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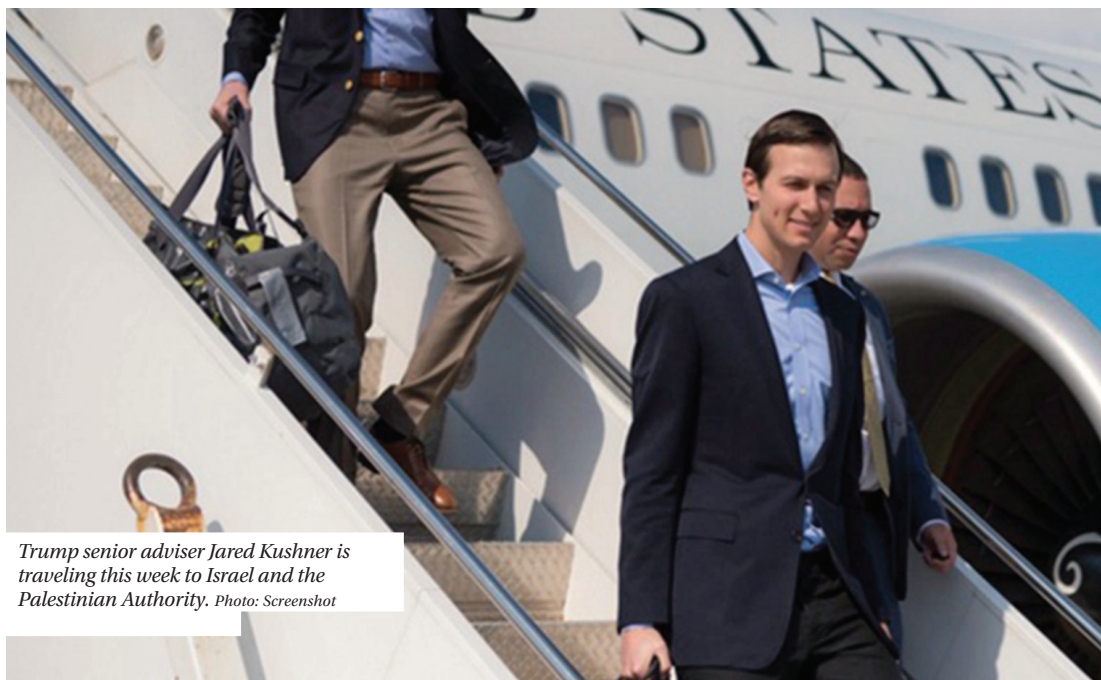
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WH: 'Forging Historic Peace Agreement Will Take Time'



Trump senior adviser Jared Kushner is traveling this week to Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Photo: Screenshot

BY BEN COHEN

The White House is dispatching two of President Donald Trump's key advisers to Jerusalem and Ramallah this week in a bid to revive direct Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations – at the same time urging patience for their efforts on the grounds that “forging a historic peace agreement will take time.”

Trump's international

negotiations representative Jason Greenblatt arrived in the region on Monday, while Jared Kushner, Trump's senior adviser and son-in-law, will fly in on Wednesday. Their purpose, the White House said, was “to continue conversations and hear directly from [Israeli] Prime Minister [Benjamin] Netanyahu and his senior advisers and [Palestinian Authority] President [Mahmoud] Abbas and his senior advisers about their priorities and

potential next steps.”

Notably, the White House statement concentrated entirely on creating conditions for direct negotiations, and did not mention any of the substantive issues – such as the status of Jerusalem, the Palestinian refugee question and recognition of Israel as a Jewish state – that have proved to be insurmountable in previous attempts to reach a final agreement

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World's Democracies Snub Annual Israel-Bashing 'Item 7' Debate at UN

BY BEN COHEN

The world's democracies collectively snubbed the UN Human Rights Council's annual condemnation of Israel in Geneva on Monday, when none of their representatives attended the council's presentation and debate on “Item 7” – a permanent agenda item focused on the “Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories.”

As was the case last year, the seats of all the democratic



The UN Human Rights Council meets in Geneva. Photo: UN official

nations represented on the council were empty for the duration of the discussion, sparking protests from Arab countries.

The United States has never attended an Item 7 debate since the council was established in 2006 as a successor to the Commission on Human Rights. In an address to the council on June 6, US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley charged that “Item 7 is a scandalous provision that must be removed.”

Hillel Neuer – executive director of the Geneva-based UN Watch NGO – told The Algemeiner that the non-attendance at Monday's session signaled a “significant stand by the Western democracies against prejudice.”

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Opinion.

Don't Ask Ivanka to Oppose Religious Freedom



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Ivanka Trump is more than just the first daughter. As a key adviser, as well as the wife of Jared Kushner, the president's Jewish son-in-law and point man on a host of issues, she has become a major political figure. More than that, as the country's most famous convert to Orthodox Judaism, she is a flash point for the hostility most of her coreligionists harbor for her father.

Along with that notoriety comes the drawbacks of fame. Nothing she does, including her level of Shabbat observance and Instagram posts about the presidential grandchildren, is off limits for cheap shots by the media and members of the anti-Trump "resistance." But more importantly, liberals are also using her status as the most prominent woman inside the Trump camp as a club with which to beat her and other Republicans.

This was highlighted lately as Jewish women's groups including Hadassah, the National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Women International, as well as Reform and Conservative Jewish women's organizations sent her a letter about the ObamaCare contraception mandate. It's part of an effort to bludgeon or shame her into getting her father to break a campaign promise. But it is particu-

larly ill considered that the organized Jewish world should be seeking to leverage her faith as a way to undermine efforts to protect religious freedom.

The issue concerns the decision by the president to set in motion a change in the rules by which the federal government enforced compliance with the Affordable Care Act. While Trump is hoping that Congressional Republicans will pass a repeal and replace bill for ObamaCare, it's not clear when or if he'll get his way, so until that legislative catastrophe is sorted out, he wants to create room for religious groups and individuals to opt out of the contraception mandate.

The controversy over the mandate was a key element of the battle over ObamaCare. Conservative Christians fought to allow those who objected to being made to pay for a service that violated their religious beliefs the right to opt out of the mandate. That led to a long struggle that was only partially resolved when conservatives won a signal victory in the US Supreme Court in the Hobby Lobby case. In that case, the owners of the arts and crafts chain stores successfully fended off the government's effort to make them pay for both contraception coverage and abortion-inducing drugs for their employees despite their faith-based opposition to them. But while Hobby Lobby and the Catholic Little Sisters of the Poor won their fight, others with similar principles continue to be under pressure to conform.

For liberals, the issue revolves around the right to contraception and they have

framed their disagreement as one in which they are defending women against those who wish to deny them essential care and services. That the right to free contraception only dates back to ObamaCare's 2010 passage is beside the point. What is relevant is that this involves the balancing of two concerns.

One doesn't have to oppose or wish to limit access to contraception or abortion to understand that forcing those who do object on religious grounds to be morally complicit in their use abridges their right to religious freedom. You may believe the cause of expanding access should take precedence over other concerns. But religious freedom means enabling Americans to live a religious life in the public square not just in private. Compelling people to violate their beliefs even to advance what you believe to be a good cause is not consistent with the free exercise of religion guaranteed by the First Amendment.

So, whether you regard Ivanka as a role model or a false front for a president you consider unfit for office, the willingness of Jewish groups to use her religion or her role as the most influential woman in the White House against her on this issue is unfortunate. However much good you believe may come from forcing everyone to pay for drugs or



President Donald Trump and his daughter Ivanka in the White House. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

contraception that doesn't take precedence over what we have always rightly termed our first freedom.

No one ought to understand that better than the Jewish community which has always prided itself on defending the rights of other faiths as well as our own. We know that if anyone's religious liberty is threatened, it imperils the rights of all. Those Jews who let their views about the culture wars against conservative Christians take precedence over that great truth are making a mistake that equals any blunder made by any of the Trumps.

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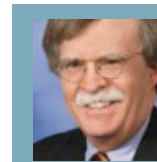
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Fifty Years Later: Peace Through Strength



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We recently marked the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War, June 5-10, 1967, when Israel won a swift and thoroughly decisive victory over its hostile Arab neighbors. Threatened by blockades and likely military attack, Israel struck first, shattering the gathering enemy forces and seizing control of the Sinai Peninsula and Gaza Strip from Egypt; the Jordan River's West Bank, including all of Jerusalem, from Jordan; and the Golan Heights from Syria.

In just six days, the Israeli "David" stunned the Soviet-backed Arab "Goliath," changing Middle Eastern history forever.

In the subsequent Yom Kippur War, launched and led by Egyptian dictator Gamal Nasser in 1973 to regain the lost territories, Israel prevailed again.

Israel's twin military victories made it unmistakably clear that conventional military force would not drive Israel into the Mediterranean Sea. Arab governments and the broader Muslim world faced a choice: Accept the reality of the Jewish state, or condemn themselves to continued conflict. A small number, particularly Egypt's Anwar Sadat, who took power after the failed Nasser regime fell, wisely chose peace and negotiated the 1979 Camp David peace agreement (later followed by Jordan).

Tragically, in response to Sadat's courage and leadership, Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood assassinated him in 1981.

For many in the West, Sadat's murder was the first glimmering of latent Islamist terrorism, which grew geometrically over the following decades. The little-noticed but steadily rising radicalism soon succeeded the secular wave of pan-Arabism, which had dominated the Middle East during the post-colonial era. Although pan-Arabism was secular and modernizing — whereas radical Islam was religious and regressive — both were profoundly anti-Western, especially anti-American and anti-Israeli.

This civil war within Islam, as Jordan's King Abdullah later described it, brought decades of terrorism and instability across the region and the world, including the radical Shia ayatollahs gaining power in Iran. Tehran has served as terrorism's central banker — and its leading aspirant to gain deliverable nuclear weapons.

Unfortunately, the goal of eliminating the State of Israel by conventional force has been replaced with terrorism and the quest for nuclear weapons. Although Israel for decades



The iconic photo taken at the Western Wall shortly after its liberation in 1967. Photo: David Rubinger / GPO.

tried to follow the "land for peace" formula of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, which ended the Six-Day War, most of the Arab world refused to follow suit. Today, Israel has no peace treaties with Lebanon or Syria, and no prospect of achieving them. The Palestinians, used by Arab and Islamic extremists for decades to advance their own political objectives, now face the dead-end of a failed pursuit of the chimerical "two-state solution."

The major threat facing Israel today comes not from Arab states bordering Israel, but from Iran. The 1979 Islamic Revolution has not lost its ideological edge, but has instead made progress toward the strategic goal of dominating a geographical crescent reaching from Iran itself; through an Iraq largely dominated by Shia interests subordinate to Tehran; Syria's Assad regime; and a Lebanon dominated by Hezbollah, the Shia terrorist group. And, under the protective cover of former President Barack Obama's misbegotten 2015 nuclear deal, Iran received enormous economic benefits in return for token concessions on its nuclear program, which continues essentially unabated and inadequately monitored.

Today, both Israel and America face these common challenges of international terrorism and nuclear proliferation. The Trump administration is now addressing the daunting task of climbing out of the national-security chasm into which the Obama administration consigned it.

Under President Donald Trump,

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World News.

Top Iranian Official Threatens Saudi Arabia Over Alleged Ties With Israel

BY BEN COHEN

The speaker of the Iranian Parliament assailed Saudi Arabia on Tuesday over its alleged ties with Israel in a speech in Tehran to a group of ambassadors from Muslim nations.

"The dependence of some Muslim countries on Israel is catastrophic and a stain of shame, while the Muslim Ummah (global community) should be sensitive to the fate of Palestine," Ali Larijani said, in remarks reported by the Iranian regime's English-language mouthpiece, PressTV.

Larijani named Saudi Arabia specifically, asserting, "Eventually, all Saudi moves are in favor of Israel."

Without producing evidence, Larijani claimed Iran had obtained documents showing that the Saudis provided Israel with intelligence during the 2006 war between the IDF and the Lebanese Shiite terrorist organization Hezbollah, an Iranian proxy.

"We have tried hard to make the Saudis understand that their measures are to the detriment of the Muslim Ummah, but they only make harsher remarks every day," Larijani said. He warned Muslim states "not to be trapped in a bigger plot."

Larijani has held several high offices in the Tehran regime, including serving as chief negotiator with the international community over Iran's nuclear program, and as secretary of Iran's National Security Council. A hardline Islamist, Larijani shocked an audience of world leaders and diplomats at the Munich

Security Conference in 2009 when he endorsed Holocaust denial, praising the Iranian regime for having "different perspectives" on the Nazi genocide of the Jews.

Larijani's attack on Saudi Arabia comes at a time of growing rumor and speculation about Saudi Arabia's burgeoning economic and security ties with Israel. Israeli officials have tended to play down such reports, among them a recent claim by the London Sunday Times that Jerusalem was preparing to announce commercial relations with Riyadh.

Larijani's accusation that Saudi Arabia has betrayed Islam matches rhetoric from other regime officials promoting Iran as the leader of the Islamic world. In several speeches this year, translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), Ali Jafari — the commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) — has emphasized Iran's place at the head of "the Islamic Revolution."

"The Islamic Revolution is now in its third stage — that is, [the stage] of assembling the Islamic government, and with God's help it will pass this stage successfully despite the ups and downs that constantly occur," Jafari declared in a March 15 speech.

In another speech on April 30, the IRGC commander asserted, "In order to build the Islamic regime, there is no other path but to advance the Islamic Revolution. As the Imam [Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic Republic] said: 'If this Islamic regime is defeated, Islam is defeated.'"

of the recommendations directed at them — only one out of 75 — the Palestinians were praised in the report for their "commitment to protecting human rights."

Excoriating Israel for what he described as its "repeated failure to comply with the calls for accountability made by the entire human rights system," al-Hussein warned that the Jewish state could face another negative advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) if it did not begin implementing UN recommendations. In 2004, the ICJ ruled that Israel's West Bank security barrier was a violation of international law.

Nearly all of the recommendations that Israel is expected to implement are based on an assumption of full Israeli responsibility for any given situation, as well as the determination that Israel illegally "occupies" the West Bank, eastern Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, while blockading the Gaza Strip. Additionally, many of the recommendations come from reports or individuals engaged in open demonization of Israel — such as the UN special rapporteur for Palestinian human rights, a position held until recently by the American professor Richard Falk, who accused Israel of imposing "apartheid" on the West Bank, and the Goldstone Report, which charged Israel with committing war crimes and crimes against humanity during Operation Cast Lead in December 2008-January 2009.

Neuer observed that al-Hussein's report was "oblivious to the fact that (South African Judge Richard) Goldstone himself retracted the core charges of that report."

Should the UN Human Rights Council

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Item 7

Neuer added that he himself had taken part in the debate primarily to point out why the democratic countries were absent. "Hopefully, one day Item 7 will be removed," he said.

In his speech before the council, Neuer observed that "the US, Canada, Australia, all European Union member states, Japan, and other established democracies have boycotted this debate."

Neuer continued: "The democracies are absent to protest prejudice — because this is the only agenda item that singles out one specific state, the Jewish state, for differential and discriminatory treatment. Not Syria, Sudan or North Korea is treated this way."

Nonetheless, the absence of these countries did not prevent routine denunciations of Israel, with serial human rights abusers like Syria, Lebanon and Venezuela attacking Israel's human rights record and depicting it as the "greatest threat to peace in the Middle East."

This year's Item 7 debate began with a report from the United Nations high commissioner for human rights, Jordanian diplomat Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, that slammed Israel for its record in implementing the recommendations of various UN bodies and officials since 2009.

"The overall rate of 'full implementation' by Israel is 0.4 percent," the report said, noting that Israel had accepted only two of more than 500 recommendations. "The lack of implementation correlates with Israel's continued rejection of the applicable legal framework and of its obligations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory."

Despite having implemented 1.3 percent

Netanyahu: We Don't Intervene in Syria War, but We Do Give Aid to Children



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visits the Ziv Medical Center in Safed on Monday. Photo: Amos Ben Gershon / GPO via Netanyahu's Facebook account.

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared to pour cold water on Monday a Wall Street Journal report that the Jewish state has been secretly providing rebel groups in southern Syria with money, fuel, food and medical supplies in recent years.

"We do not intervene in this terrible, bloody conflict, but we do provide humanitarian assistance to boys and girls," Netanyahu was quoted as saying by *Israel's Channel 2* during a visit to the Ziv Medical Center in Safed, where, according to the prime minister, more than 2,000 Syrians wounded in the ongoing war in their home country have received treatment.

"I see men, women and children who viewed us as enemies when they arrived here,"

he continued. "They [now] understand more than ever that the State of Israel is a moral stronghold and a ray of light in our region."

Also on Monday, Netanyahu issued a warning to Iran, which over the weekend launched several surface-to-surface ballistic missiles into Syria, targeting ISIS fighters. This marked the first time in three decades that the Tehran regime had fired such missiles into a foreign country.

"We, the IDF and our security forces, are monitoring all the time Iran's activities in the area," Netanyahu told Likud lawmakers at a faction meeting in Jerusalem. "These include their attempts to establish themselves in Syria and, of course, to transfer advanced weapons to Hezbollah, and other things. We are tracking their actions and also their words."

"And I have one message for Iran — don't threaten Israel," Netanyahu declared.

Knesset Legislation Looks to Strip Terrorists and Their Families of Israeli Citizenship, Residency

BY JNS.ORG

Following the June 16 terrorist attack in Jerusalem, in which Israeli Border Police Staff Sgt. Hadas Malka was murdered, lawmakers submitted legislation on Monday proposing to strip terrorists of their Israeli citizenship and revoke their relatives' residency and work permits.

Israel Hayom obtained a copy of the bill, which states before any accused terrorist or his or her relatives have their citizenship, residency or work permits revoked, the interior minister will allow the permit

holder a chance to prove that he or she was uninvolved in the act. If they are innocent, the permits will remain valid.

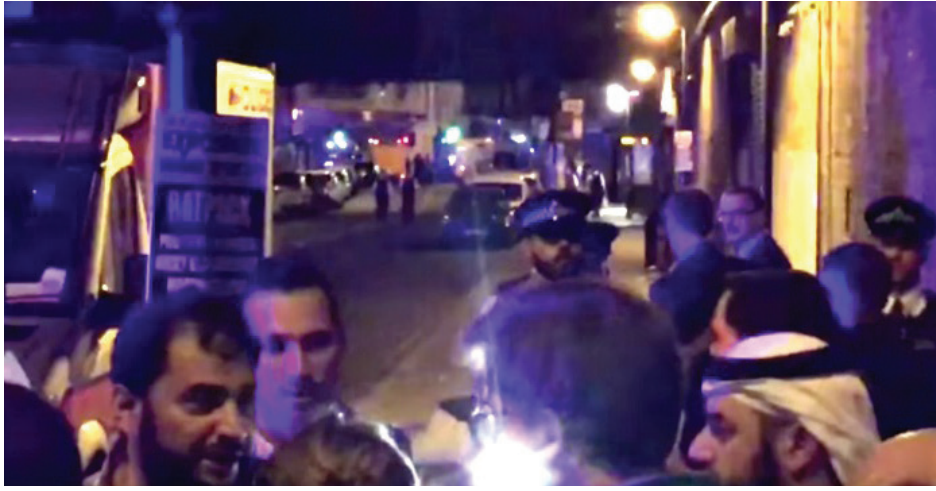
The bill also stipulates that in cases where citizenship or residency and work permits are revoked, the holders will also lose eligibility for benefits from the National Insurance Institute.

MK Robert Ilatov (Yisrael Beiteinu), who submitted the bill, said, "We will no longer allow the absurd [situation] in which terrorists and those who aid terrorism carry blue [Israeli] ID cards and enjoy the rights and benefits of citizens, while acting to annihilate us."

decide to pursue a new international legal campaign against Israel, its next step will be

to issue a recommendation to the UN General Assembly to refer the matter to the ICJ.

World News.



Police and worshippers outside the Muslim Welfare Center in North London. Photo: Screenshot.

UK Chief Rabbi Leads Jewish Condemnation of Terror Attack on London Muslims

BY BEN COHEN

British Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis led UK Jewish community leaders in expressing condemnation of the terror attack against a Muslim community center in North London on Sunday night.

One person was killed and 10 people were injured by a van driven into a crowd of Muslim worshippers who were assembled outside of the Muslim Welfare Center in Finsbury Park shortly after midnight, in what appeared to be a copycat attack following recent Islamist terror outrages in London. Police in London said the driver of the vehicle was a 48-year-old white man who was taken into custody and the incident was being treated as a "terrorist attack."

Witnesses at the scene reported that the man had shouted, "I'm going to kill Muslims."

In a statement issued shortly after he hosted an interfaith "Iftar" meal to break the Ramadan fast at his home, Rabbi Mirvis said, "It is heartbreaking to hear of yet another deadly attack on the streets of London, this time targeting Muslims who had been at prayer."

"This is a painful illustration of why we must never allow hatred to breed hatred," the chief rabbi continued. "It creates a downward spiral of violence and terror with only further death and greater destruction."

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Strength

Jerusalem and Washington can now work together, unconstrained by Obama's hostility to Israel, to advance both countries' missile-defense capabilities — which they will need against the worldwide threat of nuclear proliferation. Israel's hard-won lesson from its wars is that both sound defenses and the possibility for meaningful negotiations with enemies come only when Israel is strong: militarily, politically and economically.

Most significantly, military strength for a global power like the United States does not sap economic growth, but encourages it. America's unique worldwide role since 1945 has been to sustain international peace and security, thereby holding the ring for massive increases in international trade, investment, communications and travel.

Israel has just concluded joyous celebra-

"As ever our thoughts and prayers are with those affected and may each of us resolve to respond to this latest tragedy with the same compassion and determination not to be divided, which has defined our society over recent months," Mirvis concluded.

Jonathan Arkush — president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews — also condemned the attack. "The way forward is to strengthen the moderate majority and repudiate and marginalize extremism of every type," Arkush said. "Hatred of people because of their religion has no place in our society."

Israeli Ambassador to the UK Mark Regev added his voice on Twitter, describing the assault as a "vile terror attack."

From New York, World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder denounced "the abhorrent and vicious attack carried out against innocent people gathered to worship during the holy month of Ramadan."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families, and we stand together with the people of London in confronting another horrible act of terror," Lauder said in a statement.

British Prime Minister Theresa May called the Finsbury Park attack "every bit as sickening" as the Islamist attacks of recent weeks.

tions of the Six-Day War's 50th anniversary, and particularly Jerusalem's reunification under Israeli control. Donald Trump's recent visit to Israel and his historic visit to the Western Wall, the first by a sitting American president, dramatically underline the permanence of Israel's achievement.

Israel can rightly take pride in its victories in 1967 and 1973. America should celebrate with Israel and return to the doctrine of "peace through strength" that Winston Churchill and Ronald Reagan, two of Israel's greatest Western friends, understood so well.

John Bolton, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, was the US permanent representative to the United Nations and, previously, the undersecretary of State for arms control and international security.

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together and sometimes separately, to the region and possibly many trips by Israeli and Palestinian negotiators to Washington D.C. or other locations as they pursue substantive talks," the White House said.

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Cautions

"To the extent that there is progress, there are likely to be many visits by both Mr. Kushner and Mr. Greenblatt, sometimes

Russia Could Target US Military Planes After Downing of Syrian Warplane

BY JNS.ORG

On the same day that Iran fired ground-to-ground ballistic missiles into eastern Syria, a US Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet fighter jet downed a Syrian SU-22 warplane, prompting Russia's Defense Ministry to announce its suspension of coordination with the US in Syrian "deconfliction zones."

According to reports, the Syrian plane was shot down near the village of Rasafah after it dropped bombs on positions of American-supported rebels. Syrian state media said the plane crashed, and the pilot is missing.

US Central Command officials said the Syrian plane was downed "in collective self-defense of Coalition-partnered forces." Before downing the Syrian plane, coalition forces contacted "its Russian counterparts by telephone via an established 'deconfliction line' to de-escalate the situation and stop the firing."

The Russian Defense Ministry said it viewed the incident as America's "deliberate failure to make good on its commitments" in deconfliction zones, warning it would, "view as targets any flying objects over Syria in the areas of the country where its air forces operate."

American officials maintain there is no

direct connection between the downing of the Syrian warplane and the Iranian missile strike on eastern Syria.

Earlier in June, an American F-15E downed an Iranian-made drone after it attacked American fighters in Syria.

Similar to the US, Israel also has an agreement with Russia to avoid conflicts over the skies of Syria. This mechanism was established between the two countries shortly after Russia began its involvement in Syria in late 2015. Israel periodically carries out airstrikes targeting the Lebanese terror group Hezbollah.



A US Marine Corps F-18 fighter jet. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

IFCJ, Chabad Provide Food Aid to Needy Moroccan Muslim Families for Ramadan

BY JNS.ORG

In a sign of interfaith cooperation between the three Abrahamic faiths, the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (The Fellowship), partnering with a local Chabad chapter, Jeunesse Chabad Maroc, and the Mimouna Association, a Muslim student group, has begun a special Ramadan initiative to deliver food aid to needy Moroccan families.

The program, officially launched on Sunday with an interfaith dinner at the Slat al Azama Synagogue in the Jewish Quarter in Marrakech, will provide food packages to some 1,500 local Moroccan Muslim families as they celebrate the feast of Eid al-Fitr, marking the end of the Ramadan holy month.

"Now more than ever, it is so important that the great faiths of our forefather Abraham come together to try to make the world a better place," said Rabbi Yael Eckstein, senior vice president of The Fellowship.

"Since World War II, Morocco has set an example in this part of the world for its treat-

ment of Jewish citizens," he continued. "And today, it is our honor to stand with the people of Morocco, and show that we can overcome divisions and intolerance everywhere by building bridges of empathy and understanding and truly making a difference."

Each food package provided by The Fellowship, Chabad and Mimouna will contain traditional Ramadan foods, including dates, tea, lentils, chickpeas and other staples.



Food aid being delivered to needy Moroccan families. Photo: Kobi Yifrach.

"We will continue to communicate with the relevant constituencies throughout the region, to remind all that peace is possible and to demonstrate the many positive benefits that would arise from a successful negotiations (sic)," the statement concluded.

Trump and his close advisers have long held the view that the United States should play only a mediating role in any Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, with the parties themselves determining the subjects for discussion.

In a November 2016 interview with The Algemeiner on the eve of the presidential

election, David Friedman, who now serves as the US ambassador to Israel, said the goal of a Trump administration would be "to respect Israel as a partner, and not to unduly influence its decisions."

"The critical thing is to recognize that there is not going to be any progress on a Palestinian state until the Palestinians renounce violence and accept Israel as a Jewish state," Friedman said at the time. "Until that happens, there is really nothing to talk about in terms of a political process."

U.S. News.

San Francisco State University Hit by Lawsuit Brought by Students, Community Members Alleging 'Anti-Jewish Animus'

BY RACHEL FROMMER

San Francisco State University (SFSU) was hit by a lawsuit on Monday brought by students and local community members accusing the school of "an extremely disturbing and consistent pattern of anti-Jewish animus."

Claiming that SFSU has allowed a "hostile environment" toward Jews since at least 1968, when the social justice-focused College of Ethnic Studies was established, the plaintiffs said that the situation "has only gotten worse over time" and that "SFSU and its administrators have knowingly fostered this."

The plaintiffs include two current students, one recent graduate and three members of the local Jewish community, represented in part by attorneys from the Lawfare Project, a



San Francisco State University. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

pro-Israel legal think tank.

All of the plaintiffs attended the April 2016 lecture by Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat, which was dramatically disrupted by students, including members of the SFSU student group General Union of Palestine Students (GUPS), who allegedly made "incessant threats and amplified chants," including shouting, "Get the f*** off our campus!" and "Intifada!"

Nearly a year later, Barkat backed out of a hastily scheduled lecture at the campus — supposedly meant to make up

Palestinians Pilgrims May Fly Direct From Israel to Saudi Arabia

BY JNS.ORG

The United States, Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Saudi Arabia and Jordan have agreed in secret negotiations to coordinate the first flight of Palestinian pilgrims to Saudi Arabia from Israel's Ben-Gurion International Airport, Yedioth Ahronoth reported on Sunday.

The new route, which would enable Palestinian pilgrims to travel directly to the holiest Islamic sites in Mecca and Medina during Ramadan, was pushed by US President Donald Trump after his visit to Saudi Arabia and Israel in May, according to reports.

The flight would have a brief layover in Jordan before arriving in Riyadh. It would be the first-ever connecting flight between the countries, following Trump's direct flight in May from Riyadh to Tel Aviv aboard Air Force One.

A senior Israeli source said negotiations to open the route were in advanced stages, and the flights would be run by a foreign company, not an Israeli or Saudi airline.



Ben-Gurion International Airport. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

for the previous spring's disaster — saying that the school had treated him with disrespect in its disorganized planning of the program.

In the suit, SFSU President Leslie Wong was repeatedly called out for his treatment of the Jewish student community, including his continuous support for GUPS, like his April 2015 comments of "personal congratulations to the student leadership of GUPS" at a gathering of the group. Wong said GUPS had "helped me when I have to tell other community groups to mind their own business. GUPS is the very purpose of this great university."

Wong made these remarks soon after GUPS members and its then-president were found to be threatening Jews on campus online and in person.

Other examples of the "racially hostile" SFSU culture brought by the plaintiffs include Hillel being allegedly "intentionally and

surreptitiously barred" from a campus fair earlier this year, and the highly controversial ongoing memorandum of understanding that SFSU has shared with the Palestinian An-Najah National University since 2014.

The plaintiffs claim SFSU has allowed a "dangerous assault on First Amendment rights" to take place.

"Jews are at best ignored, but more often ostracized in every corner of the university community," the plaintiffs wrote. "While other groups are able to host events, obtain permits and participate in 'tabling' at student fairs, Jewish groups are customarily forced to fight for these basic rights as tuition-paying students, no matter how hard they work to follow processes correctly and avoid controversy."

The plaintiffs also noted that SFSU was placed #10 on The Algemeiner's 2016 list of "Worst Colleges for Jewish Students."

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Opinion.

A Righteous Israel Must Bomb Assad's Crematoria



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For more than six years now, Syrian President Bashar Assad has waged a vicious war against his own people.

So far, nearly half-a-million people have been killed. And according to the Syrian Network for Human Rights, at least 207,000 of those were civilians — including 23,000 women and 24,000 children. Ninety-four percent of those civilians were killed by Syria, Iran and Russia. Then there are the 117,000 people who have been detained by Assad — or who have “disappeared.”

These are the grim statistics of Assad's blood-drenched campaign of self-preservation in Syria.

The details of this slaughter are just as disturbing. Assad has launched rockets against civilian centers, used heavy artillery to attack medical centers, besieged and starved entire neighborhoods, dropped exploding kegs of gasoline on noncombatants and used lethal nerve gas against women and children.

That a man can be allowed to wreak this kind of destruction upon the very people that he is supposed to protect stains the reputation of our entire generation.

Nevertheless, Israel has chosen to stay out of the conflict. Although the Jewish state has offered humanitarian assistance

— providing medical care to the wounded — it has not taken steps to end the slaughter, presumably because doing so would introduce too many risks to a nation that does not lack them. Israel simply does not have the military bandwidth to end a conflict of this scope, without drawing on the resources that ensure its own security.

In addition, any military action taken by Israel to end the slaughter would likely be interpreted by its enemies as a hostile, rather than humanitarian, act.

And so, Israel has stayed its hand.

Now, however, the time has come to act.

Last month, the US State Department released satellite imagery of Assad's notorious Saydnaya Detention Center, where thousands of people have died of starvation, torture and summary execution. The photos, however, revealed something that — despite the towering bar of cruelty set by Assad — was still shocking. There, on the southern side of the prison complex, was a fully-functioning crematoria.

A crematoria, operating just 140 miles from the Jewish state, in the year 2017, is an abomination.

Assad has, apparently, taken his genocidal ambitions to a whole new level. We now have concrete evidence that he has built ovens to incinerate the corpses of his victims, erasing any trace that they so much as lived.

Like the Nazis before them, the the Assad regime murderers seek to destroy evidence of mass murder and thereby evade justice. Indeed, they seem to believe that they can simply burn the evidence of our century's



Children in Aleppo, Syria. Photo: UN.

greatest crime.

That crematoria could exist more than 70 years after the Holocaust is an affront to the Jewish people and a disgrace to all mankind. More importantly, it is something that we Jews cannot tolerate.

These crematoria must be destroyed. Israel should take the lead.

Israel has already risen as a global leader in business, hi-tech, agriculture, water-technologies and the arts. But the leadership Israel should truly seek is its commitment to humankind's most cherish values — chief among which is the sacredness of human life.

Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people. We are the people of the book; we are known first and foremost for the morals and values that we bequeathed mankind. We taught the world the Ten Commandments. We carried God's message, “Thou shalt not murder.” It is our Torah that proclaims, “Thou shalt not stand idly by the blood of thy neighbor.” It was we who announced that “in the image of God was mankind created.”

And then — when we suffered the

greatest slaughter in the history of all mankind — we declared to the world, “Never Again.”

So how can we stand idly by as innocent people are turned into ashes? Especially when those ashes float in the skies over Israel.

If we do not take the lead in sanctifying human life, how can we expect others to follow?

And we have no excuse. To bomb the crematoria would not require an Israeli invasion, or risk Israel being drawn into a wider war. It could be accomplished with a surgical strike — a strike that would echo with sacred symbolism, and give meaning to everything that we as a people hold dear.

At this most critical moment, Israel must take the global lead and destroy these blatant symbols of Nazi inhumanity.

In a speech in July 1944 — as the question of bombing the Auschwitz death camp was being debated and ultimately dismissed the Allies — David Ben-Gurion posed a question to West: “If instead of Jews, thousands of English, American or Russian women, children, and aged had been tortured every day, burned to death, asphyxiated in gas chambers — would you have acted in the same way?”

If this is what we demanded of our allies, we must surely demand it of ourselves.

My children who live in Israel recently organized a protest outside the Knesset demanding that Israel utilize its military might to destroy the Syria crematoria in the name of Jewish decency and Jewish values. Another protest is planned soon. I hope you will all join a growing movement to make Israel not only a technology superpower, but a light unto the nations.

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Big Data Is Preparing the IDF for 21st Century Combat

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In the not too distant future, an Israel Defense Forces (IDF) battalion commander may stare out at the urban sprawl of a Gazan neighborhood. As the commander surveys the residential buildings, the locations of enemy gunmen hiding in apartments will be visible, marked in red by the augmented reality (AR) military glasses that he or she is wearing.

On the third floor of a building, the commander will see a hostile combatant crouching and pointing a shoulder-fired missile. On the fifth floor, he or she will know that two snipers are lying in wait, and that behind the building there are enemy mortar launchers.

The battalion commander will pass on the coordinates of these threats to Israeli Air Force aircraft hovering overhead, and they will promptly destroy the targets.

The commander may receive an incoming alert message on a piece of eye wear; a terrorist cell is spotted moving in his or her direction from the Gazan coastline. With the push of a button on the screen of

a tablet-like device, the commander could order an Israeli Navy missile ship — waiting in the sea, tens of miles away — to launch a precision strike on the target.

And then the commander will lead his or her soldiers forward.

This is a fictional scenario today, but it could become reality soon, thanks to the high-tech revolution of the IDF's network-centered warfare (NCW).

The technology used in the above scenario will allow the IDF to adapt to 21st century Mideast warfare, where enemies appear and vanish in very little time, often in urban settings. This new environment is a far cry from the organized state militaries that the IDF faced in the 20th century.

Maj. Assaf Ovadia, head of the IDF's Combined Operations Department, confirmed to JNS.org that several technological breakthroughs have recently occurred, paving the path for the formation of a digital military network that will significantly enhance the IDF's capabilities.

“The world is changing very quickly, both in the civilian and military spheres. So are the threats we are dealing with,” Ovadia said. “Our ability to handle big data means we can bring information very rapidly to the end user in the field. We are adding new abilities all of the time.”

For now, this means that all three IDF

branches — the army, navy and air force — are linked in a unified command and control network. A fourth member of the network is the IDF's Military Intelligence Directorate, which provides critical information in real time to field units conducting operations.

Learning from the past

Following important combat lessons learned from the 2006 Second Lebanon War, the IDF's C4I Branch (which stands for Computers, Communications, Command and Control) set up the revolutionary Network IDF, which allows all the military branches to share the same data infrastructure.

In the past, each IDF branch had its own system for managing operations, which was ineffective and delayed the transit of critical, real-time information.

“Now, nothing is transferred because everyone is sitting on the same infrastructure. Each one is contributing to the common picture, in line with their missions,” Ovadia explained.

Network IDF was launched as a concept in 2014, and quickly began changing the way that Israeli forces fight in battle.

During the 2014 conflict with Hamas, a terrorist naval commando cell from Gaza swam north in the Mediterranean Sea and landed on Zikim beach on Israel's southern coastline. What happened next represented “the first sparks” of the network, Ovadia said.

“An observations soldier saw suspicious activity on the beach. She transmitted data in real time to ground and air units. Then a dialogue began between a tank commander and the air force. The units coordinated their firepower against the targets,” he recalled.

Securing the data

The biggest challenge with the new system is securing the network against breach attempts, which could become a source of vulnerability for the IDF. Since the system's



An IDF soldier looks into southern Syria from the Israeli side of the border. Photo: IDF via Wikimedia Commons.

inception, the IDF has worked to secure the network so that data can be shared safely with end users in the field.

In 2015, Network IDF was declared fully operational, and today it continues to evolve.

For the network to be truly effective, Ovadia said, it's necessary to analyze the raw data, and turn it into useful knowledge. And the intelligence must be sent only to those who would directly benefit from it.

“We don't want a company commander to receive all [the information] Military Intelligence has. Similarly, a tank commander is only interested in the ten kilometers in front of him.” Higher ranking officers have access to far more data.

In today's IDF, every end user, whether a tank commander or a senior officer in the general staff, has access to a command and control system, which includes a screen. Future plans include making these capabilities more automatic. And augmented reality is already being used in training.

“We are dealing with augmented reality a lot. We are on the way to it,” Ovadia said. “In the future, we won't want an observations soldier to merely say what she sees. We want the commander in the field to see what she sees.”

Opinion.

Einstein TV Show Distorts Jewish Refugee Issue

The US Embassy in Israel – to Move or Not to Move?



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Albert Einstein was one of the greatest scientists of all time. His contributions to physics revolutionized our understanding of the universe. A current television series based on his life is appropriately titled *Genius*. But did Einstein also help facilitate a mass rescue of Jews from Germany?

That was the surprising — and profoundly misleading — claim made in last week's episode of *Genius*, the Ron Howard-produced series, which is being shown on the National Geographic channel.

Last week's episode (#8) depicted how in late 1932, as the Nazis were rising to power in Germany, Einstein applied for a visa to the United States. An American consul in Berlin, Raymond Geist, was shown asking Einstein to sign an affidavit that he was not a member of the Communist Party. In the final scene of the episode, Einstein tells Geist that he will sign it, but adds: "But promise me [that] Elsa and I will not be the only Jews you help find their way to America's shores."

Then the following statement appeared on the screen, before the credits began to roll: "From 1933 to 1939, United States Consul General Raymond Geist helped issue life saving visas for more than 50,000 German Jews."

Viewers were left with the impression that Geist was responsible for rescuing tens of thousands of Jews from the Nazis, perhaps because his conscience was prodded by Einstein's remark.

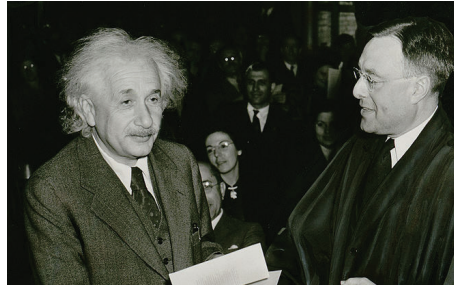
It's not clear where the writers of *Genius* came up with that information, since television shows don't have footnotes. Certainly nothing resembling the Geist-as-rescuer claim appears in the book on which the series is based, Einstein: His Life and Universe, by Walter Isaacson. Nor can it be found in Fred Jerome's *The Einstein File: J. Edgar Hoover's War Against the World's Most Famous Scientist*, upon which Isaacson's version of the incident is partly based. (In fact, Jerome contends that Einstein never signed the affidavit at all.)

But whatever the source for the *Genius* team's claim about Geist, it's misleading in the extreme.

A total of 77,751 German nationals — approximately 70,000 of whom were Jews — immigrated to the United States between 1933 and 1939. But more than twice that number — 184,525, to be exact — could have been admitted, per the US immigration quota for Germans that was in force at the time. In other words, the German quota for that period was only 42% filled. As for the other 58% who were turned away — well, tough luck.

Of the twelve years that Franklin D. Roosevelt was president, the German quota was filled in just one of those years (1939). In most of that time period, it was less than 25% filled. The policy of the Roosevelt administration — implemented by Geist and his fellow-consular officials in Germany — was to suppress Jewish refugee immigration far below the legal limits. They did this by piling on extra requirements to qualify for visas, and by looking for every conceivable way to reject applicants.

Some refugees were turned away because they only had a *ketubah* (the traditional Jewish marriage certificate), rather than a civil marriage certificate, which the US consuls refused to recognize as valid (thus



Albert Einstein receiving from Judge Phillip Forman his certificate of American citizenship.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

rendering the couple's children "illegitimate").

Many German Jewish students who were admitted to American colleges were denied visas because the consuls claimed that it might not be safe enough for them to return to Germany later. Talk about a Catch-22; they needed to leave Germany because it was not safe, but they could not go to America because it would be unsafe for them to go back to Germany.

The American consul general in Berlin even told his colleagues that German Jews' hostility to the German government was only temporary, and therefore their deep-seated loyalty to Germany could disqualify them from visas to the United States.

Einstein soon became aware of these policies, and protested vigorously. In one appeal to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, he charged that the Roosevelt administration's attitude "makes it all but impossible to give refuge in America to many worthy persons who are the victims of Fascist cruelty in Europe. ... The method which is being used [by US consular officials] is to make immigration impossible by erecting a wall of bureaucratic measures."

Contrary to the impression created by *Genius*, Einstein's remark to Geist did not cause him to start bending rules for visa applicants. In fact, Geist at one point specifically advised his colleagues against greater leniency toward refugees, on the grounds that it would result in "undesirable persons" entering the United States.

Moreover, Geist himself rejected visas for students to attend institutions such as Dropsie College and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, because they could not prove that they would return to Nazi Germany later. And Jewish leaders in the German city of Dresden complained to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in 1939 about what they called Geist's "onerous behavior" in assessing visa applicants.

There is evidence that Geist was somewhat more critical of the Nazis, and more willing to privately acknowledge the suffering of the Jews, than some of his colleagues. He also assisted some US citizens who were detained by the Nazis (which is exactly the kind of thing that American consuls do, of course). But he still actively enforced the Roosevelt administration's harsh policy of suppressing Jewish refugee immigration far below what US quota laws allowed. The fact that a minority of the applicants managed to get through the maze of obstacles that Geist and his colleagues created hardly makes Geist their rescuer.

Genius is an immensely interesting, entertaining and educational series. But its misrepresentation of America's refugee policy can only diminish its educational value.

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The United States Embassy to Israel has been located in Tel Aviv since the 1940s. But now, in 2017, the address of the embassy has become the center of a contentious political discussion, both in and around Israel.

Why? Well, as the saying goes, it's complicated. But the shortest possible version of the ongoing debate goes like this:

As a presidential candidate, Donald Trump promised to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. As president, he has decided to at least delay the move, and has signed a waiver stating that the embassy will not be moved from Tel Aviv for six months.

The White House statement reads:

While President Donald J. Trump signed the waiver under the Jerusalem Embassy Act and delayed moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, no one should consider this step to be in any way a retreat from the president's strong support for Israel and for the United States-Israel alliance. President Trump made this decision to maximize the chances of successfully negotiating a deal between Israel and the Palestinians, fulfilling his solemn obligation to defend America's national security interests. But, as he has repeatedly stated his intention to move the embassy, the question is not if that move happens, but only when.

It may yet happen, but nothing is certain.

But since there's time to spare, perhaps Trump, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Ambassador David Friedman should take a long, hard look at some of the present US government employees, both at the US Embassy in Tel Aviv and the American Consulate in Jerusalem.

Although Israel regards Jerusalem as its capital, the United States doesn't agree — at least not officially. Neither do any of the other 85 countries with embassies in Israel, all of which are located in Tel Aviv. Nine countries have consulates in Jerusalem, and these primarily serve the West Bank (Judea and Samaria).

Of course, moving the US embassy is not a real estate deal, nor would it be simply a matter of transporting furniture and file cabinets a few miles up the road. It will be — if and when it happens — a statement that America recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state.

And that is a very hotly disputed issue.

Since many countries do not officially recognize Jerusalem as an Israeli city at all — refusing even to print the words "Jerusalem, Israel" on official documents — moving the US embassy is, to say the least, controversial.

This isn't altogether surprising, especially in light of a UNESCO pronouncement made last fall. The United Nations' notorious declaration — which was initially submitted by Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar and Sudan — officially claimed that the Temple Mount, the Western Wall and the Old City of Jerusalem are the "Cultural Heritage of Palestine."

This disavows Jerusalem's historical and religious connection with both Judaism and Christianity.

As I wrote for Fox News at the time:

Attempts to de-Judaize — and thus de-Christianize — Jerusalem and the rest of Israel seem to have begun in earnest in

2000 at Camp David, when Yasser Arafat famously informed President Bill Clinton that there was never a Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount. This latest UNESCO resolution is simply a continuation of that mythology.

Such falsehoods continue to flourish in large portions of the Muslim world.

Meanwhile, as far as the embassy move is concerned, Trump isn't the first candidate to make such a vow. Barack Obama, of course, never mentioned it. But both Bill Clinton and George W. Bush offered similar promises. And they both signed the waiver every six months, leaving the decision for some future president to worry about.

But Trump, who is well known for his self-declared expertise as a dealmaker, seems to have more in mind than the usual procrastinated promise to the Israelis. He has repeatedly spoken of a "deal" between the Israelis and Palestinians that will finally resolve the Middle East "peace process."

Some see the embassy issue as a tactic in Trump's deal-making scenario.

Trump's reiterating his promise to move the embassy also functions as a pressure tactic, said Hussein Ibish, a scholar at the Arab Gulf States Institute:

By signing the waiver, he avoids creating a problem. But by saying he still intends to move the embassy, he protects himself, protects Netanyahu, and is still holding out the threat to the Arabs and the Palestinians that look, there's still something on the other side, so cooperate with me.

There are numerous other shades of opinion. One of my friends, no stranger to diplomatic debates, firmly disagrees with Trump's decision. "The president would have had a far stronger negotiating position if he had moved the embassy. He made a bad decision."

An Israeli friend who works with high-level policy advisers told me that her colleagues are all disappointed. The move's not taking place "was indeed anticipated, but still a disappointment. More disappointing was how disconcerting it is to see President Trump employing 'linkage' — i.e. the idea that an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal is key to all other possible agreements."

Still another Israeli friend, journalist Ruthie Blum, summed up the disagreements like this:

Israelis who care about moving the embassy believe it will settle the issue of the US position on Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem — sealing its legitimacy.

Left-wing Israelis think Jerusalem should be divided anyway, and they don't want to antagonize the Palestinians.

And centrists think it shouldn't be a problem, since the embassy would be in West Jerusalem.

Along with specifically political concerns, there's also a very real possibility that violence — incited by Hamas or other radical Muslim groups — could erupt. The staging of an "uprising" or intifada would be their angry response to any official declaration of Israeli authority over Jerusalem.

In any case, as of today, the United States Embassy in Israel has not been moved. And its relocation is unlikely to take place before the six-month presidential waiver expires.

In the meantime, in my opinion, the anti-Israel attitude of some US government employees is more troubling than the US embassy's location.

In Israel, stories abound about the rude treatment of Israelis visiting the Tel Aviv

Impressions.

New Book Explores and Preserves Hasidic Musical Heritage

BY JACK RIEMER / JNS.org

You don't have to be a scholar of Jewish music to enjoy Velvel Pasternak's new book, *Behind the Music: Stories, Anecdotes, Articles & Reflections*. You just have to be someone who wants to learn about the adventures of the author — a man who has done more than anyone else in our time to discover, record and transmit the treasures of Hasidic music.

In the book, Velvel, as everyone calls him, tells wonderful stories about his experiences — stories that will make you laugh, but also help you understand what lies behind some of the songs that you think you already know.

How did Velvel get into the work of transcribing and recording Hasidic music? One day, one of the children of the Bobover Rebbe came home from school singing a niggun (tune). When his father asked him where the niggun came from, the child had no idea it was his grandfather's melody. That was the day when the Bobover Rebbe realized that his family's musical heritage needed to be recorded, or it would disappear. The job fell to Velvel.

Some of Velvel's stories are hilarious. Once, while recording a Hasidic song, a religious leader told him not to conduct the singers, since the Hasidim would sing with their eyes closed anyway; they were more concerned with expressing the melody's spiritual meaning than with paying attention to Velvel's conducting. The leader also told Velvel that the musicians he had hired to accompany the Hasidim would not be necessary, since the Hasidim would pay no attention to them. Velvel realized he was arguing with an irresistible force, and let the Hasidim sing without trying to conduct them. Then he dubbed in the musicians' playing after the Hasidim left. The recording came out fine.

Velvel's first album was a bestseller — much to his surprise, and to the Hasidim's surprise. He went on to publish many more albums, rescuing treasures of Hasidic music that might otherwise have disappeared.

My favorite story from the book relates to the Hasidim's request that Velvel's recordings be "autentic" (how the Hasidim pronounced authentic). Velvel had no idea what "autentic" meant. He gathered a crew of 15 professional cantors to be the choir. The first song he chose was "Siman Tov U'Mazel Tov," which is sung at many Jewish weddings. He dutifully transliterated it, using the Bobover dialect to please the rebbe, who had come along that night to make sure that the recording would be "autentic." But when the choir got to the words "yihai looney" — meaning "it will be to us" in English and more commonly pronounced by its Hebrew dialect, "yehei lanu" — they broke up in laughter and could not continue. They told the Bobover Rebbe that they could not sing "looney" without laughing.

The rebbe listened politely and said, "Let me tell you a story." He recounted how the cultural ambassador of the Ivory Coast once went to his counterpart, the cultural ambassador of Israel, and suggested a cultural exchange. The two nations could send each other their singers and dancers, but with one condition: The Ivory Coast's dancers would dance naked "from here to here," said the African nation's envoy, drawing a line from his shoulders to his waist. The Israeli ambassador was shocked, and refused.

The Israeli ambassador offered a compromise: "You can wear whatever you want in your own country. But when you land at the airport here, I will be there and I will give you shmattes (rags) that you can put on, and that you can wear while you are in my country."

The Need for Tolerance in Judaism

BY JEREMY ROSEN

I am returning to last week's subject of homosexuality in Judaism and the personal attacks on Rabbi Joseph Dweck, because the ramifications are still very troubling.

The illogical, political and personal attacks on Rabbi Dweck have led him to take a leave of absence from the Sephardi Beth Din in London. The Sephardi Beth Din is made up of several different constituencies. Most are unduly influenced by Ashkenazi pressure, and many are not as enlightened or open-minded as the Spanish and Portuguese Jewish community.

Let me start by explaining who the Spanish and Portuguese Jewish communities are, and why the views of Rabbi Dweck are so important in Jewish life.

The Spanish and Portuguese Jews (the S&P) trace their unique customs, liturgy and pronunciation to Jews who fled Iberia for Northern Europe and the New World some 500 years ago. They established their communities first in Amsterdam, where their original synagogue survives in all its glory to this day.

They then entered Britain illegally. Cromwell, despite his willingness and the arguments of Amsterdam's brilliant and enlightened Rabbi Manasseh Ben Israel, couldn't get Parliament to overturn Edward the First's ban on Jewish settlement. Antisemitism has a long and despicable history in the UK. But Cromwell turned a blind eye, and the Spanish and Portuguese Jews re-established the modern Jewish presence in London. Their first synagogue, Bevis Marks, was completed in 1701 — with beams, it is said, donated by Queen Ann herself. Other S&P synagogues soon opened up in the United States and North America.

But the original S&P membership has all but disappeared. For years now, they have drawn on other communities — Sephardi and even Ashkenazi — for their membership and religious leadership. Their present rabbi is an Ashkenazi, highly educated and open-minded, from the Soloveitchik family.

In London, the S&P was the power and the authority of the Anglo-Jewish community. In the 19th century, the influx of Ashkenazi Jews from Central and Eastern Europe changed the character of Anglo Jewry. Eventually, the Ashkenazis took over. The United Synagogue and its chief rabbinate became the decisive force in Anglo Jewry for the next hundred years. But slowly, the United Synagogue, like Israel's Chief Rabbinate, came under pressure from a different breed of Jews — more aggressive, expansionist and fundamentalist.



Bevis Marks Synagogue Photo: David Skinner via Flickr

Although UK mainstream Orthodoxy was never that strictly Orthodox, it prided itself on its inclusiveness and its tolerance. But as the haredi world grew, the Chief Rabbinate of the United Synagogue failed to stand up for its constituency. Its chief rabbis failed in their mission to preserve the island of open tolerance and moderation that had been established in Anglo-Jewish communities.

I have no problem with haredi rabbis running their own affairs. They should. It is when they interfere with others — when they try to bully those they disagree with, and they seek to change a community of a different tradition — that I say they have overstepped their mark, and should be put firmly back into place. Not only that, but the behavior of some of them invalidates their own Orthodoxy — because the calumnies that they have spread are clear violations of Jewish law.

Both the Sephardi and Ashkenazi worlds have their extremes and their varieties. I am not saying that one is right, and the other is wrong. There is a lot to be said for closed communities, just as there is for open ones. But both have their dangers. If I had to choose, I would choose the charedi world. I am simply arguing for variety, for choice — to let others live the way that they want to.

Within Jewish law, within its constitution, there is room for variety and civilized disagreement. There is a strict side and a lenient one. A rational side and a mystical one. Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Chasidic, Lithuanian; open and closed; nationalist and anti-nationalist. Each constituency is different. This is the glory of the Torah. Let us not demean it.

The S&P must stand firm as a bastion of Torah sanity and moderation. I congratulate them on their support for Rabbi Dweck. I hope they will continue to resist the fanatics, and that the Beth Din will have the good sense to ask Rabbi Dweck back. Anglo Jewry needs rabbis like him.

The Ivory Coast ambassador replied that if the dancers were to wear the shmattes, they might be able to dance well, but they would not be authentic.

Then the rebbe told the choir regarding their unwillingness to sing "yihai looney" in the Bobover pronunciation: "If you change the pronunciation of our song, it may sound nice to you, but believe me, it would not be authentic to us. And if the people of the Ivory Coast understand what is authentic, then you should too." That ended the discussion. The cantors sang "yihai looney," after all.

The book is full of such stories. It contains fascinating material on some of the songs whose origins you think you know, but don't. For example, do you

know why the French national anthem is sung at the grave of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai on Lag B'Omer? Do you know where Naomi Shemer got the idea for "Jerusalem of Gold?" Or where Naftali Herz Imber got the music for "Hatikvah," Israel's national anthem?

Behind the Music is enriched with some wonderful photographs, and tells readers where to find performances of every song that the author discusses. Even if you think you already know Jewish music, this book is worthwhile for the insights that it provides into the worlds of Hasidim, classic Jewish cantorial music and Yiddish theater. And perhaps most importantly, you'll get to know Velvel, the man who recorded a heritage and saved it for a new generation.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Winston Rose; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 26, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 6, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 664 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough & City of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, Block: 3840 Lot: 37. Approximate amount of judgment \$545,094.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6131/2013. Stuart Adler, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 25, 2017 46353
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-W4, Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 503003/2015 ANTONIS LIONAS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on 2/28/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 7/13/2017 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1510 East 33rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, in the State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 7694 and Lot 42. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$561,384.62 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 503003/2015. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Gregory LaSpina, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 5/17/2017 GNS
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY 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 FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-10; Plaintiff(s) vs. GEORGE MARSHALL; CHERRY SUTHERLAND; 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

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of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about February 15, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On July 13, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1015 E 84TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236 Block: 8036 Lot: 34 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 \$669,565.83 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 6326-13 David Hernandez, Esq., Referee
AJ; 6/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2008-1, Plaintiff, AGAINST JOSEPH MODICA, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly granted August 29, 2016 the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224, Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 13, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1739 RYDER STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234-4308 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York. Section 23, Block 7886 and Lot 23 Approximate amount of judgment \$836,750.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #501344/2013 MOSHE Z. MIRSKY, ESQ, Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747
AJ; 6/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-3XS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff AGAINST CAVIS PILGRIM, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 03, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on July 13, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 305 EAST 38TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4892, LOT 41. Approximate amount of judgment \$719,521.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 21745/2013. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 46256
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Delgar Transportation L.L.C. Articles of organization filed on 05 /19 /2017 With the secretary of State of New York(SSNY) Office location kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY Shall Mail copy of the process to the LLC C/O United states corporation agents Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC)Name: Garcia facade I LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 05/25/2017 . Office location Bronx county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to:Garcia Facade I LLC 271 E. Kingsbridge road #7E bronx, NY 10458 purpose: all lawful activity
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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 as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank, National Association as Trustee for WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-OA6 Trust., Plaintiff AGAINST Harjinder Singh Bhullar A/K/A Harjinder S. Bhullar A/K/A Harjinder Bhullar, his respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described herein, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/24/2017 and entered on 5/26/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 20, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 2133 East 71 Street Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 843L, LOT: 26. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,736,622.83 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 503963/2013. Aaron Tyk, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
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Notice of Qualification of GRAZER EQUIPMENT GROUP LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/01/17. Office location: Kings County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 05/30/17. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 630 Flushing Ave., Ste. 200, Brooklyn, NY 11206. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of DE, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19904. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Michael C. O'Neill, Cheryl O'Neill a/k/a Sheryl O'Neill, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/4/2017 and entered on 5/23/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 20, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1325 East 89th 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 and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8080, LOT: 30. Approximate amount of judgment is \$295,115.31 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 508088/2013. Elena Makau, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 6/16/23/30; 7/7/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Homes for life, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/13/2017 Office location: Richmond County SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall Mail copy of process to: Business filings Incorporated 187 Wolf Rd. Suite 101 Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: all lawful activity
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Notice of Formation of AMURA PARTNERS LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/6/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Business Filings Incorporated, 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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Notice of formation of Limited liability company(LLC) Name: AM Movers,LLC . Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/22/2017 . Office location: Bronx County .SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to the LLC 1200 Leland avenue Bronx, NY 10472 purpose : all lawful activity
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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SG Mortgage Securities Trust 2006-FRE2, Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FRE2, Plaintiff AGAINST Judith Chin a/k/a Judith Chin-Gooding a/k/a Judith C. Chin a/k/a Judith M. Chin-Gooding, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/24/2017 and entered on 5/11/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 27, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1585 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11213. 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: 1348, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment is \$869,694.40 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold

Tradition.

Moral Relativism and Ethical Inversion in Gaza



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I remember the day that I made a decision to invest my energies in spiritual rather than political activism. I was on an anti-apartheid march at the University of Witwatersrand, and as we emerged from the campus into Braamfontein, I noticed that some demonstrators had joined with a broad banner at the head of the procession. Painted in quick, broad strokes, it screamed "Zionism = Apartheid."

Since that moment, the thrust of my life has been to seek change through spiritual rather than political activism.

I think that all anti-Zionism has a spiritual root of antisemitism. But the moral relativism and ethical inversion that is rampant in the global perception about Israel is so widespread, so deep and so intense, that it strikes me as having extraordinary spiritual implications.

Someone I very much respect once videographed the Dalai Lama, and asked him for a message to the



A burning factory in Sderot that was hit by a rocket from Gaza in the war during the summer of 2014. Photo: Natan Flayer via Wikimedia Commons.

Israeli and Palestinian people. The summarized, distilled version of the Dalai Lama's message was this: "Regardless of your past history, the current reality is that you have to live side by side."

At first glance, these words seemed innocuous. But when I thought about them more, I realized that the Dalai Lama was taking no position on who was right, and who was wrong; he acknowledged the historical narratives of both people, and pointed no fingers at who was primarily to blame for the conflict.

I disagree. I believe that the need to acknowledge everyone's narrative as equally valid has stuck us in the muck of moral relativity, and worse — ethical inversion.

When Israel left Gaza in 2005 — it left. There is no longer any "occupation." American Jews even found a way to gift the Palestinians in Gaza with greenhouse irrigation

systems. Yet within a month, looters had stripped those greenhouses, and began destroying the conditions for peace.

Since the Gaza withdrawal, terrorists have fired more than 11,000 rockets into Israel — all of them targeting civilians. Hamas' terror tunnels cost hundreds of millions of dollars to build, yet Hamas builds them instead of helping its people. Hamas has also used schools, hospitals, mosques and homes as weapons caches and launching pits for missiles. And to ensure that those terror tunnels and missile launchpads are filled to the brim with eager terrorists, the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Hamas have indoctrinated their children to hate and kill Israelis; they've also given them the weapons training to do it.

And it's not only the Israelis who have noted the immoral and (according to international law) illegal use of missiles by Hamas. Ibrahim Khraishi, the Palestinian representative to the UN Human Rights Council acknowledged that, "The missiles that are now being launched against Israel, each and every missile constitutes a crime against humanity." Hamas also encourages the Arab residents of the Gaza Strip to become victims of Israeli self defense actions, and then gleefully uses the tragedy to its advantage, issuing social media guidelines that dead terrorists should always be referred to as "innocent civilians." In the words of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: "We use missile defense to protect people. They use people to protect missiles."

Yet throughout the decades-long conflict, Israel has always adhered to international law. Prior to bombing, Israel's military has prewarned Gazan residents by dropping leaflets, via direct telephone calls, and with roof knocking.

To boot, even during the current hostilities, Israel allows foodstuffs, medical supplies and more into Gaza, and continues to provide Gaza with electricity — even though Gaza alone owes the Israel Electric Corporation NIS 220 million, \$64.15 million (which is just a fraction of the staggering NIS 1.5 billion, \$437.38 million, of unpaid Palestinian debt.)

In the words of former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee: "Not one of the Palestinians would have died if Hamas didn't insist on firing rockets into Israel and then using civilians as human shields. ... I'm not saying this because I'm a Jew. ... I'm not a Jew. I believe there's a difference however between good and evil. And I would never tell good to restrain itself. Nor would I ever treat evil as if it were the same as good."

Huckabee is a far cry from the Dalai Lama. But sometimes we must take a position on who is right, and who is wrong. We shouldn't always point fingers at who is to blame, but what is one to do when confronted with facts like these? How do you live side-by-side with millions of people who want you dead?

As much as Huckabee's musings seem hostile, there is not a moral equivalence between the two stances that pave a path to peace.

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Embassy, applying for US visas. Too often, little or no effort is made to accommodate their specific needs. Even urgent concerns can be dismissed with chilly finality.

And the US Jerusalem Consulate is notoriously worse. On several occasions, I've watched with dismay as Jewish Americans — often young parents with babies and toddlers — are treated with cold indifference by the almost entirely non-Jewish staff. And the more religiously attired the American Jews are, the less warmly they are welcomed.

A similarly arrogant attitude was exposed just days before Trump's visit to Jerusalem in May. Haaretz reported that when a staffer from Prime Minister's Benjamin Netanyahu's office (PMO) asked the president's advance team how they could help prepare for Trump's visit to the Western Wall:

Diplomats from the American consulate in Jerusalem ... asserted that the Western Wall is part of the West Bank, implying that Israel has no sovereignty over the site. The PMO employees responded furiously, terming the diplomats' statements unacceptable.

The reality is that the Jerusalem Consulate perceives itself simply as an outreach to the Palestinians in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. Its Facebook page is worded in Arabic and English only — not in Hebrew.

At the same time, it is the only US consulate in the world (apart from Hong Kong) that does not operate under the authority of the US embassy.

Since the 1940s, the American Consulate in Jerusalem has reported directly to the US State Department.

In 1940, before Israel was declared a state, the "American ambassador in Tel Aviv [James McDonald] ... tried to give orders to the consul general in Jerusalem, but the consul general would have none of it. The consulate insisted on reporting directly to the State Department rather than through an embassy, and continues to do so today."

Historically, the State Department has had Arabist leanings, and has at times been clearly anti-Israel. The US Consulate in Jerusalem mirrors those perspectives.

It is certainly true that moving the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem would send a clear message to the world: America recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's undisputed capital.

But meanwhile, why not move the anti-Israel bureaucrats out of the US Embassy in Tel Aviv and the

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US Consulate in Jerusalem?

In the long run, that might prove to be almost as beneficial as changing the embassy's address.

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subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 507999/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff AGAINST Tyrelle Johnson a/k/a Tyrelle K. Johnson; Andrew Adams; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 24, 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 July 27, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 10 Pleasant Place, 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 1568 Lot 31. Approximate amount of judgment \$418,417.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 505826/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 24, 2017 46228 AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Application for Authority of CONCARLO HOLDINGS, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/16. The LLC was formed in DE 6/24/10. Office loc.: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. The required office address to be maintained in DE is 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808-1645. Cert. of formation filed with Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/21/28

LEGAL NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT 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 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 29, 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, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 8181, LOT 45. Approximate amount of judgment

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\$482,776.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511091/2014. The above mentioned sale was originally scheduled for June 8, 2017 at 2:30 PM. The new sale date is June 29, 2017 at 2:30 PM. DORON AVIRAM LEIBY, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 46707 AJ; 6/23/

A Notice of Formation of 365 Happy Realty LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/25/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 618 54 St, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: any lawful activity. AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/21/28

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff -against- Rockie Ojomu-Kayoes a/k/a R. Ojomu Kayoes, City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, Leroy Williams Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated April 25, 2017 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 July 27, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1050 East 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. 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: 8037 Lot: 172 Approximate amount of lien \$731,132.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 505895/2015 Joel E. Abramson, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: June 15, 2017 FILE #: BAYVIEW 68274 AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/21/28

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. ANDREA DANCE A/K/A ANDREA L. DANCE; LINDA GREEN; 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 Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On July 27, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1099 STANLEY AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208 Block: 04506 Lot: 0031 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 \$927,403.41 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 511630/2014 Jeffrey Miller, Esq., Referee AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/

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Ben Kingsley. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

British Actor Ben Kingsley Set to Play Nazi War Criminal Adolf Eichmann in New Movie

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

British actor Ben Kingsley has been cast to play notorious Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in the upcoming thriller "Operation Finale," Variety reported on Friday.

The film is about the capture of Eichmann, who was a major organizer of the Holocaust and arranged the transport of European Jews to concentration camps. After World War II, he escaped to Argentina, where he

was captured in 1960 by Israel's Mossad intelligence agency. He was found guilty of war crimes by an Israeli court and hanged in 1962 at the age of 56.

"Operation Finale" will begin filming this fall in Argentina and actor Oscar Isaac will play Mossad agent Peter Malkin, who led a group of Israeli spies searching for Eichmann, according to Variety.

Kingsley previously starred in the movie "Schindler's List" and several other Holocaust-related films.

International Jewish Athletes 'Return' to Jerusalem for 20th Maccabiah Games

BY ADAM ABRAMS/
JNS.ORG

During the 20th Maccabiah Games next month, approximately 7,000 Jewish athletes from 80 countries will descend upon the Holy Land to join 2,500 Israeli athletes in the Olympic-style competition.

Held every four years, the Jewish multi-sport competition is the world's third-largest sporting event. This year, from July 4 to 18, the Maccabiah Games will have the added significance of coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the reunification of this year's host city: Jerusalem.

"Fifty years after unification, we have finally returned the Maccabiah to its rightful place, Jerusalem — the capital of Israel," Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat told reporters last week.

Tamir Goodman, an entrepreneur and motivational speaker who gained fame during his high school basketball career when Sports Illustrated nicknamed him the "Jewish Jordan," noted that some of the most successful Jewish athletes are "deeply rooted" in their spiritual connection to Judaism, or their connection to Israel.

Goodman, who in his playing days was known for balancing a busy secular game schedule with his observance of Orthodox rituals, was given the honor of lighting the torch at the opening ceremonies of the 2001 Maccabiah Games in Atlanta.

"It's very exciting that this year's athletes will be able to showcase their skills in Jerusalem, especially now during the 50th reunification year," Goodman told JNS.org. "Hopefully the experience will further their connection to Israel, their Jewish identity, and also enhance their skill level."

Basketball player and coach Larry Brown, swimmers Jason Lezak and Mark Spitz, and gymnast Mitch Gaylord are among the many Jewish athletes who have competed in the Maccabiah Games before going on to achieve fame in the broader international sports arena.

A mix of modern-day Israeli and international Jewish sports stars will compete in the 2017 games, and participate in the opening ceremonies. These include Israeli Olympic judo bronze medalists Ori Sasson and Yarden Gerbi, Israeli Paralympics rower Moran Samuel, Israeli rhythmic gymnast Neta Rivkin, Israeli NBA star Omri Casspi, American Olympic gold medalist swimmer Anthony Ervin and French Olympic gold medalist swimmer Fabien Gilot.

Commenting on the significance of Diaspora Jews' participation in the Maccabiah Games, Jeffrey Gurock, a professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva University, told JNS.org, "In the 1930s, when the Jews were vulnerable, the Maccabiah provided an opportunity for Jewish athletes to project strength and pride to the world."

"Today it is no less important for American Jewish sportspeople to affirm, through participation



Team Australia during a past Maccabiah Games.
Photo: Arsen Ostrovsky / Tazpit News Agency.

in these games, their solidarity with a strong Israel, ... as the Jewish state faces foes in so many world arenas," Gurock added.

During the 2017 games, contestants will compete in 43 different sports in the categories of Youth, Open, Masters and Paralympics. Some 3,000 athletes will participate in 14 sports at Jerusalem's Pais Arena and other venues in the city. Additional competitions will be held at 68 sports complexes throughout Israel.

Soccer is the largest sport in the Maccabiah Games, with more than 1,400 athletes from 20 countries participating. In addition to the athletes, as many as 20,000 international fans are expected to attend the games, injecting around \$100 million into Israel's economy.

"I am ecstatic that on the 50th year of the unification of Jerusalem, we are opening the biggest Maccabiah yet," Amir Peled, chairman of the Maccabiah Games, told JNS.org. "The Maccabiah is the essence of the values I believe in: Zionism, Judaism, brotherhood, peoplehood and sports. The Maccabiah is the one place that Jews from all over the world can come together and bond, and there's no better place to do so than Jerusalem."

Yossi Sharabi, director general of the Israeli Ministry of Culture and Sport, said that the athletic competition "strengthens the connection between the Jewish communities around the world."

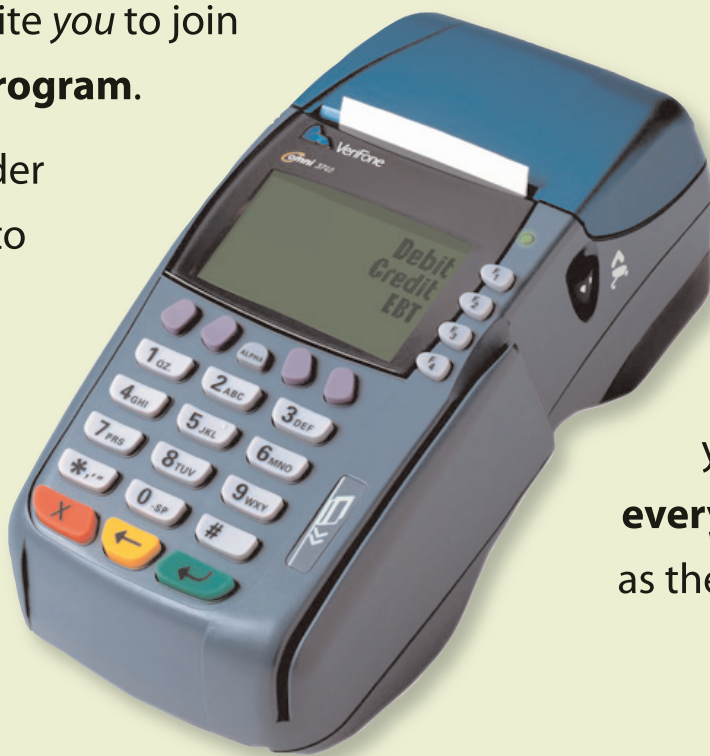
He told JNS.org, "It is only natural that in the 50th year of the reunification of Jerusalem, a significant milestone for the Jews of the world wherever they are, [that] the celebrations will be united and will take place in the city of Jerusalem."

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All you need to do in order to enter the program is to refer us to any business that currently accepts credit cards — tell them to expect a phone call from Tribul Merchant Services.



We keep it simple: Leave it to us to take care of all the necessary paperwork and details.

For each approved application you will receive a check from us for \$180.

We will also send you a residual check **every month** for as long as the account processes with Tribul.

**Earn a monthly residual,
PLUS \$180 for every
approved referral**

**Over \$1,000,000 paid out
in less than 3 years via the
Charity Ventures Program**



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