

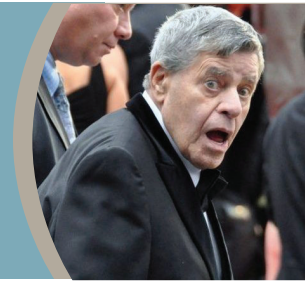
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Iran Warns It Could Resume High-Level Uranium Enrichment in 5 Days



Iranian nuclear facilities at Natanz.
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BY JNS.ORG

Iran warned Tuesday that it is capable of resuming high-level uranium enrichment—up to 20 percent—within five days. This degree of enrichment can be used in a nuclear weapon.

“If we make a determination, at most in five days we can start 20-percent enrichment in Fordo (the site of an Iranian nuclear

plant),” the head of Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization, Ali Akbar Salehi, told Iranian media.

Salehi’s comments follow a warning last week by Iranian President Hassan Rouhani that the Islamic Republic could abandon its 2015 nuclear agreement with world powers “within hours” if the U.S. follows through with imposing new sanctions on Iran. The nuclear deal stipulates that Iran must cap its

uranium enrichment at 3.5 percent.

In early August, President Donald Trump signed new sanctions against Iran over its ballistic missile program and human rights violations. The sanctions were enacted amid Iran’s reported fueling of the recent Temple Mount crisis in Israel, as well as the Islamic Republic’s agreement to bolster relations with the Palestinian terror group Hamas.

After Terror Attack in Europe, Israel Touted as Example to Emulate on Security

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The latest Islamist terror atrocity in Europe — which left 15 people dead in Barcelona and Cambrils last week — has once again drawn attention to security deficiencies on the continent.

In the view of numerous observers, European nations have something to learn from Israel when it comes to keeping their citizens safe.



Barcelona police vehicles rushing to the site of last week’s terror attack. Photo: Screenshot.

In an International Business Times op-ed published on Tuesday, retired British Army officer Richard Kemp and international human rights lawyer Arsen Ostrovsky highlighted Israel’s expertise in cyber security, counter-terrorism surveillance and behavioral profiling.

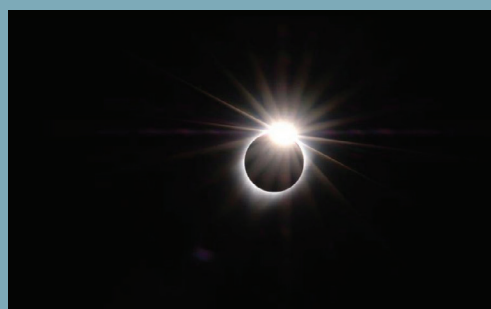
To mitigate the terror threat, they wrote, European governments will have to show “bold leadership” and recognize that “whether it is Barcelona, Nice, London, Berlin, Stockholm or Jerusalem, terror is terror.”

The West, Kemp and Ostrovsky concluded, “must stand united, in unwavering solidarity and commitment if we are

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Opinion.

Trump Encourages Right-Wing Antisemites, but They Also Exist on the Left



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We live in a time when — as the US State Department has noted — a “rising tide of antisemitism” has swept across the globe. This has partly happened because intellectual elites and some Muslims have produced a surge of venom against Israel and Jews. This movement has found a foothold on American campuses and among some left-wing groups, resulting in Jews being stigmatized and isolated in the public square, and students being subjected to violence and intimidation.

But the growth of this noxious form of hate is not what many American Jews are most worried about. Instead, it is sights like neo-Nazis and their Ku Klux Klan and alt-right allies parading in Charlottesville, Virginia, that scares Jews the most.

A reasonable argument, however, can be put forward to assert that the left-wing poses a more serious menace to global Jewish security. But fear of the antisemitic right is always going to be the threat that resonates the most in the Jewish community. The thought process leading to that conclusion might be debatable, but it also reflects a disturbing truth

about the persistence of antisemitism — and the failure of both liberals and conservatives to think clearly about the issue.

Part of the reason why right-wing antisemites are scarier to American Jews is a function of imagery and historical memory. The spectacle in Charlottesville is chilling in of itself, but also because it is reminiscent of the Holocaust. These thugs aren’t anything close to being the threat that the Nazis were in Germany, but their brazenness provides a visceral shock that even the most vicious, and perhaps more influential, Jew-haters on the left can’t provoke.

The increasingly central role that antisemitic attitudes are playing on the left often flies under the flag of anti-Zionism, rather than open Jew-hatred. But that is a distinction without a difference. Even in the US, where this hate against Israel is less prevalent than in Europe, it has meant boycotts and even violence, as well as inflammatory rhetoric. This rhetoric comes from many prominent members of the anti-Trump “resistance.”

Liberal Jews have been slow to respond to this threat, because it requires them to confront erstwhile allies who are part of the Democratic Party base — or groups that they view with sympathy, like Black Lives Matter or organizations that purport to represent the LGBTQ community.

But liberals aren’t the only ones who have ignored things that didn’t fit into their world-

view. Republicans have become a lockstep pro-Israel party. Many Republicans believed that the main organs of conservatism like the National Review chased antisemites out of the movement long ago. This has led Jewish conservatives to believe that the virus of right-wing antisemitism was dead and buried. But antisemitism on the right has made a comeback.

Neo-Nazis the Klan, and their alt-right allies, may be small in number and make up only a small fraction of the coalition that elected Trump. But their impact is magnified by Trump’s reluctance to consistently take them on. In my view, Trump is no antisemite, and he has governed as a staunch friend of Israel. Yet he has encouraged right-wing antisemites by alleging a false moral equivalence with those who oppose them, while also signaling sympathy with the cause (preserving Confederate statues) that the antisemites and racists turned out to support in Charlottesville.

Neo-Nazis may seem scarier than Jew-haters on the left, but the challenge for American Jews now lies in trying to rise above the partisan loyalties that can blind us to both sides of the antisemitic coin.

Liberals prefer to ignore the potent influence of those who promulgate antisemitic boycotts of Israel, while encouraging intimidation and attacks against Jews. Many seem to think calling out left-wing antisemites in



US President Donald Trump.
Photo: Screenshot.

the anti-Trump resistance is not as important as opposing the administration. At the same time, conservatives need to acknowledge that speaking up about the antisemitic and racist right isn’t chasing ghosts. They need to understand that calling out Trump for his encouragement of alt-right antisemites will neither betray Israel nor aid left-wing Jew-haters.

What is needed is a Jewish community with the wisdom to take up the fight against hate and bigotry no matter its origin. Until that happens, liberals and conservatives alike will continue to fail to adequately address a problem that ought to transcend politics.

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New York Times Blames the Jews for Donald Trump



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The *New York Times* is blaming the Jews for Donald Trump.

That’s what I took away from two pieces in the newspaper over the weekend.

The first was a news article from Jerusalem, headlined, “As Trump Offers Neo-Nazis Muted Criticism, Netanyahu Is Largely Silent.”

The article faulted the Israeli prime minister for failing to condemn President Trump in a manner that the *Times* judged to be sufficiently speedy and specific.

This is strange on two fronts. First, it’s a double standard. When Netanyahu publicly faulted former President Barack Obama for the Iran nuclear deal, the *Times* complained he was meddling in US politics and making an enemy out of an American president. Now that Netanyahu is doing his best to avoid a public fight with an American president, he gets criticized for that, too.

Second, the Charlottesville marchers weren’t just antisemites, they were also, at least reportedly, racists. It was a Confederate statue that triggered the whole thing, not any Jewish symbol. But the only country whose leader got put on the spot in a full-length *Times* news article, at least so far as I can tell, was Israel. There was no full-length *Times*

news article I saw about any majority black African or Caribbean countries or majority Asian countries (other than Israel) and their prime ministers’ or presidents’ reactions or non-reactions to Trump’s response to the Charlottesville events. Maybe there were some such *Times* articles that I missed. But I usually read the paper pretty carefully, and I sure did not spot any.

In the same Saturday issue of the *Times* came a column by Bret Stephens headlined “President Jabberwock and the Jewish Right,” critical of “right-of-center Jews who voted for Donald Trump in the election.” This is such a small group in proportion to Trump’s overall support that it’s hard to see why it merits an entire column. Not a single one of these “right-of-center Jews who voted for Donald Trump in the election” is actually named in the column, which claims that such Jews are now subject to “moral embarrassment.”

The column says Jews should have known not to vote for Trump because of “the denunci-



The headquarters of The New York Times.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

ations of ‘globalism’ and ‘international banks’ and the ‘enemy of the American people’ news media.” Yet on July 3, 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt sent a message denouncing “the old fetishes of so-called international bankers.” Plenty of Jews nonetheless voted for FDR without any moral embarrassment. Likewise, Bernie Sanders attacks the press, including CNN and the *New York Times*, just about as vociferously and directly as Trump does. Plenty of Jews voted for Sanders, too, and Sanders’ attacks on the press haven’t been widely interpreted as antisemitic.

In my own view, the danger of antisemitism right now is less in the Oval Office and more in the *Times* comment section and editorial moderation. It was just days ago that the *Times* was assuring us that its decision to award a gold ribbon and “NYT Pick” stamp of approval to a reader comment describing Netanyahu as a “parasitic thug” was an inadvertent mistake. Yet in the comments on the Stephens column, the *Times* again awards a gold ribbon and “NYT Pick” label to a comment that reads in part, “It also remains to be seen whether American Zionists have learned to stop prioritizing ‘good for Israel’ over ‘good for America.’” That comment, which earned “thumbs up” upvotes from at least 410 *Times* readers, could have easily fit into the *Times* news article about the Charlottesville racists and antisemites “in their own words.” (It was also consistent with the Stephens column itself, which explicitly mentioned Israel as part of “the gist of the Jewish conser-

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World News.

Shia Imam Restates Belief That Israel 'Finances, Arms, Trains' ISIS Terrorists

BY BEN COHEN

A prominent Shia Muslim imam in California is sticking defiantly with his allegation that Israel finances and arms ISIS — the Sunni Muslim terrorist group that has carried out genocidal campaigns against religious minorities in Iraq and Syria, among them Christians and Yazidis.

In a June 23 sermon, the founder and director of the Islamic Education Center of Orange County, Dr. Sayed Moustafa al-Qazwini, who has been widely acclaimed for his role in interfaith dialogue in southern California, insisted that Israel was the driving force behind ISIS, after first explaining to his congregation that the terrorist group was "anti-Islamic."

"Most of you — all of you — know who established ISIS, Al Qaeda and all these terrorist organizations," al-Qazwini declared. "You know very well. You know who paid for them, who financed them, who helped them, who purchased weapons for them, who even trained them, who protected them. You know that."

Al-Qazwini continued: "This is not the production of Islam. Islam is not responsible for ISIS. There are certain agencies and governments, they put hand in hand to establish ISIS, to demolish Islam from within. This was the plan."

The imam went on: "ISIS is the production of the Israeli intelligence. Most of their officers were trained in Israel, including Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi." Al Baghdadi was the founder of ISIS who is now believed to be in hiding in Syria.

Video of al-Qazwini's sermon was originally shared among a handful of users on YouTube, before being brought to light by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). The conspiracy theory that ISIS is a creation of Israel has become a staple of Iranian propaganda, and was cited as a principle reason for the Tehran's regime's decision in July to spend an extra \$600 million on its missile development program.

On Tuesday, al-Qazwini doubled down on his allegation against Israel. In a statement released through his Islamic Education

Center, al-Qazwini said his comments had been based on information he had received from "government and military sources" during a visit to Iraq in 2014. These officials told him definitively that Israeli intelligence was supporting ISIS, he said.

Al-Qazwini went on to say that his comments should not be seen as criticism of "adherents of the Jewish faith."

"Imam al-Qazwini has a long-standing record of over three decades of promoting genuine interfaith and civic respect and dialogue, especially with his Jewish, Christian, and other friends and neighbors," the statement said. "He firmly rejects anti-Semitism and all other forms of racial, ethnic and religious discrimination."

But at least one prominent Jewish leader in California wasn't convinced.

"First, he exonerates Muslims for the Islamist horrors of Al Qaeda and ISIS," Rabbi Abraham Cooper — associate dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center — told *The Algemeiner* on Tuesday. "Then he then uses a canard that it was Israel — the Jewish state — that created and sustains murder and mayhem in Allah's name. Then, when exposed, and only then, he blames 'Iraqi intelligence?'"

Asked about al-Qazwini's role in interfaith dialogue, Cooper responded: "The Jewish community should rely on a guiding principle when invited to interfaith dialogue — we should sit with people who respect who we are. We are overwhelmingly Zionists who support the world's largest Jewish community: Israel. When the imam says he means no harm to Jews, should we thank him for slandering over 6 million of our Jewish brothers and sisters in Israel?"

An active user of Twitter and Facebook, al-Qazwini often shares pictures of himself alongside influential religious and political leaders, including Evangelical Pastor Rick Warren, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN), the deputy chair of the Democratic National Committee.

Last December, al-Qazwini appeared with local Jewish leaders at a rally against racism and hatred on the steps of City Hall in Los Angeles.

Netanyahu to Attend Event Marking 50 Years of Settlement Movement

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will attend a special ceremony Aug. 28 to mark 50 years since the Six-Day War and Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

The Samaria Regional Council organized the event, which will take place in the Barkan Industrial Park. The ceremony falls on the same day that United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will embark on his first official visit to Israel and the Palestinian Authority as the UN's leader.

In addition to Netanyahu, Israeli officials planning to attend the ceremony include Likud party government ministers Yisrael Katz, Ofir Akunis, Gila Gamliel and Tzachi Hanegbi, as well as HaBayit HaYehudi party ministers Naftali Bennett and Uri Ariel.

Two weeks later, on Sept. 13, an official Israeli government ceremony marking the same events from 1967 will take place in the Kfar Etzion community. In June, Netanyahu pledged to "preserve" and "strengthen" Israel's settlement enterprise during a special ceremony at the Israeli Knesset marking the

Putin Unlikely to Allay Netanyahu's Concerns Over Iranian Presence in Syria



Gen. Qasem Soleimani (center, front row) of the Qods Force of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) visits Iranian forces in Syria, May 2016. Photo: File.

BY BEN COHEN

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is meeting Russian President Vladimir Putin this week for the first time since the Russia-US deal on a ceasefire in southwestern Syria was announced in July — but Jerusalem should not expect any concessions from Moscow over Iran's growing military presence in Syria, a leading expert on Russian policy toward the Middle East said on Monday.

"Putin is not going to say anything that's going to surprise Russia analysts," Anna Borshchevskaya — the Ira Weiner Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy think tank — told *The Algemeiner*.

Netanyahu arrives in the Russian resort city of Sochi on Wednesday with the issue of Iran's footprint in Syria uppermost in his mind.

Announced on July 7 following the first encounter in person between Putin and US President Donald Trump, the exact details of the Syria ceasefire deal have remained sketchy. While both leaders said that concerns about the potential spillover of the Syrian war had been taken into account, Israel is known to be deeply concerned that the so-called "de-escalation zones" in Syria — created under a separate agreement between Russia, Turkey and Iran, without US involvement — will provide a major opportunity for Iran and its Lebanese proxy Hezbollah to continue establishing weapons factories, command posts, missile launch sites and other threats that directly endanger Israel. These worries led Netanyahu to publicly reject the deal, as other influential Israelis warned that Jerusalem would not hesitate to militarily destroy Iranian and Hezbollah assets in Syria should the imperative arise.

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Example
to defeat this global evil."

Over the weekend, British journalist David Patrikarakos wrote in *The Spectator*, "We are fighting 21st century terrorism with 20th century methods. Nonetheless, more can, and must, be done. One country, above

Meetings between Netanyahu and Putin have now become routine — with Netanyahu raising near-identical concerns about Syria during their last sit-down in March. But neither leader is expected to diverge from their common position that Israel and Russia must cooperate, even if their interests collide at Wednesday's meeting, Borshchevskaya explained.

"Putin will push the same line as before," she said. "He'll say that Israel's concerns about Iran are overstated, he's going to say that Russia is in Syria to bring stability and stamp out ISIS, and he will talk about America — he'll say that the Americans invaded Iraq and created this mess, and that consequently Russia is the only voice of reason."

Borshchevskaya added that, at the same time, Putin would be respectful to his Israeli guest. "He will say that he understands Israel's concerns, he will point out that Russia and Israel are in the same struggle against terrorism, but there will also be a subtle message that we don't have the same interests," she predicted.

Israel may, however, feel now that the US is a step closer to understanding its position. At a press briefing on August 1, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson stated that a key condition of US cooperation with the Russians in Syria was "that Iran's military influence, the direct presence of Iranian military forces inside of Syria, they must leave and go home, whether those are Iranian Revolutionary Guard forces or whether those are paid militias, foreign fighters, that Iran has brought into Syria in this battle."

Ultimately, Netanyahu's demands of Putin will be tempered by the realization that "this is not an equal relationship," Borshchevskaya said.

"Both of them are aware of that," she said.

all, has the method and the solution: Israel."

"This little country of eight million has been dealing with terrorism since the state's inception 70 years ago," he continued. "From airline hijackings to suicide bombers to stabbings, shooting and vehicle attacks, Israel has seen them all — and has adapted accordingly."

Gregorian calendar's 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War.

At the Knesset session, Netanyahu called

for unified support of Jewish communities in the territories Israel won of control during the 1967 war.

World News.



March of the Living participants pass through the gates of Auschwitz in 2016. Photo: MOTL.

Organizers of Annual Holocaust Commemoration Slam Racial Justice

BY BEN COHEN

The organizers of an annual Holocaust commemoration that culminates with a procession at the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland have strongly criticized the forthcoming March for Racial Justice for selecting Yom Kippur — the holiest day in the Jewish calendar — as the date for a show of unity along the National Mall in Washington, DC.

“By choosing a day in the Jewish calendar that Jewish people cannot participate in, you have effectively turned your March for Justice into a monumental act of injustice against the Jewish people,” declared Phyllis Greenberg Heideman, the president of the March of the Living, an annual intensive program that takes participants to Poland and then to Israel to commemorate the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis.

The March for Racial Justice is scheduled to take place on September 30, when many American Jews will be fasting and attending all-day synagogue services in observance of Yom Kippur. The date was chosen in honor of the victims of a white supremacist riot in Elaine, Arkansas, on the same date in 1919. More than 200 black Americans were murdered during the violence, including former servicemen who

had just returned from the battlefields of World War One in Europe.

Last week, a statement from march organizers noted that “the March for Racial Justice did not realize that September 30 was Yom Kippur when we were factoring in these and other considerations and applying for permits.”

The organizers added: “Choosing this date, we now know, was a grave and hurtful oversight on our part.” However, the date will not be changed. “We are marching in solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters who are observing the holiest of days on the Jewish calendar,” the organizers said. “Holding fast to Jewish tradition is also an act of resistance, in the face of growing anti-Semitism.”

Greenberg Heidemann acknowledged that the organizers of the March for Racial Justice had apologized for their “grave and hurtful oversight,” but added: “The correct path moving forward would be to change the date.”

“On behalf of 250,000 alumni of the March of the Living, who have traveled to Poland to see firsthand the remnants of the Holocaust and the devastating results of prejudice and hatred, we implore with the organizers of the March for Racial Justice to do the right thing: change the date of the March so that no-one is excluded,” she said. “Only then, will it truly be a march for justice.”

Yavne Supermarket Stabbing Victim Recalls Attack, Says Terrorist Asked Him Where Bathroom Was 15 Minutes Prior

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Three weeks after being critically wounded by a knife-wielding Palestinian terrorist at a supermarket in Yavne, Niv Nehemiah has spoken to the media for the first time about the experience.

In a written interview published by the Hebrew news site Walla on Monday, Nehemiah — who still has difficulty speaking due to damage done to his vocal cords — wrote, “I feel much better, but there is still a long way to go after all the surgeries I went through.”

Nehemiah — who worked at the supermarket — recounted, “I saw the terrorist

around 15 minutes before the incident. He asked me where the bathroom was in the store. I remember everything, from the first stab and the whole struggle between us, until he fled and I fell to the floor to get help.”

Nehemiah is rehabilitating at the Kaplan Medical Center in Rehovot. He expressed gratitude to all those who had prayed for him and sent well-wishes.

“This very much warmed my heart,” he said.

The terrorist — a 19-year-old Palestinian man from a village near Hebron who had entered Israel illegally — was arrested by police near the scene of the attack.

Kushner Team Heads to Middle East as Arab Leaders Emphasize ‘No Peace’ Without Palestinian State

BY BEN COHEN

As a high-level negotiating team headed by US President Donald Trump’s senior adviser Jared Kushner heads to the Middle East this week, Palestinian and Arab leaders have underlined that they will not consider any solutions that deviate from the 2002 Saudi-backed peace initiative — which calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel, with eastern Jerusalem as its capital.

Kushner will arrive in the region on Thursday accompanied by Jason Greenblatt, the administration’s special envoy for international negotiations, and Deputy National Security Adviser Dina Powell. The team will meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem and with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah, before heading to further meetings in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Jordan and Egypt.

In a joint declaration in advance of the American visit, the Palestinian, Egyptian and Jordanian foreign ministers, meeting in Cairo, welcomed US involvement in advancing the peace process, but implicitly warned against any flirtation with political solutions that do not involve a separate Palestinian state. Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki asserted that the “united Arab position” was that “there will be no peace without the establishment of a Palestinian state within the ‘67 borders,” while his Jordanian counterpart, Ayman al-Safadi, said the Americans needed to understand that “we are not coming up with a new proposal.”

Behind the scenes, however, Palestinian leaders are said to be increasingly disillusioned with Kushner and his team. In part, this is because of the Trump administration’s tougher stance on the PA’s policy of paying monthly salaries to convicted terrorists and their families — a practice widely regarded as incentivizing terror, at an annual cost of \$300 million. After his last meeting with Kushner on June 23, Abbas was reported to have been furious at an American demand that the PA cut the payments to the families of 600 Palestinian terrorists serving life imprisonment sentences in Israeli prisons. Should the forthcoming session of Congress pass the Taylor Force Act

— which would severely restrict US aid to the PA until the State Department certifies that it is no longer inciting and funding terrorist violence — the PA’s relationship with Kushner and his team is likely to be further strained.

On Sunday, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that Abbas told a visiting delegation from Israel’s left-wing Meretz party that he had met with Trump’s envoys about 20 times, being assured on each occasion of the administration’s support for a two-state solution.

“But when he would ask the envoys, ‘Do you say this to the Israeli government?’ they would not answer him,” Abbas was quoted as saying by Issawi Frej, one of the Meretz Knesset Members who met with the Palestinian leader in Ramallah, the *LA Times* reported. The paper added that Frej had observed, “The Palestinian Authority is almost at the point of despair — they have no expectations from the Trump administration or the delegation that is on its way.”

But as Abbas reportedly despairs, other Palestinian officials are warning of apocalyptic outcomes in the event that Kushner fails.

“If we don’t succeed this time, all the options are Armageddonist,” the PLO’s Washington representative, Husam Zomlot, told the Abu Dhabi newspaper *The National* last week.

“For the last three months we have done the talking, the microphone was with us, we explained in detail where we see things going, and now it’s time to listen,” Zomlot said. He added that the PA wants to now “hear the Trump administration publicly endorse a vision for a solution.”

Adamant that the “only final solution is the two states based on 1967 borders,” Zomlot demanded “crystal clarity from the US before we start the journey, on where we are going and how we will get there.”

But if the official line from the White House is anything to go by, such clarity will come ultimately from the negotiating parties themselves. On Monday, in advance of the Kushner team’s visit, a White House official stated: “While the regional talks will play an important role, the president reaffirms that peace between Israelis and Palestinians can only be negotiated directly between the two parties and that the United States will continue working closely with the parties to make progress towards that goal.”

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vative’s case for Trump,” but omitted taxes, deregulation, or the Supreme Court.)

There was an extended discussion in the *Times* this weekend about bigoted commenters. That discussion came in a *Times* magazine article about the website Breitbart. The *Times* reported:

Breitbart functioned as a legitimizing tether for the most abhorrent currents of the right wing. Benkler referred to this as a “bridge” phenomenon, in which extremist websites linked to Breitbart for validation and those same fanatics could then gather in Breitbart’s comment section to hurl invectives... many of the writers and editors at Breitbart really were inclined to a pedestrian politics, but they were happy enough to welcome bigots if it meant increasing traffic. ...he says he doubts that many of his

former colleagues realize how deplorable their commenters can be. “They’re mostly just seen the way a lot of websites see their commenters, which is: ‘Oh, God, these idiots,’” he said. “I think there was a lot of opportunism going on. If they could get traffic from those people, then they got traffic from those people.”

When a *Times* column blaming right-wing Jews for Trump generates a reader comment with 410 upvotes and a gold ribbon “NYT pick” for asserting that US Zionists prioritize Israel’s interests ahead of America’s, some people might start suspecting the *Times* itself of engaging in Breitbart-style reader-comment opportunism.

So long as the *Times* is on the topic of “moral embarrassment” — well, let’s just say, if not much of that seems on display among the paper’s own editors, it’s not because it’s entirely unwarranted.

U.S. News.

Trump Administration Urges UN Not to Publish Blacklist of Companies Trading With Israel

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

US President Donald Trump's administration is urging the United Nations not to publish what it calls a "blacklist" of international firms that do business in Israeli settlements on land claimed by the Palestinians for a future state, diplomats and others said, the Washington Post reported on Monday.

The UN Human Rights Council voted to approve the database of companies last year, over objections from the United States and Israel, which describe the list as a prelude to anti-Israel boycotts.

American companies on the list drawn up by the Geneva-based council include Caterpillar, TripAdvisor, Priceline.com, Airbnb and others, according to people familiar with it. It is not clear whether the list has been finalized.

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, the UN high commissioner for human rights, has told US officials he plans to publish the

list by the end of the year and has asked for comments by Sept. 1 from countries where affected firms are headquartered, diplomats said.

"The United States has been adamantly opposed to this ... from the start" and has fought against it before several UN bodies, State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said. "These types of resolutions are counterproductive and do nothing to advance Israeli-Palestinian issues."

The United States joined Israel in unsuccessfully opposing UN funding for work related to the database, Nauert said.

"We have made clear our opposition regarding the creation of a database of businesses operating in Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, and we have not participated and will not participate in its creation or contribute to its content," she said.



Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, the UN high commissioner for human rights, has told US officials he plans to publish the Israel blacklist by the end of the year. Photo: File.

In a statement Monday, Israel's UN ambassador, Danny Danon, called the council's moves toward publication of the list "an expression of modern antisemitism."

"Instead of focusing on the terrible humanitarian problems plaguing the globe, the Human Rights Commissioner is seeking to harm Israel," Danon said.

Rare Letters From Albert Einstein, Including Criticism of Chamberlain, to Be Auctioned

BY JNS.ORG

A series of letters from the famed German-Jewish physicist Albert Einstein, including criticism of the infamous 1938 Munich Agreement forged by former British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, are set to be auctioned off in Los Angeles Aug. 24.

In the Munich Agreement letter, which Einstein penned 10 days after Chamberlain signed the fateful pact, allowing Nazi Germany to annex Czechoslovakia, Einstein described the naiveté of Chamberlain to his friend Michele Besso, a Swiss-Italian engineer credited on Einstein's Theory of Special Relativity.

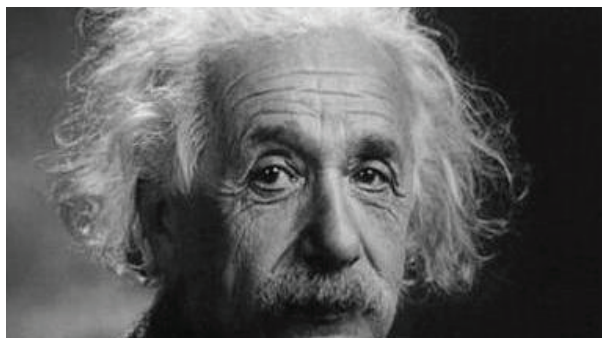
"You have confidence in the British and even Chamberlain? O sancta simplicitas...! ('Oh holy innocence,' a phrase used to describe naiveté in Latin.) Hoping that Hitler might let off steam by attacking Russia, he sacrifices Eastern Europe," Einstein wrote. "Now [Chamberlain] saved Hitler in the nick of time by crowning himself with the wreath of love of peace and inducing France to betray the Czechs. He did all this in such a clever way that he deceived most people, even you (unfortunately). His only fear, which spurred him on to his humiliating flights, was the worry that Hitler might lose ground."

"I do not have any hope left for the future of Europe," Einstein concluded.

Einstein had longed worked with Besso to save European Jews by issuing affidavits. In the letter, Einstein also lamented he wouldn't be able to distribute additional affidavits because it would endanger those whose applications were pending.

Two additional letters — both addressed to Besso — that are being auctioned off include Einstein's analysis of his divorce from his first wife, Mileva Maric, as well as a letter written in 1932 just before his departure to the US due to the rise of the Third Reich in Germany.

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Opinion.

President Trump, Where Is Your 'Fire and Fury' When It Comes to Nazis?



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After calling some of the participants at a neo-Nazi march in Charlottesville "some very fine people," President Donald Trump has a unique opportunity to re-establish his moral credibility as a leader through an eloquent condemnation of racism, neo-Nazism and white supremacy.

Although Trump chose to change his tone after the initial statement that he made last Monday, he should devote an entire address to a complete and utter condemnation of racism and bigotry. Trump should also reaffirm the American and biblical proclamation of all people being created equally in the image of G-d.

Here is what I would like Trump to say: My fellow Americans.

We recently witnessed one of the truly shameful episodes in modern American history. A group of white nationalists and racists tried to emulate Hitler's torchlight parade of January 1933 upon becoming chancellor of Germany, right here in America. The torchlight parade of Hitler's followers and SS marked the beginning of the darkest period in the history of humankind. That any American group would seek to copy that procession to make a political statement demonstrates that hatred and bigotry continue to flourish — not just far away in Europe but here in the United States.

But events only cascaded from there, with the demonstrations turning violent,

and an innocent and courageous woman — Heather Heyer, who had a reputation for fighting injustice — lost her life when a hate-filled racist assailant rammed his car into a crowd of counter-demonstrators.

I am the first American president to have a child who converted to Judaism. My daughter Ivanka was not born Jewish. Rather, she chose to become a Jew. This was a decision that I supported fully, and although I am not Jewish myself, I put on a kosher Jewish wedding for her and her husband, who is now my senior adviser in the White House.

Since then, I have watched my Jewish grandchildren celebrate Hanukkah and Passover, and I have personally witnessed the richness of Jewish life. During the Holocaust, millions of parents were robbed of the opportunity to watch children grow up, and millions of children were denied the opportunity to be hugged and loved by parents because of the white supremacist cancer known as Nazism, which was allowed to grow unchecked in Europe.

Let me be clear: I will never allow bigotry of any kind to flourish in the United States.

While the Holocaust is a unique crime to which nothing can be compared, rest assured that I, as president, will never allow the disease of white nationalism to spread within our borders. I will fight it with everything at my disposal. I will condemn it through every modern medium, whatever the political consequences.

America is the greatest country on earth, but it is not a perfect country, and it is especially guilty of the abomination of slavery, which was practiced for hundreds of years before it took a terribly violent war to end it. More than 700,000 Americans lost their lives in the Civil War. We learned from that experience that if we do not strongly condemn and oppose the spread of bigotry and racism at



US President Donald Trump. Photo: Screenshot.

its source, the price that we will pay later is greater than anything we can imagine.

I am the president of the United States; our country is a shining beacon to the world when it comes to liberty and human rights. When white racists march against blacks and Jews in Virginia, they are offending God with their bigotry. They are offending American values by their denial of the equality of all people, which is enshrined in the Declaration of Independence. And they are offending me personally because they are attacking my own flesh and blood.

These racists have picked a fight with the wrong guy.

I will fight them with every power I have, not because I'm bullied or pressured by any outside group into condemning bigotry. I will do so because it has always been a part of my personal values system to see the infinite specialness of every one of God's children.

It was for that reason that I took action in Syria to stop the slaughter of Arab Muslim children. It is partly for this reason that I am also standing up to North Korea; Kim Jong-un, like his father and grandfather before him, brutalizes and starves his own people. And it is also for this reason that I am taking a hard line in Iran, which sows terror throughout the world and threatens Israel with annihilation.

basic education — with one in every four schools damaged, destroyed or used for displaced people.

These are not mere numbers. We are talking about a catastrophe in the making for all to see. Two generations have been lost; never again will they know normalcy but only anguish and uncertainty, while the world watches with complacency.

No one is talking about a solution that could bring this calamitous war to a conclusion. The UN Security Council has been inept at best. Russia's veto-wielding power has and continues to prevent the passage of any solution. President Putin will continue to support Assad and spare no effort to maintain Russia's presence in Syria as a springboard to enhance his regional influence.

Iran, which is fighting for regional hegemony, will continue to support Assad's regime until the last Syrian soldier. The mullahs do so in the "name of the almighty," which gives them the "moral authority" to ravage the country for as long as it takes to secure their hegemonic ambitions from the Mediterranean to the Gulf.

Turkey's President Erdogan, who wishes to spread his wings throughout the Middle East, is fighting to secure a foothold in Syria. He is indiscriminately bombing the Syrian Kurdish fortifications to prevent them from establishing their own autonomous rule, which can only further destabilize Syria.

The US was the only country that could have spared this horror. Sadly, Obama sat on his hands, allowing Russia and Iran to continue to pillage the country and consolidate their gains. President Trump, with all his boasting, has yet to lift a finger other than

Some people criticize me for these positions. But only a strong America, standing up for human rights, is worthy of leadership.

At my inauguration, I made it clear that I would put America first. But America's rose to become the strongest nation on earth because of its incorruptible values. And highest among them is the belief that there is a God who blesses America precisely because it honors the divine will in honoring all of God's children.

I want any and all alt-right, white supremacist racist bigots to know that no matter how much support you may have given my presidency, I have nothing in common with you. I care not a bit if I lose your support — because you represent the contravention of all the values that this great country that I lead stands for. It's time for all of you to take a good, hard look at the irrational hatred in your heart and ask how you could have sunk so low. How is it that being blessed to live in America, the greatest and freest country on earth, you have still turned to hate?

What is wrong with you people?

Regardless of the conclusions you arrive at, know that American law enforcement will be directed by me to utilize any and all legal means to check and curb your provocations, so that what happened in Charlottesville will never be repeated again.

One day my Jewish grandchildren — themselves the descendants of Holocaust survivors — will ask me what I did when Nazis began to once again raise their ugly heads in America under my watch. And I hope to tell them that I unleashed fire and fury on these neo-Nazis, and forced them to retreat into the sewer from whence they came.

Thank you all. May God bless the family of Heather Heyer and grant them comfort, and may God bless America.

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Syria Proves the World's Moral Bankruptcy



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Much has been written about Syria's civil war — but sadly the mounting death and destruction there has long since become mere statistics. The international community has grown comfortably numb to the horror, and the external players — especially Russia and Iran — have been nurturing their vested interests by prolonging the deadly conflict.

What happened to the sentiment of "never again" that was universally embraced in the wake of World War II to prevent calamities such as this from occurring? How low will the moral bar of the international community sink before we awake to the unfolding catastrophe in Syria?

How many more men, women and children must die, and how much ruin can the country further sustain before we act to stop this madness that seems to infect every party involved?

"Crimes against humanity" has become a mere slogan. The international commu-

nity has assumed no responsibility, and discharged their moral culpability while the blood of innocent Syrian people continues to stream, marring what's left of our collective conscience.

According to World Vision International, "millions of children under five are now more vulnerable than ever to physical trauma, injuries, communicable diseases, and malnutrition." At least 8.2 million children inside Syria and across the region are now experiencing displacement, shattered health systems and food insecurity, while more than 2 million are growing up as refugees.

Nearly three million children under the age of five have grown up knowing only war. One in four children is at risk of severe mental health disorders, with potentially lifelong consequences. Attacks on hospitals have left only 43 percent of Syrian hospitals functional, while half of Syria's doctors have fled the country.

As many as 80,000 children in Syria are believed to be infected with polio, which was eradicated in Syria in 1995. During the five-year span of the conflict, life expectancy at birth has dropped by 15 years. Worst of all, tens of thousands of children have been killed.

And if this is not enough, just think about the other damage that has been inflicted on these children, who have been deprived of

ineffectively bombing a Syrian air field in response to Assad's use of chemical weapons. This was done to show his bravado, while he shamefully stopped the training of anti-Assad rebels and made them vulnerable to the merciless attacks by Syrian, Russian and Iranian forces.

Saudi Arabia continues to provide money and materials to the rebels, but only to serve its interests as it continues to wage a proxy war against Shiite Iran for regional dominance, making Syria the battleground between the two sides — while the Syrian people pay the price.

Leave it, of course, to Assad to ravage the country in order to remain in power. Many dictators have treated their people with ruthlessness and cruelty to maintain their grip on power, but no despot in recent years has inflicted so much devastation, desolation and despair on his own country like Assad has.

Take a look at the monstrosity that Assad has committed. Nearly 500,000 Syrians have been killed since the beginning of the civil war in 2011. An estimated 13.5 million people, including more than 6 million children, are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection; 6.3 million people are internally displaced and nearly five million Syrians have fled the country and become refugees.

In addition to the staggering human toll, the cost of the conflict in Syria to date is estimated at \$275 billion, and there is no end in sight to the astronomical losses. One would think that at a minimum the international community would respond to the human crisis by providing the necessary funding, but unsurprisingly — in this area too — the international

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Opinion.

Let's Talk About Sex: The Aftermath of Charlottesville



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The scene is Paris in the late 19th century. At a glittering ball, a handful of eligible gentlemen eagerly circled the charming Comtesse de La Rochefoucauld — something of an Ivanka Trump in her day — in the hope of being granted a dance. But when the comtesse finally took to the dance floor, the man on her arm was Arthur Meyer, the scion of a rabbinical family who had risen from modest origins to become a newspaper magnate.

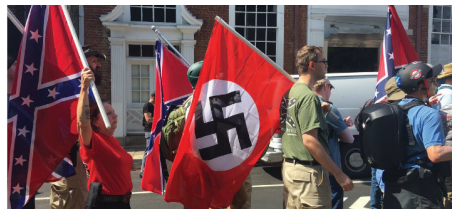
The spectacle of the comtesse dancing with Meyer the Jew was shocking to the antisemites in France — and, this being the time of the Dreyfus Trial, there were plenty of those around, as there are now. Their figurehead, the writer and propagandist Edouard Drumont, took pen to paper thusly: “This adorable young woman, this ravishing Aryan, with her proud, virginal figure, whom one would not even dare to look at too intensely for fear of harming the pure bloom on the maturing fruit” — honestly, I’m not making this up — “she gives herself to one of these frightful cosmopolitans, mangy, evil-smelling, a man who used to hawk oranges on the quays of Tunis or Alexandria, or who worked as a waiter in some Russian village inn.”

And then, as an ending, Drumont provided this flourish: “Everything falls to the Jew.”

Now fast forward to Charlottesville, Virginia, in August 2017. Sitting down for an interview with a reporter from *Vice*, a neo-Nazi activist named Christopher Cantwell worked himself up into a Drumont-esque frenzy of sexual jealousy expressed in the language of antisemitism. The reason for his anger was Ivanka Trump’s ongoing marriage to Jared Kushner, and his disgust that Donald Trump — a president he likes, but wishes was “more racist” — had “given his daughter to a Jew.”

Flashing a defiantly adolescent grin at the *Vice* reporter, Cantwell warmed to this theme even more. “I don’t think you can feel about race the way I do and watch that Kushner bastard walk around with that beautiful girl, okay?” he panted, shortly after informing viewers that he was increasing his “capability for violence” with a pistol in his pocket and regular visits to the gym.

You don’t need to be a Freud or a Jung or a Lacan to figure out what these two stories have in common. While Drumont is indubitably more flowery and eloquent than Cantwell—who became a Nazi after failing spectacularly in his previous careers as a drug dealer and congressional candidate — the underlying psychosis is exactly the same. Just as Drumont was driven into his rage by his unrequited



A Nazi flag on display on Charlottesville, Virginia during last Saturday’s rally. Photo: Andy Campbell via Twitter.

fantasies of the fair comtesse, Cantwell apparently believes that all that stands between him and the fair Ivanka is a pesky Jew. Like Drumont, Cantwell is driven slowly mad by the realization that things just don’t add up: Jews like Kushner are weak, selfish, grasping and oily — all the things he is convinced, as a proud “Aryan,” that he isn’t — and yet it’s the same Kushner who is taking Ivanka to the prom.

For Nazis as for all totalitarian ideologies, the notion that life is sometimes unfair, that you don’t always land the girl of your dreams, that you might lose your job or your home because of bad debts, and all the other day-to-day miseries of modern existence, is too hard to bear. That is — as Edouard Drumont noted many times — the simple elegance of antisemitism: it gives you both an answer and a target as to why the world is such a dreadful place without demanding that you consider your own weaknesses, failings and idiocies first. From this psychic matter are such emasculated individuals as Cantwell created.

Many scholars of antisemitism — such as Stephen Wilson, whose excellent book *Ideology and Experience* includes the above quote from Drumont — have closely examined the threads that link antisemitism with unfulfilled sexual desire. The great paradox that the Jew represents — a racial and political polluter, and yet successful in winning the affections of “Aryan” women — is never resolved, but only exacerbated with words like “bestial” and “lustful” that are soaked in sexual envy. Indeed, this very theme was the driving force behind the lurid propaganda of the Nazi rag *Der Sturmer*, edited by Julius Streicher — a close friend of Hitler’s well before the Nazi leader became Fuhrer.

Today’s American racists are similarly obsessed, which is why they pepper their ravings with words like “cuck” — a reference to a man whose wife indulges in extramarital sex, often with black men. That they can be so transparent and yet still win supporters tells us that there are plenty of other angry white men out there who share Cantwell’s neurosis. More than a century separates them from Edouard Drumont, and still we haven’t found a cure.

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residence and irrespective of their religious, cultural or ideological orientation, must rise now and make their voices heard.

Speak up for the voiceless Syrian people, who have been betrayed by corrupt head of states and condemned to dispersion, destruction and death. End the world’s moral bankruptcy.

rights — especially the use of coercive force — to a human sovereign. Government comes at a high price. It means transferring to a ruler rights over one’s own property and person. The king is entitled to seize property, impose taxes, and conscript people into an army if

The Downside of Victory



RUTHIE BLUM
TEL AVIV

Though members of the anti-Donald Trump camp would die before admitting it, they are in a state of exhilaration over his presidency. Every time he opens his mouth, they feel vindicated in their opposition to his election and justified in their personal loathing of him. The same goes for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s detractors.

I know exactly what they are going through, as this is how I experienced the eight years of former US President Barack Obama’s tenure. When Obama was inaugurated in January 2009, I wept both tears of sadness and joy. I was upset that this radical Saul Alinskyite with an antisemitic pastor was about to take the helm of the most important position in the world. I was amused, however, that he had emerged out of nowhere to swipe the Democratic candidacy out of the clutches of Hillary Clinton, who was promised by her party that she was a shoo-in. But mainly I was relieved, as a columnist, to be able to spend the next several years calling the powers-that-be to task, rather than having to defend them.

In general, it is much easier to be a critic than a champion, because all positions are flawed in some way. This is especially true where our preferred politicians are concerned. Those we elect to represent our worldview not only have faults; we are lucky if any of them are even capable of understanding the debate, let alone articulating it. So we end up having to do that on their behalf.

To be effective in this endeavor, we have to be clever, and that takes work. It’s hard always having to preface support for an idea by acknowledging its blemishes — as Winston

these are necessary to ensure the rule of law and national security. People agree to this because they calculate that the price of not doing so will be higher still — total anarchy or conquest by a foreign power.

That, according to Chajes, is what Samuel was doing, at God’s command: proposing a social contract and spelling out what the results would be. If this is so, many things follow. The first is that Ibn Ezra and Abarbanel were right. God gave the people the choice as to whether or not to appoint a king. It was not compulsory but optional. The second — and this is the fundamental feature of social contract theories — is that power is ultimately vested in the people. To be sure, there are moral limits to power. Even a human king is under the sovereignty of God. God gives us the rules that are eternal.

Politics is about the laws that are circumstances. What makes the politics of social contract distinctive is its insistence that government is the free choice of a free nation. This was given its most famous expression in the American Declaration of Independence: “to secure these rights (life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness) Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” That is what God was telling Samuel. If the people want a king, give them a king. Israel is empowered to choose the form of government it desires, within the parameters set by Torah law.

Something else follows — spelled out by R. Avraham Yitzhak haCohen Kook (*Responsa Mishpat Cohen*, no. 143-4, pp. 336-337): “Since the laws of monarchy pertain to the general situation of the people, these legal rights were

Churchill did when describing democracy as the “worst form of government ... except for all those other forms.” Imagine how trite and pathetic that sentence would have sounded had its order been reversed.

Indeed, to put up a good defense, we have to anticipate the prosecutorial argument of our adversaries and head it off at the pass by presenting its merits, even when we don’t really wish to see any. Members of both the Left and the Right who fail to do this come off as fanatics or fools.

In contrast, being on the offensive requires little more than hurling darts at the heart of a matter. Which is why I so frequently go after Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Iranian regime and all their apologists in the West.

Far trickier is defending Trump and Netanyahu, both of whom I voted for and still support, in spite of valid reasons to have qualms about each.

As a dual citizen of two democratic countries, I am faced every few years with the same type of choice on either side of the Atlantic Ocean: a candidate/party whose platform I completely reject versus a candidate/party with the right agenda, but a dubious ability to carry it out. I always opt for the latter.

Since 2015, I have had the misfortune of voting for the victors. It has been a burden I often wish I could shed. The one mitigating factor — that which makes my job less difficult — is the violent reaction in America to Trump and in Israel to Netanyahu. It is an extreme response I do not share and cannot accept. But it does make me envious.

After all, there is nothing quite like the elation that comes with political outrage and moral indignation.

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[in the absence of a king] to the people as a whole. Specifically it would seem that any leader [shofet] who arises in Israel has the status of a king [din melekh yesh lo] in many respects, especially when it concerns the conduct of the people . . . Whoever leads the people may rule in accordance with the laws of kingship, since these encompass the needs of the people at that time and in that situation.”

In other words, in the absence of a king of Davidic descent, the people may choose to be ruled by a non-Davidic king, as they did in the age of the Hasmonians, or to be ruled instead by a democratically elected Parliament, as in the current State of Israel.

The real issue, as the Torah sees it, is not between monarchy and democracy, but between government that is, or is not, freely chosen by the governed. To be sure, the Torah is systematically skeptical about politics. In an ideal world, Israel would be governed by God alone. Given, however, that this is not an ideal world, there must be some human power with the authority to ensure that laws are kept and enemies repelled. But that power is never unlimited. It comes with two constraints: first, it is subject to the overarching authority of God and His law; second, it is confined to the genuine pursuit of the people’s interests. Any attempt by a ruler to use power for personal advantage (as in the case of King Ahab and Naboth’s vineyard: 1 Kings 21) is illegitimate.

The free society has its birth in the *Hebrew Bible*. Far from mandating a retreat from society, the Torah is the blueprint of a society — a society built on freedom and human dignity, whose high ideals remain compelling today.

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community has fallen appallingly short.

The dismal failures of all the governments and institutions to help Syria leaves us nowhere but to appeal to the masses. People of conscience, regardless of their country of

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“In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.”

The only way to escape from anarchy is by everyone agreeing to transfer some of their

Impressions.

Is The New York Times Biased Against All Religions or Just Traditional Judaism?

BY IRA STOLL

That *Times* article also goes out of its way to criticize George W. Bush's "axis of evil" phrase, which has been widely attributed to a presidential speechwriter, David Frum, who is Jewish.

Another article, in the *Times* Sunday magazine, is by Jane Coaston, a writer who attended Catholic grade school. Is the *New York Times* biased against all religions or just against traditional Judaism?

What's long been an open question in my mind has been clarified recently by the publication of two *Times* articles that take a blatantly Christian perspective.

One article, by an Episcopal priest, Steven Paulikas, appears under the headline "Christianity Does Not Justify Trump's 'Fire and Fury.'" It contends,



The New York Times. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

"there is no conceivable argument to be found in Christian scripture for threatening death and suffering on a huge scale."

Times readers such as myself, who don't accept "Christian scripture" as their moral authority, are left wondering why it ought to guide foreign policy in a country where, according to the First Amendment, there is no established religion. The *Times* does not appear to have solicited or published a similar piece from a rabbi on the question of what the Hebrew Bible or Judaism say about President Trump's foreign policy toward North Korea, even though such a piece, or analysis, might well reach a different conclusion from the Episcopal priest's school and high school. She writes:

We have long been warned about the dangers of flaunting our own moral superiority this way: In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus instructs his followers not to be like the "hypocrites" who "love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners that they may be seen by men."

Coaston's "we" doesn't include me — I'm not a follower of Jesus, and this passage from Matthew strikes me as vaguely anti-Jewish. If the *Times* magazine wanted to select an example of a warning against religious hypocrisy, it could have chosen any number of examples from the prophets in the Hebrew Bible — say, Jeremiah 7, or Isaiah 58. But instead Coaston's first example of religious hypocrisy is Jesus' criticism of Jews praying in synagogues, an example that may strike those of us who still pray in synagogues as jarringly off-key.

On the evidence of these two pieces, at least, it's not all religions that the *Times* has a problem with, just traditional Judaism.

Judaism and the Solar Eclipse

BY JEREMY ROSEN

There will be a solar eclipse on August 21, which will be visible across parts of the United States for the first time since 1918. Solar eclipses occur when the moon blocks the rays of the sun from reaching the earth.

There are more lunar eclipses and planetary eclipses, but the solar eclipse is the big one. Until a few hundred years ago, this predictable phenomenon was regarded as a sign of impending doom — a message of displeasure from the gods, and a cause for mourning and despair.

In ancient China, for example, people would bang drums and pots and shout to scare off the dragon that was eating the sun.

The earliest example we have of this connection between eclipses and fear goes back to clay

is a bad sign for the whole world. It is like when a human king made a feast for his subjects and placed a lantern before them. When he grew angry with them, he told his servant, "Take away the lantern and leave them in darkness!"

The Talmud goes on to argue about whether this is a bad sign for Jews or non-Jews — or both. There is also a debate in the Talmud as to whether we should pay any attention to "signs."

Despite those opposed to finding any significance in signs, the idea of symbols is deeply entrenched in Judaism. That is why, for example, we have all those signs at the Rosh Hashanah table for a successful, happy and sweet new year.

But in Jewish law, the Talmud focuses on praising God rather than worrying about bad things. It gives a list of blessings for lightning, thunder, a rainbow, the ocean, earthquakes, comets, etc.



A Torah scroll. Photo: Rabbisacks.org.

cuneiform tablets from 2300 and 1800 BCE, which were found in Mesopotamia. They told of how a king would temporarily abdicate the throne in order to save his life during a solar eclipse.

In Greece during the fifth century BCE, the philosopher Anaxagoras was the first to correctly explain that eclipses were just the sun casting the shadow of the moon on the earth. But superstition won (as it often does today). The Athenians put Anaxagoras on trial, accused him of sacrilege, and exiled him.

In 413 BCE, the Athenian general Nicias was preparing to capture Syracuse in Sicily. There was an eclipse, which Nicias saw as a bad omen. He therefore delayed his fleet's departure. Seizing the opportunity, the Syracuse navy destroyed the fleet of 200 ships and killed or enslaved the 29,000 Athenian soldiers.

Over time, the ability to predict eclipses spread around the world. People began to fear less. But the association of eclipses with bad omens or religious signs has continued for centuries.

So what do our ancient sources tell us about eclipses?

The Talmud (Sucah 29a) uses the term "striking the sun" to describe an eclipse. Of solar eclipses, it says: "When the sun is eclipsed, it

Rabbis have often been asked about making a blessing over an eclipse. As you'd expect, they don't all agree.

Rabbi Yaakov Yisrael Kanievsky (1899–1985), known as the Steipler Gaon, was one of the two greatest authorities of his day. He said that no blessing should be recited on a solar eclipse, because it is a Siman Ra — a bad omen — as mentioned in the Talmud in Sucah.

On the other hand, Rabbi Jonathan Eybeschütz (1690–1764), who was one of the two greatest rabbis of his own generation, said (Yaarot Devash 2:12) that the Talmud's term *likuy ha-chamah* (literally "the striking of the sun") referred not to solar eclipses but to sunspots. There was no reason to think that either solar or lunar eclipses were bad signs. (Although he did worry about sunspots.)

As someone who doesn't believe in superstition, I go with Rabbi Eybeschütz. But I also think that people should say at least an abbreviated blessing to recognize the occasion. I would go for the one we say over comets and other exceptional physical phenomena: "Baruch oseh maaseh bereishit." This roughly translates to: "Thank you, God, for such an amazing universe we live in."

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: 4204 NAPIER AVENUE LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 07/06/2017. 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: Amy Hahn 90 Maplewood Dr, Brewster, NY 105 09 Purpose: all lawful activity
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Derek Bradley Studio LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 16, 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 a copy of process to the LLC, 970 Kent Ave, Apt 706, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Derek Elijah Bradley, 970 Kent Ave, Apt 706, Brooklyn, NY 11205, has been designated registered agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
AJ; 7/21/28; 8/4/11/18/25

Notice of Formation of 424 7TH AVE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/10/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 125 Court St., Apt. 7EN, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ; 7/21/28; 8/4/11/18/25

Notice of Qualification of CS 1158 McDonald Ave, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 7/10/17. Office location: Kings Co. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/6/17. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 111 8th Ave, NY, NY 10011. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful activity.
AJ; 7/28; 8/4/11/18/25; 9/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST DAINTY A. CLARKE and CYNTHIA V. WAGGONER, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 21, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on September 07, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 705 LINWOOD 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 New York, BLOCK 4083, LOT 9. Approximate amount of judgment \$506,908.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provi-

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sions of filed Judgment for Index# 4415/13. M. Randolph Jackson, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 47292
AJ; 8/4/11/18/25;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Corner The Market Real Estate Investors,LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 04/03/2017. Office location Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to the LLC c/o United states agents,inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 8/4/11/18/25; 9/1/8

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2010-2 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff -against- PAMELA ELLIS-COOMBS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 3, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on September 7, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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 westerly side of East 49th Street, distant 90 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 49th Street with the southerly side of Avenue I; being a plot 100 feet by 18 feet by 100 feet by 18 feet. Block 7774 and Lot 51. Said premises known as 12-72 EAST 49TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$795,765.44 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 12567/2007. ANTHONY M. ABRAHAM, ESQ., Referee Jeffrey A. Kosterich, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 68 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Tuckahoe, NY 10707
AJ; 8/4/11/18/25;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC)Name:RENIBEST,LLC Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 06/06/2017. Office location Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to the LLC Att: Marcial Brooks 3362 Wilson Ave. Bronx, NY 10469 Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1/8/15

Notice of Formation of BIENVENIDA GIL LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/28/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1820 Ave. M, Ste. 675, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST FREDERICK L. GRANT, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 02, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the

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Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on September 14, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 660 WARWICK STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4078, LOT 45. Approximate amount of judgment \$653,662.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 6144/2013. William D. Bowman, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 46958
AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2006-EMX6, Plaintiff AGAINST Norma Tirado; Joao F. Camilo a/k/a Joao Camilo; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 7, 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 September 14, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 281 Ashford Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 3984 Lot 7. Approximate amount of judgment \$865,788.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 4148/2013. Gregory T. Cerchione, Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 2, 2017 46517
AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: BROOKLYN 2 BACKCOUNTRY LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 07/19/2017. 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 Brooklyn 2 Backcountry LLC 1835 W. 7th St., Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose:all lawful activity
AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1/8/15

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, V. JASON FREDERICK, et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 24, 2017, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and JASON FREDERICK, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11201, on September 14, 2017 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 630 CHAUNCEY ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11221: Block 3450 Lot 14: 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 will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment

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Index # 511662/2014. Helene Blank, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2006-3, Adjustable Rate Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Sharifa Small, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/12/2016 and entered on 9/27/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 14, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 166 Stuyvesant Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1620, LOT: 50. Approximate amount of judgment is \$973,919.86 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 012554/2009. Jerome D. Cohen, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1

IGLOO EMERSON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/25/17. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Igloo NYC LLC, 184 North 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1/8/15

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - LUIS BUSTAMANTE A/K/A LUIS ALBERTO BUSTAMANTE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on June 14, 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 14th Day of September, 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 1425 East 98th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. (Block: 8263, Lot: 21) Approximate amount of lien \$438,999.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11772/2013. Roger Siegel, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: AUGUST 18, 2017
AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR JPMORGAN MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-A7, Plaintiff against RUBIN AMINOV; OCHER AMINOV A/K/A OSHER AMINOV, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 11, 2017. I, the under-

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signed Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 14th day of September, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn and State of New York. In the condominium known as "The Bella Vista Condominium." Together with an undivided 8.39 % interest in the Common Elements. Said premises known as 2517 East 13th Street, Unit 2C, Brooklyn, NY. 11235. (Block: 7434, Lot: 1006) Approximate amount of lien \$ 533,698.52 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506391-14. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400
AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1

Notice of Qualification of J SQUAD LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/27/17. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 05/02/17. NYS fictitious name: OFFICINA J LLC. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP, 1350 Broadway, 11th FL, NY, NY 10018. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of the State of DE, 401 Federal St. - Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"); Plaintiff(s) vs. ILENE BENSOUAN; 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 April 19, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Public Auction in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On September 21, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1450 EAST 65TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11234 Block: 8386 Lot: 67 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$400,308.58 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 24572/12 Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., REFEREE
AJ; 8/18/25; 9/1/8

Notice of Formation of 176 WASHINGTON AVENUE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/03/17. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o James P. Clark, 127 Nassau Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11222. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ; 8/18/25; 9/1/8/15/22

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIA-

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Tradition.

The Consent of the Governed



JONATHAN SACKS
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The contribution of Tanakh, the Hebrew Bible, to political thought is fundamental, but not well known. In this study I want to look at the institution of monarchy. What does it tell us about the nature of government as the Torah understands it?

The command relating to a king opens with these words:

"When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, 'Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us,' be sure to appoint over you the king the Lord your God chooses..." (Deut 17:14-15).

It continues by warning against a king acquiring "great numbers of horses for himself". He "must not take many wives," nor may he "accumulate large amounts of silver and gold." He must write a Sefer Torah, and "he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and . . . not consider himself better than his brothers, or turn from the law to the right or to the left."

The entire passage is fraught with ambivalence. The dangers are clearly spelled out. There is a risk



that a king will exploit his power, using it to acquire wealth, or wives, or horses (one of the status symbols of the ancient world). This is exactly what Solomon is described as doing in the Book of Kings. His "heart may be led astray". He may be tempted to lord it over the people, considering himself "better" than everyone else.

The most resonant warning note is struck at the outset. Rather than commanding the appointment of a king, the Torah envisages the people asking for one so that they can be "like all the nations around us". This is contrary to the whole spirit of the Torah. The Israelites were commanded to be different, set apart, counter-cultural. To want to be like everyone else is not, for the Torah, a noble wish but a failure of imagination and nerve. Small wonder then that a number of medieval commentators held that the creation of a monarchy is not a biblical imperative. Ibn Ezra held that the Torah did not command it but merely permitted it. Abarbanel – who favoured republican government over monarchy – regarded it as a concession to popular sentiment.

However, the key passage

is not here but in I Samuel 8. As predicted in Deuteronomy, the people do eventually request a king. They come to Samuel, the prophet-judge, and say: "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

Samuel is displeased. God then tells him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected Me as their king." This seems to be the heart of the matter. Ideally, Israel should be under no other sovereign but God.

Yet God does not reject the request. To the contrary, God had already signalled, through Moses, that such a request would be granted. So He says to Samuel: "Listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do." The people may appoint a king, but not without having been forewarned as to what are the likely consequences. Samuel gives the warning in these words:

"This is what the king who will reign over you will do: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots . . . He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants . . . and you yourselves will become his slaves. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, and the Lord will not answer you in that day."

Despite the warning, the people are undeterred.

"No!" they said. 'We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.' When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the Lord. The Lord answered, 'Listen to them and give them a king.'"

What is going on here? The sages were divided as to whether Samuel was setting out the powers of the king, or whether he was merely trying to dissuade them from the whole project (Sanhedrin 20b). The entire passage, like the one in Deuteronomy, is profoundly ambivalent. Is God in favour of monarchy or against? If He is in favour, why did He say that the people's request was tantamount to rejecting Him? If He is against, why did He not simply command Samuel to say no?

The best analysis of the subject was given by one of the great rabbis of the 19th century, R. Zvi Hirsch Chajes, in his Torat Nevi'im. His thesis is that the institution of monarchy in the days of Samuel took the form of a social contract –

as set out in the writings of Locke and Rousseau, and especially Hobbes. The people recognise that they cannot function as individuals without someone having the power to ensure the rule of law and the defence of the nation. Without this, they are in what Hobbes calls a "state of nature". There is anarchy, chaos. No one is safe. Instead, in Hobbes' famous phrase, there is "continual fear, and danger of violent death; and the life of man solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short" (Hobbes was writing in the wake of England's civil war). This is the Hobbesian equivalent of the last line of the Book of Judges:

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TION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY PURCHASE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff against JESSIE LOZADA; BENJAMIN LOZADA; MRS. LOZADA, a woman who refused to identify her first name, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 27, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 28th day of September, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected, situate lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 167 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11208. (Block: 4129, Lot: 23) Approximate amount of lien \$ 328,267.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506966/2014. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ; 8/25; 9/1/8/15/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. SANTOSH NATH; 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 May 8, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On September 28, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 175 WARWICK ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11207-2711 Block: 3938 Lot: 5 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, 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 \$527,031.66 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 20474-13 Shmuel D. Taub, Esq., Referee AJ; 8/25; 9/1/8/15/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL

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NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. MARCIA A. BECKFORD; 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 May 4, 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 September 28, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1280 E 86TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236 Block: 8064 Lot: 1 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, 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 \$572,311.16 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 4029-13 Helene Blank, Esq., Referee AJ; 8/25; 9/1/8/15/

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE Index No. 17617-12 STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, -vs- RUTHIE SMOTHERS; VIOLA BECKETT; TYSHAWN CORBETT; QUANDEL SMOTHERS; QUMIAK SMOTHERS and VISHAL DANRAJ, Defendants. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT: In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale granted by this Court in the above entitled foreclosure action, dated March 1, 2017, and entered in the Kings Clerk's Office on April 10, 2017, Charles M. Sporn, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on September 28, 2017 in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, at 2:30 PM, the premises described in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale commonly known as 215 Berriman Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, [Block 4022, Lot 5], Subject to and together with all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record affecting the above described premises as recorded in the Kings County Clerk's Office and subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: The Judgment amount is \$215,670.19, plus plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the amount of \$1,475.00, both with interest, plus advances made by the plaintiff until the date of the sale, pursuant to said judgment. DATED: August 14, 2017 Charles M. Sporn, Referee BARCLAY DAMON LLP J. Eric Charlton Attorney for Plaintiff Barclay Damon Tower 125 East Jefferson Street Syracuse, New York 13202 Direct all inquiries to: Ruth Stegner Phone no. 716-566-1452 AJ; 8/25; 9/1/8/15/

SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION File no. 2017-148 SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENES COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent. TO Nathaniel Dash IV and Twayne Dash, if living or if dead, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown, and if he died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law and next of kin and distributees

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of NATHANIEL DASH, the decedent herein, whose names and places of address are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained. Jerome Dash. Raymond Dash. A petition having been duly filed by Robert D. Dash who is/are domiciled at 105 Gray Street, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, Room 62 on September 28, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Nathaniel Dash, aka Nathaniel Raymond Dash lately domiciled at 108-54 217th Place, Queens Village, New York 11429, United States admitting to probate a Will dated March 18 2016 as the Will of Nathaniel Dash deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Robert D. Dash. Dated, Attested and Sealed, Aug. 3 2017 Hon. Peter J. Kelly Surrogate Lee J. Coulman Acting Chief Clerk Elisha Wellerstein, Esq. Wellerstein Law Group, P.C. 60-45 Eliot Avenue, Maspeth, New York 11368 (718) 473-0699 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; 8/25; 9/1/8/15/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS LPP Mortgage Ltd., Plaintiff -against- Ernest C. Blundell, Jacqueline Blundell, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Citibank, N.A., Citimortgage, Inc., New York City Environmental Control Board, Ms. Blundell (First Name Refused) Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated May 5, 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 September 28, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 72 Dare Ct, Brooklyn, NY 11229. 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. Section: 26 Block: 8907 Lot: 704 Approximate amount of lien \$470,973.53 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 15382/2013 Leonard C. Spector, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: August 18, 2017 FILE #: DOVEN 64181 AJ; 8/25; 9/1/8/15/

Notice of qualification of LEAD FOOT ENTERPRISES,LLC. Authority filed with secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 8/14/2017 Office location Richmond County LLC formed in Arizona on 06/07/2017. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail process to: Christina Talley CPA 1948 Woodlands Village Blvd. suite B Flagstaff AZ 86001 .Arts of Org. Filed with Arizona Corporation commission 1300 West Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007 . Purpose all lawful activity AJ; 8/25; 9/1/8/15/22/29

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Jerry Lewis in 2009. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Hollywood Pays Tribute to Iconic Jewish Comic Jerry Lewis Following His Death at Age 91

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A number of celebrities shared tributes to comedic legend Jerry Lewis, who died on Sunday at age 91.

Filmmaker Martin Scorsese, who directed the 1983 movie "The King of Comedy," starring Lewis, remembered the comedy king by saying in a released statement: "Jerry Lewis was a master. He was a great entertainer. He was a great artist. And he was a remarkable man. I had the honor of working with him, and it was an experience I'll always treasure. He was, truly, one of our greats."

Penn Jillette, of the comedy duo Penn and Teller, posted on Twitter shortly after news broke of Lewis' death, "Jerry Lewis just died. When I met him, I [fell] apart, just sobbed. I guess it's time for that again... Goodbye to the real, no irony, king of comedy." He also tweeted a photo of himself with "The Nutty Professor" star with the caption, "How did my life get good enough that Jerry Lewis would smile at me? And how sad to lose him."

Talk show host Ellen DeGeneres called Lewis "a comic and philanthropic icon," while actor William Shatner said, "The world is a lot less funnier today." Samuel L. Jackson wrote, "It was incredible knowing & laughing with the Amazing Jerry Lewis! He'll keep'em laffin in the ever after," and comedic actor Jim Carry said on Twitter, "That fool was no dummy. Jerry Lewis was an undeniable genius an unfathomable blessing, comedy's absolute! I am because he was!"

Deana Martin, daughter of Dean Martin — Lewis' longtime comedy partner — tweeted, "I'm heartbroken at the loss of our life-long friend (Uncle) Jerry Lewis. I've loved him all my life and will miss him greatly." Many also noted that Lewis' death came less than 24 hours after the passing of fellow comedic icon Dick Gregory.

The White House press secretary also released a statement about Lewis, saying: "Jerry Lewis kept us all laughing for over half a century, and his incredible charity work touched the lives of millions. Jerry lived the American Dream — he truly loved his country, and his country loved him back. Our thoughts are with his family today as we remember the extraordinary life of one of our greatest entertainers and humanitarians. Thank you, Jerry. You will be missed."

Below are some other tributes to Lewis posted on social media:



Israeli Study Says Using Emojis in Work Emails Conveys Incompetence

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A joint study conducted by researchers from Israel's Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) and the University of Amsterdam has found that using emojis in work-related emails, although perceived as a friendly gesture by the sender, actually conveys incompetence to the recipient.

"Our findings provide first-time evidence that, contrary to actual smiles, smileys do not increase perceptions of warmth and actually decrease perceptions of competence," explained Dr. Ella Glikson, a post-doctorate fellow at BGU's Department of Management in the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management.

"In formal business emails, a smiley is not a smile," Glikson said.



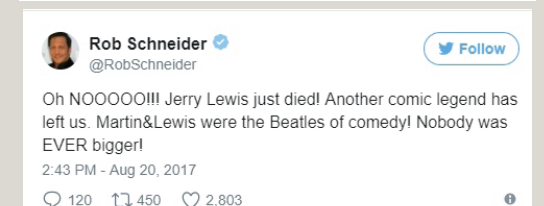
Ben-Gurion University. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

The study, "The Dark Side of a Smiley," was published July 31 in the Social Psychological and Personality Science journal.

The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research funded the study, which involved 549 participants from 29 countries. Experiments included evaluations of competence and warmth of an unknown email sender who utilized emojis in work-related messages.

"When the participants were asked to respond to emails on formal matters, their answers were more detailed and they included more content-related information when the email did not include a smiley," said Glikson.

The identity and gender of the sender was anonymous in the study, but recipients were more likely to assume the sender was female if a "smiley" was used.



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