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Saudi Foreign Minister Accuses Hezbollah of Launching Missile at Capital



Hezbollah terrorists on parade in Lebanon. Photo: File.

BY JNS.ORG

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir on Monday accused Hezbollah, with Iranian support, of launching a missile on Saturday that targeted its capital of Riyadh, declaring the move as a potential "act of war."

In an interview with CNN, Jubeir said that "the missile launched from Yemen to Riyadh

is an Iranian missile launched by Hezbollah, an area occupied by the Houthi rebels."

"It could be considered as an act of war," he added.

Afterwards, Jubeir tweeted that Iran is destabilizing the Middle East and vowed to protect his country's national security.

"Iranian interventions in the region are detrimental to the security of neighboring countries and affect international peace and security.

We will not allow any infringement on our national security," he wrote, adding, "The kingdom reserves the right to respond in a timely manner to the hostile actions of the Iranian regime."

The statement by the Saudi foreign minister come amid a tumultuous time both domestically and internationally for the kingdom. Last weekend, a campaign of mass arrests of

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Western Powers Must Protect Kurds, Urges Iraqi Jew

BY BEN COHEN

For the last forty-seven years, Jamil "Jimmy" Ezra has marked a special, deeply private anniversary on September 1 with a ray of hope in his heart. For it was on that day in 1970 that Ezra – accompanied by his brother and sister – drove in a jeep to the Iraqi border with Iran with Kurdish leader Masoud Barzani and his assistant at the wheel.

Ezra and his siblings were among more than 2,000 Iraqi Jews who were helped by Kurdish Peshmerga to escape from the Ba'athist regime during the 1970s. These were dark



A young Masoud Barzani fighting with the Kurdish peshmerga. Photo: File.

days in Iraq, where the remnant of a Jewish community that had only recently numbered 150,000 was convulsed with fear following the public hanging in Baghdad in 1969 of 14 people, nine of them Jews, on trumped-up charges of spying for Israel. Ezra remembers the time with the same deep emotion that grounds his present fears about what the future now holds for his Kurdish rescuers.

"My heart breaks for the 30 million Kurds, divided between Iraq and Turkey, Syria and Iran, and abused and

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Opinion.

Leonard Cohen Was a Zionist – I Know Because He Told Me So

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A year has now passed since the death of the great poet and singer Leonard Cohen. He's been remembered no doubt for his music, but also — among Jews — for his deep sense of pride in his Jewish identity.

In Israel, he was lauded as a great friend of the Jewish state. Both the country's president and prime minister issued statements of mourning upon his passing, remembering Cohen's historic visit to Israel in 1973. "I will not forget how he came to Israel during the Yom Kippur War in order to sing to IDF soldiers, out of a deep feeling of partnership," Netanyahu said.

It was during that trip to Israel that Cohen wrote the song "Lover Come Back To Me," composed amid falling bombs in the Sinai desert. The ode ends with the words, "And may the spirit of this song, may it rise up pure and free. May it be a shield for you, a shield against the enemy."

But doubts were also raised. An article published by the *Forward* asked, "Was Leonard Cohen a Zionist?" and answered, "The short answer is no." The article asserted, "The characterization of Cohen as a straightforward Zionist is nonsense," citing a poem from Cohen's 1984 poetry compilation *The Book of Mercy*:

Israel, and you who call yourself Israel, the Church that calls itself Israel, and the revolt that calls itself Israel, and every nation

chosen to be a nation — none of these lands is yours, all of you are thieves of holiness, all of you at war with Mercy.

With this discussion surrounding Cohen's views on Israel, it struck me that his first *yartzeit* — today — may present an apt occasion to shed some light on the matter. Having discussed the issue with Cohen at great length — and not so long ago — I felt duty bound to contribute to the conversation.

It is with respect and humility that I do so, and with the full understanding that, as the *Forward* noted, "Leonard Cohen was far from dreaming in black and white." I also acknowledge that, as with many of us, it is quite feasible that his views may have evolved throughout the course of his life.

I was first introduced to Cohen in mid-2015 by *The Algemeiner's* chairman and publisher Simon Jacobson, who had connected with the singer decades earlier on more spiritual grounds.

Cohen was a regular reader of *The Algemeiner* and when I informed him of a planned trip to Los Angeles that summer, he invited me to come meet with him at his home.

He lived in a small, simple two-story house in the city's Mid-Wilshire neighborhood and when I pulled up at his place late that June afternoon, he was sitting on a deckchair on the lawn out front and beckoned for me to sit down beside him.

And there we sat — for close to three hours — discussing the intricacies of Middle East politics, as we chewed on kosher cookies and his housekeeper served cup after cup of

strong Turkish coffee.

I was struck firstly by the depth of his knowledge on the subject, especially his familiarity with lesser-known Syrian rebel groups and the complex web of alliances in the war-torn region. Throughout the discussion, he maintained a deep sense of sympathy and concern for the victims.

Our discussion soon turned to Israel. We spoke about his "Concert for Reconciliation, Tolerance and Peace" in 2009, at a Ramat Gan soccer stadium, which was attended by a crowd of 47,000. He had faced criticism from the boycott Israel crowd for the show and had attempted to schedule a parallel performance in Ramallah, but had been rebuffed by the Palestinians. In our conversation, he seemed frustrated that his overtures had been rejected.

He appeared equally vexed by the outcome of the peace effort he had hoped to initiate with his donation of the proceeds — some \$2 million — to a project aimed at bringing Israeli and Palestinian children together. I haven't delved into the details of how that project turned out, but got the sense that Cohen felt the money had gone to waste.

In an effort to better understand his current perspective of the issue, I asked if there was a particular Israeli politician who resonated with him, whose ideas he found appealing. "Moshe Feiglin," he responded, referring to the former leader of the Manhigut Yehudit faction of the governing Likud party.

I was surprised by Cohen's familiarity with Feiglin, no less that the nationalist leader's views had found favor with the

octogenarian star. "We need to separate from them (the Palestinians)," he told me. "But it must be humane."

Feiglin has long held the view, as he explained in an *AFP* interview in 2008, that the Palestinians "will have to seek the right to self-determination in Arab states." Feiglin added, "Israel will encourage the Arabs to emigrate to their countries and assist any Arab who wishes to do so."

We didn't discuss any of Feiglin's other controversial views, some of which Cohen would most likely have rejected.

I stayed in touch with Cohen until a few months before his death. He was always warm, graceful, selfless, humble and very Jewish. I'm all our correspondence he signed off with his Hebrew name, Eliezer, and often included the traditional priestly blessing.

He was certainly a man of peace, and made great efforts to contribute to the healing of the region. But — not unlike the journey traveled by many Israelis — it seemed that the obstructionism he encountered left him more sympathetic with the Israeli view best expressed by the great Zionist leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky, in eloquent testimony before the British Peel Commission on Palestine in 1937:

It is quite understandable that the Arabs of Palestine also prefer to be the Arab state No. 4, or No. 6 — that I understand. But when the Arab claim is confronted with our Jewish demand to be saved, it is like the claims of appetite versus the claims of starvation.

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How the Balfour Declaration Redefined Indigenous People

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LOS ANGELES

It has been 100 years since the Balfour Declaration — issued by the British government on November 2, 1917 — offered the first international recognition of Jewish national aspirations. In many ways, its importance is obvious: it encouraged some 400,000 European Jews to emigrate to Palestine in the years 1917-1940, and made it possible to lay the groundwork for the state of Israel.

But there is another significance that has not been fully recognized among modern historians, even though it tells us more about the current obstacles to peace than any of the usual explanations. I am speaking of the politico-philosophical precedent set by the Balfour Declaration regarding national identity, land ownership, self determination and the notion of "indigenous people."

On the surface, the declaration's text touches on none of these issues. Known as "history's most famous letter," this 67-word text actually reads like a holiday greeting card: "His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice that civil and religious rights of existing

non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

A close examination, however, reveals two asymmetries which, by today's standards, would probably evoke bitter objections. First, the words "people" and "national" are attached to Jews, not to the non-Jewish inhabitants of Palestine, who are referred to as "communities." Second, the non-Jewish communities are assured "civil and religious" rights, not national rights, let alone a "national home." The asymmetry is probably what infuriated Columbia professor Rashid Khalidi who, in an emotional lecture on September 25 of this year, reportedly pounded the table and blasted the Balfour Declaration as "a declaration of war by the British Empire on the indigenous population of the land it was promising to the Jewish people."

Subsequent to this lecture, the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Information has informed us that the Balfour Declaration is, "The greatest political crime in the history of mankind." Additionally, a Fatah spokesman elevated Balfour to "the most horrible crime in the history of mankind," etc.

Khalidi's outrage at former British Prime



The late Arthur Balfour. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Minister Arthur Balfour and his declaration is hardly justified.

First, the idea that the Arab population of Palestine harbors national aspiration would have been news to Balfour, just as it would have been to any political observer in 1917. Khalidi admits as much in his book, *The Iron Cage*, in which he labors to explain why Arabs did not develop a ripe sense of national identity until the late 1920s, when it was too late to "crush the Zionist Movement."

Second, the Balfour Declaration did not preclude the creation of a "national home" for other national groups in the region, side by side with the Jewish polity. Ottoman Palestine, as we recall, embraced a huge territory which included Jordan and parts of Syria. Various partitions and co-existing constellations were proposed in the course of time, most notably by the Peel Commission of 1937 and by the United Nations in 1947. While Khalidi's book never mentions these proposals as options, and we understand why, it was in effect the Balfour Declaration that opened these opportunities for Palestinian statehood.

Third — and this is critical — the concept of "indigenous population" has undergone a profound transformation since 1917, which Palestinian society refuses to accept to this day. By championing the Jewish plight for a homeland, the Balfour Declaration made it absolutely clear that there are other claimants to the title "indigenous population of the land," and that the arguments of those other claimants are no less defensible and no less

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World News.

Jewish Family Home in Paris Faces Arson Attack

BY BEN COHEN

French authorities are hesitating over whether to treat an arson attack on the home of a Jewish family near Paris last Friday night as an antisemitic attack.

The French newspaper *Le Parisien* on Monday quoted a local law enforcement representative in the suburb of Creteil commenting, "Nothing at the moment allows us to say that it is an attack of antisemitic nature." The family, however, believe that the fire set to the door of their home was started by an Islamist neighbor of North African origin who had previously uttered antisemitic threats. On October 29, the family's car was torched, and the suspect remains at large.

On Friday night, the family were alerted by their barking dog to the smoke that was quickly enveloping their apartment. They immediately began stamping on the flames with their feet. After extinguishing the blaze, they discovered that a bottle of highly flammable white spirit had been left outside.

The BNCVA — a French Jewish security organization with a particular focus on protection for Jews living in heavily Muslim areas, where complaints of antisemitism are rife — said that the attack was further confirmation of a pattern that has seen antisemitic violence impact Jews inside their own homes, as well as on the street and in Jewish institutions and buildings. The organization pointed out that Creteil had been the site of another antisemitic attack in 2014, when robbers raided a Jewish



French authorities have hesitated in recognizing antisemitic attacks. Photo: File.

home and raped the wife in front of her husband. Gang members have said that Jews are targeted out of the belief that all of them are wealthy and can pay ransom money.

In September, robbers broke into the home of Sephardic leader Roger Pinto, in the Livry-Gargan neighborhood. They then cut off the electricity in the house, tied up Pinto's son, and held and beat his wife, all the while insisting, "You are Jews, you have money."

In what remains the worst example of this

trend so far, in April Jewish pensioner Sarah Halimi was beaten and tortured by an Islamist neighbor who broke into her apartment. The assailant then threw Dr. Halimi out of a third floor window to her death. In this case as well, the assailant was known to the victim, having made antisemitic remarks to Dr. Halimi and her daughter in the past.

French prosecutors waited for several months before examining the antisemitic motives behind Halimi's murder, amid what French Jewish leaders angrily denounced as a politically-motivated conspiracy of silence around the crime.

morning — they would fight over the dirty water," Ezra said. "My aunt would send me with food and clean water for my brother, and he would beg me to take him away."

At this point, Ezra said, he and his sister Gilda decided that it was time to leave Iraq. He ventured north to Iraqi Kurdistan, then enjoying a measure of autonomy under an agreement with Baghdad that was soon reneged upon by Saddam Hussein. Arriving in the Kurdish town of Haj Omran on the Iranian border, he came across an Iraqi Jewish family he knew who were taken across the border into Iran that same night. Ezra, meanwhile, was given a mattress in a room where he bedded down with ten Kurds. "I told them about how the Jews were suffering," he said. "They promised to take me to Mustafa Barzani the following day."

The next morning, Barzani's aides hatched a plan that involved Ezra and another Jewish family returning to Baghdad to collect their relatives, after which they would travel to a meeting point back in northern Iraq. "That was on Monday; on the Thursday, back in Baghdad, I woke up my brother Farid, who was suffering badly from his trauma in prison, and I told him, 'Come on, you and me and Gilda are going on a short vacation,'" he said.

Had they been stopped and discovered at one of the many security checkpoints along the way, certain imprisonment in a Ba'athist jail would have awaited — and, indeed, the family was pulled over by a soldier. "Luckily, the guy was an idiot," Ezra remembered. "He couldn't

Prime Minister Netanyahu to BBC: Iranian Takeover of Middle East Must Be Stopped



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appears on "The Andrew Marr Show," Nov. 5, 2017. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The resignation of Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri on Saturday and his criticism of Iran should serve as a "wake-up call for everyone," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a *BBC* interview on Sunday.

Appearing on "The Andrew Marr Show" ahead of his return to Israel following a

five-day trip to London, Netanyahu noted of the latest development across his country's northern border, "It says what the Middle East is really experiencing. It's experiencing the attempt of Iran to conquer the Middle East, to dominate it and subjugate it."

"I think that when Israelis and Arabs... agree on one thing, people should pay attention," Netanyahu continued. "We should stop this Iranian takeover."

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Saudi

Saudi royals, ministers and businessmen was launched by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who experts believe is attempting to consolidate power. Additionally, during a visit

to Saudi Arabia, Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri on Saturday announced his resignation as the country's leader, and accused Iran and Hezbollah of plotting his assassination as well as fueling conflict throughout the Middle East.

understand why my brother had an exemption permit from the army, so our driver kept explaining, 'He's not well, he's not well.' Eventually, the soldier said, 'Ok, ok, you can go.'"

Arriving at the meeting point agreed with Barzani's advisers, Ezra remembered that a high-level Kurdish intelligence official "came out and started briefing us."

To maintain secrecy around Kurdish assistance to escaping Iraqi Jews, the official instructed Ezra and those with him to personally approach Masoud Barzani, who would be sitting in a cafe at an agreed time, and pretend they had a brother imprisoned by Kurdish forces. "We had to act," Ezra said. "We had to beg and plead in front of Masoud."

Following this ruse, the Ezra siblings got into a jeep alongside Masoud. At the border with Iran, Masoud got out and bade his farewells. "We had a gift for Masoud and his adviser," Ezra said. "It was a Parker 21 pen, that was a big deal back then. We wanted them to take it, but they refused and refused. They said, 'We are doing this because we care and we want to help you.'"

"They never took any money, any gifts, unlike the smugglers who would rob the Iraqi Jews they were supposed to be helping," Ezra continued.

After crossing into Iran on September 1, the Ezras survived a long and arduous journey to Tehran, where they stayed at the aptly-named Hotel Sinai — then full of escaped Iraqi Jews in transit with the Jewish Agency's assistance. "On October 2, we arrived in America,"

Ezra said. "We came to New York." Many other Iraqi Jews who escaped around the same time went to Israel, as well as the UK, Canada and other countries.

Ezra's thoughts over the last month have been dominated by the fate of the Kurds, whose 93 percent vote in favor of independence in the September 25 referendum resulted in an Iranian-backed onslaught involving Iraqi government forces and the Shia Hashd al-Shaabi paramilitary group. More than 50 percent of the territory liberated from ISIS by the Kurds has been lost, including the historic city of Kirkuk, while Kurdish political leaders have been painted into a corner as they try to maintain as much autonomy from Baghdad as feasible.

"I follow the news of the Kurds, I pray for them," Ezra said. "I know their history, how they were divided between four countries after World War One. America has betrayed them, Britain and France have betrayed them. Israel tried to help, but they were limited by the Americans dictating to them how much they could do."

Ezra wants American Jews to urge their legislators to protect the Kurds, a long-standing American ally. "What happened to the Jews could still happen to them," Ezra said, casting an eye on Saddam Hussein's infamous attempts to obliterate the Kurds with chemical weapons attacks in the late 1980s.

"Measures need to be taken to prevent that," he said. "This should be an emergency for the UN Security Council. The issue of the Kurds has to be kept alive every day of the year."

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suffering," Ezra told *The Algemeiner* on Monday.

Ezra will be speaking about his experiences with Masoud Barzani — son of the legendary Mullah Mustafa Barzani and, until last week, the president of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) — at downtown Manhattan's prestigious Center for Jewish History on Tuesday night, during a special two-part series on the Kurds sponsored by the American Sephardi Federation. It is a story that began when Ezra was a boy of 17 in Baghdad, living with his aunt and uncle, and still grieving from the sudden death of his father from a heart attack on the very same day in July 1968 that Saddam Hussein and his Ba'athist comrades seized power.

"One day in 1970, my brother Farid was walking in the street when he was stopped for an ID check," Ezra recalled. "He had a permit exempting him from serving in the army, and on every page it was written in red, yahudi, yahudi (Jew)."

Farid was arrested and imprisoned on a spying charge. His voice breaking, Ezra recalled how his brother was beaten and tortured by his jailers until he suffered a nervous breakdown. Farid was then transferred to a prison for the criminally insane.

"In the hot summer, the prisoners would all run outside to drink the unfiltered river water that was brought in by a truck in the

World News.



French-Tunisian movie producer Said Ben Said. Photo: SBS Productions.

Top French-Arab Movie Producer Denounces Arab World's 'Antisemitic Majority'

BY BEN COHEN

French-Tunisian movie producer Said Ben Said. Photo: SBS Productions.

A prominent Tunisian-born French movie producer has issued a frank denunciation of antisemitism in the Arab world after being compelled to pull out of North Africa's most prestigious film festival because of his work with Israelis.

Said Ben Said revealed in an op-ed for the French daily on Tuesday that an invitation to preside over the jury of the 28th Carthage Film Festival in Tunisia had been rescinded because of his work with Israeli film director Nadav Lapid and his participation on the judges panel at the Jerusalem Film Festival earlier this year. The 51-year-old Ben Said is seen as one of the brightest talents in international cinema, having produced movies by such directors as David Cronenberg, Roman Polanski, Brian De Palma and Thierry Klifa.

Ben Said said he bore Carthage's organizers no ill-will, writing that "the festival was probably right to spare both themselves and me a media lynching." The real culprit, the producer argued, was the prevalence of antisemitism fueled by Islamist extremists across the Middle East.

"No one can deny the misery of the Palestinian people, but it must be admitted that the Arab world is, in its majority, antisemitic," Ben Said wrote. "This hatred of Jews has redoubled in intensity and depth not because of the Arab-Israeli conflict, but with the rise of a certain vision of Islam."

Successive opinion polls in the Arab world over the last decade tend to confirm Ben Said's assertion. A Pew Research poll in 2011 found that between 96 and 98 percent of respondents in Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinian territories held hostile views toward Jews, while a global Anti-Defamation League poll in 2015 recorded similar levels of antipathy. Even in Tunisia, a relatively liberal nation with a small Jewish population, the ADL found that 86 percent of respondents were antisemitic.

One part of the challenge, Ben Said argued, was the denial among Arabs that a problem existed in the first place. He took issue with the common argument in the Arab world that because Arabs were so-called "Semites," they could not be "antisemitic."

"Nothing could be more wrong," he wrote. "The term 'antisemitic,' invented in Europe in the nineteenth century, never concerned the Arabs. It designated Jews exclusively."

Ben Said recalled that as a schoolboy in Tunisia, he had been taught through Quranic verses that "the Jews were...treacherous, falsifiers, immoral, evil, etc., and, most importantly, these verses were the words of God."

"Every Arab child grows up with these images," he observed. "In an Arab Gulf monarchy, for example, today's textbooks state that Jews are descended from monkeys because a verse from the Quran (II-65) threatens that Sabbath transgressors will be turned into monkeys."

Too many Muslims were unaware that "the Jews of the Quran were, in reality, the Jews of Medina, who had first been perceived by Muhammad as potential allies before becoming his mortal enemies, since they did not recognize him as a prophet," Ben Said continued, before accusing Muslim clerics of turning criticism of Jews within a specific context into general anti-Judaism and outright antisemitism.

As a result, antisemitic myths were now entrenched in the Arab world, Ben Said noted.



Photo: Screenshot

"How many times have I heard people say in Tunisia that harvests are bad because the Mossad poisons the soil, or that the Mossad staged the 9/11 attack to help Americans get their hands on Iraqi oil?" he asked.

Emphasizing his pride in being Tunisian, Muslim and French, Ben Said concluded by saying, "[T]he evil is there, lurking deep inside us."

"Its roots are deep," he wrote. "Hundreds of thousands of Arabs are murdered by other Arabs in Syria, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, but that is less important to us than crimes committed by the Israeli army."

The Carthage Film Festival is no stranger to controversy around Jews and Israel. In 2014, protesters met the French-Jewish philosopher Bernard-Henri Lévy with signs denouncing "Zionist power" in Tunisia. And in July of this year, Michel Boujenah, a French-Jewish comedian, was the target of Tunisian BDS activists over his performance at another cultural festival in Carthage.

Israel Delivering Emergency Assistance to Madagascar as Island Nation Copes With Plague Outbreak

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel is sending aid to Madagascar as the Indian Ocean island nation copes with its worst "Black Death" plague outbreak in half a century.

At least 1,800 people in Madagascar have been infected with the disease and 127 have died.

According to the African Independent, the Israeli assistance shipment was organized by the Jewish state's Foreign Ministry and the Magen David Adom emergency service.

"We expect all packages to be delivered to the International Red Cross in Madagascar in the next few days," Ayelet Black — Israel's deputy ambassador to South Africa — was quoted as telling the African News Agency. "The delivery of different medical equipment such as gloves to carry out medical procedures is being coordinated between Israel's honorary consul in Madagascar,

Benjamin Memmi, and Madagascar's Bureau for Natural Disasters."

"Israel has a long standing tradition of offering humanitarian assistance and coordinating relief to alleviate disease, hunger and poverty," Black continued. "We have experience in helping countries going through natural and man-made disasters and will always provide assistance to help those in need."



Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar. Photo: Sascha Grabow via Wikimedia Commons

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Balfour

supported by hard evidence and trust deeds.

The Balfour Declaration overturned the narrow conception of "indigenous people" as a group of tribes or families who happened to own land in a particular geographic location and pass it to their heirs over a number of generations. By focusing on the Jewish narrative, the declaration broadened the concept of indigeneity to include peoples who have maintained vivid collective memories of past civilizations and who shaped their identity through dreams of returning to the cradles of those civilizations.

This shift in the definition of indigeneity was only implicit in the 67-word declaration. It was made explicit two years later, however, in Balfour's introduction to Nachum Sokolow's book, *History of Zionism, 1600-1919*.

"The position of the Jews is unique," Balfour wrote. "For them race, religion and country are inter-related, as they are inter-related in the case of no other race, no other religion, and no other country on earth. ... In the case of no other religion is its past development so intimately bound up with the long political history of a petty territory wedged in between States more powerful far than it could ever be; in the case of no other religion are its aspirations and hopes expressed in language and imagery so utterly dependent for their meaning on the conviction that only from this one land, only through this one history, only by this one people, is full religious knowledge to spread through all the world."

A man of wisdom and character, Balfour considered himself primarily a philosopher, not a historian or a statesman. It is amazing how this multifaceted individual managed to take time off his duties as Britain's foreign secretary, and study carefully the role that the Land of Israel had played in Jewish life through the ages. He captured this essence better than some of our most revered history professors, for whom Zionism is a 19th century invention that started with Theodor Herzl in 1896 and ended with the Six-Day War of 1967.

Balfour understood that Eretz Israel is an inextricable part of Jewish identity. Accordingly, he also understood that indigeneity

is based on intellectual attachment and historical continuity, no less than on physical presence or genetic lineage.

In 2014, when peace negotiations seemed somewhat hopeful, Palestinian chief negotiator, Saeb Erekat was reported in *The New York Times* as saying: "the Palestinians could never accede to Israel's demand that they recognize it as the nation-state of the Jewish people. ... I cannot change my narrative." A few months later, when pressed to explain what narrative defines his position Erekat told the *Times of Israel*: "I am the proud son of the Netufians and the Canaanites. I've been there for 5,500 years before Joshua."

On this centennial celebration of the Balfour Declaration it is worth reminding Erekat and Khalidi that the declaration's most profound imprint on the world's consciousness has been a universal understanding that the essence of indigeneity is cultural and intellectual, not genetic or geographical.

Palestinian resistance to accepting their neighbors as equally indigenous to the region has been so obsessive and so counter-productive that it begs to be enlivened through a hypothetical scenario, however imaginary. I can't resist imagining Balfour attending Khalidi's lecture at Columbia, raising his hand and asking politely:

"Professor Khalidi, can you name a Canaanite figure that you are proud of? A Canaanite poem that you enjoy reciting? A Canaanite holiday that you celebrate? A Canaanite leader who is a role model to your children?"

Replace the word "Canaanite" with "biblical" and you will find four questions that every Israeli child can answer half asleep.

There is merit and wisdom in hypothetical scenarios. In this case, I would hope it could mitigate the Palestinian claim to exclusive ownership of the title "indigenous people" — and, God-willing, usher a genuine reconciliation effort based on mutual recognition and shared indigeneity.

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U.S. News.

Israel Will Be America's 'Most Important Ally' in the 21st Century, DC Envoy Predicts

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The US-Israeli alliance will only grow stronger in the coming years, the Jewish state's envoy to Washington predicted on Monday.

"I believe Israel is going to be the most important ally of the United States in the 21st century," Ambassador Ron Dermer said at the fourth annual Israeli-American Council National Conference.

"The reason why is because...for the foreseeable future...most of the major security challenges facing the United States are going to emanate from the Middle East," Dermer continued. "And you do not have another reliable partner, that is democratic, in that region."

"If you think about who is the best partner for the United States around the world, in keeping its own citizens safe and its allies safe on the security side, and also making its citizens



Israeli Ambassador to US Ron Dermer speaks at the Israeli-American Council National Conference in Washington, DC, Nov. 6, 2017. Photo: Perry Bindelglass.

more prosperous, with all the technology that's happening [in Israel], I think that Israel is the most important ally of the United States," he added.

Turning to the July 2015 nuclear agreement reached by Iran and six world powers, Dermer said, "What the deal essentially did, it put all of us in a car, on cruise control, heading over a cliff."

The Israeli diplomat praised US President Donald Trump's recent change of tack toward the Tehran regime, as expressed in an Oct. 13 address in which Trump announced the decertification of the JCPOA.

"He has shifted American policy, rather dramatically, from containment to prevention, on the nuclear side...[and] essentially from accommodation to rolling back Iran on the regional side," Dermer said. "And there a lot of tools they have in their arsenal to affect that."

"I do think it's possible for the United States to work with Europe, work with Congress, to try to put fixes in and to correct the deficiencies in the deal," Dermer noted, highlighting the issues of ballistic missile development, inspections and the nuclear agreement's sunset clause. "I do think it's possible to get a fix. I wouldn't call it necessarily a better deal, I think it's possible to turn a bad deal into a good policy vis-à-vis Iran. But I also think if you can't, then President Trump should walk away from this deal."

Dermer also reiterated Israel's opposition to growing Iranian entrenchment in Syria.

"We don't want to see Iran have a permanent presence in Syria, to establish, essentially, a third terror front against Israel," he said. "They have Hezbollah, they cooperate with the terror organizations in Gaza. And now to establish another permanent base — a land base, a sea base, air bases in Syria — we don't want to see that happen."

Finally, referring to Israel's diplomatic ties with its Arab neighbors, Dermer revealed he felt "more optimistic than I have ever been at the prospects for reconciliation with the broader region."

"We'll have to see if that's also going to be true with the Palestinians," he added as a caveat.

Dermer went on to say:

"I'm more optimistic now because I see a change in the region. The Arab governments are in a different place than they were five years ago, certainly ten years or 15

years ago, because they see our interests as being aligned with theirs... Many things are happening underneath the surface, many remarkable things."

"How you translate that into an effective peace process is very difficult, because those same governments have essentially poisoned their citizens for 70 years — against Israel, against Jews, against Christians, sometimes against America. So it's very hard for them to simply pivot. While they're not democracies, public opinion is relevant."

The ambassador emphasized the negative Palestinian reactions to last week's celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration.

"The Palestinians, unfortunately, have not crossed this historic Rubicon, to recognize the one and only Jewish state," he said. "So they're

not ready yet to accept the Jewish state, but if the Arab governments are, then I think that will put enormous pressure on the Palestinians to decide whether or not they want to waste another century, or they want to work with Israel on building a better future. I hope they'll make the latter choice."

Dermer was speaking at the closing plenary of the four-day IAC gathering at the Walter E. Convention Center in the nation's capital. Other conference participants on Monday included a bipartisan group of US House of Representatives members — Republicans Ed Royce of California, Joe Wilson of South Carolina and Chuck Fleischmann of Tennessee and Democrats Brad Sherman of California, Ted Deutch of Florida and Brad Schneider of Illinois.

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Opinion.

An Open Letter to Larry David About the Holocaust



SHMULEY BOTEACH
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Dear Larry,

As a big fan of “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” I find you hilarious and entertaining. I’ve watched every season. And I love you on “Saturday Night Live.”

America is not a very funny place these days. There is just too much political strife and division, too many sad stories about hurricanes destroying people’s homes — and, especially, too many people being shot to death in mass shootings and terror attacks — to really laugh. In the midst of that, you come with your off-beat humor, and you entertain the nation and make us forget our troubles for a time.

As someone who laughs with you, I’m grateful.

You’re also a proud Jew, throwing your Jewish identity into nearly everything you do. Hollywood has a history of Jewish actors who have changed their names or who never celebrated their Jewishness. You’re different — engaged as you are in constant self-deprecating Jewish humor and “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” has had loads of regular, if sometimes off-color, Jewish laughs.

I was never offended by your Holocaust humor, not even by the famous “survivor” episode, where participants in the CBS TV reality show of the same name met with survivors of the Holocaust.

But, respectfully, your humor in your “Saturday Night Live” opening standup routine last week, in which you thought of pick-up lines for dating Jewish women in a

Nazi concentration camp, really crossed a line. I’m not here to condemn you for it, but to explain why.

The Holocaust was the single greatest crime in the history of the world.

Like you, I was raised with Holocaust education. But even I — having immersed myself in its details throughout my life — was astonished at its scope and horror when I took my family on an extended Holocaust educational journey this past summer. Wherever one travels in Europe, they slaughtered nearly all the Jews in that location, however far apart.

Travel to Warsaw, and you witness the horrors of the ghetto and the hundreds of thousands who were liquidated two hours away in Treblinka. A few hours south is Krakow, and the Auschwitz Extermination camp, where one million Jews were murdered with poison gas. Two hours north is Lodz, where 275,000 were sent to the ovens.

Incidentally, at Lodz the Jews were under so much pressure to cooperate with the Nazis in their own extermination that on September 4, 1942, the head of the Jewish Council, Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski, actually gave a speech pleading with the Jews of the ghetto to “give me your children,” to turn over to the SS. The next day there was a wave of suicides throughout the ghetto. Over the next days, the SS tore 6,000 children from their parents and sent them to a certain death.

In Bialystok, we searched for, and, about midnight, eventually found the iron cupola of the synagogue where on June 27, 1941, the city’s Jews were forced inside and burnt alive. Sadly, very few of the city’s current inhabitants had any idea where the memorial lay, even though it’s smack in the middle of the town.

I need not list all the horrors to have you understand the unimaginable suffering of

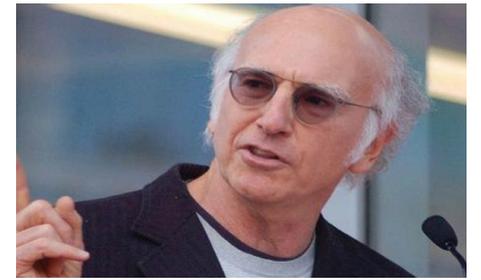
families during the Holocaust, a crime that claimed six million lives, among which were 1.5 million children.

But here’s the thing. The memory of the Holocaust is under attack all over the world, and not just by antisemites and Holocaust deniers. Just a month ago, we witnessed a bizarre attack on the book *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, by a prominent scholar writing in a Jewish publication. Then Canada opened its Holocaust museum without even mentioning the word Jew on the plaque outside the building; it spoke of the “millions of men, women and children murdered during the Holocaust.”

Yes, they corrected it, but it demonstrates a growing disassociation of the Holocaust from Jewish suffering, something I witnessed in Budapest where there is a moving memorial on the banks of the Danube to the shoes of the victims of the Nazi terror — that does not once mention the word Jew. This despite the fact that nearly half a million Hungarian Jews were murdered in just a few months there in 1944.

Is there a conspiracy behind all this denial? I’m not sure. But I do know this. Minimizing the tragedy of the Holocaust makes it easier for humanity to minimize genocide and mass murder happening in our time. If the Holocaust is not so horrible — if we can make jokes about it or assert that it wasn’t as bad as it seemed, or if we can dilute the identity of its victims — then it will lessen our resolve to fight genocide in our time. If the suffering of the Jews doesn’t really matter, then the gassing of Arab children in Damascus or Aleppo doesn’t matter either.

That’s how a Rwanda happens. You can watch 1,000 people dying every hour, as they did in Rwanda between April and June 1994, and not do a darn thing, because you are inured to the horrors of genocide.



Larry David. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

There is something else, Larry.

A few years ago I heard a rabbi give a speech about how the Holocaust was punishment for sin. He offered the usual drivel about the Jews of Germany not being religious, violating the Sabbath and intermarrying, and said God therefore caught up with them via the Holocaust. Now aside from this rabbi being an ignoramus — because the Jews of, say, Poland, were extremely religious — he is also a charlatan and a fraud, not to mention borderline antisemitic, as he depicts a murderous, vengeful God who delights in punishing wayward Jews.

But there was something particularly sick in what he said. He added that proof of the non-piety of the victims of the Holocaust was that, when the SS forced the women to undress before being shot or gassed, the women walked around naked without shame. As I listened to these sick ramblings, I felt sorry for a man who had little soul, sense or compassion.

Now, you’re not like that, Larry. You would never justify or minimize the horrors of the Holocaust. But when you make fun of it, or when you depict the women of the Holocaust as objects of male attraction to be hit on, you diminish the unimaginable suffering, degradation and, ultimately, murder, to which these millions of women were subject.

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The False Claims About Bannon and Antisemitism



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CEO and former White House senior counselor Steve Bannon has called himself a “Leninist.” It’s an apt description because, though a conservative, he agrees with the communist dictator’s view that politics is war. He takes a dim view of policy debates as a way for reasonable people to put forward competing ideas and ultimately agree to disagree. The essence of Breitbart’s approach is that politics is no-holds combat in which the sole object is the utter destruction of your opponent.

That is why President Donald Trump is Bannon’s kind of politician, and between the two of them they’ve done a lot to coarsen American political life.

So it’s hardly a surprise that many of those who can’t stand Bannon and Trump — including many in the Jewish community — are using the same playbook to try to

destroy them, and are feeling no reticence about damning Bannon as an antisemite and Nazi sympathizer. But while I’m no fan of either man, there must be some limits. That’s especially true when it comes to Jews lobbying around accusations of antisemitism at a time when a rising tide of antisemitism has been sweeping across the globe.

Lately, Bannon has been under fire from moderate Republicans who don’t like his attempt to seize control of their party. They’ve echoed the same litany of charges — including antisemitism — that many on the left have been using to attack him. That has led one ally on the right — Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) President Morton Klein — to leap to Bannon’s defense, noting, among other reasons, his record of steadfast support for Israel.

Klein is, however, not alone. One liberal voice, Forward columnist J.J. Goldberg, has written that while he despises Bannon’s views, the evidence does not justify calling him an antisemite.

Goldberg is right. Part of the problem is that most of those who assume Breitbart is a latter-day version of the Nazi rag *Der Sturmer* don’t read it. Journalist Andrew Breitbart

founded the publication as a provocative alternative to mainstream liberal journalism, in part because of the need for a pro-Israel outlet. It has remained true to that mission since Bannon took over after Breitbart’s untimely death in 2012.

But along with preserving its Zionist bent, Bannon made it a home for the sort of populist conservatism that Trump would champion in 2016. That involved some pandering to the far right. At one point, Bannon even claimed it was a “platform for the alt-right.” But, as Goldberg points out, that term embraces a wide range of views, from conservatives who are against illegal immigration to genuine racists. They are united by hostility to the establishment and civility, not antisemitism or white supremacy.

There’s a lot to dislike about the way Bannon and Trump have flirted with dog whistling to extremists. But the same can be said of liberals who tolerate left-wing antisemites and anti-Zionists out of a common desire to “resist” Trump. Moreover, despite Bannon’s boast, antisemites and white supremacists weren’t actually provided with a platform at Breitbart.

Indeed, the one instance cited as proof of its antisemitism — an article by David Horowitz claiming William Kristol was a “renegade Jew” because of his opposition to Trump — was actually a case of one conservative Jew attacking another because he believed Trump’s election was necessary for Israel’s security. I thought Horowitz was wrong to attack Kristol in that fashion, but

it wasn’t antisemitic. Yet since style often becomes indistinguishable from substance, Bannon is branded as a “white supremacist” even if his views don’t justify the label.

Bannon’s reputation has become so toxic among Jews that one community leader expressed to me his reluctance to appear at a local ZOA event simply because the Breitbart publisher will appear at the group’s dinner in New York. Goldberg credits such hysteria to “an epidemic” of Jewish insecurity. That’s especially true for liberals who are genuinely panicked by Trump’s rise. Since his appeal is incomprehensible to them, they put it down to hate rather than resentment of the guardians of the status quo.

Just as important is that, in spite of their abhorrence for him, many on the left have embraced Bannon’s approach in which political opponents must be delegitimized rather than merely opposed. You don’t have to like Bannon or many of his ideas about immigration and foreign policy to understand that crying “wolf” about antisemitism is as dangerous to the Jews as it is wrongheaded.

Unless you agree with him about turning the public square into a Bolshevik fight to the death, even Bannon’s liberal opponents need to stop calling adversaries antisemites or white supremacists just because they can’t stand their politics.

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Opinion.

Is the JCPOA Working?

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All JCPOA supporters rely on the notion that “the agreement is working” and on the fact that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has confirmed that Iran is in compliance with the agreement eight times since it came into force in January 2016.

Reality, however, contradicts this, on four levels:

a. Violations of the agreement in letter, not just in “spirit,” in issues that are critical, not marginal.

b. Developments on the ground that contradict the aim of the agreement.

c. The lack of real inspection, making the IAEA’s confirmation invalid.

d. The IAEA’s role in this deliberate misrepresentation that there is real inspection and that Iran is upholding the agreement.

This paper will present evidence that the agreement is not working.

I. Violations of the JCPOA

a. Section T — Iran is refusing to allow IAEA inspectors to monitor Section T of the agreement, which prohibits Iran from carrying out “activities which could contribute to the development of a nuclear explosive device.”

Iran is refusing to allow International Atomic Energy Agency to carry out inspections in accordance with Section T of the JCPOA, which prohibits Iran from “designing, developing, fabricating, acquiring, or using multi-point explosive detonation systems suitable for a nuclear explosive device” and also from “designing, developing, fabricating, acquiring, or using explosive diagnostic systems (streak cameras, framing cameras and flash x-ray cameras)” — unless these activities are “approved by the Joint Commission for non-nuclear purposes” and “subject to monitoring.

What this violation means is that in the most critical area of the nuclear agreement — developing options for a nuclear explosive device — Iran is refusing to allow monitoring of its activity, as the agreement requires.



An Iranian nuclear facility in Natanz.
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b. Building advanced centrifuges — Iran is building (IR-8) and operating (IE-6) larger numbers of advanced centrifuges than is allowed by the agreement.

c. Heavy Water — Iran’s actual heavy water quota exceeds the quantity permitted it by the agreement, since according to standard IAEA verification practices, changes in heavy water inventory are registered not when the heavy water is removed from the territory of the country exporting it, but only when it arrives at the destination country that purchased it. For Iran, however, the calculation of the quantity of

heavy water that it is allowed to possess does not include the quantity that is being stored for it in Oman and not being sold — while at the same time Iran is continuing to produce more heavy water.

d. The core of the plutonium reactor at Arak — According to Ali Akbar Salehi, head of the Atomic Energy Organization Of Iran (AEOI) and a member of Iran’s nuclear negotiating team, Iran never dismantled the core of the plutonium reactor at Arak, but left it intact, saying that Iran needed it for research purposes. He also said that only the external pipelines of the reactor had been filled with cement, and that it would not take very long for Iran to reactivate it. According to the Institute for Science and International Security (IIS), Iran has also tried to make changes to the fuel design for the modified Arak reactor, that differ from what the JCPOA requires.

e. Production of uranium enriched to 5% — Iran is continuing to produce uranium enriched to 5% beyond the quantity permitted it. Two such violations have been recorded by the IAEA. Iran has exported the surplus for storage in Oman, in a procedure that does not exist in the agreement and is not allowed.

II. Developments on the ground that contradict the aim of the JCPOA

a. The 8.5 tons of enriched uranium shipped out from Iran according to the JCPOA are not being monitored by the IAEA, and in fact the shipment disappeared in Russia, as attested to by the Obama administration’s State Department lead coordinator on Iran, Stephen Mull, at a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing in February 2016. (Theoretically, however, since the uranium’s location is not known, the possibility that Russia, Iran’s ally, has returned it to Iran should not be discounted.)

b. Oman, a political satellite of Iran that has no capability for confronting Iran, has become the warehouse for Iran’s surplus heavy water and enriched uranium. The storage of this material in Oman is nothing more than a fiction covering up Iran’s violations of the agreement.

III. Lack of real inspection, making IAEA confirmation invalid

The IAEA cannot conduct real inspections in Iran, and therefore its confirmation

that Iran is complying with the JCPOA is invalid, for the following reasons:

a. The inspection that the IAEA is permitted to conduct, and through which Iran receives confirmation that it is meeting the terms of the agreement, is carried out solely in the limited areas where Iran allows inspection — that is, the sites that it itself has declared to be nuclear sites. No other site in Iran, including military sites, are included in the regulations for this inspection. Furthermore, with regard to the military sites, Iranian

Tradition.

The World’s Oldest Man



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On 11 August 2017, the world’s oldest man passed away, just a month short of his 114th birthday — making him one of the ten longest-lived men since modern record-keeping began. If you knew nothing else about him than this, you would be justified in thinking that he had led a peaceful life, spared of fear, grief and danger.

The actual truth is the opposite. The man in question was Yisrael Kristal, Holocaust survivor. Born in Poland in 1903, he survived four years in the Lodz ghetto, and was then transported to Auschwitz. In the ghetto, his two children died. In Auschwitz, his wife was killed. When Auschwitz was liberated, he was a walking skeleton weighing a mere 37 kilos. He was the only member of his family to survive.

He was raised as a religious Jew and stayed so all his life. When the war was over and his entire world destroyed, he married again, this time to another Holocaust survivor. They had children. They made aliyah to Haifa. There he began again in the confectionery business, as he had done in Poland before the war. He made sweets and chocolate. He became an innovator. If you have ever had Israeli orange peel covered in chocolate, or liqueur chocolates shaped like little bottles and covered with silver foil, you are enjoying one of the products he originated. Those who knew him said he was a man with no bitterness in his soul. He wanted people to taste sweetness.

In 2016, at the age of 113, he finally celebrated his bar mitzvah. A hundred years earlier, this had proved impossible. By then, his mother was dead and his father was fighting in the First World War. With an almost poetic sense of fittingness, Yisrael died on erev Shabbat Ekev, the parsha that includes the second paragraph of the Shema with its commands to wear tefillin and teach Torah to your children, “so that you and your children may live long in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors.”

Yisrael Kristal faithfully did both. On his bar mitzvah he joked that he was the world’s oldest tefillin-wearer. He gathered his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren under his tallit and said, “Here’s one person, and look how many people he brought to life. As we’re all standing here under my tallit, I’m thinking: six million people. Imagine the world they could have built.” This was an extraordinary man.

His life sheds light on one of the most tantalizing verses in the Torah. Describing the death of Abraham, our parsha says that he “breathed his last and died in good old age, old and satisfied” (Gen. 25:8). His is the most serene death in the Torah. Yet consider his life, fraught as it was with trial after trial.

To pursue the call of God, he had to say goodbye to his land, his birthplace and his father’s house and travel to an unknown destination. Twice, famine forced him into exile, where his life was in danger. Promised countless children — as many as the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky — he remained childless until old age. Then God told him to send away his son by Sarah’s handmaid Hagar. And if that trial were not heartbreaking enough, God then told him to sacrifice his only son with Sarah, Isaac, the one whom God had told him would be his spiritual heir and bearer of the covenant into the future.

Seven times promised a land, when Sarah died, he owned not a single square inch of territory in which to bury her, and had to entreat the Hittites to let him buy a field and burial cave. This was a life of disappointed hopes and delayed fulfillments. What kind of man was this that the Torah can say that he died “in good old age, old and satisfied”?

I learned the answer to this question through a series of life-changing encounters with Holocaust survivors. They were among the strongest, most life-affirming people I have ever met. For years I wondered how they were able to survive at all, having seen what they saw and known what they knew. They had lived through the deepest darkness ever to have descended on a civilization.

Eventually I realized what they had done. Almost without exception, when the war was over, they focused with single-minded intensity on the future. Strangers in a strange land, they built homes and careers, married and had children and brought new life into the world.

Often they did not talk about their experiences during the Shoah, even to their spouses, their children and their closest friends. This silence lasted, in many cases, for as long as fifty years. Only then, when the future they had built was secure, did they allow themselves to look back and bear witness to what they had suffered and seen. Some of them wrote books. Many of them went around schools, telling their story so that the Holocaust could not be denied.[1] First they built a future. Only then did they allow themselves to remember the past.

That is what Abraham did in this week’s parsha. He had received three promises from God: children, a land, and the assurance that he would be the father, not of one nation but of many nations (Gen. 17:4-5). At the age of 137, he had one unmarried son, no land, and had fathered no nations. He uttered not a single word of complaint. It seems that he realized that God wanted him to act, not to wait for God to do the work for him.

So, when Sarah died, he bought the first plot in what would become the Holy Land, the field and cave of Machpelah. Then he instructed his servant to find a wife for Isaac, his son, so that he might live to see the first Jewish grandchildren. Lastly, in his old age, he married again and had six sons, who would eventually become progenitors of many nations. He did not, except briefly, sit and mourn the past. Instead he took the first steps toward building the future.

That, in his own way, is what Yisrael Kristal did — and that is how a survivor of Auschwitz lived to become the world’s oldest man. He too died “in good old age, old and satisfied.”

That is what the Jewish people did collectively when, a mere three years after standing eyeball-to-eyeball with the angel of death at Auschwitz, David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the Jewish State in our people’s ancient homeland, the land of Israel. Had world Jewry sat passively and wept from then till now for the murdered generations of European Jewry, it would have been an understandable reaction. But it did not. It was as if the Jewish people had said collectively, in the words of King David, “I will not die but live” (Ps. 118:17), thereby giving testimony to the God of life. That is why the West’s oldest nation is still young, a world leader in life-saving medicine, disaster relief, and life-enhancing technology.

This is a transformative idea. To survive tragedy and trauma, first build the future. Only then, remember the past.

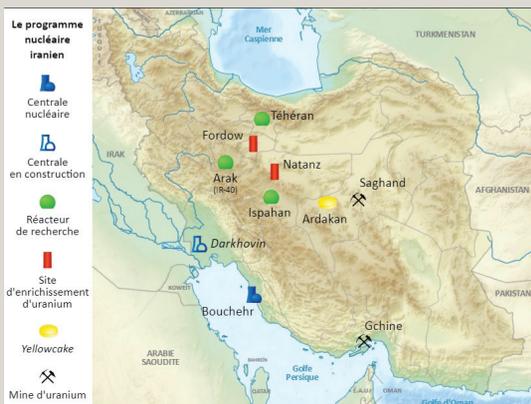
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officials have stressed that the IAEA will never be allowed to enter them.

b. The agreement has created a unique inspection framework for Iran that is less stringent than that for the other Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) member countries. For example, Iran has been allowed to accept the Additional Protocol voluntarily — that is, it was not mandatory as it was for the others — meaning that it can drop out of the Additional Protocol at any time (for instance, when it is required to allow inspection of military sites inspections that the IAEA is allowed to carry out under the Additional Protocol) without this being considered a violation of the JCPOA. That is, Iran has the option of preventing inspection of its military sites, both under the JCPOA and because it is not bound by the Additional Protocol, because its acceptance of the Additional Protocol is voluntary.

c. The agreement has created a supreme political



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forum — the Joint Committee of the JCPOA — which is aimed at relieving the IAEA of its exclusive authority and transferring it to a political forum that supersedes it, and also aimed at ruling in matters that are under the statutory decision-making authority of the IAEA.

IV. The IAEA's role in the misrepresentation of reality — i.e. that Iran is complying with the JCPOA and that the IAEA is indeed carrying out real inspections there

a. The IAEA does not consider Iran's rejection of inspections, which constitutes "activities which could contribute to the development of a nuclear explosive device" as per Section T, to be a violation of the JCPOA, and calls for handing the issue over for discussion to the political body — the Joint Committee.

b. The IAEA carried out a scandalous inspection at the Parchin military site, that was aimed at closing Iran's Possible Nuclear Dimensions file in accordance with a predetermined political decision. IAEA inspectors did not themselves visit Parchin, and the samples from these sites were taken by the Iranians themselves and handed over to the IAEA inspectors without any way of ascertaining that the samples taken were the ones handed over to the IAEA. Furthermore, IAEA Secretary-General Yukiya Amano was allowed entrance to Parchin for only a few minutes, and he was not permitted to bring in any equipment, not even a cellphone. Through this process, the IAEA even agreed not to question nuclear scientists, as it had demanded to do over the years.

c. The IAEA is refusing to wield its authority by initiating inspections of military sites, as permitted by both the Additional Protocol and UN Security Council Resolution 2231, and despite statements by IAEA Secretary-General Amano that he has the authority to do this.

d. The IAEA acting vis-à-vis Iran is in violation of its own export control system, to which exporters of heavy water such as Canada and India are subject.

No, Israel Is Not an Apartheid State

BY KEVIN BUDNING

On October 24, the CBC published an anti-Israel opinion piece penned by one of its own journalists, Neil Macdonald. The article — which is inherently flawed — accuses Israel of being an apartheid state. In order to prove his point, Macdonald resorts to baseless and emotionally loaded arguments, applies a double standard to Israel, and purposely omits highly relevant facts.

Israel is not an apartheid state and here is why:

First of all, Macdonald somehow wrote an entire article accusing Israel of apartheid without actually providing a definition for the term. According to the Rome Statute Art.7(2,h), apartheid requires "total systematic oppression and domination by one racial group over any other racial group

from individuals truly representative of Israel's policies? Of course not.

When the National Democratic Party of Germany gains seats in the Bundestag and advocates for anti-immigration and fascist policies, do I automatically assume that Germany is once again supporting Nazism? No, I do not. I do my research.

Yet if we dig a little deeper, we can see that Macdonald tends to blame Israel for everything — regardless of how obtuse the claim may be.

In another attempt to support his argument, Macdonald goes after Israel's settlement policy. While I am certainly not a supporter of the settlements or the discrimination that many Palestinians face, I cannot acquiesce that this constitutes apartheid.

And Macdonald fails to mention the administrative responsibility that Fatah and Hamas have



A mock IDF checkpoint set up during a past "Israeli Apartheid Week" at the University of California, Los Angeles campus. Photo: AMCHA Initiative.

or groups and committed with the intention of maintaining the regime."

Now that we have a working definition, we must ask ourselves, is this a reality in Israel? The answer, of course, is a resounding no.

While Macdonald focuses solely on the Palestinian issue — which I will address later — he fails to mention the roughly two million Arab-Israeli citizens who have full rights under the law. These rights include participation in the political system (including voting for Arab citizens, who represent Arab parties in the Knesset), freedom of speech, freedom of movement, freedom of religion, freedom to own and sell land, freedom of sexual orientation and, basically, every other freedom that was denied to black people under the South African apartheid regime.

These precious freedoms that Israel guarantees to all of its citizens, regardless of religion, are unheard of in almost every other country in the Middle East and in Africa. Yet Macdonald does not explain why he chose to target Israel's "apartheid" regime, and not those of Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, and so on.

Furthermore, Macdonald argues that Israel is an apartheid state simply because many scholars, President Jimmy Carter, the Israeli "news" media (basically only Haaretz, and only then on occasion) and the leaders of extreme right and left-wing Israeli parties have warned that this might be the case.

Once again, we must ask ourselves: are the uses of specific outlier cases and contorted quotes

over the Palestinians residing in these territories. The population in Gaza and in the West Bank are not Israeli citizens, they do not pay Israeli taxes, they rarely contribute to the economy, and — like every other country in the world — they should not be entitled to the same rights as another country's citizens.

Macdonald also fails to mention why so many of these discriminatory laws exist. Mainly, he omits the short history of Palestinian terrorism, antisemitism and how Hamas' charter literally calls for the destruction of the Jewish people. These are some of the many difficult cleavages that Macdonald deliberately chooses to ignore.

If we return to the aforementioned definition of apartheid, we can see that Israel's main goal is not to oppress and dominate the Palestinians, with the sole objective of maintaining a hegemonic regime. If that were the case, Arab-Israelis would not be amongst the happiest, freest, wealthiest, most educated and healthiest people in the region.

In Israel, there are no separate water fountains for Arabs and for Jews; there are no "Muslim only" hospitals; there is no distinct university for minorities; and there are no "pass books" for Arabs to show the IDF as they walk down the streets of Jerusalem. That is apartheid.

And Mr. Macdonald, if you're still convinced that Israel is an apartheid state, then I'm afraid you've fallen down the "slippery slope" of bad journalism.

Kevin Budning is pursuing his masters in political science at the University of Toronto.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: CONFIDANT PR,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/21/2017. 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 process to: United States corporation agents, 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/13/20/27; 11/3/10/17

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: MAJESTY RESUME LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/18/2017. 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 15 Blaine Court Staten Island, NY 10310. Purpose: all Lawful activity
AJ; 10/13/20/27; 11/3/10/17

Notice of Formation of Artemisia Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/21/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 480 3rd Ave., #4L, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: any lawful activities.
AJ; 10/13/20/27; 11/3/10/17

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: UNTIL HELP ARRIVES,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 09/27/2017. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: United States corporation agents, inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/13/20/27; 11/3/10/17

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) MWC MusicalWorks LLC ARTICLES OF Organization filed with the Secretary of the State of New York on September 18, 2017 N.Y. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of the State of New York has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is C/O the LLC Michael William Caesar 626 East 240th Street Bronx, NY 10470 Purpose of LLC: To engage in any lawful act or activity.
AJ; 10/20/27; 11/3/10/17/24

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: 7th STREET CAPITAL 285,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/28/2017 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 a copy of the process to: Gabor & Marotta, LLC, 1878 Victory Blvd.,

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Staten Island NY 10314. purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/20/27; 11/3/10/17/24

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: NRIA 7th STREET CAPITAL Manager, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/28/2017 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 a copy of the process to: Gabor & Marotta, LLC, 1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island NY 10314. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/20/27; 11/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. SERAFIN VASQUEZ; 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 January 12, 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 November 30, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 293 POWELL STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11212-8136 Block: 3763 Lot: 11 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$850,187.63 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 21054-13 Julie A. Clark, Esq., Referee
AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Tino Estrada, 584 Linwood St. Corp., et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/16/2017 and entered on 5/30/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 30, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 584 Linwood Street Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4050, LOT: 124. Approximate amount of judgment is \$704,389.87 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 24323/2010. Jaime Lathrop, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Alishea Lambert; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 15, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 30, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 259

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Sumpter Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 1520 Lot 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$857,250.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511289/2015. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: September 28, 2017 49002
AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS RETAINED REALTY, INC., Plaintiff -against- YVETTE E. JOHNSON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on May 11, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on November 30, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4688 and Lot 52. Said premises known as 462 EAST 92ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. We are a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Index Number 21632/2013. CHARLES M. SPORN, ESQ., Referee STAGG, TERENCE, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 401 Franklin Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530
AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-03, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST CARLAN MURRAY, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 05, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 30, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 713 JEROME STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207-7509. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4333, LOT 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$811,502.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 501179/2015. SHMUEL DUVID TAUB, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 49333
AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Acceptance Corp., CSFB Mortgage Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-7, Plaintiff -against- Sammy Esses, Molly Esses, Citibank, N.A., New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, United States of America - Department of the

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Treasury - Internal Revenue Service Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 25, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on November 30, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1405E 7th St, Brooklyn, NY 11230-5712. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 6570 Lot: 81 Approximate amount of lien \$733,640.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 507879/2013 Dominick J. Famulari, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: October 20, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 69027
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File No.: 2016-1269/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Patricia Berry, Anna Mae Cohen, Joann Baker, Bradley H. Dichter, Steven R. Dichter, Lance E. Dichter, Burton Kopito, Sondra Shatsky, Jeffrey Kopito, Howard Levine, Vincent Antonachio, Frances Antonachio, Gerard McGann, Carol McGann, Henry Stern, The Queens Library Foundation, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Michael Davidowitz, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Michael Davidowitz, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 77-11 35th Avenue, 5L, Jackson Heights, NY 11372, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Michael Davidowitz, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 14th day of December, 2017 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$20,194.57 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent

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on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 19th day of October, 2017 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation
AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AP3, Plaintiff -against- MARIA POSNER A/K/A M. POSNER A/K/A MARIA POSNET, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ALLIANCE MORTGAGE BANKING CORP., CHEMICAL BANK, THE FIRE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, GEORGE BRYANT, HENRY CLARK, SHAWN CAMPBELL, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 20, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on November 30, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 309 ARLINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. ALL that certain plot, piece of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 3927 Lot: 61 Approximate amount of lien \$479,903.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 501183/2015 JEFFREY R. MILLER, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: October 20, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 66757
AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

Notice of Formation of Grove Development Partners LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/6/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: POB 67, NY, NY 10159. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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Application for Authority of Exocode LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/12/17. Formed in DE 4/6/17. Office loc.: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to is 620 Wilson Ave., #101, Brooklyn, NY 11207. The office address required to be maintained in DE is 203 NE Front St., Ste. 101, Millford, DE 19963. Cert. of formation filed with Jeffrey W. Bullock, DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corporations, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ; 11/3/10/17/24;12/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS LNV Corporation, Plaintiff -against- Vincenzo Stanzione a/k/a Vincent Stanzione, FJC, Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, Mrs. Stanzione, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 21, 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 December 7, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 2371 East 70th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. 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: 8448 Lot: 12 Approximate amount of lien \$496,432.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 507445/2013 Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: October 27, 2017 FILE #: DOVEN 63793
AJ; 11/3/10/17/24;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Pennymac Corp, Plaintiff AGAINST Donald Bradley a/k/a Donald E. Bradley; Doreen Bradley; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 25, 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 December 14, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 392 Fenimore 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 of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4814 Lot 20. Approximate amount of judgment \$466,536.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 509000/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq, Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: October 27, 2017 49613
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSET CORP, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES

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2004-2, Plaintiff against HERBERT WILLIAMS A/K/A HERBERT A. WILLIAMS; HERMAN WILLIAMS S/H/A JOHN DOE #1; CATHERINE WILLIAMS S/H/A JOHN DOE #2, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 26, 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 14th day of December, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1125 East 92nd Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11236. (Block: 8180, Lot: 29). Approximate amount of lien \$ 661,492.06 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 507070-13. Bart Verdirame, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900
AJ; 11/10/17/24;12/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-50CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-50CB, Pltf. vs. ROGER DELONEY, et al, Defts. Index #504313/2013. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Sept. 14, 2017, I will sell at public auction in room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY 11201 on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 1067 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11221 a/k/a Block 3340, Lot 51. Said property located on the easterly side of Bushwick Ave., 50 ft. northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the said easterly side of Bushwick Ave. with the northerly side of Palmetto St., being a plot 80 ft. x 16 ft. 8 inches. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$465,695.27 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. HELENE BLANK, Referee. DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP PLLC, Attys. for Pltf., 242 Drexel Ave., Westbury, NY 11590. File No. 37418. #93253
AJ; 11/10/17/24;12/1

Supreme Court County Of Kings Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Noel Brown, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/5/2017 and entered on 9/26/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 14, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 77A Somers Street Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1539, LOT: 68. Approximate amount of judgment is \$663,522.18 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 017681/2009. Sean R. Smith, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
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File No. 2016-4935/A PA. No. 147189 SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY, THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Seth Levine, Stephen Levine, Donna Katzman, Attorney General of the State of New York, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York City Human Resources Administration, JACK WASSERMAN, GOLDIE WASSERMAN, SALMA WASSERMAN, CINDY PRESS, AND DARLENE PRESS, if living but if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown AND The spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of SIDNEY YELLEN A/K/A SIDNEY W. YELLEN, deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of SIDNEY YELLEN A/K/A SIDNEY W. YELLEN, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained, A petition and an account having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of Kings County, who has offices at 360 Adams Street, Room 144A, Brooklyn, New York 11201, United States. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on December 12, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day why: (a) The account of proceedings of the Public Administrator of Kings County as Administrator of the estate of SIDNEY YELLEN a/k/a Sidney W. Yellen, a summary of which has been served herewith, should not be judicially settled; (b) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his commissions pursuant to SCPA §2307 in the amount of \$15,103.74, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and I of the Account; (c) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his administrative expenses pursuant to SCPA §1106(3) in the amount of \$3,701.25 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (d) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the legal fees of Cullen and Dykman LLP, counsel to the Petitioner, in the amount of \$22,207.48 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (e) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the disbursements of Cullen and Dykman LLP in the amount of \$462.00 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (f) The claim of the New York City Human Resources Administration, in the amount of \$127,885.47, as shown in Schedule D of the Account, should not be allowed; (g) The claim of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, if any, should not be fixed and determined; (h) The Petitioner should not be permitted to distribute so much of the net estate to the decedent's distributees, as now known or hereafter determined, as their interests may appear, and to deposit any

amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of decedent's unknown distributees or for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability for whom no guardian of the property has been appointed; (i) The Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceedings as Administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper; Dated, Attested, and Sealed, October 18, 2017, HON.MARGARITA LOPEZ TORRES, Surrogate, Doreen A. Quinn, Chief Clerk; Joseph J. Borges, Esq., Attorney Firm: Cullen & Dykman LLP, Address: 44 Wall Street, NY, NY 10005-2407, (212)701-4175. [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.]
AJ; 11/10/17/24;12/1

Notice of formation of AROMA FOOD BANQUET LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/25/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as service for process. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2670 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
AJ; 11/10/17/24;12/1/8/15

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS IF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL3, Plaintiff against KAMWIL DUPOINT, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 2, 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 14th day of December, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 31st Street distant 400 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 31st Street with the northerly side of Tilden Avenue; THENCE westerly parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE northerly parallel with East 31st Street, 25 feet; THENCE easterly again parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet to the westerly side of East 31st Street; and THENCE southerly along said side of East 31st Street, 25 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises known as 108 East 31st Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11226. (Block: 4901, Lot: 21). Approximate amount of lien \$ 560,911.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501492-14. Jacob Gelfand, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street

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Suite - 700 White Plains, NY. 10606 (914) 949-2574
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: BROOKLYN CAMERA,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY)on 05/18/2015 . Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: The LLC 358 Grove Street APT 11D Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: all lawful activity
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff -against- Rockie Ojomu-Kayoes a/k/a Rockie Ojomu Kayoes a/k/a R. Ojomu Kayoes, City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, Leroy Williams Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on May 11, 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 December 14, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1050 East 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 8037 Lot: 172 Approximate amount of lien \$731,132.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 505895/2015 Joel E. Abramson, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: November 3, 2017 FILE #: BAYVIEW 68274
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Notice of formation of 752 PATTERSON LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY. SSNY on 10/31/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 752 PATTERSON LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: THE GOOD PAW LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 10/25/2017. 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: Rachael Lanning 511 Rensselaer Avenue staten island, NY 10312 purpose: all lawful activity
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: IRL COLLECTIVE,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 07/11/2017 Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: United states corporation agents, 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
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Pastor John Hagee. Photo: Facebook.

John Hagee Ministries Donates More Than \$2.1 Million to Israeli Charities

BY JNS.ORG

John Hagee Ministries (JHM) announced a donation of more than \$2.1 million to Israeli charities during the recently held 36th annual Night to Honor Israel at Cornerstone Church in San Antonio.

Started in 1981, Pastor John Hagee's Night to Honor Israel is one of the country's longest-running Christian Zionist events, and has amassed donations of more than \$100 million to Israeli and Jewish charities. At this year's event, Hagee focused a significant portion of his comments on the Iran nuclear deal.

"Every American...should be applauding the efforts of President Trump to change the Iran nuclear agreement or cancel the agreement," said Hagee, who is also the founder of Christians United for Israel, which describes itself as "the largest pro-Israel grassroots organization in the United States."

Hagee's son, Pastor Matt Hagee, who serves as Cornerstone Church's executive pastor, said that Christians "have a biblical mandate to stand with Israel."

"As any parent will tell you, the best way to instill values in the next generation is to lead by example, and we hope that when young men and women see JHM's efforts to support Israel and its people, they will take note and do likewise when they are able," Matt Hagee said.

Organizations receiving support from JHM this year include the Afikim Family Enrichment Association, American Friends of the International Young Israel Movement, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Bikur V'Esras Cholim, Congregation Beth Yeshrun, Galilee Medical Center, Herzl Institute, Holocaust Memorial Museum of Houston, Just One Life, Koby Mandell Foundation, Nefesh B'Nefesh, Ohr Torah Stone, Save a Child's Heart, Shurat HaDin — Israel Law Center and Women's International Zionist Organization.

Israel and Russia Team to Digitize Famed Günzburg Collection of Jewish Works

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3 Millionth Tourist to Israel This Year to Be Given Dream Vacation

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On Tuesday, the 3 millionth tourist to land in Israel this year is scheduled to arrive, marking the Jewish state's record-high total for incoming tourism in a single year. The lucky visitor will be given a special prize package to celebrate the event and promote tourism to Israel.

Photos of the tourist's upgraded vacation will be used to market Israeli tourism as part of a campaign to attract workers to Israel's tourism industry.

Tourism Minister Yariv Levin, who was planning to meet the tourist at Ben-Gurion International Airport,

said on Sunday that he was "excited to welcome the tourist and break the 3 million barrier."

"We are about to end the year with a great achievement — a result of the enormous efforts we are investing into marketing Israel worldwide, in exceptional cooperation with airlines, and the ties we are working to strengthen with travel agents," Levin said. "All this has been bearing fruit and has so far brought in some 17 billion shekels (\$4.8 billion) and thousands of jobs to the Israeli economy."

This year, Israel is on track to see a 20-percent increase in incoming tourism compared to 2016. The

tourism sector is expected to keep expanding, and the Tourism Ministry is working on ways to improve tourists' experience in Israel.



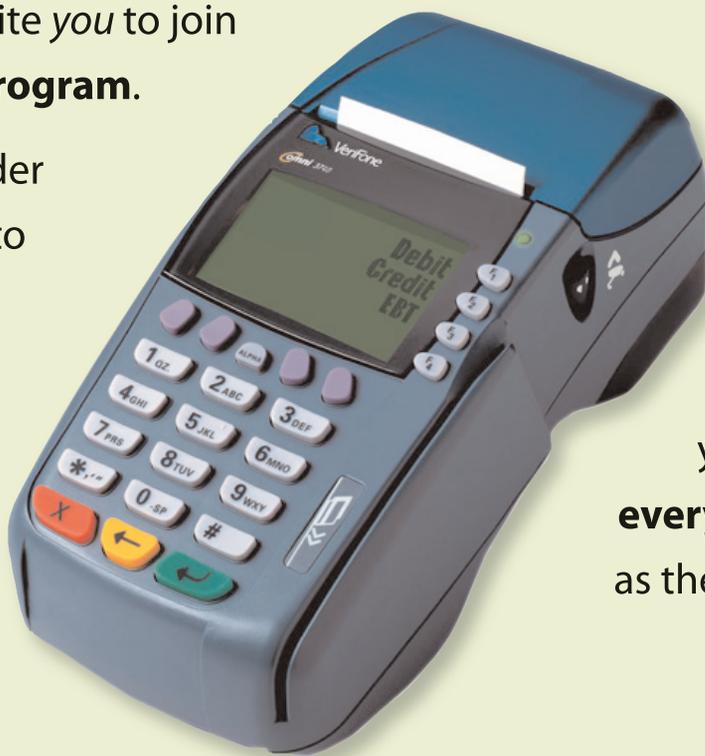
The Tel Aviv shoreline. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

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