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Trump Aide Jason Greenblatt Arrives in Israel to Continue Peace Push



Jason Greenblatt with PM Benjamin Netanyahu. Photo: US Embassy in Tel Aviv.

BY JNS.ORG

President Donald Trump's international negotiations representative, Jason Greenblatt, arrived in Israel on Sunday night to discuss the next phase in renewed US-led peace efforts in the region. The trip is Greenblatt's sixth visit to Israel in six months.

Greenblatt is meeting with US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas during this week's trip.

In June, Greenblatt and Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, traveled to both

Jerusalem and Ramallah to meet separately with Netanyahu and Abbas. The June meeting reportedly became tense over the issue of the PA's payments to terrorists and their families.

It is anticipated that in the coming weeks the Trump administration will outline the next steps of a US-led peace effort.

Journalist Who Broke Story of Jews Barred From 'Dyke March' Removed From Duties

BY BEN COHEN

An award-winning journalist who broke the story of the group of Jewish women ejected from an LGBTQ march in Chicago last month has been reassigned to non-journalistic duties at the paper which ran the original report, the *Windy City Times*.

Gretchen Rachel Hammond, whose June 24 story caused a national storm after she detailed how three women flying Jewish Pride flags embossed with the Star of David



Chicago reporter Gretchen Rachel Hammond (left) pictured after donating her kidney to reader Elvie Jordan (right). Photo: Gretchen Rachel Hammond.

were instructed to leave the gathering by organizers from the Dyke March Collective, confirmed to *The Algemeiner* on Monday that while she was still employed by the paper, she was not presently engaged in its reporting and writing operations.

"At this time, I have not been fired from *Windy City Times*, but I have been transferred to working full time for the sales department," Hammond explained in an emailed statement. "The reasoning is an internal matter and I have been instructed not to comment about it even to close

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Opinion.

The Joy of Israel and India, Together at Last



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Eight months ago, after assisting in the passage of a United Nations Security Council resolution that blamed Israel for the impasse with the Palestinians, then-Secretary of State John Kerry warned Israel that it faced international isolation over its West Bank settlement policy. Apparently, Modi, the leader of a nation of 1.3 billion people that includes the world's largest Muslim minority, wasn't listening.

Though Modi's embrace of Israel represents an enormous shift in policy terms, one can argue that it's also the maturation of an emotional bond between Jews and Indians that goes back centuries. Only 5,000 Jews, a microscopic percentage of the population, live in India now, but they have been a consistent presence in that vast country since the original community, the Bene Israel, emerged there during the first millennium. The last set of immigrants, Jews from Iraq, began arriving in the 19th century, where they set up a flourishing community. Unlike nearly everywhere else where Jews have lived, in India they were never persecuted, never stigmatized, never exiled, never slaughtered.

India and Israel achieved their independence within a year of each other. India's alignment with the Soviet bloc kept the two

countries apart for half a century, but diplomatic relations were enthusiastically agreed a little more than a year after the crumbling of the USSR. Both countries' national movements shared a number of similarities, not least their support, rare in anti-colonial struggles, for parliamentary democracy as the model to follow after independence. Both movements were led by individuals, I am thinking in particular of Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president, and Jawaharlal Nehru, India's prime minister from 1947-64, who were supremely at ease by the country home fireplaces of the British aristocracy, and yet played a decisive role in drawing down the curtain upon the British Empire.

It was that sense of mutual understanding that led Albert Einstein to write to Nehru, in 1947, the following: "May I appeal to you, as the leader of a movement of social and national enfranchisement, to recognize in Zionism a similar movement whose realization will add to the peace and progress of the Orient?" Seventy years later, with Modi's visit, the affirmative answer to Einstein's question has finally arrived.

Those who still cling to the belief that Israel, where the majority of the population is of African, Middle Eastern and Asian descent, is some sort of colonial implant might want to reflect on Modi's visit. Now is an ideal time to remind these folks, especially the "white, privileged" leftists among them, that the country inspiring a host of national liberation struggles, the country co-founding the Non-Aligned Movement, is now partnering with Israel on

nothing less than a national mission to secure clean water and an uninterrupted food supply for the rural and urban masses of India alike.

For Israel, alignment with India offers additional security not only in a military sense, but in terms of "shared values," the same phrase that has dominated elevator pitch summaries of US-Israel relations for decades now. But just because its constant repetition can be tiresome doesn't mean that statement isn't true. In the case of India, Israel's geographic proximity combined with billions of dollars in trade and a shared ambition to sustain democratic societies in the face of severe external threats, creates an immediate commonality of interests based, in turn, on the moral desire to remain free. Yes, Modi is described as authoritarian, as is Netanyahu, but in India as in Israel, visceral critics of the government are protected by the law, instead of being pushed outside it. That is one of many differences between them and places like Pakistan and the Palestinian Authority.

Many years ago, before my first visit to India, I worked for a few months in neighboring Bangladesh, a predominantly Muslim country that won its independence from Muslim Pakistan in 1971 in large part because of India's humanitarian military intervention, and which has remained secular under India's continued wise influence. I got to know many fine Muslim and Hindu journalists while there, and I became proud of being the first Jew they had ever met. In particular, I remember one Hindu journalist, who had been a child when Bangladesh survived the genocidal war waged



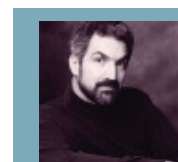
Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu bids farewell to his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi at Ben-Gurion International Airport last week. Photo: Kobi Gideon / GPO via Netanyahu's Facebook page.

by Pakistan, telling me, "If we had lost, the Pakistanis would have done to my people what the Germans did to yours."

I mention that story as another illustration of the emotional bond I talked about earlier. In the final analysis, and notwithstanding the disdain of the academic realists, ideas, emotions and shared experiences do matter in international relations. Hopefully, in the coming months and years, Israel and India will use these bonds to flourish together.

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End the False Israeli-Palestinian Parity



DANIEL PIPES/
PHILADELPHIA

Rather, he should have stayed aloof. Appearing together as equals created a dysfunctional illusion of equivalence that over subsequent decades became assumed, ingrained, and unquestioned. In fact, this false equivalence became even more inaccurate with time, as Israel went from one success to another and the Palestinian Authority brought on a reign of ever-deeper anarchy, dependency and repression.

It's not just that Israelis stand among world leaders in science, technology, the humanities, and the arts, in military power and intelligence capabilities, not just that its economy is 25 times larger than the Palestinian one; in addition, Israel is ever more a land where the law rules for all (at one point recently, a disgraced president and a criminal prime minister were simultaneously sitting in prison) and individual rights are not just promised but delivered. Meanwhile, the head of the Palestinian Authority, presently in the 12th year of a four-year term, has been neither able to prevent creeping anarchy on the West Bank nor a rogue group from taking over in Gaza, one-half of his putative domain.

Some would defend Rabin's self-imposed humiliation by arguing that he sought to strengthen Arafat and the PLO through pomp and pageantry. If this was indeed the plan, it backfired spectacularly. Rather than use the

prestige of the Oslo signing ceremony to build a constituency that accepted the Jewish state and thereby end the Palestinians' conflict with it, Arafat exploited his heightened standing to develop new resources to reject Zionism and attack Israel. Palestinian "embassies" popped up worldwide to delegitimize Israel, while Palestinians killed more Israelis in the five years after the Oslo signing than in the fifteen years before it. In other words, Rabin recklessly put faith in an historic and barbaric enemy changing not just tactics but goals. Israel has paid a heavy price for this error.

Instead of the prime minister, the Israeli standing with Arafat on the White House lawn should have been someone like the second secretary at the Israeli embassy in Norway. That would have delivered the necessary signal that Arafat's protocol equivalent registers stoopingly low in the diplomatic hierarchy. To be sure, that would have meant no Nobel Peace Prize for Rabin. In retrospect, however, would it not have been better to skip celebrating so exuberantly a flawed, doomed, and destructive agreement?

For good measure, the signing ceremony should have taken place in the modesty of



The signing of the Oslo Accords in Washington, DC, Sept. 13, 1993. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Oslo, not the grandeur of Washington, the imperial capital, the home town of the only hyper-power.

Had a lowly precedent been set in 1993, today's false parity between Benjamin Netanyahu and Mahmoud Abbas would not exist; the true imbalance of the Palestinian-Israeli relationship might be more clearly seen. As low-level diplomats, not prime ministers, negotiate with Arafat, Abbas, and the assorted other villains and self-styled Palestinian leaders, the world would be constantly reminded not of a sham parallel but of the vast moral and power gulf dividing the two sides.

Well, that did not happen. But is it too late? Can Netanyahu or a future Israeli prime minister escape the indignity of meeting as equals with the leader of a gangster enterprise?

No, it's not too late. Netanyahu could eloquently explain that he meets his legitimate counterparts; he will leave it to functionaries in the Foreign Ministry to handle whoever the Palestinian Authority throws up.

Imagine the benefits of such a step: Israel would gain in stature while the fetid nature of the PA would be exposed. American presidents would lose interest in the "ultimate deal." Other assorted would-be mediators and do-gooders would have a much harder time trying to revive a quarter century of botched negotiations.

So, I suggest Israeli prime ministers leave "peace-processing" with Palestinian hooligans to low-ranking staff.

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UK Police Investigating Islamic Activist Who Blamed London Fire on Zionists

BY JNS.ORG

An Islamic activist who said London's Grenfell Tower fire victims were "murdered" by Zionists is now under investigation by police in the UK.

Nazam Ali, director of the Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC), is accused of exploiting the June 14 fire, in which more than 80 people were killed, at an anti-Israel Al-Quds Day rally just days after the blaze.

"We received an allegation of anti-Semitic comments and it is being investigated by detectives from Westminster... The inquiry continues," a spokesman for London's Metropolitan Police Service said, *the Telegraph* reported.

In a video of the June 18 protest, Ali was recorded as saying, "As we know in Grenfell, many innocents were murdered by [Prime

Minister] Theresa May's cronies, many of which are supporters of Zionist ideology."

The IHRC also reportedly encouraged its supporters to bring Hezbollah flags to show support for the Lebanese terror group.

The Community Security Trust (CST), a British watchdog organization that monitors antisemitism, said it was appalled by Ali's "grotesque" comments linking Zionism with the Grenfell fire. "In any circumstance, these comments would have been utterly hateful, but to hang them on what happened at Grenfell Tower beggared belief," CST stated.

In a response to the investigation, Ali told *the Telegraph* his comments were taken out of context.

"To say that some of Theresa May or the Tory party's supporters are Zionists is hardly controversial," he said.

Rwanda's President Paul Kagame Visits Israel, Seeks to Boost Cooperation

BY JNS.ORG

Rwandan President Paul Kagame arrived in Israel on Monday for a two-day state visit to further boost ties between the Jewish state and the emerging African nation.

"We are two nations who understand the horror of genocide, and we must show what humanity can achieve with cooperation and understanding," Israeli President Reuven Rivlin told Kagame at the presidential residence in Jerusalem on Monday.

"We know that Rwanda is now going to be member of the UN Human Rights Council," Rivlin added. "This is a body which is always against Israel, so we welcome all those who are prepared to speak for us."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also met with Kagame and praised the African leader for standing up for Israel on the international stage.

"We see how you stand up for Israel in international forums, and you already expressed a simple principle that we did which is that bilateral relationships should be reflected in multilateral forums," Netanyahu said. "There is a dissonance between us and a

few other nations still."

Kagame, a former lead commander of the rebel Tutsi force that put an end to the country's genocide in the mid-1990s, has been attempting to modernize Rwanda and aims to boost relations with Israel in areas such as technology, agriculture, energy and security.

"Rwanda is open for business," Kagame declared. "We look forward to welcoming private sector delegations from Israel even more frequently in the future."



Rwandan President Paul Kagame meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem on Monday. Photo: Kobi Gideon / GPO.

Hammond's reporting had been blamed by the march organizers for the ensuing controversy, and went on to express "disgust" and "outrage" that Hammond had "been bullied and attacked" by individuals associated with the march, sometimes in an "antisemitic" manner.

Tracy Baim, the publisher and executive editor of the *Windy City Times*, told *The Algemeiner* she could not discuss the specific charges around Hammond.

"I cannot comment on our people, but

German Ambassador Assailed Over Linkage Between Holocaust and Palestinians



UNESCO's World Heritage Committee meets in Krakow, Poland. Photo: Screenshot

BY BEN COHEN

Germany's ambassador to UNESCO has drawn the ire of a prominent Jewish human rights organization after he stood for a minute's silence for "Palestinian victims" at the global cultural organization's annual meeting in Krakow, Poland last week.

The ceremonial tribute to the Palestinians took place after the Cuban delegate to the meeting complained that the Israeli ambassador had violated procedure by calling for a minute's silence for the victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

Most of the delegations assented to the Cuban appeal, among those who rose for the silence was German Ambassador Stefan Krawielicki. On Monday, Dr. Shimon Samuels, the international director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) who is attending the meeting in Krakow, told *The Algemeiner* of his "outrage" at the "German amalgam drawn between 6 million murdered Jews of Europe and the 'Palestinians.'"

In a letter to German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Samuels stated that "on July 4,

following the egregious passage of a resolution to obliterate Jewish sovereignty or even affinity to Jerusalem, the Israeli ambassador to UNESCO, Carmel Shama Hacohen, requested a moment of silence to the memory of the victims of the Nazis. German Ambassador Stefan Krawielicki stood among most others in the hall."

The letter continued, "At the bidding of the Cuban ambassador, a second moment of silence was then held in support of 'the Palestinians.' Ambassador Krawielicki stood once again."

"We are horrified at this amalgam between the millions of defenseless Jews gassed and shot, among them 1.5 million children, by the Nazis and their associates across Europe on the one hand," Samuels wrote. "On the other, Palestinians, who rejoice when their terrorists murder Jews, among them children."

"To link the Holocaust, in any way, to so-called 'Palestinian victims,' thus casting Israelis as Nazis, is a form of Holocaust revisionism illegal under German law," Samuels declared.

know that we stand by our reporting on our stories," Baim said by telephone from Chicago.

Pressed on whether she stood by Hammond's reporting of the Dyke March controversy specifically, Baim answered affirmatively. "I was the one who edited the story," she added. Asked why Hammond had not filed a byline for the paper since June 28, Baim had no comment.

Hammond joined the *Windy City Times* as a reporter in 2013 and won the 2016 National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association Award for Excellence in News Writing. This year, Hammond was a finalist for the second time for the Lisagor Award, which honors journalists in Chicago.

Hammond came to national attention in 2016 when she saved the life of one of her readers by donating a kidney. "This current and particularly ugly electoral cycle has been fueled by the politics of conceit," Hammond later reflected in a column for the paper. "So it is easy to forget that, even if you don't have the resources of a wealthy philanthropist, it is more important than ever to help someone in need and, in so doing, change their world and,

as a consequence of that action, the world as a whole for the better."

In her initial report on the march, Hammond quoted a member of the Dyke March Collective explaining that the Jewish women had been removed because their flags "made people feel unsafe" and that the event was "anti-Zionist" and "pro-Palestinian." On June 28, in her last article for the paper, Hammond conducted an extensive interview with Dyke March Collective activist Alexis Martinez, who was given ample space to present her argument that the march was "anti-Zionist," and not "antisemitic."

During the interview, Martinez accused the *Windy City Times* of having "failed in its journalistic mission" for allegedly not contacting her before the paper revealed the removal of the Jewish women marchers.

Asked by Hammond whether the march organizers would apologize, Martinez said: "We did nothing wrong. Those people who are asking us to apologize need to come up with facts. They need to have been there, on the ground and involved in the situation to have some validity."

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friends. Given my present situation, I must comply with this instruction."

The Windy City Times, whose masthead featured Hammond as a senior writer until a week ago, now describes her as "senior account executive."

The Algemeiner approached Hammond after a reader pointed out that her role at the *Windy City Times* had been abruptly switched. The reader said in an email that

World News.



Avi Gabbay, the new leader of Israel's Labor party. Photo: Nimrod Zuk via Wikimedia Commons.

Amid Major Shakeup, Israel's Labor Party Elects New Leader

BY JNS.ORG

Israel's Labor party elected Avi Gabbay as its new leader on Monday amid a major shakeup within the country's second-largest party.

Gabbay defeated Amir Peretz, a former defense minister, with nearly 53 percent of the vote. In a major upset last week, Israeli opposition leader Isaac Herzog came in a distant third behind Gabbay and Peretz in the first round of voting for the party leadership.

Since Gabbay does not currently hold a seat in the Knesset, he must pick a current Israeli lawmaker to serve as opposition leader. Gabbay has indicated he will likely keep Herzog in that role.

Herzog was Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's top challenger in Israel's March 2015 election, when Labor teamed with Tzipi Livni's Hatnuah party to form the Zionist Union alliance. But Herzog seemed to alienated many supporters after that election by holding secret coalition talks with Netanyahu in 2016.

Gabbay, a former Kulanu party member and an environmental protection minister in Netanyahu's government before quitting in 2016, brings a new right-wing outlook to the traditionally left-wing Labor party. As the new Labor leader, Gabbay faces an uphill political battle, as recent polling suggests the party may lose nearly half of its 24 Knesset seats in future elections.

UN Report Suggests Gaza May Become 'Unlivable,' Israel Blames Hamas

BY JNS.ORG

A new report by the United Nations said the Gaza Strip may become "unlivable" by 2020, while Israel said the Palestinian terror group Hamas is largely to blame for the situation.

According to the report, the population in Gaza is growing faster than the coastal territory's infrastructure and economy, which are deteriorating more rapidly than expected.

"We predicted some years ago that Gaza would fast become unlivable on a host of indicators and that deadline is actually approaching even faster than we predicted—from health access, to energy to water," Robert Piper, the U.N. coordinator for humanitarian aid and development activities, told AFP following the report's release.

The report said Gaza's population, which is currently 2 million and is projected to grow to 2.2 million by 2020, is being squeezed as resources like food and clean water become scarcer, and while pollution and energy shortages become more prevalent.

"Over one million Palestinians in Gaza are moderately to severely food insecure, despite many of them already receiving food assistance or other forms of social transfers," the report stated, adding, "It is forecast that by 2020 Gaza's coastal aquifer will be irreversibly damaged. The impact of this will be catastrophic."

Hamas seized control of Gaza in 2007. Gaza faces a maritime blockade, administered by Israel and Egypt, due to Hamas's terrorist activities.

Hamas has been embroiled in a decade-long dispute with the Palestinian Authority (PA) that has ramped up in recent weeks. The PA has cut salaries to its Gaza-based employees, while raising taxes on diesel imports and reducing electricity to Gaza in a bid to force Hamas to cede control of the territory to its Palestinian rival.

Israeli Ambassador to the U.N. Danny Danon said the U.N. report shows Hamas "has brought nothing but pain and destruction to the residents of Gaza."

"The continued exploitation of humanitarian aid by this terrorist organization harms Palestinian civilians and sabotages the efforts of the international community," he said.



Textile workers in Gaza. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Pro-Hezbollah Newspaper Warns Israelis to Expect 'Rain of Rockets,' Highlights Terror Group's Spread Across the Middle East

BY BEN COHEN

A leading article published in a Beirut newspaper known for its close ties to Hezbollah has stated baldly that the Lebanese Shia terrorist organization is now being deployed by its Iranian paymasters across the Middle East, warning that Israel can expect "the rain of rockets that will fall in the midst of summer."

"In Syria, Hizbullah has become the ally of the Syrian army in waging its battles, while in Iraq Hizbullah's experts are present in the biggest operations rooms," wrote Ibrahim al-Amin, the editor-in-chief of the unofficial Hezbollah mouthpiece, Al-Akhbar.

Al-Amin continued: "(Hezbollah secretary-general) Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah serves as the commander of the Al-Hash Al-Sha'bi [the popular mobilization units] in Iraq and as the nexus in running the political relations between most of the political forces there. In Yemen, Hizbullah has become a direct partner in strengthening the military capabilities of the Houthi Ansarullah who consider Hizbullah to be their truthful ally. As for Palestine, and in spite of recent developments, the religious organizations [such as Islamic Jihad and Hamas] refer to Hizbullah in Beirut to coordinate their activities, while the rulers of Saudi Arabia behave as if Nasrallah represents hundreds of thousands of fighters who listen to the Hizbullah leader's words."

Al-Amin's article, published on July 3, was presented this week in an unedited translation by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs (JCPA), a prominent Israeli think-tank. An accompanying introductory note by former IDF Brig. Gen. Shimon Shapira observed that al-Amin "often expresses the views of Hizbullah's secretary-general, Hassan Nasrallah."

"Unfortunately, with global attention focused on ISIS, Hizbullah does not receive

the attention it deserves as a military power capable of undermining the stability of the Middle East," Shapira said.

Al-Amin asked whether "Israel can directly confront Hizbullah in Lebanon while it is fully aware that it doesn't control what will happen the day after the beginning of hostilities."

He continued: "Israel perfectly knows that all the drills and maneuvers undertaken to protect the domestic front will be of no use in controlling traffic in the area of Gush Dan [central coastal area of Israel] hours after the beginning of a total confrontation? Will the leaders of Israel be candid enough to tell their public what will be the fate of the electric grid, transportation networks, airports, sea ports, state headquarters and its infrastructure? Does the enemy really grasp 'the rain of rockets' that will fall in the midst of summer?"

"It is important to remember that since the first Gulf War until today, the Resistance Axis [meaning Iran and its satellites] did not initiate any action in the Arabian Peninsula, even in Yemen," al-Amin concluded. "The Axis waged a defensive war only. However, if a decision is made to change course and wage an offensive war, then one could expect only one thing from the enemy: the choice of collective suicide."



Fighters from the Islamist terrorist organization Hezbollah marching in Beirut. Photo: Twitter

Haifa Residents Demand Renaming of 'UNESCO Square for Tolerance and Peace' After Hebron Vote

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Some residents of Haifa are calling on their municipal government to change the name of a city square named after the UN cultural agency that has recently passed a series of anti-Israel resolutions, including one last week that designated the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron as an endangered Palestinian World Heritage site.

The square, located at the upper end of Ben-Gurion Boulevard in the German Colony neighborhood of the northern Israeli port city, received the title "UNESCO Square for Tolerance and Peace" after the UN body chose the adjacent Baha'i Gardens as a World Heritage site nearly a decade ago, the Hebrew news site Walla reported on Monday.

Following the Hebron vote last week, according to Walla, a number of Haifaites launched a campaign, including a petition, to have the square be renamed.

Nir Shuber, a local cafe owner and Labor Party activist who is leading the effort, was quoted by Walla as saying, "I and many others were convinced this was an organization working on behalf of preservation, but it has become clear to us as of late that it is an organization acting against Israel."

"In recent years," Shuber continued, "the square has become a place where anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian demonstrations are held, and this apparently is not by chance."

Shuber suggested that the square be named after Israel Prize winner Vered Hulda-Gurevich, late Haifa Mayor Aryeh Gur'el or late Israeli President Shimon Peres.

In the wake of the UN General Assembly's passage of a resolution in 1975 that equated Zionism with racism (a resolution that was revoked in 1991), Haifa changed the name of UN Boulevard in the city to Zionism Boulevard.

U.S. News.

Pro-Israel Groups Claim Criminal Action Took Place at UC-Irvine Protest, Call on School to Hold Perpetrators 'Accountable'

BY RACHEL FROMMER

Three major pro-Israel groups have claimed that University of California-Irvine (UCI) students committed criminal acts at a protest of a Zionist event in May and have now called on the administration to hold the perpetrators "accountable."

In a letter sent on July 6 to UCI Chancellor Howard Gillman and Douglas M. Haynes, the vice provost for academic equity, diversity and inclusion, Students Supporting Israel (SSI), StandWithUs (SWU) and the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law alleged that individual members of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) committed "the misdemeanor of Disturbing a Public Meeting," and were also guilty of "violating multiple UCI policies."

The letter came after the three organizations contacted UCI about SJP's role, as a group, in the sustained shout-down of an IDF "Reservists on Duty" panel on May 10, and the resulting call by program organizers for a police escort to lead attendees out of the building through a side door.

The incident occurred almost exactly a year after SJP disrupted an Israel-related film being shown on campus, for which SJP was issued a warning that SWU lawyer Yael Lerman told *The Algemeiner* amounted to a "slap on the wrist."

This time, pro-Israel leaders are hoping for more, especially given that individual students involved in this most recent incident have been identified through the extensive video footage available online and accused of "illegal and discriminatory disruption."

Ilan Sinelnikov, founder of the grassroots activist network SSI, whose UCI chapter hosted the May program, said SJP had "crossed all the lines."

"Our initial anticipation was that SJP needs to be suspended from campus," he said.

Close Ties With Trump Will Boost US Negotiators in Israeli-Palestinian Deal, White House Says

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

President Donald Trump was not in the room when American diplomats sat with Palestinian officials in Jerusalem on Tuesday, but the White House was nonetheless keen to emphasize that the US representatives in attendance were there because they have the president's ear.

Jason Greenblatt, the president's international negotiations representative, and US Consul General in Jerusalem Donald Blome were joined at the sit-down by US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, who would not usually be present at a bilateral meeting with the Palestinian Authority (PA), but is personally and professionally close with Trump.

Reports in the Israeli press claimed that the Palestinians requested the meeting be held in Jerusalem, as they were reluctant to host Friedman in Ramallah, where the PA is headquartered.

The two sides "had an open, cordial, and frank discussion on many topics related to peace negotiations," a White House official said on Tuesday.

The official added: "The administration believes that in order to give everyone the best chance to reach an ultimate deal, it is critical to have negotiators that are close with the president and that is why the team includes senior adviser Jared Kushner, Greenblatt and Friedman."

The initial optimism about the prospects for an Israeli-Palestinian agreement following the visits earlier this year of PA President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Washington, DC has dissipated over the last month. Senior US officials and the Israeli government have strongly criticizing the PA's continued policy of "martyr payments" to the families of Palestinian terrorists, at a cost of \$183 million annually.

SSI has also come under investigation by UCI administrators, after allegations that the visiting soldiers "verbally threatened, sexually harassed and followed members" of SJP, according to an email sent to SSI seen by *The Algemeiner*.

Sinelnikov rejected the accusations against the soldiers, who he said he knows personally, and was incredulous that SSI was being investigated.

"There are people who did the wrong thing and people who did the right thing [at the May 10 panel]," he said. "SJP did the wrong thing. But instead of holding the people who did wrong responsible, they [UCI] say there's no black and white."

Sinelnikov said he does not expect UCI's SSI will be suspended.

Canary Mission, an anonymous campus watchdog, compiled a dossier earlier this


month on 13 anti-Israel activists at UCI involved in the May incident, five of whom the group identified as also being members of the school's student government.

They included Jeanine Erikat, an at-large senator for the student government's advocacy committee, who shouted at the reservists during the panel that the IDF is "a military where they murder kids and families and they arrest children."

Canary Mission also released information on the ostensible leader of the protest, Celine Qussiny, who guided the demonstrators in chants that included calls in favor of violence.


Qussiny was one of the recipients of UCI's reprimand last year of SJP, in which she was cited as an "authorized signer" for the group. She has expressed support for convicted Palestinian terrorists on social media, including lauding those behind stabbing attacks as heroes and martyrs.

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Opinion.

A Rational Jewish Approach to Homosexuality



SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

Rabbi Joseph Dweck of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in London got into hot water recently when he praised homosexuality as a coming of age, and an expansion of cultural blessing. His Orthodox credentials were called into question and he was forced to resign from a rabbinical body.

The episode has deeply divided Anglo-Jewry, a division that the community can scarcely afford in an age of rising European antisemitism and incessant terror attacks in the UK. It may seem odd that rabbis would fight each other so vehemently over a statement by a rabbi about homosexuality. But it makes sense in light of the fact that many believe that gay rights are the foremost threat to traditional marriage and the nuclear family. These critics also believe that homosexuality is an "abomination," and must be opposed.

It is in light of both of these considerations that I pen this response, so that hopefully rabbis can get back to working together to fight against the serious threats confronting our people.

I am an Orthodox rabbi. The Bible is not vague with regard to homosexuality: it is

clearly labeled a sin. The Torah is immutable and none of us can change its laws.

But I am proud of the State of Israel, in contrast to all other Middle East countries, especially the barbaric government of Iran, for the dignity and equality that it accords its gay citizens.

So why have we, the religious, focused so exclusively on homosexuality as the foremost challenge to the future of our civilization?

Some justify this obsession by citing the Bible's use of the word "abomination" to describe homosexuality. But the truth is that the Hebrew Bible uses the word "abomination" more than 100 times. Eating non-kosher food is an abomination (Deuteronomy 14:3). A woman returning to her first husband after being married in the interim is an abomination (Deut. 24:4). And bringing a blemished sacrifice on God's altar is an abomination (Deut. 17:1). Proverbs goes so far as to label envy, lying and gossip as that which "the Lord hates and are an abomination to Him" (3:32, 16:22).

In fact, if you judge Torah prohibitions strictly by their punishment, then desecration of Shabbat would have to be at the very top of the list of the most serious infractions, it's a prohibition repeated far more times than the sin of homosexuality, and a sin for which a man is stoned to death in the Torah.

Then, there is the issue of morality. Yes, God gave the Ten Commandments, but notice that they were split into two blocks of stone. One was for religious law and connotes

laws that govern the relationship between God and man. In this first group are laws like the commandment to believe in God, and the prohibition of worshipping idols or blaspheming.

The second group of laws captures moral law, laws that govern the relationship between man and his fellow man (do not steal, murder, or commit adultery, etc.). These are laws that safeguard the rights of human beings and adjure individuals to respect one another and refrain from infringing on each other's rights or acting deceptively, as in adultery. Moral law involves injury to an innocent party, while religious law is an expression of divine will.

Nothing will change my view on the immutability of the Torah and its laws. But I can understand the dignity and equal rights that gay men and woman seek. Homosexuality is firmly a religious, rather than a moral, prohibition. It is akin to the laws of not desecrating the Sabbath, or eating non-kosher food.

Someone who eats a cheeseburger at McDonald's, mixing milk and meat, is not immoral. Rather, they are contravening a Biblical commandment.

What I sense in my friends who are firmly opposed to all gay rights is a misunderstanding of this distinction between moral law and religious law. The prohibition against homosexuality is a religious law, much in the same way that eating bread on Passover is a violation of the divine will.

For those who might call themselves "culture warriors" and want to fight for tradi-



A Tel Aviv gay pride parade. Photo: US Embassy in Tel Aviv.

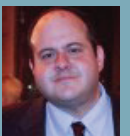
tional marriage, I call on you to look inward and begin your fight on a new front: combating the ridiculously high fifty percent divorce rate. Fight to keep families whole. Fight to prevent the dislocation of children and the pain of seeing parents destroy each other in court. Fight to end the shameful epidemic of heterosexual marital decline that impacts half of new marriages today. That is where the battle ahead lies, and it is one that impacts us all.

Divorce and the easy culture of recreational sex, which makes a mockery of intimacy and commitment, poses a far greater threat to the future of the family than gay rights.

Let's get real about the hypocrisy of those who say that gay rights are undermining heterosexual marriage. We straight people have done an admirable job of destroying marriage quite on our own, thank you very much. It's not gay rights, but heterosexual divorce, that threatens a real end-of-days scenario for the American family.

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Roger Waters' Jewish Problem Catches Eye of Award-Winning Filmmaker



PAUL MILLER
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Pink Floyd founding member Roger Waters has spent the last decade disparaging the Jewish state. Labeled an antisemite by the Anti-Defamation League, Waters compares Jews to Nazi collaborators and claims that Israel is a "racist apartheid regime" that practices "ethnic cleansing."

As the de facto international spokesman for the anti-Israel boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign, Waters' contempt for Israel and the Jewish people is often on full display at his concerts, which feature visuals such as a flying pig emblazoned with a Star of David, and anti-Israel rants. When big-name performers announce concerts in Israel, Waters often publicly pleads with them to cancel the concerts, and join the boycott.

Waters has failed to garner support from the music industry. Nevertheless, pro-Israel advocates and antisemitism watchdog groups such as StandWithUs and Creative Community For Peace have never taken it lightly when the classic rock icon exhorts people to boycott Israel.

Waters himself is now the subject of a boycott campaign, and a documentary film made by award-winning filmmaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Ian Halperin.

Halperin's work includes documentaries on Kurt Cobain, Michael Jackson and Lady Gaga. And for the past two years, the investigative journalist has been making *Wish You Weren't Here*, a documentary examining contemporary antisemitism, and Waters' efforts to make Israel a global pariah.

"I started traveling, meeting with different leaders throughout Europe. I didn't know how bad the problem [was] with contemporary antisemitism there," Halperin told the *Observer*. "There are less than 2 million Jews left in Europe, which is very alarming, [it is] a place where Jews have long been an integral part of society, and [Jews'] valuable contributions to the culture are immeasurable."

"During my research," Halperin continued, "I came upon Roger Waters, and I couldn't believe that he was singling out Israel, when there are so many truly egregious violators of human rights in the world. Why is he going after Israel? So, I began asking people what this guy has against Israel. To me, an attack on Israel is an attack against the Jewish people."

Halperin met with psychologists who work with Holocaust survivors and their families. He described the effect of Waters'

floating pig bearing the Star of David as "unforgivable" for survivors, comparing it to a scene in his film where a three-year-old Palestinian girl is "brainwashed" into believing that Jews are pigs.

In preparation for the documentary, Halperin interviewed leaders in the South African anti-apartheid struggle. They found Waters' comparison between Israel and South Africa offensive, and demeaning to their people's suffering.

"I've met Mandela," said Halperin. "I've met all the leaders who fought to liberate South Africa. Waters doesn't know what he's talking about. South Africans are insulted by his claims. You can argue with some of Israel's policies, no problem. But to call for a universal boycott of Israel is deplorable, baseless and unfounded. It's an antisemitic attack."

The son of a Holocaust survivor, Halperin was inspired to produce the film by his childhood friend, Dr. Charles Small.

"Charles was aware my father was a Holocaust survivor. My dad hid in a cave from age 6 to age 13. His mother and sister died of starvation. Growing up in my family, you weren't supposed to talk about any of this and just try to move forward," recalled Halperin. "It was Dr. Small who woke me up. And in the course of my research and investigation, I've never come across a story more filled with hate, prejudice and misinformation than the vitriol that Roger Waters is spewing to the world."

Small is a senior research fellow at the Moshe Dayan Centre for Middle East and African Studies, and founding director and president of the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy.

ISGAP recently launched a petition drive, "Boycott Roger Waters, Stop BDS."

With more than 3,500 signatures at the time of this publishing, the petition reads in



Roger Waters. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

part: "While Waters speaks about 'tear[ing] down wall[s]'; he is one of the leading musicians today erecting the very walls that hinder peace in the region and fuel hatred. This hatred not only affects the state of Israel, but Jewish communities worldwide, as well as all those who care about human rights and democratic principles."

BDS leaders often claim that the purpose of the BDS movement is to champion Palestinian rights. However, this is highly misleading. As illustrated by extensive research and documentation, the objective of BDS is the complete elimination of the state of Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people. BDS seeks not to condemn specific Israeli government policies, but to unjustly target Israelis, Jews and all those worldwide who stand in support of the Jewish state. The tactics of utilizing immoral double standards and strategies of demonization and delegitimization are all expressions of contemporary antisemitism.

"We are in a very confused time now," Small explained to the *Observer*. "The old religious forms of antisemitism and the racist nationalist forms of antisemitism are, for the

Opinion.

Waking Up to a World Where Political Allies Hate the Jews



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It isn't easy for some Jewish liberals, but many of them are waking up to a world that doesn't neatly conform to their existing prejudices.

The event that really set off alarms took place last month, when a gay pride parade expelled LGBT Jews who carried rainbow flags with a Star of David emblazoned on them. The reason for their ouster was that the Star of David offended the left-wing parade organizers, who felt "triggered" by anything that reminded them of the "racist" country of Israel, and Zionism.

Much like the statements of Linda Sarsour, who has said that Jews must choose between their support of Israel and feminism, the Chicago Dyke March organizers claimed that the Jewish star made "people feel unsafe" at an event that was avowedly "anti-Zionist" and "pro-Palestinian."

It didn't matter to the march's organizers that the overwhelming majority of American Jews support gay rights, or even that the State of Israel is one of the world's most gay-friendly nations. Nor were they interested in the fact that Palestinian LGBT individuals must either stay in the closet, or flee to the Jewish state in order to live freely (or to live at all).

Why? Because Israel's support for LGBT rights counts for nothing when weighed against "intersectionality," which means, to some, that the fight for gay rights is indivisible from the efforts of Arabs and Muslims to eradicate the one Jewish state from the planet.

The one element that lends an element of logic to the Dyke March's ironic stand is antisemitism. To those who hate Jews, any inconsistency is permissible. But this series of events has been difficult for many Jews to understand, because it doesn't conform to their pre-existing worldview, in which enemies are on the Right, and allies are on the Left.

We saw how that worked earlier this year, when mainstream liberal Jewish groups like the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and others were quick to blame President Donald Trump for a surge in antisemitic incidents in the US, which were largely centered on a series of bomb threats at JCCs around the country. Trump's volatile rhetoric and other actions were assumed to be part of the source of the trouble. But it turned out that the culprits of some of the threats were a left-wing American writer, and an Israeli teen with a mental health condition. Yet some embarrassed liberals still refused to apologize.

This doesn't mean that right-wing antisemitism doesn't exist. But the neat lines in which political foes must somehow always

be antisemites, and sympathetic allies must always be friends of the Jews, don't exist anymore, except in the minds of liberals living in a dream world.

One such dreamer, who may be slowly snapping out of it, is ADL National Director Jonathan Greenblatt, whose recent article in *TIME* carries the headline, "Anti-Semitism Is Creeping Into Progressivism." But to claim that it is "creeping" into the landscape of the political left is shockingly ignorant. In my view, it has been an integral part of the Left for decades.

Unfortunately, many decent liberals have turned a blind eye to left-wing, anti-Zionist agitation, which is often indistinguishable from antisemitism. Those who say that they wish to deny Jews statehood, the right of self-defense or the ability to live in peace in their homeland are practicing discrimination against Jews. This is the definition of antisemitism. And it is on the Left, not the Right, where support for such hatred, whether in the form of backing the BDS movement or cultural boycotts, is growing.

It isn't alt-right Internet trolls that are orchestrating anti-Jewish protests like those of Sarsour, or efforts to boycott Israeli plays at Lincoln Center, where the appearance of even the work of a critic of the Jewish state like David Grossman was enough to generate protest from mainstream artists. Nor is it Trump who is responsible for turning universities into places where some Jewish students no longer feel safe to express their Jewish identity.

But unfortunately, all too many liberals would still rather believe that Trump, their main political foe, is the real reason that antisemitism is growing.

It's long past time for the Jewish community to understand that its best allies in this struggle are conservative Christians, with whom they disagree on social issues, while it is their alleged friends on the Left who are preaching intolerance for Jews. That doesn't obligate them to abandon their political principles, but they need to understand that the world is a complicated place, where Jewish safety can be endangered by solidarity with the Left.

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Linda Sarsour. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

contemporary antisemitism and get them to stand up against all forms of hatred as well."

Halperin's documentaries have been aired on CNN and in over 160 countries. *Wish You Weren't Here* features interviews and remarks by intellectuals and entertainers such as Alan Dershowitz and Howard Stern, and will be released late this summer.

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most part, problems of the past. There are three forms of antisemitism, and the new one is the demonization and delegitimization of Israel and Jewish peoplehood, and that has become acceptable."

Small continued: "We have to unpack it for scholars and intellectuals but also for popular culture, and that is why Ian's work is so important. Through the film and through this project, we're trying to wake people up to

New York Times Hurls an Adjective at Israel's Defense Minister



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One of the *New York Times*' favorite methods of treating people it dislikes is to hurl adjectives at them.

So, for example, the newspaper has described the views of the president of the Middle East Forum, Daniel Pipes, as "controversial" and "inflammatory," and described a former American ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, as "combative." Prime Minister Netanyahu is labeled "brash," as well as "loquacious" and "usually taciturn," two diametrically opposed terms.

The latest example comes in a *Times* news article about a United Nations body naming Hebron a Palestinian "world heritage site." The *Times* reports:

Avigdor Lieberman, the Israeli defense minister of the nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu Party, described UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organi-

zation, as "a politically biased, disgraceful and anti-Semitic organization."

The entire sentence could have used an editor. Why not just write, "The Israeli defense minister, Avigdor Lieberman, described UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as 'a politically biased, disgraceful and anti-Semitic organization'?" Or if the *Times* feels it necessary to say what political party Mr. Lieberman is a member of, describe it in some useful way. What is "nationalist" supposed even to mean in this context? Does it mean that a party is in favor of the nation of Israel continuing to exist? If so, wouldn't it kind of go without saying?

If you think I'm reading too much into the one word "nationalist," take Israel out of the equation for the moment. Consider how the *New York Times* marked the 50th anniversary of the Montreal Expo: with a piece asserting, "It's one thing to identify the gaps in Expo 67's narrative, to call out its sexism and nationalism." For the *Times*, nationalism, whether the polite Canadian variety or the muscular Zionist variety, is a dirty word. It's a kind of discriminatory chauvinism, like sexism.

UNESCO Has Blood on Its Hands



SHIMON SAMUELS
LOS ANGELES

The following is a transcript of a speech delivered by Dr. Shimon Samuels, the director of International Relations for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, at the UNESCO World Heritage Committee gathering this week in Krakow, Poland.

Mr. Chairman,

As the only Jewish NGO accredited to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee (WHC), the Simon Wiesenthal Center speaks for its 400,000 membership and concerned Jews and Christians worldwide.

We have the greatest respect for the WHC's work and called upon it for the protection of Auschwitz, when a discotheque was opened within its protected zone.

Unfortunately, to paraphrase the German strategist von Clausewitz's aphorism that "diplomacy is war by other means," since the Palestinian entry into UNESCO in November 2011, the WHC has become "heritage as war by other means!," a veritable battlefield.

From 2012 the Church of the Nativity, 2014 Battir (Beitar, the site of the Bar Kochba Jewish revolt against the Roman occupation in the year 132) to the Western Wall and the Temple Mount of Solomon, identity theft is a voracious campaign to validate a Palestinian identity.

At this meeting in Poland, on soil soaked with Jewish blood, to witness the ravages on Jewish affinity to Jerusalem and the Cave

of the Patriarchs in Hebron, could only be matched by the temerity of an amalgam drawn, on the one hand by a moment of silence for the million Jews, including children, gassed and shot not 70 kilometers from here in Auschwitz-Birkenau. And on the other hand, a second moment of silence in support of "the Palestinians," many of whom rejoice at the terrorist murder of Jews today, among them children.

To stand in silence in succession for both is a form of Holocaust revisionism, casting Israelis as Nazis, in violation of the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) and the European Parliament's Working Definition of Antisemitism, and its signatory countries, all represented here.

Mr. Chairman, no other people or religion has been so maligned in the WHC. We would have been the first to protest were the victim have been Islamic heritage, but the Judeo-Christian heritage is continually under attack in this chamber.

Mr. Chairman, save the WHC from further abuse, from fast track demands based on spurious claims of emergency, while other member-states wait for years to inscribe their heritage.

Mr. Chairman, find the means to leave this politicization to New York.

The WHC must return to its pristine integrity, the acknowledgement, protection, preservation of heritage, in an atmosphere of peaceful dialogue, what we call "tikun olam", to redeem and improve the world's heritage in mutual respect for the narrative of the other.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Impressions.

New Play Tells the True Story of Female World War II Hero

Do you know the story of Sophie Scholl and The White Rose?

In the early 1940s, a group of German college students published pamphlets that called for the overthrow of the Nazi regime. It was the only act of mass, organized resistance to Hitler during World War II.

David Meyers' new play, *We Will Not Be Silent*, tells Sophie Scholl's story, and explores how a 21-year-old college student risked her life to oppose Hitler simply because it was the right thing to do. The play also examines a fictional Nazi interrogator, and the role that ordinary Germans played in the rise of Hitler.

We Will Not Be Silent is currently receiving its World Premiere at the Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF) from July 4-30. CATF is located an hour from Washington, DC.

The play has received endorsements and support from luminaries such as Alan Dershowitz, and Meyers is looking for a home for the play in New York, and at regional theaters across the country.

Below is an interview about the play that was conducted in advance of the CATF production. Meyers can be reached at DMeyers@algemeiner.com.

Sharon Anderson: *For what cause would you sacrifice your life in order to save your conscience?*

David Meyers: That question is the heart of the play, and I wrote the play because I truly did not know what the answer would be. Five years ago, I was writing articles on Syria and the disgrace that America was doing nothing, especially when it came to Russia. But then I realized that in America, this was very easy for me to write – what was it costing me? In Russia, critics of Putin are literally dropping dead in the streets. Would I really be willing to give my life for a cause, even [if it wouldn't make a] difference?

That's why Sophie and Hans and the White Rose story are so important to me. People, including me, will see this play, and will want to think that they could be Sophie Scholl, but the reality is that 98% of them would be Sophie's interrogator Grunwald, because they would not be willing to make that same sacrifice.

What cause were you fighting for when you were 21 years old?

I was an intern in the White House, and one of the things that attracted me to the Bush administration was what he called, "The Freedom Agenda." Many people thought that this meant Bush wanted to spread his version of American democracy, but that's not what it was.

The idea was that all people of the world deserve to live, not in an American democratic system, but in some kind of democratic system. Some Republicans, particularly in Trump world, take the view that some countries, especially in the Arab world, don't deserve or want democracy. This is a condescending, despicable view.

[I believe that] if you were born in America, you have an obligation to help others live in some kind of freedom. That's what first attracted me to want to work for President Bush, and that's why I pursued [working] in the White House.

What did Sophie, her brother, her entire family, possess that the rest of us don't? Was Nazi oppression extraordinarily horrendous or were they people of extraordinary integrity?

It's a combination of both. Theirs is the only act of public resistance to the Nazis during the war. Both of my grandparents escaped Germany, one in 1938 and one in 1939, so I know the history very well. The Nazis were very efficient with capturing, torturing

and killing off anyone who didn't agree with them. I don't think it's a coincidence that the people who led the White Rose were students, who [during the 1930s] would not have been persecuted.

In his personal memoir, *Not I: Memoirs of a German Childhood* Joachim C. Fest, a Holocaust historian, writes, "As all others do, I do not," [which is a quotation from the Bible and] a line that is actually in my play. The moral courage and strength of the Scholls, plus their religious beliefs helped them to see the world for what it was: a world of alternative facts and alternative reality. Some things are right and some things are wrong. Sophie and Hans saw what was wrong, knew it was wrong, and they had the courage to risk their lives to fight even when they knew

America. You see how his policy changes from one day to the other. He has no core beliefs, which does separate him from Hitler. Hitler had a very solid worldview. I don't think Trump has any worldview at all. However, both are masters at telling people what they want to hear and turning lies into truth.

In her book, "Eichmann in Jerusalem," Hannah Arendt, writes, "The trouble with Eichmann was precisely that so many were like him, and that the many were neither perverted nor sadistic, that they were, and still are, terribly and terrifyingly normal. From the viewpoint of our legal institutions and of our moral standards of judgment, this normality was much more terrifying than all the atrocities put together." Is Grunwald worse



A scene from "We Will Not Be Silent" at the Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF). Photo: CATF

it wasn't going to end Hitler.

You have said that you always viewed historical events as just that, historical and "outside" you. Then 9/11 happened and your world changed. How did your world change?

I was living in my own little world. I had read about World War I, World War II and the Holocaust, but it was all in the past. Then 9/11 happened, and I realized that major historical events could happen right now. It woke me up to the rest of the world. I had initially gone to college to study acting and theater, but after 9/11 and learning of President Bush's foreign policy, I knew I had to do something, so I went to Washington, DC.

What's your perspective on why Hitler was able to wield so much power over the conscience of the nation? In his book, "Hitler: Ascent, 1889-1939," Volker Ullrich quotes Hitler as saying, "I am the greatest actor in Europe." The author also posits that Hitler was a skilled liar, he lied to friends and family and wore many masks. As Sophie says in your play, "Just because you repeat a lie doesn't make it true." How did someone take over the world by telling lies?

Donald Trump's election has sparked much more interest in this play. I want to be very careful [about] making the Donald Trump-to-Hitler comparison, [but] Trump is absolutely brilliant at manipulating people, the press, all his different audiences, his is one of the most brilliant political acts we've ever seen in

than Hitler?

There's a big debate in the Holocaust community about whether or not Eichmann was a casual supporter or an ardent supporter. Aside from that, most people were casual supporters. Sophie says that in the play: "And those who don't believe, who support him anyway, you are the worst of all." Grunwald and Hitler are equally complicit.

At the Women's March on Washington on January 21, 2017, I saw a couple of protesters carrying signs with a Sophie Scholl quote: "Stand up for what you believe, even if you are standing alone."

She lives! And today people like Sophie Scholl are all over the world, Russia and Egypt and North Korea, and they are shot in the back of the head, put into ditches and truly forgotten. The play is about Sophie, but it's also about all those people who are not fortunate enough to be remembered, even though they made the same sacrifice.

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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 4/24/2017and 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 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
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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

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

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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/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: DIG IT SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE DESIGN,LLC. articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 05/16/2017. Office location: Kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to the LLC 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 SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. Merley

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Alleyne a/k/a Merley C. Alleyne, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 01, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 03, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 9101 Avenue N, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8275 and Lot 9. Approximate amount of judgment is \$365,355.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510655/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Tanya Tesler, Lev Yakubovich, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/11/2017and entered on 6/6/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 03, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 55 Oceana Drive East Unit 5E Brooklyn, NY 11235. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8720, LOT: 2884. Approximate amount of judgment is \$446,608.68 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 503809/2014. Bartholomew M. Verdrame, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston 2006-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Shira Frank, Avraham Frank, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/24/2017and 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 August 03, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 799 East 8th Street Brooklyn, NY 11230. 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: 6496, LOT: 53. Approximate amount of judgment is \$573,284.05 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 3261/2009. Jeffrey R. Miller, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Josianne Valery; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 1, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360

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Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 3, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 871 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and City & State of New York, Block 4980 Lot 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,534.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501049/2014. Joseph Defelice, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 16, 2017 46238
AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

NOTICE OF FORMATION 2715 CLAFLIN AVENUE REALTY, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/18/17. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2715 CLAFLIN AVENUE REALTY, LLC, 2715 Claflin Ave., I-A, Bronx, NY 10468. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff - against - GALO MONTESDEOCA A/K/A GALO MONTESDEOCA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 28, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 3rd Day of August, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221. (Block: 3284 and Lot: 39) Approximate amount of lien \$639,228.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 7907/2013. Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: June 16, 2017
AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS LNV Corporation, Plaintiff -against- Leonard Hatter a/k/a Leonard Hamer, Joyce Hatter, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, City of New York Environmental Control Board, Miss Hatter Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated May 4, 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 August 3, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1873 Strauss Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212. 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

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York. Block: 3516 Lot: 27 Approximate amount of lien \$442,570.71 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 12692-2013 Leo Salzman, 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 26, 2017 FILE #: DOVEN 62016 AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS MVMF III FIN TRUST, Plaintiff against JOSEPHINE JEAN PIERRE; PHENICIEN JEAN PIERRE, EMMA JEAN PIERRE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 26, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 3rd day of August, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street, distant three hundred and fifty (350) feet Northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of Avenue G with the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street; Running thence Easterly parallel with Avenue G one hundred and one (101) feet, six and three-quarter (6 3/4) inches; Thence Northerly parallel with East Nineteenth Street fifty (50) feet; Thence Westerly and again parallel with Avenue G one hundred and one (101) feet, six and three-quarter (6 3/4) inches to the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street; Thence southerly along the said Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street fifty (50) feet to the point or place of beginning. Avenue G is now Glenwood Road. Subject to covenants and restrictions as contained in former instruments of record affecting the said premises, and to an easement granted to the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, by agreement recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Kings. Together with all right, title and interest of the party of the first part in and to any land lying in the bed of East Nineteenth Street in front of said premises to the center line thereof. Said premises known as 689 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11230. (Block: 5240, Lot: 80). Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,476,235.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 6953-09. Elena Makau, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-3, Plaintiff -against- PETRONILLA HUNT, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, PETRA DOUGLAS Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment

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of foreclosure and sale duly dated- JULY 21, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on August 3, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 713 ESSEX STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208-4407. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Block: 4316 Lot: 56 Approximate amount of lien \$482,628.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 11924/2010 STEVEN Z. NAIMAN, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: June 23, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 69038 AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

File No 2017-1284 PROBATE citation SURROGATE'S COURT - New York COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Sonia Nusenbaum, deceased, if living and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributes, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Public Administrator of the County of New York Attorney General of the State of New York A petition having been duly filed by EVA FOGELMAN, who is domiciled at 211 West 56th Street, #7K, New York, NY. 10019 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, New York County, at Rm 509; 31 Chambers St. New York, New York, on August 16, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Sonia Nusenbaum, lately domiciled at 417 East 78th Street, Apt 2C, New York NY 10075 admitting to probate a Will dated January 29, 2017 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of SONIA NUSENBAUM deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that letters Testamentary issue to: EVA FOGELMAN Dated, Attested and Sealed June 2017 HON. Nora S Anderson Surrogate Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk Eva Fogelman Petitioner 211 West 56th Street #7K, New York, NY 10019 (212) 315-5872 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.] AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: 916 56 Street BK , LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 06/19/2017 . Office location kings county SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY Shall Mail copy of process to: The LLC 916 56th St. 2R Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 7/7/14/21/28; 8/4/11

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS RETAINED REALTY, INC., Plaintiff -against- YVETTE E. JOHNSON, et al Defendant(s).

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Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on May 11, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on August 10, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4688 and Lot 52. Said premises known as 462 EAST 92ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. We are a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Index Number 21632/2013. CHARLES M. SPORN, ESQ., Referee STAGG, TERENCE, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 401 Franklin Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530 AJ; 7/7/14/21/28;

PROBATE CITATION File No. 2015/231 SURROGATE'S COURT – QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent. TO: the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Alex Byron, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributes, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, Evelyn Kalenscher, Marilyn Kalenscher and Public Administrator – Queens County. A petition having been duly filed by Frederick Kalenscher, who is domiciled at 222 Bay Drive, Massapequa, NY 11758 and by David Rosenzweig, who is domiciled at 485 Madison Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10022. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Courtroom 62, 6th Floor, Jamaica, New York, 11435 on August 3, 2017 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the Estate of ALEXANDER SCHWARTZ a/k/a AL BYRON, lately domiciled at 62-60 99th Street, Rego Park, New York, admitting to probate a Will dated October 27, 2008, a copy of which is attached, (a Codicil N.A.) as the Will of ALEXANDER SCHWARTZ a/k/a AL BYRON, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Frederick Kalenscher and David Rosenzweig. Dated, Attested and Sealed June 22, 2017. Hon. Peter J. Kelly, Surrogate. Lee Coulman, Acting Chief Clerk. Leslie H. Ben-Zvi, Esq. (212) 666-6656 / (917) 836-9485 1700 Broadway – 42nd Floor, New York, NY 10019 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.] AJ; 7/7/14/21/28;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee, for the certificate holders of Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-WCW3, Plaintiff AGAINST Joseph Douglas a/k/a Joseph D. Douglas; Lisamae Haynes a/k/a Lisamae H. Haynes; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 6, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of Kings

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County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St. Brooklyn NY 11201 on August 10, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 772 Elton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 4336 Lot: 120. Approximate amount of judgment \$525,474.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20850/2013. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 14, 2017 46676 AJ; 7/7/14/21/28;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Renata Ramdass; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 14, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 10, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 964 East 43rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Section 23 Block 7746 Lot 59. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,277.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502013/2014. Steven H. Richman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 13, 2017 46600 AJ; 7/7/14/21/28;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, US Bank, National Association, not in its Individual Capacity, but Solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust Series 2012-1T, Plaintiff, vs. Simha Mizrahi, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, Order to Amend Caption and Request for Nunc Pro Tunc Relief and the Addendum to Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 30, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 10, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1774 Madison Place, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 7711 and Lot 61. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,085,745.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 13911/08. Martin Wolf, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 7/7/14/21/28;

Probate Citation File No. 2014-2143 SURROGATE'S COURT, New York COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Monique Jutrin, Sonia Brauner, Lucy Zoltak, Sonia Levy, Kitty Tepperman, as sole heir at law of post deceased

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distributee Erna Josie Peretz a/k/a Josie Peretz, Public Administrator of New York, New York Attorney General To the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of SIMON TAYLOR, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. An amended petition having been duly filed by Elaine Levitt who is/are domiciled at 305 West 28th Street, New York, New York 10001 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court New York County, at rm 509 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on August 16th 2017 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Simon Taylor lately domiciled at 600 West 140th Street, New York, New York 10031, United States admitting to probate a Will dated November 29, 2006 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Simon Taylor deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Elaine Levitt Dated, Attested and Sealed, June 27th, 2017 HON. Nora S. Anderson Surrogate Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk Alan Scott Attorney at Law 485 Madison Avenue, Suite 1300, New York, New York 10022 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you. AJ; 7/7/14/21/28;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: DEBBRAM Consulting, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/20/2017 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: DEBBRAM Consulting LLC, 3865 Amundson Avenue #2, Bronx, NY 10466 Purpose: Consulting AJ; 7/7/14/21/28; 8/4/11

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) . Name: SPARK ARTS STUDIO LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 03/20/2017 . Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of process to: Legalinc corporate services inc. 1967 wehrle drive suite 1 #086 Buffalo, NY 14221. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 7/14/21/28; 8/4/11/18

PROBATE CITATION File No. 2017-1/A SURROGATE'S COURT – QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO All heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Nancy Gluck a/k/a Nancy E. Gluck, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees, and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence and Public Administrator of Queens County A petition having been duly filed by LEONARD KAMSLER, who is domiciled at 140 Seventh Avenue, Apt 5F, New York, NY 10011 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED

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Retired Brazilian soccer star Ronaldo. Photo: Fotos GOVBA via Wikimedia Commons.

Retired Brazilian Soccer Star Ronaldo Hails Son Playing in Maccabiah Games in Israel

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Retired Brazilian soccer star Ronaldo expressed pride this week in his eldest son's participation in the quadrennial Maccabiah Games, which got underway in Israel on Thursday.

"A special hug for my son @ronald_lima who is on the under-18 soccer team. Good luck, guys! Go for it, Brazil! #maccabiah2017," Ronaldo wrote on Instagram in the caption of a photo showing his son and other members of the Brazilian delegation at an airport before their departure for Israel.

According media reports, Ronaldo's son, 17-year-old Ronald Nazario de Lima, is not Jewish, but he and his mother Milene Domingues (a model and ex-professional soccer player herself from whom Ronaldo is divorced) are active members of Sao Paulo Hebraica, which JTA described as a "cross between a Jewish community center and a country club."

This year's 20th Maccabiah Games, an event commonly referred to as the "Jewish Olympics," feature a record-high 10,000 athletes, from 80 countries, competing in 43 sports.

Russell Simmons Defends Jay-Z Against Claims of Antisemitism

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons came to Jay-Z's defense on Tuesday after the superstar rapper was accused of using an antisemitic stereotype about Jews in a song on his recently released album.

On the track "The Story of O.J." from Jay-Z's album "4:44," he raps, "You wanna know what's more important than throwin' away money at a strip club? Credit... You ever wonder why Jewish people own all the property in America? This how they did it. Financial freedom my only hope. F*** livin' rich and dyin' broke."

In a series of messages posted on Twitter, Simmons said Jay-Z's lyrics refer to the Jewish community being a "guiding light to the black and specifically the hip-hop community" for promoting "good business and financial well-being."

Simmons further explained:

From music to film, television, fashion, technology + financial services, the hip-hop community including myself have partnered with Jews where there were no blacks to partner with...Jay Z was celebrating that bond that was built when no other community gave and continues to give us as much support in our fight for liberation in this very white country. I have spent 25 years analyzing and rebuilding this historic bond.

Simmons, who is the chairman of the non-profit Foundation for Ethnic Understanding (FEU), ended by saying that Jay-Z "should not offer a single apology and we should not feed into the silly narrative. By trying to make him apologize or reframe his poetry we would be creating negativity. My opinion." He added, "To all those focusing on negativity go buy the album, it's focused on positivity."

Jay-Z has yet to comment on the controversy

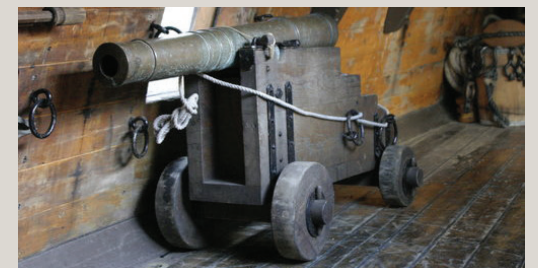
New Research Sheds Light on Centuries-Old Cannons Discovered off Israel's Coast

BY JNS.ORG

A research study conducted at Tel Aviv University indicates that three centuries-old bronze cannons discovered off the coast of Megadim in northern Israel may have been the private property of merchants, rather than belonging to a naval force.

According to a research report published in the August edition of the Journal of Archaeological Science, the cannons were likely part of a weapons cache belonging to sailor merchants, whose ship wrecked off the coast of Haifa in the late 16th century or early 17th century, during what is known as the "Age of the Sail" from 1571–1862.

The researchers' conclusions are based on



A "falcon" cannon. (Illustrative photo.) Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

the first-ever chemical analysis of Venetian bronze cannons from the 16th century, and serve as a basis for future surveys of similar cannons.

The three cannons were initially discovered in 1972, and two were brought ashore for further analysis. In 2013, the third cannon was retrieved. The first two cannons are classified as "sakers," measuring around 11.5 feet long, and the third cannon is a "falcon," measuring nine feet long.

According to research conducted by a team led by Dr. Dana Ashkenazi at Tel Aviv University's School of Mechanical Engineering, the cannons did not belong to the Venetian navy, an enemy of the Holy Land's ruling Ottoman Empire at the time, but were more likely "private ship-owner's property."

Further, according to the researchers, the cannons did not originate in Israel and "may have originated in a southern European country that had contact with Venice, Naples, and Ragusa (Dubrovnik)."



Russell Simmons. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Tradition.

Influence and Power



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Knowing that he is about to die, Moses turns to God and asks him to appoint a successor:

Moses said to the Lord, "May the Lord, God of the spirits of all mankind, appoint a man over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd." (Num. 27-15:17).

It is a farsighted, selfless gesture. As Rashi comments: "This is to tell the praise of the righteous – that when they are about to leave this world, they put aside their personal needs and become preoccupied with the needs of the community." Great leaders think about the long-term future. They are concerned with succession and continuity. So it was with Moses.

God tells Moses to appoint Joshua, a man in whom is the spirit. He gives him precise instructions



about how to arrange the succession:

"Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him. Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him... At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in." (Num. 27:18-21).

There are three actions involved here: Moses was to lay his hand on Joshua, have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly, and give him "some of your authority [me-hodecha]". What is the significance of this threefold process? What does it tell us about the nature of leadership in Judaism?

There is also a fascinating midrash about the first and third of these gestures:

"And lay your hand on him – this is like lighting one candle with another. Give him some

of your authority – this is like emptying one vessel into another." (Bamidbar Rabbah 21:15)

Beneath these enigmatic words is a fundamental truth about leadership.

In L'esprit Des Lois (1748), Montesquieu, one of the great political philosophers of the Enlightenment, set out his theory of the "separation of powers" into three branches: the legislature, the executive and the judiciary. Behind it lay a concern for the future of freedom if power were concentrated in a single source:

Liberty does not flourish because men have natural rights, or because they revolt if their leaders push them too far. It flourishes because power is so distributed and so organized that whoever is tempted to abuse it finds legal restraints in his way.

Montesquieu's source was not the Bible – but there is, in a verse in Isaiah, a strikingly similar idea:

For the Lord is our judge; the Lord is our law-giver; the Lord is our king; he will save us. (Isaiah 33:22)

This tripartite division can also be found in Devarim/Deuteronomy 17-18 in the passage dealing

with the various leadership roles in ancient Israel: the king, the priest and the prophet. The sages later spoke about "three crowns" – the crowns of Torah, priesthood and kingship. Stuart Cohen, who has written an elegant book on the subject, *The Three Crowns*, notes that "what emerges from the [biblical] texts is not democracy throughout the political system, but a distinct notion of power-sharing at its highest levels. Neither Scripture nor early rabbinic writings express any sympathy whatsoever for a system of government in which a single body or group possesses a monopoly of political authority."

The three-fold process through which Joshua was to be inducted into office had to do with the three types of leadership. Specifically the second stage – "Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence" – had to do with the fact that Moses was not a priest. His successor had to be formally recognised by the repre-

sentative of the priesthood, Eleazar the High Priest.

Power and influence are often thought of as being the same kind of thing: those who have power have influence and vice versa. In fact, though, they are quite different. If I have total power and then decide to share it with nine others, I now have only one-tenth of the power I had before. If I have a certain measure of influence and then share it with nine others, I do not have less. I have more. Instead of one person radiating this influence, there are now ten. Power works by division, influence by multiplication.

Moses occupied two roles. He was the functional equivalent of a king. He made the key decisions relating to the people: how they should be organised, the route they were to take on their journey, when and with whom they should engage in war. But he was also the greatest of the prophets. He spoke the word of God.

A king had power. He ruled. He made military, economic and political decisions. Those who disobeyed him faced the possible penalty of death. A prophet had no power whatsoever. He commanded no battalions. He had no way of enforcing his views. But he had massive influence. Today we barely remember the names of most of Israel's and Judah's kings. But the words of the prophets continue to inspire by the sheer force of their vision and ideals. As Kierkegaard once said: When a king dies, his power ends; when a prophet dies, his influence begins.

Moses was to confer both roles on Joshua as his successor. "Lay your hand on him" means, give him your role as a prophet, the intermediary through whom God's word is conveyed to the people. To this day we use the same word, *semicha* (laying on of hands), to describe the process whereby a rabbi ordains his disciples. "Give him some of your authority [me-hodecha]" refers to the second role. It means, invest him with the power you hold as a king.

We now understand the midrash. Influence is like lighting one candle with another. Sharing your influence with someone else does not mean you have less; you have more. When we use the flame of a candle to light another candle, the first is not diminished. There is now, simply, more light.

Transferring power, though, is like emptying one vessel into another. The more power you give away, the less you have. Moses' power ended with his death. His influence, though, remains to this day.

Judaism has an ambivalent attitude towards power. It is necessary. Without it, in the words of Rabbi Hanina, deputy High Priest, "people would eat one another alive" (Avot 3:2). But Judaism long ago recognised that (to quote Lord Acton), power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Influence – the relation of prophet to people, teacher to disciple – is altogether different. It is a non-zero-sum game. Through it, both teacher and disciple grow. Both are enhanced.

Legal Notice.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, QUEENS County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on August 31 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of NANCY E. GLUCK lately domiciled at 69-10 108th Street, Apt 5-M, Forest Hills, NY 11375 admitting to probate a Will dated November 16, 1986 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of NANCY E. GLUCK deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: LEONARD KAMSLER Dated, Attested and Sealed JUN 26 2017 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Lee J. Coulman Acting Chief Clerk HARVEY J. LIPPMAN, ESQ. Attorney for Petitioner, 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 2100, New York, NY 10022, (212)593-2022. [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-4, Plaintiff AGAINST Renee Belmar; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 26, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 17, 2017 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 1355 Saint Marks, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 1357 Lot 70. Approximate amount of judgment \$884,029.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511225/2014. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: July 5, 2017 47214
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: WUFFY,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 06/22/2017. Office location: Kings county . SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: United States corporation agents,inc. 7014 13th Avenue suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
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ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2016-1619/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Unknown Distributees, Attorney General of the State of New York, New York City Human Resources Administration, Fay-Lynn Schwartz Chud, a/k/a Fay

Moses gave Joshua his power and his influence. The first was essential to the political and military tasks ahead. But it was the second that made Joshua one of the great figures of our tradition. Influence is simply more enduring than power.

LEGAL NOTICE

Slater, Estate of Inge Engel, Toni Gonchoroff, Thomas Engel, Wendy Murphey, Michael Engel, Sarah Abbott. And to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Gisele Mund, a/k/a Gisele Mund, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained by the petitioner, herein; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Gisele Mund, a/k/a Gisele Mund, deceased, who at the time of her death was a resident of 1060 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York 10025, New York, New York. A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on August 23, 2017 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 509, why the following relief stated in the account proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that a photocopy of a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of decedent dated May 14, 1980 (a copy of which is attached) not be admitted to probate; (iii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the distributees at which time proof pursuant to SCPA Section 2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that the balance of the funds be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees; (iv) that the claim of the New York City Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$1,031,742.54 be allowed, but that payment not be made until such time as ever the estate includes assets which are not comprised of government reparation payments excluded from Medicaid recovery pursuant to the CMS State Medicaid Manual Section 3810(A) (8); (v) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings to the attorney for the petitioner for legal services rendered to the petitioner herein; (vi) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (vii) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA Section 307 where required or directed; and (viii) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed. July 6, 2017 (Seal) Hon. Rita Mella, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York County 11 Park Place, Suite 615 New York, New York 10007 (212) 896-3310 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.
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