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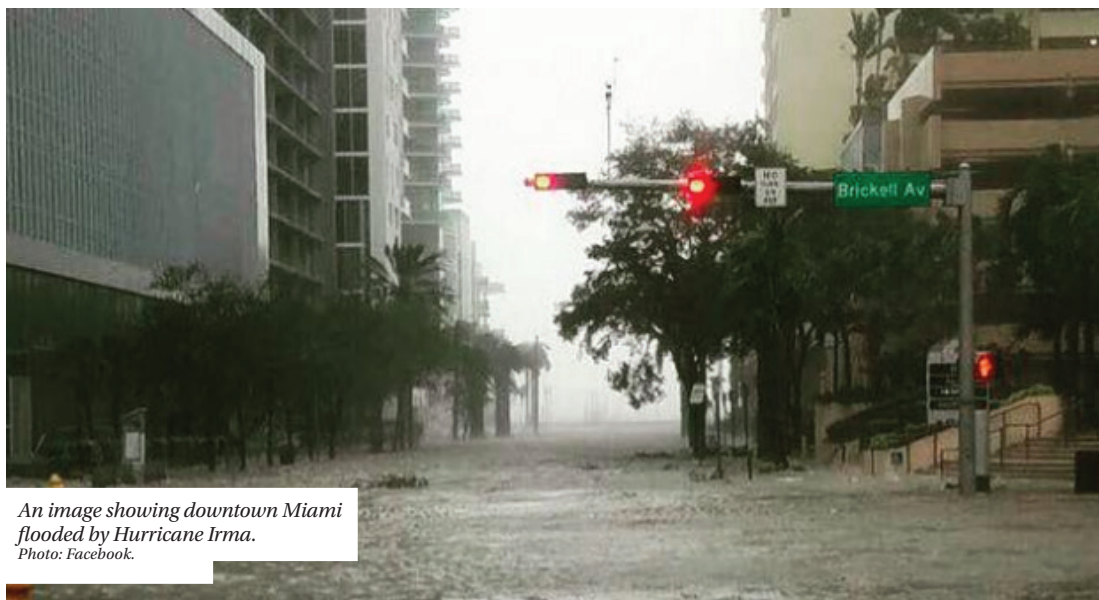
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## Israeli Aid Teams Dispatched to Florida Following Hurricane Irma



An image showing downtown Miami flooded by Hurricane Irma. Photo: Facebook.

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Humanitarian aid organizations in Israel sent teams to Florida early this week to help with cleanup efforts following Hurricane Irma, *Israel21c* reported on Monday.

A team from Israel Rescue Coalition (IRC) and United Hatzalah (UH) arrived in Miami on Sunday and will be joined by

four team leaders from the US who will oversee logistics and organizing community response for the groups. Among the volunteers are search and rescue veterans, medical and psychological first-aid responders, diving teams, veteran EMS and natural disaster personnel, as well as a group of UH Psychotrauma and Crisis Response Unit members, according to *Israel21c*.

Teams from IsraAID will

assist primarily in debris cleanup, helping local residents with their homes and offering psychosocial support, and Israel's ZAKA search and rescue organization has set up two command centers in Miami led by volunteers ready to respond to the local communities. The centers are stocked with generators, sleeping bags, food, water and any necessary equipment for search-and-rescue teams,

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## French Jewish Family Recounts Ordeal at Hands of Antisemitic Gang

BY BEN COHEN

"As I struggled, the first man threw me down," Mrs. Pinto said, in an interview quoted by the French Jewish newspaper *Tribune Juive*. "He hit me. I really thought he wanted to rape me. The second one kicked me."

The gang also attacked Roger Pinto, beating him unconscious. Pinto said that as he regained awareness, he heard one of the gang members tell him, "You are Jewish,



Roger Pinto and his son David. Photo: i24 News screenshot.

we know that the Jews have a lot of money and you will give us what you have. If you do not give us what we ask you, we'll kill you."

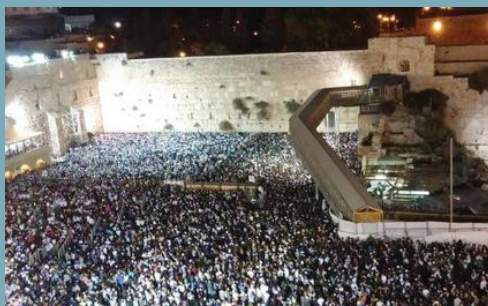
Roger Pinto continued: "The three men had a screwdriver and a knife, which they constantly threatened us with. They threatened to kill us. That was unbearable. These thugs took our credit cards, took all the goods we had, jewelry from my wife."

The Pinto family were tied and locked in a room while the gang carried out the robbery, which included several thousand Euros in cash. After several hours, Mireille Pinto

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## Opinion.

# New York Times Columnist Recycles Advice From James '[Expletive Deleted] the Jews' Baker



IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

New York Times columnist Roger Cohen's Rosh Hashana present to the Jewish state is a column that violates his Times colleague Bret Stephens' recent rules on how to write a good op-ed piece.

Cohen writes:

*There are those criminal investigations of possible bribery and fraud in which Netanyahu is a suspect. One is a favors-for-pink-Champagne-and-cigars affair involving wealthy friends, including an Israeli Hollywood producer. Another involves an apparent attempt to secure favorable coverage in one newspaper in exchange for curtailing the circulation of another.*

*Both these may pale beside the submarine affair, an investigation in which Netanyahu is not a suspect but his former chief of staff, and his second cousin, and a former deputy head of Israel's National Security Council are. At the center of the affair lie submarine and missile ships from a German company. Netanyahu has dismissed the whole thing as "foam." It's sure bubbling up and just might wash him away. [Emphasis added]*

Stephens had written:

*Write declarative sentences. Delete useless or weasel words such as "apparently"...*

*Whatever happened to the presumption of innocence? If these so-called scandals turn out to be just hype — a possibility that Cohen's "possible...apparent...may...might" weasel words certainly allow — is the Times columnist going to issue an apology? Or are even unproven charges worthy of being hurled at Netanyahu, merely because he represents the Israeli public in their skepticism about the Cohen plan of immediately creating a Palestinian terrorist state alongside Israel's border and in half of the Israeli capital?*

Cohen concludes his column by writing:

*James Baker, as United States secretary of state, once gave the number of the White House switchboard and told the Israelis: "When you're serious about peace, call us." Trump should give his alter ego the same treatment — and wait for those investigations to run their course.*

Yet Cohen doesn't report that Baker's "call us" tactic did not work. One might claim that it produced the Madrid Conference, but even the Madrid Conference didn't produce much; the Oslo breakthrough, such as it was, had to wait for a Clinton administration that was perceived as more Israel-friendly than Baker had been.

Cohen also neglected to mention what another New York Times columnist, William Safire, did report in 1992:



Former Secretary of State James Baker is pictured here arriving in Kuwait in 1991. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

*Mr. Bush's unprecedented rejection of humanitarian aid to a democratic ally — while continuing loan guarantees to dictatorships with no strings attached — followed the revelation that his Secretary of State said, "[ Expletive deleted ] the Jews, they don't vote for us anyway."*

*At a Bush speech the other night, a White House aide sought me out to say, "You know, Baker never said that."*

*Though constrained by the rules of deep background, I can confirm that Mr. Baker did say that, with the same vulgarity that made it so memorable, to two high officials on two different occasions. President Bush and his top staff know he did; it has been*

*agreed that everybody would deny it was ever said. But James Baker said it — twice — and meant it.*

Cohen quoting Baker's advice is just the latest example of recent Times veneration of the man notorious for his "[ Expletive deleted ] the Jews, they don't vote for us anyway" comment. On July 30, a former Times Jerusalem bureau chief, Peter Baker, who is now the Times chief White House correspondent, claimed that James A. Baker III "is widely considered to be the gold standard" when it comes to that job.

The Times, by publishing Cohen, is following James Baker's vulgar advice.



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## In AMIA Jewish Center Episode, Hector Timerman's Guilt Is Unveiled



BEN COHEN/JNS.ORG  
NEW YORK

It has been 23 years since the AMIA Jewish center in Buenos Aires was devastated by a Hezbollah truck bomb, claiming the lives of 85 people and wounding hundreds more.

Furthermore, it has been a little less than three years since Alberto Nisman, the special prosecutor investigating the AMIA atrocity, was found dead in his apartment. Nisman's body was found the night before he was due to unveil a complaint that accused Argentina's own government of colluding with Tehran in a secret pact to exonerate the Iranians of responsibility.

During this unforgivably long stretch of time, nobody has been prosecuted for either of these crimes, nor been put in a courtroom to reveal the truth — once and for all.

But then, it's often the case that the delivery of justice takes time. It's also true that the passage of time does not lessen the importance of pursuing the guilty.

That's why, for example, any pity for elderly Nazi war criminals who now find themselves on trial is misplaced. For that same reason, when there is a sensational development in the epic tragedy that is the AMIA bombing — as there has recently been — we must view it as a milestone on the way to convicting the Iranians and their proxies for this crime.

In late August, Argentina's former ambassador to Damascus, Roberto Aduad, appeared before the Argentine government's official investigation into the collusion between the Iranians and the country's previous president, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner. In his testimony, Aduad gave an eyewitness account of two days in Syria in January 2011, which confirmed — beyond doubt — one of Nisman's key claims: that Hector Timerman, Kirchner's foreign minister, disappeared during an official visit to Damascus, so he could secretly negotiate a pact with the Iranians.

Timerman has always denied that he did any such thing, dismissing the reporter who first made the allegation in 2011 as a "pseudo-journalist," this was a just-about-viable position until Aduad came along.

According to Aduad, the day after Timerman arrived in Damascus, he and the foreign minister were driven to a military airport near the Syrian capital. Once there, Timerman and his aides boarded a plane



Hector Timerman. Photo: Cancilleria Argentina via Wikimedia Commons.

provided by the Syrian dictator, Bashar al-Assad, after curtly informing the ambassador that his presence was superfluous.

Aduad, angry with Timerman for having embarrassed him in front of their Syrian hosts, then returned to Damascus. Several hours later, having received no word from Timerman, he drove back to the airport.

Inside the terminal, Aduad met with a group of Syrian officials. They told him that Timerman had flown to the northern city of Aleppo for a meeting hosted by Assad, along with the Iranian foreign minister, the Syrian foreign minister and Iran's ambassador to Damascus. The officials told Aduad that they were unaware of the reason for the meeting, and that all the arrangements had been cloaked in "absolute secrecy."

An official account of the meeting did appear the following day, which stated that Timerman had met with Assad to discuss the strengthening of bilateral ties, "reinforced by the large presence of the Syrian community in Argentina" — a community from which, ironically, Aduad hails. Needless to say, the presence of the Iranians was not acknowledged.

But back in Argentina, Alberto Nisman did not give up. He had been appointed in 2005 to lead the AMIA investigation by Kirchner's predecessor, her late husband, Nestor. But, five years later, Cristina Kirchner's government had performed a 180-degree turn on Iran — and the AMIA investigation was becoming a nuisance.

Like any good investigator, Nisman went where the evidence took him, to the point

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## World News.

# Netanyahu Slated to Meet Trump in New York Before Addressing UN

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday he will meet with President Donald Trump next week during his visit to New York to address the UN General Assembly.

Netanyahu is slated to address the world body Sept. 19. He commented on his planned meeting with Trump before departing on his historic visit to Latin America on Sunday night.

During his trip — the first visit to the region by a sitting Israeli prime minister — Netanyahu will visit Mexico, Argentina and Colombia, and will also meet with Paraguayan President Horacio Cartes in Buenos Aires.

“From Mexico I will go to New York to speak at the United Nations General Assembly

and there I will meet my friend, President Donald Trump,” Netanyahu said to reporters before boarding a plane at Ben-Gurion International Airport.

The White House has not commented on the potential meeting between Trump and Netanyahu, *Reuters* reported on Monday.

The last time the two leaders met in person was during Trump’s first visit to the Mideast region as president in May.



US President Donald Trump with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Photo: Facebook.

# British Cabinet Minister: UK Will Celebrate 100th Anniversary of Balfour Declaration ‘With Pride’

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The United Kingdom will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration “with pride,” a British Cabinet minister said on Monday.

At a meeting in the British capital with a visiting World Jewish Congress delegation, Sajid Javid — the secretary of state for communities and local government — stated, “Someone said we should apologize for the declaration, to say it was an error of judgment. Of course that’s not going to happen. To apologize for the Balfour Declaration would be to apologize for the existence of Israel and to question its right to exist.”

In the Balfour Declaration, which was published in November 1917, the British government announced its support for “the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people.”

Last year, the Palestinian Authority said it intended to sue the UK over the declaration, claiming it had led to a “catastrophe” for the Palestinian people. And last September, PA President Mahmoud Abbas — during a UN General Assembly address — called on the UK to apologize for the declaration.

In his remarks on Monday, Javid — a member of Prime Minister Theresa May’s Conservative Party — highlighted the ongoing failure of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement to harm UK-Israel ties.

“I’ll be 100 percent clear,” he said. “I do not support calls for a boycott, my party does not support calls for a boycott. For all its bluster, the BDS campaign is most notable I think, for its lack of success.”

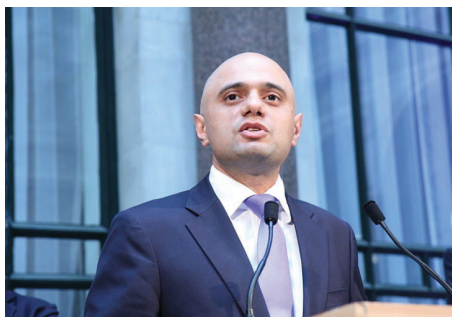
“Trade is booming, tourism is soaring,” he continued. “The media campaign is full of sound and fury, but to the majority of Britain today it signifies nothing.”

“As long as I’m in government, as long

as I’m in politics, I will do everything in my power to fight back against those who seek to undermine Israel,” Javid vowed.

Addressing the same delegation, House of Commons Speaker John Bercow cautioned that Jews across the globe still faced a “pernicious and insidious” danger.

“There are still people denying the Holocaust or alternatively glorying in it and holding up Adolf Hitler as being a great figure in our history,” he said. “So we should not be paranoid, but equally we should not be complacent. There is a threat to Jewish people



Sajid Javid, the UK’s secretary of state for communities and local government. Photo: Foreign and Commonwealth Office via Wikimedia Commons.

and to Jewish security in this country and indeed in Europe and around the world.”

“The importance of Jewish history, of Jewish culture, Jewish identity and indeed of Jewish security, both physical and political, can scarcely be overstated,” Bercow — the first-ever Jewish House of Commons speaker — continued.

WJC President Ronald Lauder — in London for his organization’s Executive Committee meeting, hosted by the Board of Deputies of British Jews — said on Monday, “Anti-Semitism is growing across the globe and is targeting all Jews, whether Orthodox or Reform, Left or

# Swedish Jews Protest Neo-Nazi Group’s Plan to Rally Near Synagogue



A lone demonstrator confronts neo-Nazis at a NRM march in May 2016. Photo: Twitter.

BY BEN COHEN

Swedish Jewish leaders are appealing to police in Gothenburg to reroute a neo-Nazi march that will pass close to the city’s synagogue on September 30 — when Jews mark Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar.

“It’s the day of the year when many Jews who normally don’t go to the synagogue will gather there. On this day, the police have decided to grant the neo-Nazi Nordic Resistance Movement (NRM) permission to march through Gothenburg, no more than a stone’s throw away from the synagogue,” Aron Verständig, chairman of the Official Council of Swedish Jewish Communities, and Allan Stutzinky, chairman of the Jewish community in Gothenburg, wrote in an opinion piece quoted by the Swedish daily, *The Local*.

“Aside from out of fear for our own security, it evokes uncomfortable associations for us Jews,” they added. “During the Holocaust it wasn’t unusual for the German Nazis to conduct their horrendous atrocities on the most important days of the Jewish calendar.”

According to *The Local*, the NRM had initially sought permission to stage the march on one of Gothenburg’s main avenues, Kungälvsvägen, but was only granted a

permit if it agreed to change the route. The new route means the neo-Nazis will parade close to the synagogue.

The NRM openly describes itself as a “National Socialist” organization, and operates branches in Norway and Finland as well as Sweden.

The group declares that it will “[B]y all available means, and with a long-term perspective, work to regain power from the global Zionist elite who have economically and militarily occupied the greater part of our world.” Its goal is to “[E]stablish a National Socialist society where resources are distributed in such a way that benefits all people, both strong and weak, and where everybody has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.”

Set up by neo-Nazi activists in 1997, the notoriously violent NRM is reported to have increased its membership significantly over the last year. Following US President Donald Trump’s election victory in November 2016, more than 600 hardcore supporters of the NRM clashed with anti-fascists in downtown Stockholm.

In July, three members of the NRM were sentenced by a Swedish court to up to nine years in prison for a series of homemade bomb attacks against refugee shelters.

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*Kill Us* managed to call the emergency services using David’s phone. “For us it was really an eternity,” she said. “It was a very traumatic event.”

The French national newspaper *Liberation* reported on Monday that the local public prosecutor had opened an investigation into the assault on the Pinto family, stressing its antisemitic nature. The three suspects, who have not been captured, will face minimum ten-year prison sentences if caught and convicted, *Liberation* said.

The response of the French authorities to antisemitic attacks has come under increased scrutiny since the murder in April of Sarah Halimi, a Jewish pensioner and former kindergarten teacher, by an Islamist intruder who shouted antisemitic slogans as he beat his victim. In the Halimi case until very recently, the assailant was presented by the authorities and much of the media as driven by mental illness, rather than an antisemitic motive.

On Sunday, French Interior Minister Gérard Collomb took care to note the antisemitic motives underlying the assault on the Pinto family, condemning what he called “a cowardly act” that “seems directly linked to the religion of its victims.”

On Monday, the president of the World Jewish Congress, Ronald Lauder, declared: “French authorities must treat this heinous hate crime with utmost severity and penalize the aggressors in the harshest terms possible to bring justice to the victims and deter future violence of this kind.”

“Antisemitic violence is running horrifically rampant in France,” Lauder said. “The Jewish community is still awaiting justice for the macabre murder of Sarah Halimi five months ago.”

Lauder concluded: “The French government has every responsibility to be vigilant in its defense each of its citizens. The Jews in France are proud citizens — they must be accorded with the protection and respect they deserve.”

Right. The most important goal facing the WJC today in our daily and global struggle against anti-Semitism is mending the divisive rifts and

building Jewish unity — between all organizations, and regardless of religious denominations or political affiliations.”

## World News.



An Israeli flag. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

## Israel Hosting Prestigious Life Sciences Conference

BY JNS.ORG

Some 1,600 molecular life scientists from more than 34 countries are gathering in Jerusalem Sept. 10-14 for the 2017 Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS) Congress.

The conference, brought to Israel by Prof. Azem Abdussalam and the Israeli Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ISBMB), is slated to cover the entire spectrum of molecular life sciences with lectures on topics such as cancer biology, chromatin structure and epigenetic modifications, among various other subjects.

"The aim of the FEBS conference is to bring leading researchers from all aspects of molecular life sciences together, and we are very excited to host this year event in Jerusalem," said Prof. Michal Sharon, a vice president of ISBMB and a member of the FEBS organizing committee.

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that it cost him his life — a view shared by the official investigation into his death, which concluded back in May that the prosecutor had been murdered, despite Kirchner's insistence that his death was a suicide.

Kirchner, Timerman and several other Argentine officials could well face treason charges as a result of Ahsud's testimony. In the interim, Timerman's lawyer has told the investigating judge, Claudio Bonadio, that the former foreign minister wants to schedule a hearing where he will "clarify the facts" around the secret pact with Iran.

Given that Timerman's lawyer implied in his letter that his client's health is failing, perhaps there is a ghost of a reason to believe that Timerman — who has proven himself a liar time and again — wants to unburden himself. Doing so would perhaps restore a

"We hope to offer unique opportunities for scientific interactions, which will facilitate the initiation of friendships, collaborations and joint projects," Sharon said.

Some of the field's leading experts who are addressing the conference include Nobel laureate Robert J. Lefkowitz (Duke University), Patrick Cramer (Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen), Carol Robinson (University of Oxford), Marcelo Rubinstein (University of Buenos Aires), Jonathan Weissman (University of California) and Feng Zhang (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

"Some of the most brilliant minds in the field of molecular life sciences will be in Jerusalem to learn, share expertise, network and collaborate," said Ilanit Melchior, director of tourism for the Jerusalem Development Authority, which is assisting with coordinating the convention.

small portion of the dignity that this son of a prominent Jewish family has lost in colluding with the murderers of Argentine Jews and non-Jews. It might even give him an opportunity to get back at Kirchner's thuggish lieutenants, who lampooned him as "that f— Jew" behind his back, even as he was negotiating with Assad and Iran. Or it might result in yet another tissue of falsehoods.

The fact that the net is now closing in upon the Argentine culprits in the AMIA story cannot be doubted. But will another two decades pass before we see the Iranian terrorists themselves in court?

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## Palestinians Attempt to Gain Full Membership in Second UN Agency

BY JNS.ORG

The Palestinians are reportedly preparing to gain full membership in the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), a UN agency, at the group's upcoming meeting.

According to the Jerusalem Post, the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Tourism applied for membership for "Palestine" into

the organization last year, and the item is on the agenda for UNWTO's general assembly in China next week. A final Palestinian decision on whether to go ahead with the bid or withdraw is expected soon.

To gain membership, the Palestinians must secure two-thirds approval in a vote at the UNWTO assembly.

"Israel has taken all diplomatic measures

## Israel Aids Quake-Stricken Mexico, Ahead of Netanyahu's Historic Visit

BY JNS.ORG

Ahead of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's historic visit to Latin America this week, Israel's Foreign Ministry announced on Sunday it would send aid to earthquake-stricken Mexico.

"Mexico and Israel enjoy close and friendly relations," Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon told JNS.org. "Naturally, this finds its expression in moments of need, such as the terrible earthquake in Mexico. Our embassy will coordinate the assistance distribution with the local authorities."

The 8.2-magnitude earthquake — the strongest to hit Mexico in a century — struck 75 miles off the country's Pacific coast around midnight last Thursday, causing tremendous damage in southern Mexico and prompting officials to issue a tsunami warning along the Central and North American coastline. Tens of millions of Mexicans, and others in neighboring Guatemala, were rocked by tremors from the powerful quake.

"As you know, Mexico experienced a severe earthquake over the weekend. Israel sends condolences to the families of the victims," Netanyahu said at the start of Sunday's weekly Israeli cabinet meeting.

"We understand that these are difficult days for this country, for the Mexican people," he added. "In my talks with the president of Mexico, we will offer aid in reconstruction or any other assistance that we can give."

The Israeli Embassy in Mexico and the Foreign Ministry's Center for International Cooperation will coordinate the delivery of aid to the southern Mexican states of Oaxaca and Chiapas, two of the areas most severely affected by the deadly earthquake. Among the 90 people confirmed dead in the quake's aftermath, 71 were from Oaxaca.

A diplomatic team from the Israeli embassy, headed by the Israeli ambassador to Mexico Yoni Peled, will distribute aid packages to the governors of the affected states in the coming days, according to the Foreign Ministry.

In addition to the state assistance, the Israeli humanitarian organization iAID

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**Aid Team**

*Israel21c* said. More ZAKA volunteers are reportedly on standby in the New York in case their assistance is needed.

"We intend to offer help in the best and most professional way we can, focusing on evacuation of stranded residents and treating the wounded," said ZAKA International Rescue Unit chief officer Mati Goldstein.

Israeli groups were also on the ground in Texas last week helping with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, as well as in some Caribbean islands — to assist those affected by Hurricane Irma — and Mexico — following last week's 8.1-magnitude earthquake there.

to block the request," an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman told the Jerusalem Post. "We are not expecting any negative impact on Israel or its continued activity in the organization — the expected damage will be to the organization itself."

If the Palestinian bid is successful, UNWTO would be the second UN organization in which the Palestinians have gained membership; the first was UNESCO. During the last year, UNESCO has passed several anti-Israel resolutions that have denied Israeli sovereignty and Jewish ties to Jerusalem and

(formerly known as IsraAID) is sending a 12-member delegation to earthquake-affected areas in southern Mexico; the iAID recently assisted residents in Houston in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

Netanyahu will travel to Mexico on Wednesday; this will be the first visit to the country by a sitting Israeli prime minister. He will meet with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, as well as leaders of the local Jewish community.

During his trip, Netanyahu will also visit Argentina and Colombia, and will meet with Paraguayan President Horacio Cartes in Buenos Aires.

In Argentina and Mexico, the prime minister will be accompanied by a large business delegation comprised of representatives from several Israeli companies in the fields of agriculture, water, communications and energy. The visit is expected to enhance reciprocal economic relations between Israel and those countries.

Israel is Mexico's largest trade partner in the Middle East, with bilateral trade amounting to \$700 million in 2016.

"This visit will strengthen our economic, security and technological ties with Latin America, and it constitutes a continuation of the strengthening of Israel's international position, a systematic process that we are successfully leading," Netanyahu said.

The prime minister's trip to Latin America is part of a broader effort to improve ties with non-traditional allies, such as African and Asian countries. The Israeli leader's arrival in the region is also expected to be deeply significant for Latin American Jews.

"Netanyahu's visit is an important instance in the strengthening of bilateral relations between Israel and Latin American countries," Claudio Epelman, the executive director of the Latin American Jewish Congress, said.

"In Latin America there are many Jewish communities, all very different from each other, big and small, but they all share a great affection for the state of Israel," Epelman said. "[The visit] is, without a doubt, an incredible opportunity for dialogue."

Others involved in the cleanup efforts in Florida include Bal Harbour Mayor Gabriel Groisman, who said in a Facebook Live video on Monday that the city was "on track" to getting electricity and water back on for residents. He added that Bal Harbour and other nearby municipalities were in "total lockdown" and that no one could enter or leave the area because of downed power lines in certain communities and dangerous conditions.

He added, "If you're in Bal Harbour and don't have food or electricity, come to The Shul of Bal Harbour. They have enough food for about 500 people...We've got water for people, food, ice, anything you need, we're here for you."

Hebron, two of Judaism's holiest cities.



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Photo: Kremlin.ru via Wikimedia Commons.

# U.S. News.

## ADL: White Supremacists Intensifying Recruitment Efforts on College Campuses Across US

BY SHIRI MOSHE

The white supremacist group whose racist and antisemitic slogans were chanted by protesters at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville last month has embarked on a recruitment campaign to attract college students as they begin their fall term.

Identity Evropa (IE) — which seeks to defend and promote “white American culture” — has distributed propaganda materials including flyers, posters, and stickers on at least a dozen campuses since the start of the 2017-2018 school year, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) said on Monday.

The flyers have featured photos of IE leaders and phrases such as, “Our generation, our future, our last chance.” Some were accompanied by promotional posters for books published

by Arktos Media, which is led by a former Swedish neo-Nazi.

Affected campuses have included Long Beach City College in California, Bristol Community College in Massachusetts, the University of Alabama, the University of Illinois at Urbana — Champaign, California State University — San Marcos, California State University — Long Beach, the University of California — Irvine, Eastern Michigan University and San Diego State University, according to tweets posted by an account affiliated with IE.

During the 2016-2017 school year, “the ADL counted 65 incidents where IE propaganda was posted on campuses in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota,

Texas, Virginia, and Washington,” the civil rights group said in a new report.

Since September 2016, the ADL has recorded 188 incidents of leafleting or other activities by white supremacist organizations on 129 campuses in 36 states. Aside from IE, other perpetrators have been the Atomwaffen Division and Vanguard America groups, as well as the Daily Stormer and American Renaissance media outlets, according to the ADL.

In a recently-released video, the anonymous campus watchdog group Canary Mission drew parallels between the extremism espoused by white supremacist groups like IE and anti-Israel activists. The video included quotes from far-right and far-left activists that “spread the same vile hate” by glorifying Adolf Hitler, blaming Israel and Jews for the 9/11 attacks, and urging the killing of Jews.



An Identity Evropa flyer posted at California State University - Long Beach. Photo: Twitter.

## Israeli President Meets Visiting Delegation of Top Hollywood Producers and Executives

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin welcomed a delegation of leading Hollywood producers and executives at his Jerusalem residence on Sunday.

The delegation included prominent Hollywood figures such as Adam Berkowitz, head of the television department at the Creative Artists Agency (CAA), Daniel Grover, talent agent at CAA; John Landgraf, general manager of FX Network; Christophe Riandee, vice CEO of Gaumont International Television, and Doug Herzog, former president of Viacom Music and Entertainment Group, among others.

During his meeting, Rivlin discussed the history of television and film in the Jewish state and lauded Israelis who have made breakthroughs in the entertainment industry.

“For many years we have been watching your shows, and now you are also watching Israeli shows. We even have Israeli superheroes,” Rivlin said, referring to Israeli actress Gal Gadot’s “Wonder Woman” film, which earned about \$404 million in North America to date and grossed over \$800 million worldwide. Gadot was also recently ranked number one on The Hollywood Reporter’s Top Actors list.

Rivlin was asked by the delegation about the recent prize awarded to Israeli film “Foxtrot” at the Venice Film Festival, which drew strong criticism from Israel’s Minister of Culture Miri Regev for its purported negative portrayal of the IDF.

“I did not watch the film but I’m going to watch it, I do not know if I will like it, but I will watch it as I try to watch every Israeli film,” Rivlin said.

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## Opinion.

# Jewish Leaders Must Not Meet With Emir of Qatar — Whose Country Funds Hamas Terrorism



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The emir of Qatar is coming to America, and he is bearing gifts.

As in years past, the emir will use the podium of the UN General Assembly to falsely present his extremist, terror-funding regime as one that is defined by balance and moderation.

This year's visit, however, will present something of a novelty. Whereas the emir sought previously to con the world, this year he seems to be taking the bolder step of focusing on conning American Jewry.

If Qatar were to truly change its stance and stop funding international terror and using Al Jazeera to incite the world against Israel, we would be right to welcome their transformation. But in place of real change, they have chosen an artificial PR makeover. This year, the richest per-capita country on the planet will seek to soothe American Jews in much the same way that they engage almost all of their problems — with money.

As part of the emir's attempt to end the isolation imposed on him for funding terror, Qatar has hired a Jewish PR and lobbying firm — and a succession of high-level meetings are being arranged between the emir and Jewish leaders during his visit to New York.

It seems incredible that Jewish leaders would meet with the leader of a country that

finances the murder of Jews. That's why my organization, the World Values Network, took out a full-page ad in the New York Times this weekend to condemn the PR effort, stating clearly, "Meeting with Qatar condones murder."

Since there has been no substantive change in Qatar's actions — nor its financing of Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood, the country's moves are nothing but a halfhearted attempt to white-wash their notorious sponsorship of worldwide terrorism and antisemitism.

Qatar has emerged, in recent years, as the undisputed chief financier of Hamas, which is the foremost antisemitic terrorist organization in the world. Hamas is dedicated not only to the destruction of the state of Israel, but to the murder of world Jewry "whosoever they may be found," to quote their founding charter.

In 2012, the previous Qatari emir pledged \$400 million dollars to the Gaza-based terror group. His cynical efforts paid off. Just two years later, Hamas launched a war against Israel with a lavish arsenal of more than 5,000 rockets aimed at Israeli civilians. During the war, Hamas showcased a network of complex and deadly tunnel projects that were built to kidnap, murder and terrorize Israeli civilians and soldiers.

Though Hamas had clearly used Qatar's funding to arm themselves with weapons of war, Qatar refused to repudiate or cut off the terror group. On the contrary, Qatar doubled down. Following the Gaza War of 2014, Qatar pledged \$1 billion to Hamas.

Qatar has also offered asylum to Hamas



Doha, Qatar. Photo: StellarD via Wikimedia Commons.

leader Khaled Mashaal since 2012. Furthermore, it has also offered him its state-run Al Jazeera network as a platform for his sermons. One of these recent speeches featured the humanistic gem that "before [the Israelis] die, they will experience humiliation and degradation every day."

Ismail Haniyeh, Mashaal's replacement as Hamas' political chief, moved to the Qatari capital of Doha shortly after his election, and continues to reside there today. He was one of the only political leaders on earth to condemn the assassination of Osama Bin Laden, a man whom he lauded as an "Arab holy warrior."

Al Jazeera has also proven itself as less a reliable news service, than as a conduit by which to introduce the most antisemitic rhetoric into the mainstream media. In a sermon aired by the network in 2009, Sheik Yousuf Al-Qaradhawi said, "Allah imposed Hitler upon the Jews to punish them."

Earlier this month, Israel decided to shutter Al Jazeera's operations in the country. Far more telling, however, is the fact that the United Arab Emirates' Anwar Gargash defended the decision by the UAE and its

allies in the Gulf to cut off Al Jazeera by claiming that the network is a platform for antisemitism and terrorist incitement.

Furthermore, Qatar's funding doesn't stop with Hamas.

Though it's unclear whether they fund these groups directly, Qatar certainly harbors fundraising operations for the Taliban, al-Nusra Front, and ISIS — all of which are allowed to freely seek private donations within the emirate's borders. There is also evidence of the Qatari royal family playing a role in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. According to a Congressional Research Service report, former Qatari Interior Minister Shaykh Abdullah bin Khalid al-Thani personally sheltered Khalid Shiekh Mohammad, the mastermind of the attacks, and provided him with a Qatari passport to avoid capture following 9/11.

While he was alive, Shimon Peres said Qatar was "the world's largest funder of terror." And Israel's former UN Ambassador Ron Prosor put it more pithily. In an op-ed for the New York Times, he called the Persian Gulf state a "Club-Med for Terrorists."

No Jewish leader should agree to meet with a man who bankrolls the proliferation of such violent evil. If the emir wants a meeting, let him force Hamas to release the bodies of murdered IDF soldiers Hadar Goldin and Oron Shaul, so that their families might finally pray at their graves.

Let him purge Al Jazeera of its antisemitic correspondents. Let him expel Khaled Mashaal and Ismail Haniyeh, and send them to the ICC, where they should be tried for their use of Palestinian children as human shields and targeting of Israeli civilians, which even the left-leaning Amnesty International has determined to be war crimes.

When it comes to the reevaluation of international and Jewish relations with Qatar, we must demand tangible signs of real, measurable change. Whether Qatar will take these steps is doubtful. But when it comes to Jewish leaders, we must show Qatar that money won't do the trick.

## 9/11 Sixteen Years Later: Lessons Put Into Practice?



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Today marks the 16th anniversary of Al Qaeda's 9/11 attacks. We learned much on that tragic day, at enormous human and material cost. Perilously, however, America has already forgotten many of September 11's lessons.

The radical Islamicist ideology manifested that day has neither receded nor "moderated," as many naive Westerners predicted. Neither has the ideology's hatred for America receded, nor its inclination to conduct terrorist attacks. Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution brought radical Islam to the contemporary world's attention, and Iran is no less malevolent today than when it seized our Tehran embassy, holding US diplomats hostage for 444 days.

The Taliban, which provided Al Qaeda sanctuary to prepare for the 9/11 attacks, now threatens to retake control in Afghanistan. Al Qaeda persists, and may even be growing worldwide.

While ISIS' caliphate in Syria and Iraq will not survive much longer, countries across North Africa and the Middle East ("MENA") have destabilized or fractured entirely. Syria

and Iraq have ceased to exist functionally, and Libya, Somalia and Yemen have descended into chaos. Pakistan, an unstable nuclear-weapons state, could fall to radicals under many easily predictable scenarios.

The terrorist threat is compounded by nuclear proliferation. Pakistan has scores of nuclear weapons, and Iran's program continues unhindered. North Korea has now conducted its sixth — and likely thermonuclear — nuclear test, and its ballistic missiles are near being able to hit targets across the continental United States. Pyongyang leads the rogue's gallery of would-be nuclear powers, and is perfectly capable of selling its technologies and weapons to anyone with hard currency.

During Barack Obama's presidency, he ignored these growing threats and disparaged those who warned against them. His legacy is terrorist attacks throughout Europe and America, and a blindness to the threat that encouraged Europe to accept a huge influx of economic migrants from the MENA region, whose numbers included potentially thousands of already-committed terrorists.

Obama also ignored North Korea, affording it one of an aspiring nuclear proliferator's most precious assets: time. Time is what a nuclear state needs to master the complex scientific and technological problems that it must overcome to create even more nuclear weapons.

And, in a dangerous unforced error that

could be considered perfidious if it weren't so foolish, Obama entered the 2015 Vienna nuclear and missile deal that has legitimized Tehran's terrorist government, released well over a hundred billion dollars of frozen assets and dissolved international economic sanctions. Iran has responded by extending its presence in the Middle East as ISIS had receded; it now has tens of thousands of troops in Syria and is building missile factories there and in Lebanon.

Before 2009, publishers would have immediately dismissed novelists who brought them such a plainly unrealistic plot. Today, however, it qualifies as history, not fantasy. This is the agonizing legacy that the Trump administration inherited, compounded by widespread feelings among the American people that we have once again sacrificed American lives and treasure overseas for precious little in return.

These feelings are understandable, but it would be dangerous to succumb to them. We didn't ask for the responsibility of stopping nuclear proliferation or terrorism, but we are nonetheless ultimately the most at risk from both of these threats.

And as we knew during the Cold War, but seem to have forgotten since it ended, our surrounding oceans do not insulate us from the risk of long-distance nuclear attacks. We face the choice of fighting the terrorists on our borders or inside America itself, or fighting them where they seek to plot our demise: in the barren mountains of Afghanistan, in the MENA deserts and elsewhere.

Nor can we shelter behind a robust national missile-defense capability, hoping simply to shoot down missiles from the likes of North Korea and Iran before they hit their



The September 11, 2001 terror attacks. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

targets. We do not have a robust national missile defense capability, which is partly due to Barack Obama's drastic budget cuts.

President Trump appreciates that nuclear proliferation and radical Islamic terrorism are existential threats for the United States and its allies. During the 2016 campaign, he repeatedly stressed his view that others should play a larger role in defeating these dangerous forces, bearing their fair share of the burden. But candidate Trump also unambiguously (and entirely correctly) called for restoring our depleted military capabilities, because he saw that American safety depended fundamentally on American strength.

September 11 should be more than just a few moments of silence to remember the Twin Towers falling, the burning Pentagon and the inspiring heroism of regular Americans in bringing down United Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. We should also seriously consider today's global threats. Those who made America an exceptional country did so by confronting reality and overcoming it, not by ignoring it.

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## Opinion.

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**Why**

We did not yet exist. How then can we be bound by the covenant?

This is not a small question. It is the question on which all others turn. How can Jewish identity be passed on from parent to child? If Jewish identity were merely racial or ethnic, we could understand it. We inherit many things from our parents – most obviously our genes. But being Jewish is not a genetic condition, it is a set of religious obligations. There is a halakhic principle, *zakhin le-adam shelo be-fanav*: “You can confer a benefit on someone else without their knowledge or consent.” And though it is doubtless a benefit to be a Jew, it is also in some sense a liability, a restriction on our range of legitimate choices. Had we not been Jewish, we could have worked on Shabbat, eaten non-kosher food, and so on. You can confer a benefit, but not a liability, on someone without their consent.

In short, this is the question of questions of Jewish identity. How can we be bound by Jewish law, without our choice, merely because our ancestors agreed on our behalf?

In my book *Radical Then, Radical Now* (published in America as *A Letter in the Scroll*) I pointed out how fascinating it is to trace exactly when and where this question was asked. Despite the fact that everything else depends on it, it was not asked often. For the most part, Jews did not ask the question, “Why be Jewish?” The answer was obvious. My parents are Jewish. My grandparents were Jewish. So I am Jewish. Identity is something most people in most ages take for granted.

It did, however, become an issue during the Babylonian exile. The prophet Ezekiel says, “What is in your mind shall never happen—the thought, ‘Let us be like the nations, like the tribes of the countries, and worship wood and stone.’” (Ez. 20:32). This is the first reference to Jews actively seeking to abandon their identity.

It happened again in rabbinic times. We know that in the second century BCE there were Jews who Hellenised, seeking to become Greek rather than Jewish. There were others who, under Roman rule, sought to become Roman. Some even underwent an operation known as *epispasm* to reverse the effects of circumcision (in Hebrew they were known as *meshukhim*) to hide the fact that they were Jews.

The third time was in Spain in the fifteenth century. That is where we find two Bible commentators, R. Isaac Arama and R. Isaac Abarbanel, raising precisely the question we have raised about how the covenant can bind Jews today. The reason they ask it while earlier commentators did not was that in their time – between 1391 and 1492 – there was immense pressure on Spanish Jews to convert to Christianity, and as many as a third may have done so (they were known in Hebrew as the *anusim*, in Spanish as the *conversos*, and derogatively as *marranos*, “swine”). The question “Why stay Jewish?” was real.

The answers given were different at different times. Ezekiel’s answer was blunt: “As I live, declares the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out I will be king over you.” In other words, Jews might try to escape their destiny but they will fail. Even against their will they would be known as Jews. That, tragically, is what happened during the two great ages of assimilation, fifteenth century Spain and nineteenth and early twentieth century Europe. In both cases, racial antisemitism persisted, and Jews continued to be persecuted.

The sages answered the question mystically. They said, even the souls of Jews not yet born were present at Sinai and ratified the covenant (Exodus Rabbah 28:6). Every Jew, in other words, did give his or her consent in the days of Moses even though they had not yet been born. Demystifying this, perhaps the sages meant that in his or her innermost heart even the most assimilated Jew knew that he or she was still a Jew. That seems to have been the case with figures like Heinrich Heine and Benjamin Disraeli, who lived as Christians but often wrote and thought as Jews.

The fifteenth century Spanish commentators found this answer problematic. As Arama said, we are each of us both body and soul. How then is it sufficient to say that our soul was present at Sinai?

How can the soul obligate the body? Of course the soul agrees to the covenant. Spiritually, to be a Jew is a privilege, and you can confer a privilege on someone without their consent. But for the body, the covenant is a burden. It involves all sorts of restrictions on physical pleasures. Therefore if the souls of future generations were present but not their bodies, this would not constitute consent.

Radical Then, Radical Now is my answer to this question. But perhaps there is a simpler one. Not every obligation that binds us is one to which we have freely given our assent. There are obligations that come with birth. The classic example is a crown prince. To

be the heir to a throne involves a set of duties and a life of service to others. It is possible to neglect these duties. In extreme circumstances it is even possible for a monarch to abdicate. But no one chooses to be heir to a throne. That is a fate, a destiny, that comes with birth.

The people of whom God himself said, “My child, my firstborn, Israel” (Ex. 4:22) knows itself to be royalty. That may be a privilege. It may be a burden. It may be both. It is a peculiar post-Enlightenment delusion to think that the only significant things about us are those we choose. For the truth is some of the most important facts about us, we did not choose. We did not choose to be born. We did not choose our parents. We did not choose the time and place

of our birth. Yet each of these affects who we are and what we are called on to do.

We are part of a story that began long before we were born and will continue long after we are no longer here, and the question for all of us is: will we continue the story? The hopes of a hundred generations of our ancestors rest on our willingness to do so. Deep in our collective memory the words of Moses continue to resonate. “It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant, but with ... whoever is not here with us today.” We are part of that story. We can live it. We can abandon it. But it is a choice we cannot avoid and it has immense consequences. The future of the covenant rests with us.



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## Impressions.

# Sixteen Years After 9/11 Attacks, Giuliani's Co-Author Reflects on Lessons Learned

BY BEN COHEN

In early 2001, author Ken Kurson began working with the then mayor of New York, Rudy Giuliani, on what was to become a best-selling book entitled simply "Leadership."

The Al Qaeda terrorist attacks on September 11 of that year meant – as Kurson told *The Algemeiner* on Monday, in an interview to mark the sixteenth anniversary of 9/11 – that "it became a very different book."

"I'm so proud of New York City – its spirit and resilience inspired the world," Kurson reflected. "I believe, as Rudy [Giuliani] said many times, that Al Qaeda thought their master stroke would break the back of America and force us to crawl to some kind of negotiated settlement."

Instead, Kurson continued, "Al Qaeda and the whole world saw what tough motherf\*\*ers we actually are and our willingness to rain hellfire on them, coupled with the incredible togetherness and kindness all of America displayed toward New York, reminded them – and us – what we're made of."

The trauma of that day has become easier to bear with the passage of time, Kurson observed, but the flip side is that time can erase memories as well as heal them.

"Forgetting is why it will inevitably repeat itself," he said. "Sixteen years ago, we swore that we'd wipe out Islamic Terrorism. And yet, this year alone, we've seen high-profile attacks on a nightclub in Istanbul, 30 Christians killed on Palm Sunday in Egypt, four shot in Fresno, multiple shootings of police in Paris, plus the usual daily car bombings and insanity in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan."

Kurson recalled that he had been visiting Manchester on May 22 – "the day that Salman Abedi blew himself to bits to kill 22 teenagers at the Manchester Arena who were at an Ariana Grande concert."

"The memory of September 11 is easier to bear because time has passed, but also because we are numb," Kurson said.

Kurson sees a parallel between popular attitudes to natural disasters and those towards terrorism. "Last year on 9/11, I wrote about exactly that," he said. "How the language has evolved to view these attacks as akin to earthquakes, unfortunate events that claimed a lot of lives. There remains, amid all these attacks a shocking unwillingness among decent people to understand what we're dealing with here and to call it by its name."

Nor do the polarizing effects of domestic politics assist much. "There's an absurdist streak running through the entire electorate," Kurson said. "The idea that it's 'racist' to condemn terror is so twisted and dangerous. And it's condescending to Muslims, who comprise the overwhelming number of victims of Islamic terrorists."

"Because Americans are good, we have this child-like need to assume that others are just as inclined to kindness and generosity," Kurson continued. "But our obsession with things that are not a meaningful threat – like these losers and buffoons who carry Confederate flags and swastikas in Charlottesville – and our refusal to understand the difference between powerless idiots like that, versus terrorist groups that control large swaths of land and the tools of government, is extremely dangerous."

Kurson is deeply critical of what he regards as myopia among American liberals when it comes to the Muslim victims of Islamist terror groups.

"What did you hear from Hollywood on May 31, when a car bombing killed 150 in Kabul, or on April 21, when the Taliban killed as many as 256 Afghans, or

# The High Holidays: A Time to Reflect

BY JEREMY ROSEN

The month before the Days of Awe is the time to start thinking about our souls, rather than our politics.

In the West, we have been persuaded that religion is a system of beliefs that are supposed to determine how we live. The required belief in certain propositions is supposedly at the root of religion. And we often describe Judaism as a religion. But the word religion does not exist in the Torah – it only appears in the Book of Esther, in a Persian context.

The first actual religious credo in Judaism is the "Thirteen Principles of Faith," which was written by Maimonides a thousand years ago. This means that for the first two thousand years of Judaism, there was none. But there were most definitely ideas and propositions that were fundamental to being part of that community of Israelites. The Talmud discusses these core ideas and suggests that without them, one cannot fully appreciate the spirit of our tradition. These ideas eventually became the basis of Maimonides's principles. He formulated them in response to Christian and Muslim theologians of his day, who tried to undermine Judaism by claiming that it was not a legitimate religion because it did not have a core systematic belief formula.

But the Torah never says anywhere, "You must believe." It does indeed assert that God is the source of everything, and that the Torah is God's way of revealing a pattern for living and reinforcing the quest to become good human beings. But apart from the ambiguous and opaque, "I am what I am," which God uses to reassure Moses, there is no specific definition or formula that we are commanded to believe about God. Rather, it is a matter of acceptance and commitment, which is what the Hebrew word *emunah* really means.

The Torah is a pre-philosophical document that expresses itself in very different ways than the Greek rational, scientific method, which lies at the root of Western culture. But the Judaism that we have today has been influenced by both the earlier non-rational, mystical tradition, as well as the later rational one.

This is so important to recognize, because it indicates that the word "belief" has different meanings and usages. The title of the earliest book of Jewish theology, written by Saadia Gaon in Baghdad in 933, is *Sefer Emunot Ve Dehot*; this is usually translated as "the Book of Beliefs and Opinions" or "Doctrines and Beliefs. But I prefer the translation, "Convictions and Ideas."

Ideas are much more flexible than beliefs. Beliefs have to be formulated, and human language is notoriously limited when it comes to describing feelings and emotions. I think intellect and rationality is very important. But I also think that feelings, experience and sense are equally valid sources for information, and guides for behavior. We often call this emotional intelligence. Ideas allow for such flexibility and emotional input. One can be convinced of something without either proof or belief – and to doubt does not mean to deny. Moses had his doubts, after all.

This is the time of the Jewish year when we devote ourselves to the cultivation of our souls. Yes, we should do it all the time. But we humans get easily distracted. That is why we need rituals. They demand our attention – and that we devote specific time to them.

But what do we mean by soul? The very word is ambiguous. There are at least five different words in the Torah and Midrash that describe it. There are concepts of a physical soul and a spiritual soul. There is no single definition that everyone agrees on. I would rather use the term to describe ourselves: the self – made up of different elements, both physical and spiritual, and nourished by such human tools as logic and feeling. To thrive, we need to engage them all.

Part of this process is self-examination, and the determination each year to do better, even as we usually sink back to established routines and ideas. That is why we use the metaphor of being judged during this period – of standing before God and having all our actions revealed and weighed. As the Talmud says, even the best of us is imperfect; we are neither all good nor all bad, but – like Benjamin, in the middle.

This is also a time to examine our ideas. What we think. What we value. Consider the words that the Torah uses to describe these days. What we now call Rosh Hashanah is called *zikaron* – a day to remember. But it does not tell us if we are supposed to remember God, or if God is supposed to remember us. It does not specify if we are to remember the things that we did badly, or the things that we did well.

And Yom Kippur is a day of *initem et nafshoteyhem* – "afflicting your souls," as it is normally translated.



*The Western Wall on Yom Kippur. Photo: Twitter.*

But what does that mean? Is it a reference to suffering through fasting, or are we suffering because we realize how badly we have failed?

Our tradition is holistic. The distinction between body and soul is a Greek construct. Dividing the upper body from the lower with a girdle is not found in the Torah, although modesty is. Surely we cannot think that our bodies are intrinsically bad. Adam and Eve were only covered up after they realized that one could defy godliness. Besides, our brains and our hearts can do just as much damage as the "lower" parts of our bodies.

This is the time of year when we try to revert to a holistic awareness of all of ourselves. It is a time to be serious, to be reflective – to remember everything, for better and for worse, our successes and our failures – and to try to make it all better. *Honest Milud!*

on April 15 when a car bomb by (Sunni terrorist group) Tahrir al-Sham killed 126 people in Aleppo, including sixty kids?" he asked. "If you care about Muslim people, as I do and all civilized people do, you should be the loudest to condemn Islamic terror."

Kurson is confident that the new generation that has grown up since 9/11 will understand the significance of an event they are too young to recall. "My best friend just sent me an essay his 17-year old daughter

had written to deliver today to her class in New Jersey, and it was clear how profoundly 9/11 has shaped her worldview," he said. "She was too young to remember the attacks, of course, but just as the Holocaust feels present to me because of the value my family placed on education and firsthand accounts, this young lady – and hopefully her friends and future young people – will carry around the collective memory of both the horror and the heroism we saw 16 years ago."



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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, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400  
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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 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.

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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, QUEENS 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 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 Testamen-

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tary 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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS SRP 2013-10, LLC, Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 507393/2014 JOSEPH SCHWARTZ A/K/A JOSEPH SCHWARZ, ALIZA SCHWARTZ, MALKE SCHWARTZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on 7/27/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 10/5/2017 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 949 50th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 5638 and

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Lot 58. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$166,021.99 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 507393/2014. Bartholomew M. Verdirame, Esq., Referee. Richland & Falkowski, PLLC, 35-37 36th Street, 2nd Floor, ASTORIA, NY 11106 Dated: 8/3/2017 PB AJ; 9/1/8/15/22/29; 10/6

Notice of formation of 11 WATERFORD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/10/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 11 WATERFORD LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 9/1/8/15/22; 10/6

Notice of formation of 421 HOME LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 421 HOME LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 9/1/8/15/22; 10/6

Notice of formation of 18 IROQUOIS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 18 IROQUOIS LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 9/1/8/15/22/29; 10/6

Notice of formation of 105 MERSEREAU LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 105 MERSEREAU LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 9/1/8/15/22/29; 10/6

Notice of formation of 2910 RICHMOND LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 2910 RICHMOND LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 9/1/8/15/22/29; 10/6/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. KAIUM AKANDA; 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 December 8, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On October 12, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 922 HERKIMER STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233 Block: 1713 Lot: 22 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,

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## Tradition.

## Why Be Jewish?



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

In the last days of his life Moses renews the covenant between God and Israel. The entire book of Devarim has been an account of the covenant – how it came about, what its terms and conditions are, why it is the core of Israel's identity as an am kadosh, a holy people, and so on. Now comes the moment of renewal itself, a kind of national referendum as it were.

Moses, however, is careful not to limit his words to those who are actually present. About to die, he wants to ensure that no future generation can say, "Moses made a covenant with our ancestors but not with us. We didn't give our consent. We are not bound." To preclude this he says these words:

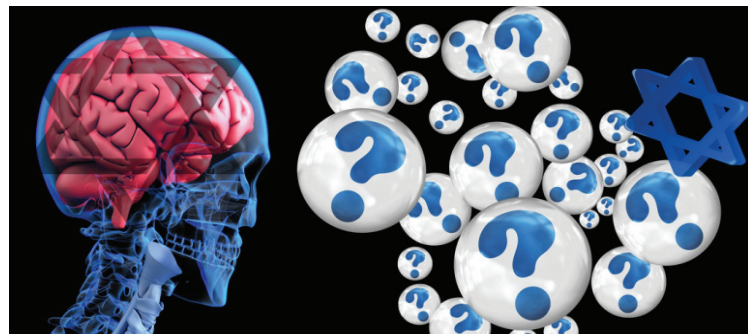
"It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant, but with whoever is standing here with

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: 4481, LOT: 56. Approximate amount of judgment is \$782,849.45 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 016170/2007. Lynn S. Okin, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 9/8/15/22/29;

is that there is no obligation without consent. How can we be bound by an agreement to which we were not parties? How can we be subject to a covenant on the basis of a decision taken long ago and far away by our distant ancestors?

The sages, after all, raised a similar question about the wilderness generation in the days of Moses who were actually there and did give their assent. The Talmud suggests that they were not entirely free to say No. "The Holy One blessed be He suspended the mountain over them like a barrel and said: If you say Yes, all will be well, but if you say No, this will be your burial-place" (Shabbat 88b). On this, R. Acha bar Yaakov said: "This constitutes a fundamental challenge to the legitimacy of the covenant." The Talmud replies that even though the agreement may not have been entirely free at the time, Jews asserted their consent voluntarily in the days of Ahasuerus, as suggested by the book of Esther.

This is not the place to discuss this particular passage, but the essential point is clear. The sages



us today before the Lord our God, and with whoever is not here with us today." (Deut. 29:13-14)

As the commentators point out, the phrase "whoever is not here" cannot refer to Israelites alive at the time who happened to be somewhere else. That cannot be since the entire nation was assembled there. It can only mean "generations not yet born." The covenant bound all Jews from that day to this. As the Talmud says: we are all mushba ve-omed me-har Sinai, foresworn from Sinai (Yoma 73b, Nedarim 8a). By agreeing to be God's people, subject to God's laws, our ancestors obligated us.

Hence one of the most fundamental facts about Judaism. Converts excepted, we do not choose to be Jews. We are born as Jews. We become legal adults, subject to the commands and responsible for our actions, at the age of twelve for girls, thirteen for boys. But we are part of the covenant from birth. A bat or bar mitzvah is not a "confirmation." It involves no voluntary acceptance of Jewish identity. That choice took place more than three thousand years ago when Moses said "It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant, but with ... whoever is not here with us today," meaning all future generations including us.

But how can this be so? Surely a fundamental principle of Judaism

believed with great force that an agreement must be free to be binding. Yet we did not agree to be Jews. We were, most of us, born Jews. We were not there in Moses' day when the agreement was made.

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County of Kings, City and State of New York, known and designated on the Tax Map of the City of New York as Section 6 Block 1713 Lot 22 as said Map was on October 20, 1965. 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 \$608,434.66 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 4719-13 Kecia Juanita Weaver, Esq., Referee AJ; 9/8/15/22/29;

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-FM2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff AGAINST Brenda Robbins, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/3/2017 and entered on 1/31/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 12, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 773 Logan Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of

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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: 4481, LOT: 56. Approximate amount of judgment is \$782,849.45 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 016170/2007. Lynn S. Okin, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 9/8/15/22/29;

Notice of formation of 667 HUNTER LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 07/13/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 667 HUNTER LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 9/8/15/22/29; 10/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. Merley Alleyne a/k/a Merley C. Alleyne, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 01, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 12, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 9101 Avenue N, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8275 and Lot 9. Approximate amount of judgment is \$365,355.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510655/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 9/8/15/22/29;

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) name: 246 SANILAC REALTY, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY). On 09/01/2017. Office location Richmond 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 246 Sanilac street Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/13/20

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Josianne Valery; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 1, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 19, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 871 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4980 Lot 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,534.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501049/2014. Joseph Defelice, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New

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York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: August 10, 2017 47947 AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Mortgageit Securities Corp. Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff AGAINST Patsy Carter; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 3, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 19, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 388 East 57th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4767 Lot 15. Approximate amount of judgment \$599,692.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6390/2013. Steven David Cohn, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: July 27, 2017 47659 AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST George S. Gabriel, Celine Gabriel, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/15/2017 and entered on 4/10/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 19, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 144 Sterling Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225. 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: 1319, LOT: 17. Approximate amount of judgment is \$784,767.21 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506780/2013. Barry Martin Goldstein, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/

Notice of Formation of PONCHOS ROJAS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/28/17. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 300 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11238. 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; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/13/20

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, AGAINST CLAYTON GREENE, MERLIN GREENE, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered May 9, 2017 I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224, Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 19, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1064 E 105TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236-3002 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the

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Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York. Block 8231 and Lot 68 Approximate amount of judgment \$162,716.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #508211/2013 Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. HYMAN WERZBERGER; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about March 6, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On October 19, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 564 WYTHE AVENUE UNIT 8A, BROOKLYN, NY 11249-6642 Block: 02165 Lot: 1131 The Condominium Unit (the "Unit") known as Unit No. 8A in the premises (the "Premises") known as and by the street number 564 Wythe Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and being a unit of the Condominium plan known as THE 564-580 PARK PLAZA CONDOMINIUM, said Unit being designated and described as Unit No. 8A in a certain Declaration made pursuant to Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York (the "Condominium Act"), establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the Building and the Land (the "Property") upon which Parcel I of the Land, the Building is situate (which Land is more particularly described below), which Declaration was date October 31, 2001 and recorded on January 25, 2002 in Reel: 5451 Page 14 of the Kings County Office of the Register of The City of New York. This Unit is also designated as Tax Lot 1131 in Block 2165 of the Borough of Brooklyn on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of The City of New York and on the Floor Plans of the Building, certified by Maurice Brezel, R.A. and filed with the Real Property Assessment Department of The City of New York as Condominium Plan No. 872. Together with an undivided 1.358% interest in the Common Elements (as such term is defined in the Declaration). Parcel I (Lot 102). Parcel II (Lot 105). As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$243,813.49 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 511587/2014 Leo Salzman, Esq., Referee AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: LEE'S MEALS ON WHEELS, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 06/05/2017. 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 C/O United states corporation agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/13/20

## Social.



A scene from the Israeli film "Foxtrot." Photo: Screenshot/YouTube.

## Israeli Movie 'Foxtrot' Is Frontrunner for Top Prize at Venice Film Festival

BY JNS.ORG

The Israeli film "Foxtrot" is a frontrunner at the Venice Film Festival to win the Golden Lion award, the event's top prize.

The film, which is partially influenced by director Samuel Maoz's own military experience in the IDF, details the story of an affluent Tel Aviv couple that is informed its young son, a soldier, has been killed in the line of duty at an isolated roadblock in Israel's Negev desert.

Critics at the Italian festival have praised "Foxtrot," while in Israel, Maoz has been reproached for his depiction of the IDF and the effect that decades of conflict have had on the Israeli population.

"I could create a [story of] horrible crime in the Israeli police and nobody would say [anything]," said Maoz, according to The Associated Press. "But if you touch the army, this is very, very sensitive."

"Foxtrot's nomination for the film festival's top prize comes eight years after Maoz's debut feature film, the critically acclaimed "Lebanon," won the Golden Lion award. Foxtrot premiered at the Venice Film Festival on Sept. 2 and will be screened at the Toronto International Film Festival on Sept. 7.

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## Algemeiner Set to Unveil New 'J100' List at Annual New York City Gala

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Algemeiner will recognize the "top 100 people positively influencing Jewish life" at its fourth annual "J100" Gala in New York City on September 18.

The much-anticipated event — which is being held at Cipriani's 25 Broadway location and hosted by TV personality S.E. Cupp — will be attended by numerous prominent community leaders, celebrities and cultural icons. Past honorees and participants have included Elie Wiesel, Harvey Weinstein, Donald Trump, Ivanka Trump, Rupert Murdoch, Bernard-Henri Lévy, Michael Gove and Joan Rivers, among others.

In addition to the unveiling of the "J100" list, Czech President Milos Zeman and renowned Israeli artist Yaacov Agam will be receiving The Algemeiner's prestigious "Warrior for Truth" award at this year's gathering. Philanthropists David and Mona Sterling will also be honored.

Stuart and Robbi Force — the parents of the late Taylor Force, the US Army veteran murdered in a terrorist attack in Tel Aviv last year for whom a proposed bill seeking to restrict American aid to the Palestinian Authority was named after — will speak at the dinner.

Other guests will include Israeli Consul General in New York Dani Dayan, Czech Foreign Minister Lubomir Zaoralek and former US Ambassador to Israel Daniel Shapiro.

Lévy will be the evening's honorary chairman.

## Israeli Novel 'Three Floors Up' Gives English Readers a Page-Turner

BY JEFFREY BARKEN /JNS.ORG

"A wonderful fact to reflect upon ... when I enter a great city by night, [is] that every one of those darkly clustered houses encloses its own secret." So Charles Dickens muses in the 19th-century classic, *A Tale of Two Cities*. This same contemplative voyeurism inspires Israeli author Eshkol Nevo's popular novel, *Three Floors Up*, which will be available in English this October.

Behind the cold, steel-reinforced doors that separate the living spaces in Nevo's imaginary Israeli apartment building, three loosely connected, first-person confessional narratives unfold.

Collectively, the novella-length chapters offer a compelling critique of Israeli society. But Nevo's chief strength lies in his ability to fashion wonderfully relatable characters whose troubled voices, as well as mysterious and impulsive moods, render the work a page-turner.

First floor

On the first floor, we meet Arnon— a retired army officer living with his wife Ayelet, and his daughter, Ofri. Despite clear warnings that their neighbor, Herman — an elderly German man — is either showing signs of dementia or playing devious games with Ofri, Arnon carelessly leaves his daughter with Herman one afternoon to avoid being late to his spinning class. Ensuing events throw Arnon's entire marriage into crisis, and lead him to confide in an old friend.

"Remember when the concrete blocks started raining down on us? And that moron couldn't put the vehicle in reverse?" Arnon asks, reflecting on his experience as a soldier during the Palestinian Intifada. "Take that and multiply it by 10. By a hundred. A thousand. In Hebron, I was pretty calm. I had a feeling we'd get out in one piece." The scene rattles readers in part because they fear for little Ofri, who has gone missing — but also because Nevo has vividly depicted the post-traumatic stress that underlies the Israeli experience.

Second floor

On the second floor, the improperly nicknamed "widow" that Arnon and Ayelet observe, turns out to be Hani. Married and the mother of two, Hani has penned an emotional letter to her friend in America, detailing her dissatisfaction and growing resentment for her aloof, though financially successful, husband. Her account takes an unexpected turn when her fugitive brother-in-law, Eviatar, appears at her door. Having embezzled a fortune, Eviatar seeks refuge from loan sharks — and the police.

Hani resolves to help him, if only to spark new passion in her life. "Without Enrique ... there was a better than likely chance I would have gone into the army a virgin," Hani reflects. She later recounts previous sexual experiences, including relationships that she had with a psychologist and an Orthodox man.

Nevo's prose details Israelis' unique exposure to different sects within their society, presenting a portal for

English-language readers to discover the richness of Israeli culture.

Third floor

On the third floor, Devora — a retired judge — leaves a parting phone message for her late husband on the old answering machine that she discovers while cleaning out his study. Mulling the unfortunate events that left her estranged from her son, Devora describes a bizarre journey to Tel Aviv to participate in a protest. There, she encounters Avner Ashdot, a charming older man with a secretive past. Avner cleverly convinces Devora to join him on a revelatory trip south, where she discovers a surprising secret.

Readers may find this sequence slightly too reliant on coincidence to advance the plot, and the character development is somewhat predictable. But Nevo has noticeably switched gears here, embracing a philosophical tangent as he contemplates the nature of fate as a means to connect the novel. Fittingly, Devora offers a resounding verdict justifying the majority of human behavior: "There is no such thing as a normal person. Or normal actions. There are only actions that a particular person, at a particular time, must do."

This is the mark of an author who understands that essential character faults — in fiction, as in life — are actually the source of human liberty, informing our ability to seize the day and abruptly change course.

Excessive details are at times disruptive throughout the book. Likewise, the recurring congenital defect (six toes) that Devora observes on her daughter-in-law's foot — and then again on her grandchild — is unnecessary, if not a stretch to imagine.

Yet none of these distractions will slow down the reader. On the contrary, Nevo's talent for embedding character traits and cultural anecdotes through quick one-liners is perhaps his greatest asset. The prose sings in places, which makes *Three Floors Up* difficult to put down.

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