jewish leaders: Those not resident in Israel cross lines when they canvass foreign governments to intervene in the security policies of the elected Israeli government. I also empha-



Ronald Lauder, center, with Mahmoud Abbas, right, in 2012.

sized that on these issues, Netanyahu was implementing policies supported by the clear majority of Israelis.

What makes his behavior even more outrageous is that Lauder confirmed that he had never discussed his plans with the prime minister. So, on whose behalf was he acting? He did claim that three formal efforts to engage in dialogue were initiated but Netanyahu had adamantly refused to meet him.

When I spoke to the prime minister, it was clear that Lauder's intervention with Trump angered and distressed him. He referred to Lauder as "my biggest challenge to overcome" because he has immense influence on Trump

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## The Foolish Embassy Expectation Game



JONATHAN S. TOBIN  
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When President Donald Trump heads to the Middle East next week, the world will be primarily watching closely to see if he makes any of his trademark gaffes that set off a cultural land mine in Saudi Arabia or Israel. But the more important question is whether he will use the trip to actually make policy.

The expectation is that at some point during his visit, Trump will announce the convening of a new Middle East summit. Trump appears to believe in the "outside-in" approach to peace talks, in which Arab states like Saudi Arabia would play a role in trying to encourage and even muscle the Palestinians into negotiating in good faith with Israel at a peace conference. But whether or not that dubious plan is put into action, Trump's presence in Jerusalem is also being scrutinized for any hint that the US is prepared to acknowledge his stay at the King David Hotel will be time spent in Israel's capital.

Though Trump repeatedly pledged during the 2016 campaign he would move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, it hasn't happened yet. It's still possible he could do it, perhaps even when he's there only a day before Israel celebrates Jerusalem Day — which this year marks the 50th anniversary of the city's reunification during the Six-Day War. But few in the know think this is going to happen.

In recent weeks, Trump has been

listening to his more mainstream advisers such as Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Secretary of Defense James Mattis. This has led him to take a more realistic attitude toward NATO, Russia and the conflict in Syria. It's also likely to mean he will heed their warnings that an embassy move would set off riots in the Muslim world rivaling those occurring in reaction to a Danish newspaper publishing cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed. That's a price that not even a Trump may be willing to pay to keep a promise.

If so, then those pro-Israel activists who pushed hard to pin down Trump on the embassy issue last year will probably write it off as just a noble effort that failed. But by putting the question of Jerusalem's status back on the national agenda and then failing, they will have made a mistake that could set back Israel's cause and boost efforts to re-partition the capital.

The effort to move the embassy was once a mainstream Jewish obsession and resulted in numerous Democratic and Republican

party platform pledges about recognizing the reality of a united Jerusalem as Israel's capital. But after the promise was repeatedly broken, the pro-Israel community got the hint and stopped asking.

Nor was it something the Israeli government was demanding. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would be delighted if Trump were to do as he promised, but the location of the US embassy ranks low on the list of the Israeli leader's priorities. Netanyahu is far more interested in getting Trump to put pressure on the Palestinian Authority to stop inciting and paying for terrorism, and to understand its leader, Mahmoud Abbas, has neither the will nor the ability to ever make peace. Keeping Trump focused on the Iranian threat is also more important to Netanyahu than where the US ambassador spends his workday.

But, like it or not, raising the stakes on the embassy could make Trump's unremarkable decision to emulate his predecessors look like a defeat for Israel. If the

president appears in Jerusalem in the very week when its reunification is being celebrated without acknowledging he rejects the longstanding legal fiction that the city is not Israeli territory, it will be perceived as a setback that might ensure the embassy is never moved.

This will be more than just bad PR for Israel. The world's refusal to accept that even the parts of the city that were inside



The US Embassy in Tel Aviv. Photo: Krokodyl via Wikimedia Commons.

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## World News.

# Anti-Israel Groups at CCNY Disrupt Event With Top Israeli Diplomat

BY RACHEL FROMMER

A Jewish student leader at the City College of New York (CCNY) has called on school administrators to take disciplinary action against anti-Israel protesters after an event last Thursday featuring a prominent Israeli government official “devolved into shouting and screaming.”

Yossi Hertz — the co-founder of the college’s chapter of Students Supporting Israel (SSI), which co-sponsored the program with CCNY’s Chabad, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA) on Campus and the Zionist Organization of America — told *The Algemeiner* on Monday that members of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) were responsible for ongoing disruptions during a question-and-answer period with Consul General of Israel in New York Dani Dayan, which followed a lecture by the diplomat on the Jewish state’s international relations.

In footage of the event, Dayan is seen being repeatedly heckled and interrupted while replying to questions from the audience — including responding to charges that Israel has murdered children in Gaza — before dozens of individuals break into chants of “free, free Palestine,” with one holding a Palestinian flag, toward the end of the program. Students from both sides were drawn into heated exchanges, some of which Hertz said threatened to escalate into violence.

Hertz alleged that the school’s student government president, Safat Chowdhury, was personally involved in the disruptions, an act which he said “violates the president’s office.”

He is now demanding that SJP be reprimanded and that Chowdhury — recently voted into office in an election that, according to CCNY Campus Magazine, included multiple reports of voter fraud — be removed from his position.

“The next morning [after the event], we met with the vice president of student affairs [Juana Reina] to file an official complaint that an event with a foreign dignitary, that had been planned according to everything on the books, was deliberately disrupted by members of SJP,” Hertz said. “They yelled antisemitic slurs and made disturbing references to the Holocaust. When we got to the office of student affairs, we heard that SJP had gone the night before and claimed they had been silenced [by us].”

Hertz vigorously rejected that charge, and said that “if CCNY would live up to its own standards of safeguarding an open forum of ideas on campus, known as the Henderson Rules, it is common sense that there should be consequences for SJP and [Chowdhury].”

Neither SJP nor Chowdhury responded to *The Algemeiner*’s requests for comment.

The administration has scheduled a meeting with SSI, SJP and CCNY Interim President Vincent Boudreau for later this week, with the hope of “encouraging open dialogue,” according to a university official.

But Hertz said, “I have no idea what we’ll be doing or what the point is in sitting down with a group that completely delegitimizes you, a group that doesn’t want to have a free exchange of ideas.”

He also claimed CCNY’s SJP “has a policy of anti-normalization, like SJP’s across the country — so it won’t deal with us under normal circumstances, but pretends to when the administration is watching,” Hertz said. SJP members have repeatedly turned down SSI overtures “to sit down for coffee and talk about these issues.”

A university official said the administration — which has an ongoing investigation into the night’s events — was “not aware” of an SJP anti-normalization policy.

In a letter sent out to the campus community on Friday, posted on Facebook by SSI, Boudreau wrote that universities must “thread a narrow line between providing a forum for academic freedom and shutting down actual hate speech.”

Boudreau went on to provide an example of on-campus Islamophobic hate speech and noted that Dayan was “a well-known advocate of expanding Israeli settlements in the contested territories, a position that generates great opposition and anger among some in our community,” before stating that the “extremely heated argument[s]” that arose from Dayan’s appearance “were unruly and ugly.” He added that complaints of both “anti-Semitism and anti-Palestinian speech acts” have been raised, and that he was now “trying to decide what was in bounds and what was not.”

Gilad Skolnick, CAMERA’s director of campus programming, called on the administration to identify SJP as a “hate group that is dedicated to the destruction of Israel, that [has] regularly spoken out in defense of terrorists and defended terrorism.”

“If the administration truly cares about creating an atmosphere that is tolerant and welcoming to pro-Israel thought and students, they would sanction this group,” Skolnick said. “This is not a free speech issue, this is an issue of making sure Jewish students are comfortable on campus. If an event was disrupted by a KKK-affiliated group, the reaction would surely be different.”

Dayan told *The Algemeiner*: “Last week’s incident was just one example of Jewish students on campus being exposed to harassment and intimidation by BDS [boycott, divestment and sanctions] thugs. College administrations are not doing enough to ensure a student can safely exercise his or her right to assert their Jewish identity, including their love for the Jewish national homeland.”

“It is my intention to redouble the efforts of the consulate to raise this problem with senior academic leadership and to empower pro-Israel students on campus to stand up for their rights,” Dayan continued.

This was the second SSI chapter to have an event disrupted by anti-Israel protesters — again, allegedly, by SJP members — last week, with University of California-Irvine students calling campus police to escort them safely from a program featuring IDF reservists, after tens of protesters filled the room and the corridor to the main exit.

Ilan Sinelnikov, founder of the national SSI movement, said the organization is considering strategies to respond to disruptions of its programming.

# Newly-Appointed Jeremy Corbyn Advisers Boost Concerns Over Antisemitism in UK Labour Party



Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

BY BEN COHEN

Jeremy Corbyn, the far-left leader of Britain’s Labour Party, stepped into a new controversy on Monday with the appointment of two advisers with records of viscerally anti-Zionist and antisemitic statements.

Corbyn — whose two-year tenure at the helm of the party has been dogged by a stream of antisemitic statements and actions by his close colleagues and supporters — is competing in his first general election on June 8. Opinion polls uniformly project that Theresa May, the current Conservative prime minister, will win the contest by a significant majority.

Over the weekend, Corbyn’s inner circle was expanded to bring in new advisers. Corbyn’s election campaign is now being run by Andrew Murray, the former chair of the Stop the War Campaign, which energetically promotes the BDS effort targeting Israel. The man reported to be his new trade union adviser, Tim Lezard, has meanwhile been revealed as the author of a series of antisemitic tweets — including one which asked why British taxpayers should foot the bill for security at synagogues since, according to Lezard, Israel’s actions in Gaza were the source of rising antisemitism in the UK.

Murray — who was until last year a leader of the Communist Party of Britain, a tiny group that reveres the late Soviet dictator Josef Stalin and supports North Korea — has attacked Israel and declared his support for terrorist groups like Hezbollah and Hamas on numerous occasions.

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unidentified senior member of the president’s advance team had snapped at an Israeli official that the Western Wall, or Kotel, is “not your territory. It’s part of the West Bank.” The exchange allegedly took place as the US official rejected a request that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accompany Trump when he visits the Western Wall during his visit to Israel next week.

Israeli officials were reported to be “shocked” by the comment, which came as

In one 2012 speech, Murray threatened: “We have a message for the Israeli embassy, the Israeli government... every time you kill a Palestinian child, you are digging your own graves.”

During Murray’s decade as the head of the Stop the War Campaign — which organized public opposition to the 2003 Iraq War around the slogan “Freedom for Palestine” — the movement’s website regularly published material attacking Israel’s right to exist. One article by Professor Richard Falk urged a “war on Israel” as the only “path to peace in the Middle East.”

Lezard, for his part, used the Twitter handle @TolpuddleTim for his antisemitic tweets. On Monday, Lezard placed his Twitter account on private view after the Jewish Chronicle published his tweet that questioned state funding for synagogue security.



On another occasion, in 2011, Lezard wrote: “I’m thinking of setting up another new campaign group. Either Conservative Friends of Nazis, or Nazi Friends of Israel. Whaddya reckon?”

A new poll published by the Independent newspaper on Monday showed that Corbyn had experienced a small poll boost, with 32% of voters pledging support for his party. “However, the Conservatives still command a hefty lead of between 14 and 15 points,” the paper said.

David Friedman, the new US Ambassador to Israel, visited the Western Wall on Monday — his “first stop,” as a tweet from the US Embassy pointed out.

Greenberg and Hoenlein concluded: “This incident underscores the terrible damage caused by serial UN resolutions, including UN Security Council Resolution 2334 (of December 2016), denying the more than three thousand years of the Jewish connection to Israel and the holiest sites in the Jewish religion, which the Trump Administration has said it will work to reverse.”

## World News.



Deer at the Eretz Ayalim park in the West Bank. Photo: Gershon Elinson / Flash90

## IDF Lends Its Power and Technology to Animal Protection

BY JNS.ORG

In a recently-launched project, IDF soldiers from the Combat Intelligence Collection Corps, including spotters, will help protect Israel's wildlife and nature.

IDF spotters have more than 100 cameras at their disposal in the West Bank and Jordan Valley, where their primary mission is to identify security breaches, such as enemy infiltrations, and to call in forces to thwart them.

But now the IDF spotters will also help prevent animal abuse. In recent days, soldiers from the corps spotted a group of hunters armed with hunting rifles. Due to the quick work of the soldiers, the hunters were caught and handed over to the police for criminal prosecution.

"The first goal is to identify hunters and antiquities thieves in the spotters' scanning sector. The second is to gather informa-

tion about animals in the scan sector for the purposes of research and preservation," said Maj. Mani Abramov, a deputy commander of the IDF Nitzan Battalion.

As part of their new mission, the spotters will scan areas under their supervision for any unusual activity and will summon other IDF units in the area or if necessary, Israel's Nature and Parks Authority (INPA) and other environmental protection agencies. The military's partnership with the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and the INPA began in 2014 as part of the "Nature Defense Forces" project.

The spotters use thermal binoculars, enabling optimal vision. They also undergo training that includes joint field tours with park rangers and lectures on pertinent subjects. The Combat Intelligence Collection Corps plans to expand the project to include other battalions.

## In Wake of Latest North Korean Test Launch, Expert Says UN Should Sanction Iranians Involved With Pyongyang's Ballistic Missile Program

BY BEN COHEN

Pyongyang's test on Sunday of a new ballistic missile highlights its cooperation with Iran on missile development — leaving the Tehran regime vulnerable to further sanctions should the UN decide to act, a leading North Korea expert told The Algemeiner on Monday.

Anthony Ruggiero — a senior fellow at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD) think tank and former State Department official — said that the blanket prohibition on weapons trade with North Korea, agreed to by the UN Security Council in March 2016 following a nuclear test carried out by the Pyongyang regime, meant Iranian individuals and entities already sanctioned by the US government could face further sanctions imposed by the UN.

"The Iran-North Korea missile relation-

ship was so concerning to the Obama administration that they designated Iranian officials [for sanctions] for the day after the implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)," Ruggiero said. "It certainly wasn't what they wanted to do, just as the deal was being implemented, so that gives you a sense of the seriousness of this issue."

On January 17, 2016, the US Treasury Department announced the sanctioning of eleven individuals and entities associated with Iran's ballistic missile program. One of these individuals, Sayyed Javad Musavi, was the commercial director of an industrial company owned by the Iranian Defense Ministry, who worked with the North Koreans in obtaining "valves, electronics, and measuring equipment suitable for use in ground testing of liquid propellant ballistic missiles and space

## Chinese Investment Pours Into Israel as US Tightens Regulations

BY JNS.ORG

Chinese firms are failing to close business deals in the US due to tightening American commercial regulations, prompting the Asian companies to seek out new cutting-edge markets — such as Israel — for investing large amounts of Chinese capital.

In 2016, Chinese investment in Israel increased tenfold to a record \$16.5 billion as capital from China poured into start-ups in the Jewish state's high-tech, cybersecurity and medical technology sectors. A notable increase in these investments began towards the end of 2016, around the time new US regulations and protectionist policies started coming into effect.

Juxtaposing the significant increase in Chinese investment in Israel, data indicates Chinese investments in the US decreased a record \$26.3 billion in 2016.

"I'm flying to Israel in May where we've selected more than 10 potential targets," Li Dongsheng, chairman of the TCL Corporation electronics company, told Reuters in a report published last week.

Chen Shuang, CEO of China Everbright Limited, a Hong Kong-based investment



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (center) with Chinese internet entrepreneur Robin Li (left) in Beijing, March 21, 2017. Photo: Haim Zach / GPO.

branch of the state-owned China Everbright Group, is also seeking to invest in Israel's "start-up nation."

"Our Israel-focused fund has already invested in four local firms there, and we plan to invest in another three to four within this year," Shuang told Reuters.

Israeli companies have expressed similar enthusiasm regarding the increased Chinese interest. "We are not worried to take Chinese money over US money. If you can deliver, there are endless opportunities," said Tomer Bar-Zeev of Israel's ironSource, which builds various tools for app developers.

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the 1967 lines make up Israel's capital is more than an annoyance. It lends undeserved credence to the Palestinian propaganda campaign to deny the city's Jewish heritage. It's also an essential element of a dogma impelling the Palestinians to refuse to recognize the legitimacy of a Jewish state no matter where its borders are drawn. That's why Israel's friends are correct to want the US to make a statement that the days of ignoring Palestinian intransigence and hatred are over.

launch vehicles." Musavi also coordinated the visits of Iranian scientists to North Korea "to work on an 80-ton rocket booster being developed by the North Korean government," according to the Treasury Department.

"If we are concerned about the Iran-North Korea ballistic missile relationship, the UN Security Council has passed North Korea resolutions, and these people could be designated by the UN," Ruggiero said. "One way of addressing Iran's ballistic missile program is to use the North-Korea related authorities to sanction these Iranian individuals."

The fact the Obama administration felt compelled to act against these Iranian entities just as the July 2015 nuclear deal with six powers was being implemented, Ruggiero argued, worked in favor of "those who want to go to the UN now."

"We need to be going after North Korea's international business — if the Obama administration said that Iran is a key part of that, and everybody else says that too, then we can use these UN authorities which have been around since 2006," Ruggiero said.

The North Korean missile tested on Sunday was a Hwasong-12 — part of the Musudan family of missiles Iran has developed

with the aid of successive North Korean dictators. In July 2016, Iran tested a Hwasong-10 missile that was produced locally with North Korean construction and design, according to the Pentagon.

A report issued on May 11 by US Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence discussed other areas of military cooperation between Tehran and Pyongyang. "Iran and North Korea are also enhancing their abilities to disrupt military communications and navigation," the report warned.



An official photo released by North Korea shows the launch of the Hwasong-12 missile on May 14, 2017.

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

## U.S. News.

## Former US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice: It Was a 'Mistake' to Let Hamas Run in Palestinian Elections Before Disarming

BY BEN COHEN

Permitting Hamas to run in the 2006 Palestinian legislative elections without the terrorist organization disarming first was "a mistake," former US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice acknowledged this week.

In a wide-ranging interview with *Politico* that was published on Monday, Rice — who led the State Department during ex-President George W. Bush's second term in office — said she had "undiminished faith" in the importance of elections, but added, "the question is, can you improve the context in which they happen?"

Rice continued: "I think one mistake we made with Hamas was we really should have said they had to disarm if they were going to participate in the elections, along the lines of what was done in Northern Ireland, for instance."

In the January 2006 vote held in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Hamas soundly defeated rival Fatah, winning a clear majority of seats in the Palestinian Legislative Council. A year later, Hamas violently ousted Fatah (which controls the Ramallah-headquartered Palestinian Authority) from

## Report: Columbia University 'Nakba' Program Is Platform for BDS Propagation and 'Radical' Rhetoric

BY RACHEL FROMMER

The goal of a Columbia University program launched last year is "to promote radical anti-Israel rhetoric and to provide a platform for propagators of the BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) movement to spread their anti-Israel propaganda," according to an investigative report released by a right-wing Zionist advocacy and education NGO.

Im Tirtzu published its findings earlier this month, stating that of 32 authors involved in "The Nakba and the Law" initiative — a joint effort of Columbia's Center for Palestine Studies and the left-wing Israeli NGO Adalah — 17 "openly support the BDS movement."

According to its website, the project has received grants from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research — which falls under the responsibility of the Dutch government's Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and is housed in The Hague — and Columbia's Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy.

The project's most recent article — published on the site in March 2017 — was written by John Reynolds, who, according to Im Tirtzu, was formerly a legal researcher for al-Haq, a Palestinian NGO "involved in libel, BDS and 'lawfare' campaigns against Israel." Reynolds wrote that Israel has continuously and routinely committed violence "on Palestinian bodies and killing of Palestinian life" since 1948.

Eytan Meir, director of external relations for Israel-based Im Tirtzu, explained to *The Algemeiner* that "The Nakba and the Law" was brought to the group's attention by one of its activists who came across it on social media.

"After looking into the project, it was evident that this was not an academic program aimed at educating Columbia University students, rather a concerted and deliberate effort to slander the Jewish state," Meir said.

Im Tirtzu CEO Matan Peleg has called the "Nakba" — the Arabic word meaning "catastrophe" that Palestinians use to describe their version of events surrounding the Jewish state's 1948 founding — "a hypocritical attempt to rewrite history and to undermine the very existence of the State of Israel" and said "it is important to unapologetically call the 'Nakba' what it is: nonsense."

Gaza, causing an intra-Palestinian divide that remains in place today.

Expanding her analysis to the wider Middle East, Rice noted: "Don't let armed militias participate in elections because they have a, shall we say, unfair advantage. It would be true, for instance, of Hezbollah in Lebanon. But a more important one is that yes, if you have elections and the only organized forces are Islamists, radical Islamists, then you're going to get a bad outcome."

Rice observed that the authoritarian Arab regimes that started to totter in 2011 had not enabled liberal political forces to emerge. "When [Hosni] Mubarak would say to me, 'I'm all' — he would say me, Mubarak, 'All that is standing between the Muslim Brotherhood and Egypt,' I would think, 'Yes, because you made it that way,'" she remarked.

"So I think we make a false choice when we say, 'If you have an election, the Islamists are going to win,'" Rice went on to say, "Well, yes, if you disable all other forces."

Rice also offered a stalwart defense of the 2003 US invasion of Iraq. "I would rather be Iraqi than Syrian today," she said. "You can posit that it was better for the Iraqis to continue under a dictator who was putting 300,000 people in mass graves if you want to make that case. I don't want to make that case and when people say, 'Well, Iraq is such a disaster;' I want them to explain to me why they think that under Saddam Hussein it was a bucolic, benign dictatorship."



Former US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

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# The Last Kaddish for Elie Wiesel



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Before the serious policy disagreements on Iran and Syria that came between me and Samantha Power, America's former ambassador to the UN, I remember studying with her at the White House. During one session, we read the words of last week's Torah portion from Leviticus 19: "Thou shalt not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor."

This Biblical exhortation is arguably the only missive in any ancient religion that calls upon the powerful to protect the lives of the vulnerable, even if it means risking life and limb. It is the ultimate source for R2P (Responsibility to Protect) — the modern political doctrine that calls on great powers to intervene in the face of genocide. Whereas the New Testament says to turn the other cheek and love your enemies, the Jewish Bible forces us to fight evil.

On May 21, our organization, The World Values Network, will hold its fifth annual Champions of Jewish Values Awards Gala in New York. For an organization like ours, which is committed to commemorating past genocides and preventing those of the future, the past year has been one of the most crucial and meaningful in recent memory.

On July 2, 2016, just a month after our last gala, the world would bear the loss of its chief moral authority, Elie Wiesel. President Barack Obama once called him "the conscience of the world." And Wiesel's very name has come to represent the most fundamental values of the Jewish people: faith and struggle, strength and pride, and righteous indignation and the courage to forgive. Elie was, and remains, an eternal beacon of wisdom for us and our children, and an essential element in the moral bedrock of the world.

Elie's absence was felt most during the slaughter in Aleppo, Syria, last December. As barrel bombs fell on children, there was no voice that could shame the Western world into taking action. Indeed, the government

of the United States encouraged the passage of a United Nations Security Council Resolution condemning Israeli settlements, even as the council could not muster the support to condemn the mass murder in Syria (largely due to the obstruction of Russia and China).

Our gala this year will be dedicated to the memory of Professor Wiesel, commemorating his incredible life work. It will be held exactly eleven Hebrew months to the day of his passing, which, according to Jewish tradition, is the last day on which we recite the Kaddish prayer for the deceased. At the event, Wiesel's only son, Elisha, who will attend with his mother Marion, will recite the Kaddish prayer.

We chose the date of the gala to coincide with Elie's last kaddish, as a poignant reminder of the everlasting memory that Reb Eliezer (as I affectionately called him) lent the six million victims of the Holocaust — who had no kaddish said for them.

Last month I visited Auschwitz as part of the March of the Living. At the event, Elisha spoke beautifully to 12,000 Jewish young people from around the world about this father's legacy and what it means for us today. He spoke about the Jewish community standing against gay men and women being slaughtered in Muslim lands, and the need for America to take in refugees from Syria. It was a courageous and unforgettable speech, and Elisha continued his father's defining virtue of speaking truth to power.

The Trump administration gained tremendous moral authority when it punished Syrian President Bashar Assad for using chemical weapons in Syria. It can gain so much more by welcoming refugees from war-ravaged nations, especially Syria, even amidst our legitimate need to keep America safe.

Elie Wiesel dedicated his life to commemorating the victims of mankind's greatest crime, and ensuring that they would never be lost to the public consciousness. Unlike many survivors, who could not bear to face the horrors of their pasts, Wiesel decided to write *Night*, and thus relive every horrid moment of his years in Auschwitz — all so that the world might know what befell the Jews of Europe, captured as it was from his own perspective.

Yet Elie's life was not dedicated only

to memory, but to action, too. Publishing over 40 books in his lifetime, Wiesel's works and ideas launched him to the global fore. And once he'd achieved such influence, he committed himself to doing all he could to protect innocent life. After winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, Elie Wiesel would use his renown and influence to enshrine the memory of those for whom help never came — and to protect those for whom it still could.

It was Elie Wiesel who would push President Jimmy Carter to commission the United States Holocaust Museum; who would admonish President Ronald Reagan for speaking at the cemetery in Bitburg that contained graves of SS members; and who would call upon President Bill Clinton to protect those being slaughtered in Kosovo and the Balkans (and then ask him the piercing question of why America did nothing while yet another genocide was taking place in Rwanda).

It is fitting therefore, that at a night dedicated to the memory of history's greatest witness to genocide, we should host President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, whose courageous actions in 1994 ended the slaughter that saw nearly one million of his countrymen brutally hacked to death with machetes.

Which brings us to our world today.

In the past year, the world has watched the slaughter in Syria turn into what can be described as nothing short of genocide, as Hezbollah, Iran and Alawite militias have targeted Sunnis for destruction. In Assad's December Aleppo offensive, his armies murdered at least one thousand civilians. The offensive brought the death-toll of the six-year conflict horrifyingly close to 500,000 people. Then, just over a month ago, Assad took a note from the Nazis and once again employed poison gas against civilians.

I believe that every Jew must be committed to fighting genocide and our organization is dedicated to international media campaigns highlighting the evils of mass murder. Whether it was our campaigning against the Iranian mullahs, who threaten Israel constantly with yet another genocide of the Jews, or our push for Obama and Donald Trump to take action in Syria, defending the infinite value of every human life is at the top of

the biblical covenant between God and the patriarch, Abraham.

You may say that these developments are about many things. You might even make the case that antisemitism is a minor factor here. There are many more Muslims than there are Jews in Belgium, Norway and pretty much every other country in Western Europe — and they, too, circumcise their sons for religious reasons and consume ritually slaughtered halal meat. That certainly explains why right-wing populists like the National Front in France and the United Kingdom Independence Party have made halal slaughter a primary focus of their broader campaign against what they see as social acceptance of Islamic sharia law-based rites.

What this interpretation ignores, however, is that the problem of encroaching Islamism within European-Muslim communities is a relatively recent one. I would argue that it first became distinctly visible in 1989, when the Iranian regime issued a fatwa for the killing of the British author Salman Rushdie over his novel satirizing the Quran, *The Satanic Verses*. By contrast, for more than a century, antisemites have demonized Jewish rites with the same enthusiasm as their Church forebears.



The late Professor Elie Wiesel, speaking at the *Algemeiner's 40th anniversary gala*, on April 22, 2013. Photo: Sarah Rogers / *Algemeiner*.

our agenda. At our gala this year, we're taking things to a new level with the announcement of a permanent Anti-Genocide Center.

With a fusion of aggressive lobbying, sweeping media campaigns and on-the-ground activities, the Anti-Genocide Center will work to ensure that the world hears the voices of those facing the horrifying prospect of wholesale slaughter. The center will have its headquarters in the world's diplomatic capital — New York, and there will be satellite offices in both Jerusalem and Kigali, Rwanda. The locale of these offices is key because this initiative will bind together Jerusalem and Kigali in the mutual mission of ensuring that the horrors that befell our peoples never again be allowed to occur anywhere across the globe.

At the gala, we will be presenting President Kagame and the people of Rwanda with a Torah Scroll bearing Elie Wiesel's name; it will then be placed in a planned Jewish Center that will be part of the anti-genocide initiative. At the gala we will complete the last letters of the Torah — with its unforgettable declaration that God created every human being equally in His image.

Beyond campaigning for human life, Elie Wiesel was also an ardent warrior for the Jewish state, and at our gala we will also honor some of the world's most fearless defenders of Israel. There could be no better time to recognize those who fight for Israel, since our gala will be held just two days before Yom Yerushalayim — the anniversary of the reunification of Israel's eternal capital.

This year's gala will be a commemoration of one of the true princes of the Jewish people, and a call and commitment to action.

Together, we can make the worlds "Never Again" mean exactly that: Never Again!

*The World Values Network gala takes place at Cipriani on 42nd Street beginning 5pm on 21 May. For more information or to obtain tickets go to [www.thisworldgala.com](http://www.thisworldgala.com) or write [info@shmuley.com](mailto:info@shmuley.com).*

One of the first acts of the Nazis after they came to power in Germany in 1933 was to ban shechita. The famous Nazi propaganda film *Der Ewige Jude* ("The Eternal Jew") portrayed shechita as a gruesome Jewish celebration of animal suffering.

And the revulsion at shechita was not confined to Germany. Associates of Arnold Leese, a reasonably prominent British fascist during the 1930s, often said Leese's violent antisemitism was intimately connected to his love of animals (he served with the Royal Army Veterinary Corps during World War I) and hence, his distaste for the kosher method of slaughter. I doubt this sentiment was Leese's alone.

Despite this frankly creepy history, contemporary advocates of the shechita and brit milah bans angrily deny that they are motivated by antisemitism — in much the same way, and for the same reasons, that anti-Zionists present the cause of eliminating Israel as a legitimate human rights campaign. It is, of course, tiresome for them to have to deal with the charge of antisemitism every time they take aim at Jews as a collective, so they flip the equation by depicting themselves

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# The Drumbeat Against Jewish Ritual in Europe Sounds Once More



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This past week, Jewish ritual observance came under attack in both Belgium and Norway. While there is nothing suggesting that the respective moves against shechita (kosher slaughter) in Belgium and brit milah (Jewish circumcision) in Norway were coordinated, both speak to an ingrained tendency in Europe that dismisses these core requirements for Jews as no more and no less than

cruelty of a particularly Jewish sort.

On May 8, the environment committee of the parliament in Wallonia — a French-speaking region accounting for more than half of Belgium's territory and a third of its population — voted unanimously to ban shechita on the grounds that the practice involves cruelty to animals; the decision will take effect in September 2019. On the same day, the annual convention of Norway's Progress Party — a libertarian, anti-immigration party that is a partner in the country's ruling coalition — passed a resolution urging a government ban on ritual circumcision for boys under age 16, on the grounds that it is a violation of human rights. Jews, as is well-known, circumcise their sons eight days after birth, in accordance with

## Opinion.

# New York Times Fashion Critic Mangles Exodus Narrative



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A column by a *New York Times* fashion critic last week reported on a runway show by Christian Dior in the Santa Monica Mountains outside of Los Angeles.

The *Times* inaccurately characterized the site as a desert. But what concerns us here is the strange leap that the newspaper column then took into the biblical narrative of the Children of Israel:

*To many, after all, the idea of wandering in the desert — even catwalking in the desert, for that matter — is inextricably entwined with the idea of expulsion: being forced away from one's home and left to fend for oneself until a new sanctuary is found (see: Exodus).*

This is an inaccurate characterization of the Exodus in at least three respects.

First, the reference to “being forced away.”

The Jews weren't “forced away” from Egypt in the Exodus. Rather, Pharaoh did not want to let us leave, even after Moses repeatedly asked for permission to go. When we did leave, we did so voluntarily, of our own free will, so happy to slip the bonds of slavery that we sang with joy and gratitude.

Second, the reference to going “away from one's home.” The “home” of the Jews isn't Egypt but Israel. We were in exile in Egypt. Exodus began our redemption and return to our home in the land of Abraham.

Finally, the reference to being “left to



A wadi in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. Photo: Florian Prischl via Wikimedia Commons.

fend for oneself.” The Exodus story, with its reference to the parting of the Red Sea, to being guided by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire by night, and to being nourished by manna, makes clear that far from being abandoned by the divine presence, the Children of Israel were protected by it throughout their journey.

In an interview some years ago, the *Times* critic who wrote the Exodus paragraph, Vanessa Friedman, referred to herself as “a Jewish American, someone who has a particularly truncated history going back two generations.”

It's a peculiar formulation, because other Jews — including the “wise son” of the Passover Seder — see ourselves as having a history that long pre-dates our arrival in America, and that stretches all the way back to the Exodus itself. Perhaps if Ms. Friedman thought of herself as having been there with us, she'd have conveyed to her *Times* readers a different, more accurate account of the Exodus story.

I predict that Abbas would not concede to any of the above. All he seeks is to persuade Trump to carry on the negotiations — while ceding nothing but making false gestures and undermining Israel internationally.

Abbas, who has avoided democratic elections, is now despised by his people for his corruption, and has imbued them with such hatred of Israel that, even if he wanted to make concessions, he wouldn't be able to do so without being toppled or assassinated.

I also asked Lauder, if Israel and the PA were to reach an agreement involving more territorial concessions, what would prevent Hamas from moving in on areas no longer protected by Israel?

However, I failed to move Lauder. He told me he is being flooded with letters of support including many from former critics. I responded that this should not be perceived as positive, and that most responsible Jewish leaders were reluctant to offend him by telling him what they thought.

Although, like most Israelis, I pray for a genuine peace, I am fearful that despite his good intentions, Lauder may be inadvertently undermining one of the best opportunities we have ever had with the US as a genuine ally. Because of his proximity to Trump, the result of his intervention may be even more damaging than J Street's campaign to undermine Israel. He insists that if his efforts fail, we will have tried, nothing will have been lost and we will simply return to the status quo.

There is no certainty that Trump will

# In Search for Peace, Trump Should Tackle Hate Before Borders



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Trump's arrival in the Holy Land will find many Israelis feeling that they have no peace partner to negotiate with. The Palestinian Authority (PA), under the leadership of President Mahmoud Abbas, is a profoundly corrupt organization despite — or rather in large part due to — massive amounts of funding from the West.

And this funding continues to flow despite the virulent hatred and lies preached by Palestinian leaders, governmental organizations and schools.

Abbas' remarkable ability to tell a bald-faced lie while looking a world leader in the eye was recently on display at the White House, when he told President Trump: “We are raising our youth, our children, our grandchildren on a culture of peace. And we are endeavoring to bringing about security, freedom and peace for our children to live like the other children in the world along with the Israeli children in peace, freedom and security.”

Hogwash. Abbas and his PA cronies are using American tax dollars to brainwash yet another generation of Palestinian children to hate their Jewish neighbors; they often name schools in “honor” of terrorists, and pay the families of suicide bombers monthly stipends.

Abbas and the PA are not alone in this duplicity. Abbas' arch rival, the terrorist group Hamas, has launched a PR campaign to present itself to the world as the true leaders of the Palestinians. And the terror group's leaders now don three-piece suits rather than keffiyehs, and have allegedly dropped some of the more explicitly genocidal verbiage from their anti-Israel charter.

But Hamas' barbarity is undiminished. Hamas continues to fund terror, attack Israel with rockets and terrorize its own people. When it comes to abuses against Israel, Human Rights Watch confirms that Hamas continues to hold two Israeli non-combatants with known mental health problems. And the bodies of Hadar Goldin, a young Israeli soldier murdered by Hamas during a US-brokered ceasefire in the last Gaza war, and Oron Shaul, another Israeli soldier killed in action, are still held by Hamas — acts that violate Muslim law — as revealed in a recent rather remarkable video.

Furthermore, Hamas' superhighway of terror tunnels being burrowed underground toward Israeli communities continues unabated. And thousands of rockets,

continue to be influenced by Lauder. Either way, it may be well-nigh impossible to retract and relations could be permanently affected by any fallout.

Lauder is a loyal and devoted friend of Israel. He has no second agenda. He is dedicated to the interests of the Jewish people and his good intentions are not in question.

But he should take a step back and recognize the possible dire consequences

purposely embedded into the civilian infrastructure, continue to be stockpiled for the next war with the Israeli “occupiers.”

And the hate continues unabated — despite claims on the part of UNWRA, the UN agency that runs schools that educate Gaza's young, that they have introduced a Holocaust education and “peace” curriculum. Not true. Again, American tax dollars are going to schools where — according to a recent documentary — students as young as 13 proudly declare that they want to join ISIS and kill Jews.

Hamas has also yet to formally abandon the heart of its genocidal, antisemitic 1988 charter, which insists “Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it...”

So, amid all of this hate, where should Trump begin in a search for peace? As I said



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and President Donald Trump at the White House. Photo: White House via YouTube

before, by taking a road less traveled by his predecessors and tackling hatred before borders.

First, when it comes to the Palestinians, the US should block funds for the PA and UNRWA that are used to inculcate hatred, or to pay families of terrorists who murder Israelis and Americans.

In Riyadh, the president should demand that the Saudis stop their poisonous global Wahhabi campaign that undermines the basis of religious tolerance of Muslims with Christians and Jews everywhere.

And at the Vatican, the president should emphasize his administration's commitment to protect endangered religious minorities throughout the Middle East, starting with the Christians and Yazidis.

The new Trump Middle East policy should be based on transparency, which will lead to accountability; accountability diminishes corruption and reduces hate; reducing hate brings hope, hope leads to trust and trust will lead to peace.

Godspeed, Mr. President, on your peace mission.

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if, as most of us fear, his well-meaning but seriously misplaced personal intervention was to backfire.

He should immediately come to Israel and meet with the prime minister, who must set aside their past differences, engage him in dialogue and seek to persuade him to back down before Trump makes his final moves and visits the region.

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and is promoting a peace program that had been rejected by Israel but was attractive to an American president possibly easily seduced into believing that a quick peace could be achieved.

I warned Lauder repeatedly that he was being conned by the duplicitous Abbas who is an inveterate antisemite but speaks with a forked tongue, portraying himself as a man of peace and moderation to the outside world while continuing to encourage religious hatred and antisemitism among his own people.

I asked him whether he could visualize the “moderate” Abbas:

- Coexisting with Israel as a Jewish state.
- Agreeing to Israel implementing whatever security is required to ensure that a Palestinian entity is demilitarized and prevent the Iranians from approaching.
- Accepting that the major settlement blocs will be incorporated into Israel.
- Bringing an end to the foul exhortations of hatred emanating from the mosques, schools and media depicting Jews as subhuman, calling for the destruction of Israel and inciting to murdering Israelis.
- Relinquishing the Palestinian “right of return” to Israel.
- Terminating weekly payments to murderers of Jews and pensions to their survivors.
- Ending the sanctification of mass-murderers by naming schools, city squares and even football clubs to commemorate them.

## Impressions.

# What it Means to Be ‘Good’

BY JEREMY ROSEN

When I was a kid, I used to wonder why it was that some children in my circles seemed naturally better and sweeter than others who seemed naturally evil and nasty. Why did some seem to be so much more religious and obedient than others? I found discipline hard to endure, rituals difficult to observe. I was a natural-born rebel, while others — like my younger brother — were natural-born saints. We were born into the same family, had the same parents, the same upbringing and yet we were so different.

We talk about good or moral human beings and about bad, immoral ones. But how does one become a good, moral person?

Psychologists like Freud, Piaget and Kohlberg developed theories about child development and how children come to make moral decisions. They differed as to what was most significant: evolution, the development of a child’s brain, interaction with other children and adults, a process of socialization.

A while back we would distinguish “nature” from “nurture.”

In the nature argument, some stated that we are automatically good, born as noble savages, but civilization influences us to become selfish and bad. Freud turned this on its head and said that we are born selfish creatures, and we learn or are taught by our parents and society to control our ids.

Then, there were those, like Eysenck, who unfashionably argued that good and bad behavior were conditioned by one’s genetic makeup — postulating, for example, the existence of a criminal chromosome, and producing a lot of crackpot pseudoscience, like racial theories and eugenics. Others focused anthropologically on how different tribes around the world developed their own rituals of conformity and socialization, which helped explain a lot of the rituals in the Torah we often find irrelevant or passé.

At this moment in time, as research into our genetic makeup is advancing in leaps and bounds, we are inclined to put more emphasis on the influence of our genes. Genes carry many different character-

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istics, both desirable and undesirable. That’s why we can inherit diseases. But there is a lot we do not know about what goes into genes and what exactly they can and do pass on. An ethical gene is not an impossibility. So, is being good or bad passed on through our genes? Are some people automatically good and others bad? We are still learning.

Jonathan Haidt in his book *The Righteous Mind* argues that “moral reasoning was mostly just a post hoc search for reasons to justify the judgments people had already made.” He uses an analogy of a rider on an elephant. The rider “reasons why” but the elephant “sees that” which represents emotion, intuition and all

the built-in factors that automatically get us to behave in a particular way.

We do, and the we then try to reasons for why.

We act as if we have choice.

Socialization may explain why religious communities are successful in imposing conformity, but not necessarily very good at getting many of its members to be moral human beings or to act correctly even by its own standards. Authority, whether it is parental, educational, or religious, is rarely effective in controlling human behavior. People usually behave well

extraordinary circumstances.

Those standards differ across culture and historical time, though some remain as applicable now as in the past. But, whether and how we choose to keep them is up to us. If one cares about being Jewish, the Torah provides a list of what comprises a Jewish way of life and a Jewish way of being good. It is one of several options and paradigms. Freedom of choice, if you like, is the freedom to decide which program we choose to be influenced by.

But this is one reason that I strongly support the



*The Scales of Justice. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.*

when someone else is looking — like a policeman — and God is used so often to dissuade bad behavior because he is supposed to be the all-seeing eye. But why then do religious people who claim to believe in a God who “sees” whatever they do often behave badly? They will encourage killing in the name of religion or act in coercive ways that most of us do not think are right, and indeed much of which goes against religious ideology?

Psychologists tell us that simply commanding people to be good rarely works. They must decide for themselves if they want to, if it is worth it. We may mete out consequences to express approval or disapproval, or sometimes prophylactically, to protect society from dangerous people, but the issue of whether we can effect or change fundamental human behavior is debatable.

In fact, the old distinction between nature and nurture is still a pretty good one. We choose to abide by different laws — civil laws, religious laws, personal moralities — for and due to a variety of causes and effects. They all play a part. We are predetermined and we are free. In the end, as individuals, we must make decisions, even if there are laws that constrict us, and some of those decisions are predictable, some not.

In the meantime, what are we supposed to do? We punish criminals in the hope that they might change, we punish those who have broken our laws. But is this fair? Why did we even think punishment would get them to change?

Scolding is rarely effective, but presenting alternative models and moralities can at least offers standards for personal behavior in daily routines and

separation of religion and state. I do believe religion should be part of the moral debate. But when religions gain power, they tend to exclude and suppress other ideologies. Actually, that’s what the nonreligious extremes of fascism and Marxism tries to do, as well — and is happening on campuses all the time now. “I am right, and you are wrong.”

Judaism claims that we are born neutral, with a good inclination and a bad one. We decide which one we give preference to. We are influenced by our own actions — good ones reinforce the good in our nature, and bad ones reinforce the bad. We know also that we are preset, in some ways, by genes and societies. But we still show every sign of being able to make some choices. We can and do change religions, countries and communities, friends and partners.

I know how I should have behaved in the past and recognize when I make mistakes now, too. Sometimes I do what I should, and sometimes I do not. That is the struggle of life. Augustine is said to have prayed, “Please God, make me good...but not just yet.” I always prayed to God to make me good. I just didn’t always try hard enough.

As R. Moshe Chaim Luzzatto said hundreds of years ago in his introduction to *The Path of the Righteous*, we know what we ought to do, but we need to be constantly reminded. The function of education (as opposed to indoctrination) is to inform, to present possibilities, to reiterate, and to encourage people to think and to decide for themselves. To teach rather than preach. That is the only defense against hucksters and fanatics.



# Legal Notice.

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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 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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REFEEREE'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

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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, N.Y. 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 with an undivided 25% interest in the Common Elements. Said premises known as 677 Bedford Avenue, Unit D, Brooklyn, N.Y. 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, N.Y. 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, N.Y. 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, N.Y. 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

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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, N.Y. 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 Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400  
AJ 4/28; 5/5/12/19/

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  
AJ 4/28; 5/5/12/19/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff AGAINST MARIE Y. GENESTE, BETO ENTERPRISE, INC., 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 June 08, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1922 ALBANY AVENUE, 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 New York, BLOCK 7788, LOT 59. Approximate amount of judgment \$667,255.69 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 508209/2014. Helene E. Blank Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221  
AJ 5/5/12/19/26

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Jamal Williams, Individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Jermaine Williams a/k/a Jermaine M. Williams a/k/a Jermaine Michael Williams a/k/a Jermain Michael Williams a/k/a Jermain Williams; Marcel Florestal, Esq., as Guardian

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of Jahmeek Michael Williams and Jermere Michael Bush-Williams; Sandy Martinez, as Co-Administratrix and Guardian of Justin Michael Williams; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 17, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 8, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 647 East 103rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 8172 Lot: 17. Approximate amount of judgment \$703,031.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 21373/2012. Helene E. Blank, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 12, 2017  
AJ 5/5/12/19/26

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. HYMAN WERZBERGER; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about March 6, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York. On June 8, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 564 WYTHE AVENUE UNIT 8a, BROOKLYN, NY 11249-6642 Block: 02165 Lot: 1131 The Condominium Unit (the "Unit") known as Unit No. 8A in the premises (the "Premises") known as and by the street number 564 Wythe Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and being a unit of the Condominium plan known as THE 564-580 PARK PLAZA CONDOMINIUM, said Unit being designated and described as Unit No. 8A in a certain Declaration made pursuant to Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York (the "Condominium Act"), establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the Building and the Land (the "Property") upon which Parcel I of the Land, the Building is situate (which Land is more particularly described below), which Declaration was date October 31, 2001 and recorded on January 25, 2002 in Reel: 5451 Page 14 of the Kings County Office of the Register of The City of New York. This Unit is also designated as Tax Lot 1131 in Block 2165 of the Borough of Brooklyn on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of The City of New York and on the Floor Plans of the Building, certified by Maurice Brezel, R.A. and filed with the Real Property Assessment Department of The City of New York as Condominium Plan No. 872. Together with an undivided 1.358% interest in the Common Elements (as such term is defined in the Declaration). Parcel I (Lot 102). Parcel II (Lot 105). As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$243,813.49 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 511587/2014

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Leo Salzman, Esq., Referee  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AP3, Plaintiff -against- MARIA POSNER A/K/A M. POSNER A/K/A MARIA POSNET, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ALLIANCE MORTGAGE BANKING CORP, CHEMICAL BANK, THE FIRE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, GEORGE BRYANT, HENRY CLARK, SHAWN CAMPBELL, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated AUGUST 16, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on June 8, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 309 ARLINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. ALL that certain plot, piece of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 3927 Lot: 61 Approximate amount of lien \$479,903.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 501183/2015 JEFFREY R. MILLER, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: April 25, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 66757  
AJ 5/5/12/19/26

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings PennyMac Corp., Plaintiff AGAINST Nataliya Dobrer, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/28/2016 and entered on 12/13/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 08, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 3543 Leif Ericson Drive, Unit C2 a/k/a 3543 Shore Parkway, Unit C2, Brooklyn, NY 11235. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8782, LOT: 1113. Approximate amount of judgment is \$622,665.31 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 507031/2014. Steven D. Cohn, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ 5/5/12/19/26

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 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 UNDER THE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST SERIES 2004-BNC2, Plaintiff AGAINST PRINCE H. EDOSA, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale

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duly dated November 28, 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 June 08, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1106 EAST 94TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 8181, LOT 45. Approximate amount of judgment \$482,776.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511091/2014. DORON AVIRAM LEIBY, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221  
AJ 5/5/12/19/26

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Alisha Lambert; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 15, 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 June 8, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 259 Sumpter 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 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$857,250.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511289/2015. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 26, 2017  
AJ 5/5/12/19/26

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: 305 Sumpter LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 03/03/2017. Office location kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY Shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC 130 Diamond St.#4A Brooklyn, NY 11222 purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ 5/5/12/19/26; 6/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-9, Plaintiff AGAINST Alberto Licea, Diana Safyn, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/28/2016 and entered on 12/13/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 08, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 30 Corbin Place, Brooklyn, NY 11235. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8712, LOT: 11. Approximate amount of judgment is \$903,226.10 plus interests and costs. Premises

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will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510025/2014. Helene E. Blank, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ 5/5/12/19/26

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Bank of America, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Eddie Oliveras; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 3, 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 June 15, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1397 West 6th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11204. 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: 6579 Lot: 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,157,194.22 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 9010/2013. Hon K Lai, 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  
AJ 5/12/19/26; 6/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Selene Finance LP, Plaintiff AGAINST Mary Gomes a/k/a Mary A. Gomes a/k/a Maryann Gomes; Dayne Gomes; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 15, 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 June 15, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 133 Milford Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4189 Lot 8. Approximate amount of judgment \$446,679.50 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 512354/2015. Doron A. Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 4, 2017  
AJ 5/12/19/26; 6/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC; Plaintiff(s) vs. GITTY ZIGELMAN; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about March 15, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of the King's County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On June 15, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1120 41ST STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11218 Block: 05592 Lot: 2304 The Condominium Unit (hereinafter referred to as the "Unit") known as Unit #1 in the building (hereinafter referred to as the "Building") known as 1120 41st Street Condominium and by the street number 1120 41st St, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, said Unit being

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designated and described as Unit #1 in the aforesaid building in a certain declaration dated 10/18/2007 made by Grantor pursuant to Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York (hereinafter referred to as the "Condominium Act"); establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the Building and Land (hereinafter referred to as the "Land") upon which the Building is situate (which Land is more particularly described below), which declaration was recorded in the Kings County Office of the Register of the City of New York on 11/8/2007 in CRFN#2007000561295 \*which declaration and any amendments thereto are hereinafter referred to the "Declaration"). This Unit is also designated as Tax Lot 2304 in Block 5592 of Section 17 of the Borough of Brooklyn on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York and on the Floor Plans of the Building, certified by the architect, and filed with the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York, as Condominium Plan No. 1962 and also filed in the Register's Office as Map No. 2007000561295 (CRFN#). Together with an undivided 36.40% interest in the Common Elements as defined in the Declaration. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$567,265.47 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 505198/2014 Sol Needle, Esq., Referee  
AJ 5/12/19/26; 6/2

File No. 2017-284 PROBATE CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent To the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of ISRAEL Kalmowitz, 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 Diligence. Public Administrator of the County of New York. Attorney General of the State of New York A petition having been duly filed by Helen Feinstein and Gary Kiman, who are domiciled at 5 CARMINE STREET APT 2 New York, New York 10014 and 17787 Scarsdale Way Boca Raton FL 33496 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Street, New York, on June 27, 2017 Room 509 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon why a decree should not be made in the estate of ISRAEL Kalmowitz lately domiciled at 455 FDR DRIVE #803B, New York, New York admitting to probate a Will dated MAY 12, 1997, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of ISRAEL Kalmowitz deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Helen Feinstein and Gary Kiman. Dated, Attested and Sealed May 3, 2017 HON. Rita Mella Surrogate, Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk Ari Goodman 225 Broadway, Suite 2605. New York. New York 10007 212-964-9755 [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 5/12/19/26; 6/2

Notice of Formation of SB Capital Holdings LLC. Arts of Org. filed with

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New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 4/6/17. Office location: Kings Co. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 225 Broadway, Fl. 32, NY, NY 10007. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
AJ 5/12/19/26; 6/2/9/16

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-OA6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OA6, Plaintiff - against - NATALIYA DOBRER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 05, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 15th Day of June, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 3541 Leif Ericson Drive #B2, Brooklyn, New York 11235. (Block: 8782, Lot: 1115) Approximate amount of lien \$602,587.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11418/2012. Cary Kaplan, 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 25, 2017  
AJ 5/12/19/26; 6/2/

Notice of formation of limited liability company LLC name:AERO CREATIVE LLC . Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/25/2017 Office location Kings County.SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: corporate filings of New York 90 State Street STE 700, Office 40 Albany, NY 12207 . Purpose all lawful activity  
AJ 5/12/19/26; 6/2/

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; 5/5/12/19

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Juan J. Torres, Naiomi Rodriguez a/k/a Naiomi R. Torres, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/15/2017 and entered on 4/10/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 15, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 219 Milford Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being

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in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4227, LOT: 11. Approximate amount of judgment is \$810,848.20 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504427/2014. Doron A. Leiby, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ 5/12/19/26; 6/2

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: R&G NY Realty LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 03/29/2017. Office location kings county.SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to:Gavriel Badalov 620 Beverly Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11218 purpose: any lawful activity  
AJ 5/19/26; 6/2/9/16/23

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Aurora Loan Services LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Almarie Maxwell; Betram Maxwell; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 13, 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 June 22, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 8713 Avenue J, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8024 lot 4. Approximate amount of judgment \$787,718.10 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 23760/08. Sol Needle, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 24, 2017 45832  
AJ 5/19/26; 6/2/9/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. DOLORES E. CLARKE; MILTON B. CLARKE; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about February 9, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On June 22, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 941 ASHFORD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207 Block: 4403 Lot: 54 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$419,490.04 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 506248/2015 Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee  
AJ 5/19/26; 6/2/9/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of MASTR Adjustable Rate Mortgages Trust 2007-3, Plaintiff AGAINST

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## Social.



Goldie Hawn and her partner Kurt Russell. Photo: Instagram.

## Actress Goldie Hawn on Her Jewish Faith: 'I Like My Tribe'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Actress Goldie Hawn expressed pride in being Jewish in a recent interview in which she discussed her faith, parenting and her son's near-death experience as a baby.

The 71-year-old "Snatched" star told People magazine in its latest cover story that her oldest son — Oliver Hudson — almost died at 1-day-old due to birth complications. Hawn recalled seeing Oliver in the intensive care unit and putting her hand on her newborn son as she prayed for God to heal him. That same moment, Hawn recounted, Oliver's heartbeat began to go up.

"I don't think there's any question that prayer can work," Hawn said. "I'm a very spiritual person. I'm not a religious person, although I was raised Jewish and I like my tribe, but that was a beautiful thing. It was phenomenal. I just emptied myself. I don't know how to explain it."

Hawn, who is also the mother of actress Kate Hudson, as well as Wyatt Russell — whom she had with her current partner, actor Kurt Russell — previously discussed her religious beliefs during an appearance on the TV series "Oprah's Master Class." She said the

first time her daughter Kate asked her about God, she responded, "Well I think God is everywhere, really. To feel God is what's really important."

She added, "You know that feeling just before you're going to laugh? That thing where you get all bubbled up? It's like a bubble of laughter, but it hasn't come out yet? That's what God feels like."



Goldie Hawn Photo: Screenshot

## Manhattan Landlord Sues Tenants for Allegedly Stealing Mezuzahs

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A landlord in Manhattan is suing two tenants who allegedly stole Jewish doorposts, known as mezuzahs, from their neighbors' apartment doors, the New York Post reported on Sunday.

The landlord, whose name was not revealed to the public, claimed in a Manhattan Supreme Court lawsuit that the tenants in question, Tanya McLeod and Anthony Bullock, have been swiping mezuzahs in their Upper West Side building, and have also repeatedly knocked on the doors of their neighbors "during all hours of the day and night, begging for money."

The landlord evicted the two in April, but they ignored the order to leave the building, according to the Post report.



A mezuzah. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## Aerosmith to Kick Off Farewell Tour in Tel Aviv

BY JNS.ORG

Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler and girlfriend Aimee Ann Preston arrived in Israel on Saturday ahead of a concert scheduled to rock Tel Aviv on Wednesday in Hayarkon Park.

Aerosmith's performance in Israel is the first installment of its farewell "Aero-Vederci Baby!" tour — marking 40 years of the group performing together — and is the second time the legendary Bostonian rock band has



Aerosmith performs in the Netherlands in June 2010. Photo: Julio Aprea via Wikimedia Commons.

played at Hayarkon Park. The previous performance occurred in 1994 as part of the group's "Get a Grip Tour."

Concert organizers said more than 45,000 tickets have already been sold for this week's show. During his stay in Israel, Tyler will visit Jerusalem, Masada and Eilat, Israel's Channel 2 reported.

While in Israel, Tyler is staying in the royal suite of Tel Aviv's Dan Hotel — the same suite Justin Bieber stayed in when he performed at Hayarkon Park earlier this month. According to Channel 2, Tyler requested a list of items in his room including unsweetened almond milk, organic goat milk, red wine, white wine and a coffee machine.

Yedioth Ahronoth, meanwhile, reported the rocker requested 12 large pillows, peanut butter and to "empty the room of alcoholic beverages," contradicting Channel 2's report.

## Tradition.

# Minority Rights



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One of the most striking features of the Torah is its emphasis on love of, and vigilance toward, the ger, the stranger:

*Do not oppress a stranger; you yourselves know how it feels to be strangers, because you were strangers in Egypt. (Ex. 23:9)*

*For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger residing among you, giving them food and clothing. You are to love those who are strangers, for you yourselves were strangers in Egypt. (Deut 10:17-19)*

The Sages went so far as to say



that the Torah commands us in only one place to love our neighbour but thirty-six times to love the stranger (Baba Metsia 59b).

What is the definition of a stranger? Clearly the reference is to one who is not Jewish by birth. It could mean one of the original inhabitants of the land of Canaan. It could mean one of the “mixed multitude” who left Egypt with the Israelites. It might mean a foreigner who has entered the land seeking safety or a livelihood.

Whatever the case, immense significance is attached to the way the Israelites treat the stranger. This was what they were meant to have learned from their own experience of exile and suffering in Egypt. They were strangers. They were oppressed. Therefore they knew “how it feels to be a stranger.” They were not to inflict on others what was once inflicted on them.

The Sages held that the word ger might mean one of two things. One was a *ger tzedek*, a convert to Judaism who had accepted all its commands and obligations. The other was the *ger toshav*, the “resident alien”, who had not adopted the religion of Israel but who lived in the land of Israel. Behar spells out the rights of such a person. Specifically:

*If any of your fellow Israelites become poor and are unable to support themselves among you, help them as you would a resident alien, so they can continue to live among you. (Lev. 25:35)*

There is, in other words, an obligation to support and sustain a resident alien. Not only does he or she have the right to live in the

Holy Land, but they have the right to share in its welfare provisions. Recall that this is a very ancient law indeed, long before the Sages formulated such principles as “the ways of peace”, obligating Jews to extend charity and care to non-Jews as well as Jews.

What then was a *ger toshav*? There are three views in the Talmud. According to Rabbi Meir it was anyone who took it upon himself not to worship idols. According to the Sages, it was anyone who committed himself to keeping the seven Noahide commandments. A third view, more stringent, held that it was someone who had undertaken to keep all the commands of the Torah except one, the prohibition of meat not ritually slaughtered (Avodah Zarah 64b). The law follows the Sages. A *ger toshav* is thus a non-Jew living in Israel who accepts the Noahide laws binding on everyone.

*Ger toshav* legislation is thus one of the earliest extant forms of minority rights. According to the Rambam there is an obligation on Jews in Israel to establish courts of law for resident aliens to allow them to settle their own disputes – or disputes they have with Jews – according to the provisions of Noahide law. The Rambam adds: “One should act towards resident aliens with the same respect and loving kindness as one would to a fellow Jew” (Hilkhot Melachim 10:12).

The difference between this and later “ways of peace” legislation is that the ways of peace apply to non-Jews without regard to their beliefs or religious practice. They date from a time when Jews were a minority in a predominantly non-Jewish, non-monotheistic environment. “Ways of peace” are essentially pragmatic rules of what today we would call good community relations and active citizenship in a multi-ethnic and multicultural society. *Ger toshav* legislation cuts deeper. It is based not on pragmatism but religious principle. According to the Torah you don’t have to be Jewish in a Jewish society and Jewish land to have many of the rights of citizenship. You simply have to be moral.

One biblical vignette portrays this with enormous power. King David has fallen in love and had an adulterous relationship with Batsheva, wife of a *ger toshav*, Uriah the Hittite. She becomes pregnant. Uriah meanwhile has been away from home as a soldier in Israel’s army. David, afraid that Uriah will come home, see that his wife is pregnant, realise that she has committed adultery, and come to discover that the king is the guilty party, has Uriah brought home. His pretext is that he wants to know how the battle is going. He then tells Uriah to go home and sleep with his wife before returning, so that he will later assume that he himself is the father of the child. The plan fails. This is what happens:

*When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was,*

*how the soldiers were and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.” So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master’s servants and did not go down to his house.*

*David was told, “Uriah did not go home.” So he asked Uriah, “Haven’t you just come from a military campaign? Why didn’t you go home?”*

*Uriah said to David, “The Ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord’s men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!” (2 Samuel 11:6-11)*

Uriah’s utter loyalty to the Jewish people, despite the fact that he is not himself Jewish, is contrasted with King David, who has stayed in Jerusalem, not been with the army, and instead had a relationship with another man’s wife. The fact that Tanakh can tell such a story in which a resident alien is the moral hero, and David, Israel’s greatest king, the wrongdoer, tells us much about the morality of Judaism.

Minority rights are the best test of a free and just society. Since the days of Moses they have been central to the vision of the kind of society God wants us to create in the land of Israel. How vital, therefore, that we take them seriously today.

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as victims of a malicious reputational smear.

The sad thing is, this approach often works. It feeds into the sentiments of those segments of the European public who regard antisemitism as a censorship tool – preventing them from protecting animals, babies and national reputations unfairly soiled during World War II – and the right to condemn Israel for alleged human rights abuses.

To their great credit, Europe’s often-cautious Jewish leaders have rarely failed to condemn the anti-ritual campaign in the strongest of terms. Back in 2012, when 600 German doctors signed a letter to a prominent newspaper advocating a ban on circumcision, Charlotte Knobloch, then perhaps the top leader of the German-Jewish community, wondered aloud “whether this country still wants us.” When the Wallonia committee announced its ban on shechita last week, Moshe Kantor, president of the European Jewish Congress, called on “legislators to step back from the brink of the greatest assault on Jewish religious rights in Belgium since the Nazi occupation of the country in World War II.”

It may sound like bombast, but it isn’t. For 2,000 years in the Diaspora, Jewish identity was preserved by adherence to these religious commands. This, in turn, bred the resentment of supersessionist Church theologians and, later on, universalist Enlightenment philosophers. Both despised Jewish separateness even as their rulers enforced it through

## Legal Notice.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Earline Burnett, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/26/2016 and entered on 11/22/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 22, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 99 4th Avenue Unit 2L, Brooklyn, NY 11217. 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: 937, LOT: 1003. Approximate amount of judgment is \$507,599.91 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506959/2014. Bernard Mitchell Alter, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ 5/19/26; 6/2/9/

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ghettoization and other discriminatory measures. From Martin Luther to Karl Marx, the imperative of ending the conditions for a separate Jewish existence – through means varying from outright persecution or conditional emancipation – has been a binding thread in European thought.

It follows logically that even in a modern democracy, a ban on the core rituals making Jews Jewish – and Muslims Muslim – effectively ends the conditions for a separate existence as a Jewish community. It’s true that many Jews don’t keep kosher, but virtually all Jewish males are circumcised, regardless of their family’s degree of religious observance. Ending the right to engage in those practices poses a choice: stay if you are willing to obey the law, or leave if you are not.

Norway and Belgium are not the only countries where political battles over Jewish rites have

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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2017-850 SURROGATE’S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Anita Rozsa, 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. ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK and the PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF QUEENS COUNTY A petition having been duly filed by SUSAN FRIEDMAN who is domiciled at 31 Valley Greens Drive North Woodmere, NY 11581 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate’s Court, QUEENS County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, on JUNE 29 2017, at 9:30 o’clock in the fore noon of that day why a decree should not be made in the estate of ANITA ROZSA lately domiciled at 99-63 66th Avenue Rego Park, NY admitting to probate a Will dated June 20, 1994 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of ANITA ROZSA deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to SUSAN FRIEDMAN Dated, Attested and Sealed MAY 4 2017 Hon: PETER J. Kelly Surrogate Lee J Coulman Acting Chief Clerk. LINDA F. KATZ, ESQ. 108-18 Queens Boulevard Forest Hills, NY 11375-4748 718-261-4800 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you are 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 5/19/26; 6/2/9/

erupted. Shechita is outlawed in Poland, New Zealand and Switzerland, among others, while nasty public campaigns against circumcision have been seen in San Francisco on one half of the globe, and Oslo on the other. The campaign advances in fits and starts, but it is always there, and is present among liberals and nationalists alike.

American Jews are fortunate to live with a constitution clearly demarcating religion and state. European Jews don’t have such clear guidelines, and therefore become hostages to the fortunes of political clashes in which their freedom of worship is just one consideration among many.

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