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Netanyahu Thanks Guatemalan President Over Jerusalem Embassy Move



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.
Photo: Reuters / Abir Sultan / Pool.

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked Guatemala with a "God bless you" on Monday for deciding to move its embassy to Jerusalem, while the Palestinians said the Central American country was "on the wrong side of history."

In an official Facebook post

on Sunday, Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales said he had chosen to relocate the embassy from Tel Aviv — siding with America in an international dispute over Jerusalem policy — after talking to Netanyahu.

US President Donald Trump recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel on Dec. 6, reversing decades of American policy and upsetting the Arab world and some Western allies.

On Thursday, 128 countries rebuked Trump by backing a non-binding UN General Assembly resolution calling on the United States to drop its recognition of Jerusalem.

"God bless you, my friend, President Jimmy Morales, God bless both our countries, Israel and Guatemala," Netanyahu said, switching to English, in remarks to a weekly meeting of his Likud

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Arab States Reportedly Irate at PA Leader Abbas

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt are incensed at Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas over his reaction to US President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, according to Israeli media reports.

Israel Hayom quoted a Jordanian official as saying, "The Palestinians' efforts to sway public opinion have been a complete failure, and as a result, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has created a rift between us



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas at the OIC summit in Istanbul. Photo: Reuters / Osman Orsal.

[the Arab world] and Trump. We are once again left with the demagogic, hollow and inflammatory rhetoric of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan."

Officials also expressed dismay at Abbas' attempts to punish the US on the international stage. Referring to the recent UN General Assembly attempt to annul the recognition move and declare it illegal, the Jordanian source stated, "Washington has made its views clear and said it would take action against those nations that voted against it at the UN

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Opinion.

Should Israeli Officers Turn the Other Cheek?



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On Friday, December 13, an Israeli officer and his NCO, standing near a home in the village of Nabi Salih, were verbally assaulted by a young woman. Emboldened by their refusal to respond, she proceeded to shove, slap and kick them.

She was not only actively encouraged by girlfriends who were eagerly filming the event with their smartphones, but her mother — who, along with her elder sons, has a long history of violent protest — came out of the house to help her daughter assault and verbally abuse the officers. (If nothing else, this incident exposes once again the falsehoods spread by organizations such as “Breaking the Silence.”)

To add insult to injury, the girl's father, Bassem al-Tamimi, accused the soldiers on Facebook — in excellent English — of entering his home, pillaging it and stealing a laptop. Al-Tamimi is a professional inciter to violence, who commands a salary for that purpose as an employee of the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of the Interior.

These events would be unthinkable in any Middle Eastern regime — or even, dare one say it, in the states that make up the European Community, which has done so

much to secularize the doctrine of turning the other cheek.

Fortunately, the Israeli authorities had the sense to return to the home and arrest the young woman and her bellicose mother for assault. But this is hardly sufficient.

The young woman's friends, all of legal age, should also be brought to court, not only for having done nothing to prevent illegal and indecent behavior but for having joined in. Even more critical is for the father to be summoned by the relevant authorities to investigate the charges that he levied against the Israeli soldiers. If those charges are proven false, he should be prosecuted for slander.

At first glance, this appears to be a relatively minor event, concerning the officers, the young woman who assaulted them and her parents and friends. However, its repercussions are far wider.

It has been long known that during times of relative calm, the willingness of Israeli youth to join fighting units declines, and the attractiveness of joining technologically related units, where they can learn skills highly valued in the marketplace, increases. The lull in violence since the last offensive in 2014 in Gaza has already produced this effect.

This recent incident, instantly disseminated via every possible new media channel, can only dampen young people's willingness to join such units.

Israeli youth ask themselves, quite reasonably, why they should not only put their lives on the line, but tolerate such humiliation

as well. As it is, many Israeli youth question why Elor Azariya, a soldier who shot a terrorist as he lay on the ground after that terrorist attempted to kill soldiers at a checkpoint in Hebron, was sentenced to a year and a half in prison.

That Israeli officers did not respond to this humiliating assault, possibly out of fear of disciplinary or legal retribution, raises doubts about the Israeli military's resolve to stand by its rank and file. Prospective soldiers don't want to become victims of the doctrine of turning the other cheek.

This incident also sends a dangerous signal to the many Palestinians that want to harm Israelis. Anyone viewing the two-minute video can clearly see how the numbers encouraging the assault grew as the passivity of the officers continued. It begins with two girls, a third joins in and then the mother enters the fray with two young boys. The assault also becomes increasingly brazen in the face of the officers' passivity.

One can safely assume that the weaker the IDF looks, the greater the willingness of Palestinians to join the ranks of attackers in



IDF soldiers (illustrative). Photo: IDF.

larger, more charged, and more dangerous scenarios.

Israel must make clear that turning the other cheek is not its doctrine. That is as poisonous in this environment as the blood libel, another import from Europe.

Israel should take its cue from its Palestinian cousins: no to the other cheek, yes to measure for measure. Those involved should pay for their actions to the fullest extent of the law.

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Trump's Embassy Move Proved Abbas Doesn't Want Peace



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Earlier this month, more than 10,000 Israelis turned out for demonstrations in Tel Aviv against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Their purpose was to draw attention to corruption charges lodged against the prime minister. If Netanyahu ends up being charged with a crime it will almost certainly mean that his fourth — and third consecutive — term in office will be his last.

Or at least that's what his opponents are hoping. If Netanyahu does survive, the events of the last three weeks are making it look like the prime minister, or whoever succeeds him as head of the Likud party and the coalition that it leads, is likely to emerge as the victor in the next Israeli election.

With Palestinians expressing “rage” about President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, it appears that security and the peace process — rather than corruption or the plight of the middle class — is what will continue to determine the outcome of elections in the Jewish state. And so long as that is true, those American Jews who think that Israel should be pressured into making concessions, need to understand the impact of Trump's move — and the Palestinian reaction to it — on the Israeli public.

Trump's decision provoked some curious

reactions among American Jews, the vast majority of whom are fervently opposed to his administration. For some leaders of Reform Judaism, they opposed his decision. Their position — and that of many on the Jewish left — was that nothing Trump did could possibly be good for the Jews. That may make sense to partisan Democrats, but it also puts them out of touch with the vast majority of Israelis, who embraced the president's announcement.

Yet the most important reaction to Trump came from the Palestinian Authority (PA) and its leader, Mahmoud Abbas.

No one expected the Palestinians to welcome Trump's stand. But if Abbas were sincere about pursuing a two-state solution, he would have treated Trump's carefully calibrated statement as a victory rather than a defeat.

Trump did not endorse a united Jerusalem or preclude support for two states — or even a re-partition of the city. Abbas could have used this as a jumping-off point for an effort to persuade the US to endorse a Palestinian capital in part of Jerusalem, which



US President Donald Trump and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in Bethlehem on May 23, 2017. Photo: White House.

would have strengthened his position in negotiations that Trump hopes to restart.

But instead, Abbas doubled down on the same antisemitic denial of Jewish history that has characterized Palestinian discourse for the last century.

In a speech to an Islamic conference held in Turkey to protest Trump's statement, Abbas claimed that only Muslims and Christians had any rights to the holy places in Jerusalem. Abbas' hateful rhetoric, and the PA's resolve to use its broadcast and print media to incite violence against Israelis in the wake of Trump's speech, may be what Abbas needs to do to survive against his Hamas rivals. But it is also confirming the solid consensus of opinion in Israel across the political spectrum that views Abbas and the PA as opponents of peace, rather than potential peace partners — as Israel's critics assert.

By trying to start another intifada, and by doubling down on the notion that Israel has no rights in Jerusalem, Abbas has once again done something for Netanyahu that the prime minister could not achieve on his own. He has validated the Israeli right's belief that, as bad as it is, the status quo is preferable than replicating Ariel Sharon's 2005 withdrawal from Gaza.

While some American Jews still believe that Israel must be pressured to make territorial withdrawals for the sake of peace, Abbas' conduct has convinced most Israelis that such a policy would be insane. The fact that Netanyahu's main rivals are more or less echoing his stands demonstrates that there is very

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World News.

Australian City of Melbourne Hit by Christmas Day Antisemitic Vandalism Incident

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A Jewish man's home was hit with antisemitic vandalism in Melbourne, Australia on Monday, the *Daily Mail* reported.

The Christmas Day incident saw swastikas and "SS" spray-painted on the "brick fence, driveway, and front door" of the house.

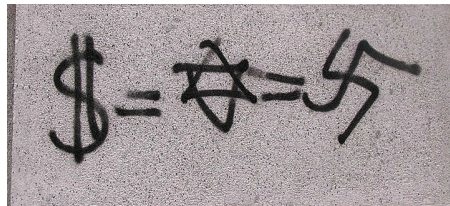
According to the *Daily Mail*, this was the latest in a recent series of vandalism acts across Melbourne.

Dr. Dvir Abramovich — the head of the Anti-Defamation Commission, which fights antisemitism in Australia — told the *Daily Mail*, "We decry this disturbing act of bigotry which is an attack on the decency of all Australians."

Abramovich pointed toward a larger phenomenon, saying Monday's incident "fits a pattern of increased racist crimes targeting the Jewish community."

"There is no doubt that the spike in these threatening incidents, which traumatize the victims and create a climate of fear, serves as a sad reminder that antisemitism and racism are on the rise, and the message that must be conveyed by leaders across the political and religious spectrum is that this type of intimidating bigotry will not be tolerated," he said.

He called on Melbourne residents to speak out against the wave of antisemitism and "say enough is enough, not in our city."



Antisemitic graffiti (illustrative). Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Egypt Hangs 15 Militants for Killing Security Forces in Sinai

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Egypt hanged 15 men convicted of attacks that killed security forces in the Sinai Peninsula, security sources said on Tuesday, in what appears to be the largest number of executions on a single day since President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi took office in 2014.

The hangings took place at two prisons in the north of the country early on Tuesday, the sources said.

A military court issued the sentences and interior ministry officials carried out the executions simultaneously at Borj al-Arab and Wadi al-Natroun prisons, the sources said.

Most of the militants were from the

Sinai region and were accused of "joining militant groups and taking part in carrying out, planning and assisting in killing a number of army and police personnel in Sinai," the sources said.

Islamic State's Sinai branch has waged attacks against security forces in a years-long insurgency in North Sinai, and in the past year expanded targets to include Christians and other civilians.

An attack on a mosque last month which killed more than 300 people, the deadliest in Egypt's modern history, was widely attributed to Islamic State, but the group did not claim responsibility for it.

In 2015, six people were executed for killing two soldiers during a raid in Qalyubiah province, north of Cairo.

and could bring about the exact opposite of the intended result. Many more countries could do what the US has done after seeing that the region has not been destabilized and only a few thousand protesters have taken to the streets."

In response, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt are reportedly freezing out the Palestinians and forming their own committee to deal with the issue. "The decision to establish this committee was, in effect, imposed on the Palestinian Authority by Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan in a move that was backed by the Arab League," the source noted. "This is a super committee that is headed by the secretary general of the Arab League, and it effectively puts the Arab League in charge of the policy on Jerusalem, taking it away from the Palestinians."

For his part, however, Abbas appears to be doubling down on his current strategy. *The Times of Israel* reported that Abbas has

Red Cross Rebukes Israel After Likud Lawmaker Confronts Palestinian Prisoners' Families on Bus



Likud MK Oren Hazan. Photo: Yair Liberman via Wikimedia Commons.

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Red Cross said on Monday Israel has a duty to guarantee the safety and dignity of Palestinian families visiting prisoners, after a right-wing lawmaker was filmed shouting abuse aboard a bus taking relatives to a family visit in an Israeli jail.

The legislator, Oren Hazan, boarded the bus at the Gaza border with video crews in tow. He said on Twitter he told the relatives that the prisoners were "terrorists who belong in the ground." In a video clip on social media, he shouted at one prisoner's mother that her son was an "insect" and a "dog."

"An insect?," she yelled back. "My son is the best of men. A dog is whoever calls him a dog."

Hazan has a record of staging publicity stunts, including crashing a welcoming ceremony for visiting US President Donald Trump. He once agreed to stage a fistfight at the border with a member of Jordan's parliament, only to cancel it on the orders of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The families on the bus were on their way to Nafha prison in southern Israel from the Gaza Strip in a convoy escorted by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). In a statement, the ICRC said it "takes very seriously what happened today."

"Families have the right to visit their loved ones in a dignified manner," Suhair Zakkout, Gaza spokeswoman for the ICRC, said in the statement. "It is the responsibility of the competent authorities to ensure that the visits take place safely and without interference."

Hazan, a member of Netanyahu's Likud party, said he confronted the relatives to promote legislation to cancel such family visits until Israeli prisoners in Gaza and the remains of Israeli troops were returned.

Hamas, the terrorist group that rules the Gaza Strip, has acknowledged holding three Israeli civilians who crossed into the enclave. In addition, Israel is seeking the return of the remains of two soldiers who fell in battle during Operation Protective Edge in the summer of 2014.

Hamas has demanded the release of its members who were re-arrested and imprisoned by Israel in 2014 for alleged security offenses after being released in a 2011 swap for a captured Israeli soldier.

Israel's Prisons Service declined comment on the incident.

Maximum security Nafha prison, in the southern Israeli desert, is used mainly to hold Palestinians convicted of anti-Israeli security offenses. The convoy completed its journey to the facility.

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party faction at the Knesset.

Guatemala and neighboring Honduras were two of only a handful of countries to join Israel and the US, which has pledged to move its embassy to Jerusalem, in voting against the UN resolution.

The US is an important source of assistance to Guatemala and Honduras, and Trump had threatened to cut off financial aid to countries that supported the UN resolution.

Meanwhile, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa quoted Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki as saying that Morales was "dragging his country to the wrong side of history by committing a flagrant violation of international law."

decided to cut off all diplomatic contacts with the US, including with the American Consulate in Jerusalem, which has served as an unofficial embassy to the PA.

Prior to 1980, Guatemala — along with Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, the Netherlands, Panama, Venezuela and Uruguay — maintained an embassy in Jerusalem.

Israel's passage in June 1980 of a law proclaiming Jerusalem its "indivisible and eternal capital" led to a UN Security Council resolution calling upon those countries to move their embassies to Tel Aviv, prompting their transfer.

Israeli Ambassador to Guatemala, Matty Cohen, said on Army Radio that no date had been set for the embassy move, "but it will happen after" the US relocates its own embassy to Jerusalem. American officials have said that move could take at least two years.

According to the report, this amounts to "throwing away the key" to any relationship with the US.

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General Assembly last week. Now, when it is clear Trump is indeed going to punish those that voted against the US, most countries are trying to cut their losses."

The official added that Palestinian declarations that the US will no longer be part of the peace process and is not an honest broker, as well as attempts to internationalize the issue, have added to the Arab states' frustration with Abbas, especially on the part of Jordan. He also pointed to the lackluster protests from Palestinians despite daily incitement from the PA.

"We are very worried about the Palestinians' actions over Jerusalem," he said. "Their efforts to shun the US from the peace process and their insistence on international intervention are a double-edged sword that could hurt first and foremost Jordan's status in Jerusalem

World News.



World chess champion Anna Muzychuk. Photo: Facebook.

Ukrainian Grandmaster Pulls Out of Riyadh Chess Championship That Banned Israelis

BY BEN COHEN

A two-time world chess champion has been forced to surrender her title after refusing to compete in a major world tournament that began in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday.

Ukrainian chess grandmaster Anna Muzychuk pulled out of the The King Salman World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship in Riyadh when told she would be compelled to wear an abaya, the full-length robes women are required to adorn in public in Saudi Arabia.

It was not the only political scandal to hit the tournament this week; on Monday, the Israeli Chess Federation said it would seek financial compensation after seven Israeli competitors were denied visas by Saudi authorities.

"In a few days I am going to lose two World Champion titles — one by one," the 27-year-old Muzychuk wrote on Facebook on Saturday. "Just because I decided not to go to Saudi Arabia. Not to play by someone's rules, not to wear abaya, not to be accompanied getting outside, and altogether not to feel myself a secondary creature."

She continued: "Exactly one year ago I won these two titles and was about the happiest person in the chess world but this time I feel really bad. I am ready to stand for my principles and skip the event, where in five days I was expected to earn more than I do in a dozen of events combined."

Other leading chess players have previously expressed objections to the hosting of the tournament in Saudi Arabia. "To organize a chess tournament in a country where basic human rights aren't valued is horrible," Hikaru Nakamaru, the US number three player, said in November. "Chess is a game where all different sorts of people can come together, not a game in which people are divided

because of their religion or country of origin."

A spokeswoman for the Saudi Embassy in Washington, DC, Fatimah Baeshen, condemned what she referred to as the "purported politicization" of the tournament, saying that visas had been denied only in the case of citizens of countries that have "historically not had diplomatic ties" with the kingdom — an oblique reference to Israel.

Lior Aizenberg, spokesman of the Israeli Chess Federation, told The Washington Post that his organization had been in touch with the Saudi Chess Federation who were, he said, "extremely positive that we would get visas to attend."

"There need to be a clear separate between sports and politics," Aizenberg said. "We want our players to play in all competitions, what is going on in the Arab world does not interest us."

The prize at the Saudi tournament is \$2,000,000, with individual prize funds of \$750,000.

On Tuesday, the Anti-Defamation League called on the World Chess Federation, known as FIDE, to prevent Saudi Arabia from hosting further competitions unless it changes its discriminatory policies.

"While FIDE officials did refer to the boycott of Israeli athletes in the opening ceremony today, as the sponsoring body FIDE should make clear to the Saudi hosts that it will not be complicit with discrimination against or a boycott of any team regardless of its national origin," ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said in a statement. "FIDE must send a message that if Saudi Arabia continues with this policy, it will not be eligible to host future championships."

The ADL noted that Saudi Arabia "initially refused to issue entry visas to Qatar and Iranian teams too, but eventually issued them in advance of the championship. The Israeli team alone has been refused entry."



The skyline of the Saudi capital of Riyadh. Photo: Reuters / Faisal Al Nasser.

Iran Confirms Upholding Death Sentence for Academic Accused of Spying for Israel

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Iran's Supreme Court has upheld a death sentence against a Sweden-based Iranian academic convicted of spying for Israel, the Tehran prosecutor was quoted as saying on Monday, confirming reports by Amnesty International and his family.

Ahmadreza Djalali, a medical doctor and lecturer at the Karolinska Institute, a Stockholm medical university, was accused of providing information to Israel to help it assassinate several senior nuclear scientists.

Djalali was arrested in Iran in April 2016 and later convicted of espionage. He has denied the charges, Amnesty said.

At least four scientists were killed between 2010 and 2012 in what Tehran said were assassinations meant to sabotage its efforts to develop nuclear energy. Western powers and Israel said Iran aimed to build a nuclear bomb. Tehran denied this.

The Islamic Republic hanged a man in 2012 over the killings, saying he was an agent for Israeli intelligence agency Mossad.

On Monday, Tehran prosecutor Abbas Jafari Dolatabadi said the Supreme Court recently upheld the death sentence against Djalali, the news site of Iran's judiciary, Mizan, reported.

Dolatabadi said Djalali had confessed to meeting Mossad agents repeatedly to deliver information on Iran's nuclear and defense plans and personnel, and helping to infect Defense Ministry computer systems with viruses, Mizan reported.



Iranian flags. Photo: Reuters / Morteza Nikoubazl / File.

London-based Amnesty International and Djalali's wife said earlier this month that his lawyers were told that the Supreme Court had considered his case and upheld his death sentence.

Iranian state television broadcast last week what it described as Djalali's confessions. His wife said he had been forced by his interrogators to read the confession.

Djalali was on a business trip to Iran when he was arrested and sent to Evin prison. He was held in solitary confinement for three months of his detention and tortured, Amnesty said.

It said Djalali wrote a letter inside prison in August stating he was being held for refusing to spy for Iran.

Sweden condemned the sentence in October and said it had raised the matter with Iranian envoys.

Seventy-five Nobel prize laureates petitioned Iranian authorities last month to release Djalali so he could "continue his scholarly work for the benefit of mankind."

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little appetite in Israel for giving up more territory under the current circumstances. It also highlights the fact that so long as the alternatives to the Likud have nothing better to offer Israelis, Likud is likely to stay in power.

What Trump did on Jerusalem gratified Israelis. But it also gave Abbas the opportunity

to demonstrate to voters in the Jewish state that there is no viable alternative to Netanyahu's policies. That's something that American Jewish critics of Trump and Israel would be foolish to ignore.

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Report: Saudi Arabia Releases Corruption Detainees, Others to Stand Trial

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Saudi Arabia has released 23 of the 200-or-so powerful individuals detained since November on corruption charges after they reached deals with the government, the Okaz newspaper reported on Tuesday.

The report did not name those involved in what appeared to be the first large-scale release since the royals, business people and government officials were detained in a crackdown spearheaded by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

The suspects have been held at Riyadh's luxurious Ritz Carlton hotel since early November and told to hand over assets and cash in exchange for their freedom.

Okaz said more detainees would be released in the coming days and trial proceedings would begin soon for those who continue to deny the charges against them.

Saudi authorities see the settlements not as blackmail but as an obligation to reimburse money taken illegally from the world's top oil producer over several decades.

Video posted on social media showed a smiling Saoud al-Daweesh, the former chief executive of Saudi Telecom, telling well-wishers he had been treated decently.

"Private Affairs (a unit of the Royal Court) brought us a full lamb dish day and night. They treated us well and did a good job," he said.

Saudi officials did not respond to requests for comment.

U.S. News.

US Announces \$285 Million Cut in UN Funding

BY JNS.ORG

The US announced Sunday that it will cut \$285 million from its funding to the United Nations for the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years.

"In addition to these significant cost savings, we reduced the UN's bloated management and support functions, bolstered support for key US priorities throughout the world, and instilled more discipline and accountability throughout the UN system," said a statement released by the US Mission to the UN.

The announcement of the budget cut came after the UN General Assembly last week overwhelmingly approved a resolution denouncing President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

The 193-member General Assembly voted 128-9, with 35 abstentions, to express "deep

regret" over Trump's Jerusalem policy changes, which also include plans to move the US embassy to that city.

The US budget cut falls in line with one of the Trump administration's goals of reducing American financial contributions to the world body. The US currently funds 22 percent of the UN's annual budget with a contribution of around \$3.3 billion per year.

"The inefficiency and overspending of the United Nations are well known," said US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley. "We will no longer let the generosity of the American people be taken advantage of or remain



President Donald Trump and Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley during a high-level meeting on UN reform convened by the US on Sept. 18. Photo: UN Photo / Mark Garten.

unchecked." "This historic reduction in spending — in addition to many other moves toward a more efficient and accountable UN — is a big step in the right direction," she added.

Edition of French Children's Magazine Describing Israel as Not 'a Real Country' Withdrawn by Apologetic Publisher

BY BEN COHEN

The entire print run of a popular French children's magazine is being pulled from distribution following the publication of a feature which described the State of Israel as "not a real country."

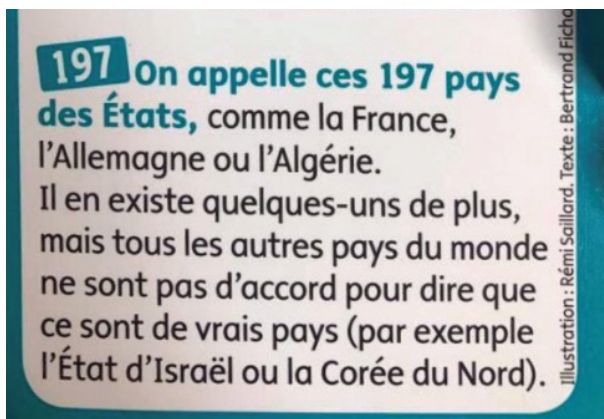
The claim about Israel appeared in the January issue of Youpi, a magazine aimed at children aged 5-10.

After Francis Kalifat — head of French Jewish organization CRIF — protested, the magazine's publisher, Bayard, announced that it was withdrawing the issue. The publishing group's president, Pascal Ruffenach, apologized for what he called a "clumsy error," adding, "Obviously, we did not want to challenge the existence of the State of Israel."

The offending statement appeared alongside a map of the world showing the boundaries between different countries. The magazine explained that there are 197 countries in the world, "like France, Germany or Algeria," going on to say that while more countries exist, not all of them are universally recognized as "real countries." The magazine cited both Israel and North Korea in this regard.

North Korea's communist dictatorship is not recognized as a state by a several democracies, including South Korea, the US, Japan and Israel. In Israel's case, the majority of Arab and Muslims countries refuse to have full diplomatic relations with Jerusalem, while Iran frequently calls for the elimination of the Jewish state.

Perhaps recognizing the complexities of explaining diplomacy to younger children, according to the French newspaper Le Monde, CRIF has now asked Bayard to include an article explaining the history and significance of Israel in a forthcoming issue of Youpi.



French kids' magazine Youpi told readers that some didn't consider Israel to be "a real country." Photo: Twitter.

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Opinion.

How Cory Booker Can Return to the Jewish Community



SHMULEY BOTEACH
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Shortly after Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey once again broke the hearts of many in the American Jewish community by condemning President Donald Trump's proclamation of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, a New Jersey imam delivered two antisemitic sermons. This time, Cory rose to the occasion — and issued a scathing condemnation. This, along with some recent speeches that Cory has been giving to Jewish groups, is sparking questions as to whether he is gravitating back toward a pro-Israel posture.

Wherever I go, the question of what happened to Cory on Israel is asked of me by countless people.

How could Cory have supported the Iran nuclear deal? How could he have opposed the Taylor Force Act in committee? Why did he try and humiliate now-Ambassador David Friedman in his Senate hearings? And, how could Cory have come out against Jerusalem being recognized as Israel's capital?

These questions become even more pronounced when you contrast Cory's record with his senior colleague from New Jersey, Senator Robert Menendez, who is among the greatest friends that Israel has ever had in the Senate.

Their conclusion: Cory lied in order to get the support of the Jewish community. They are wrong.

Cory is a very close friend of mine, akin to a brother. We gave countless public speeches together on Israel, Judaism and the African-American history of struggle, and studied thousands of hours of Torah together. He loved Israel, and he visited Israel. The idea that any of this was insincere is a grotesque lie, and is unfair character assassination of a close friend of our community.

But in the world of politics, and on the subject of the Jewish state, I admit that there has been a change in Cory.

And it has been harder for me to witness this change than anyone else. I have spoken out

about it many times, in a manner that one can only assume that Cory does not appreciate.

But Israel's survival is paramount, and Cory made a big mistake on Iran — a mistake that he can still reverse. And if he can find his voice to condemn the antisemitism of an imam in his home state of New Jersey, surely he can find the same voice to condemn the Jew-hatred of Iran, which he ignored when he supported the catastrophic Iran nuclear agreement.

Indeed, the Iranian leaders have not only made similarly crude antisemitic remarks, but gone further and threatened the Jews of Israel with genocide.

According to news reports, Aymen Elkasaby, an imam at the Islamic Center of Jersey City, said: "So long as the Al-Aqsa Mosque remains a humiliated prisoner under the oppression of the Jews, this nation will never prevail." He called on Allah to "wreak vengeance upon the plundering oppressors." After labeling Jews as "apes and pigs," Elkasaby stated: "Count them one by one, and kill them down to the very last one. Do not leave a single one on the face of the Earth."

This despicable language is common in the Middle East, and far too common here in the United States. I applaud Cory for taking a stand against what he correctly called Elkasaby's "repugnant," "dangerous" and "unconscionable" remarks.

To be truly principled, however, Cory must be equally willing to condemn similar statements from others, particularly the Iranians. Sadly, due to his support for the catastrophic nuclear deal, he has been unwilling to take the Iranians to task. Worse, he supported giving them not only the ability to continue their pursuit of nuclear capabilities under the unverifiable agreement, but also rewarding them with a windfall of billions of dollars to enable Iran to continue to develop ballistic missiles, sponsor international terrorism and threaten its neighbors.

The ADL describes Iran as "a font of global anti-Semitism." ADL Deputy National Director Ken Jacobson has noted that in Iran, "classic stereotypes about Jews abound." One example, is the denial of the Holocaust. "A second stereotype about Jews which Iranian political and religious leadership has purveyed," Jacobson observed, "was the

notion of Jewish control of international financial institutions."

After "moderate" Iranian President Hassan Rouhani addressed the UN in 2016, ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said: "His espousing of noxious anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, alleging 'Zionist' control of Congress must be condemned by the international community, specifically, the P5+1 powers who are engaging with Iran, and the countries who are renewing trade and financial deals with the Islamic Republic."

Following the nuclear agreement that Cory endorsed, former President Barack Obama promised a change in Iranian behavior.

A year after the deal was signed, the ADL observed:

[T]he Islamic Republic remains the leading exporter of deadly conspiracy theories and hostile propaganda against the Jewish people and the Jewish state. In recent months we have seen a revival of their notorious Holocaust cartoon contest, which encourages Holocaust revisionism and outright denial. ... Wild accusations of Zionist plots abound, such as blaming imports of genetically modified products to infect Iranians with diseases on the Zionists or accusing 'Jewish actors' of conspiring Saudis to spread Wahhabism. In the last few days when the rest of the world has mourned the loss of noted peace activist Elie Weisel, Iran opted to slander the Nobel Laureate as a 'criminal Zionist and fake witness of Holocaust.'

Iranian leaders also engage in incitement to genocide against the Jewish people, a war crime according to the 1948 Genocide Convention.

Newsweek reported, for example, on the eve of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech to the UN, that Iran's army chief warned that his country would immediately lay waste to Israel's commercial capital of Tel Aviv should Israeli leaders make any mistakes.

Iranian Defense Minister Hossein Dehghan said that were Trump to withdraw from the Iranian nuclear deal, Iran would destroy the state of Israel.

Hossein Salami, the deputy head of the Revolutionary Guard, has said: "We will chase you [Israelis] house to house and will take



Senator Cory Booker. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

revenge for every drop of blood of our martyrs in Palestine," and that "soon, there will be no such thing as the Zionist regime on Planet Earth."

Hossein Sheikholeslam, the secretary-general of Iran's Committee for Support for the Palestinian Intifada, declared: "The issue of Israel's destruction is important, no matter the method. We will obviously implement the strategy of the Imam Khomeini and the Leader [Khamenei] on the issue of destroying the Zionists. The region will not be quiet so long as Israel exists in it."

Mohammad Ali Jafari, the commander-in-chief of the Revolutionary Guard, has said: "The Revolutionary Guards will fight to the end of the Zionist regime. ... We will not rest easy until this epitome of vice is totally deleted from the region's geopolitics."

These officials all take their cue from Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has made even more blood-curdling threats, such as this one: "It is the mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to erase Israel from the map of the region." And don't forget this one — "The Zionist regime is a cancerous tumor and it will be removed" — or this one: "This barbaric, wolflike and infanticidal regime of Israel, which spares no crime, has no cure but to be annihilated."

Instead of condemning Iranian leaders with the same forthrightness that he denounced the New Jersey imam, Cory has been silent. He has been unwilling to speak out against Iranian antisemitism or threats of genocide, and continues to defend the disastrous Iran deal.

It is my sincere hope that Cory's gradual gravitation back to the Jewish community continues. But it will not be effective so long as his silence on Iran's threatened holocaust of the Jewish people remains deafening.

The time has come to speak up.

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Christmas Reality: Palestinians Use Christians as Pawns, Israel Protects Them

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The Palestinian Authority (PA) and Israeli Muslims often voice support for Christians, and seek to utilize them in the struggle against Israel. But it is the Jewish state that stands out as a defender of Middle East Christians.

In a Christmas message last Friday, PA President Mahmoud Abbas called President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital "an insult to millions of people

worldwide, and also to the city of Bethlehem."

The exploitation of Christianity by the Palestinians is not new, as their leaders have for years claimed that early followers of Christianity — and even Jesus himself — were "Palestinian." They make this claim even though Palestinian nationalism is a 20th century creation — and a response to Zionism.

But how much do Muslim Palestinian or Israeli Arab leaders actually care about Christians?

Dexter Van Zile, the Christian media analyst at the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA), told JNS that the population of Christians in the West Bank has not declined during the past few

decades, despite the claims of anti-Zionists.

"The reality is a bit more complex: Under Jordanian control, the Christian population declined in the West Bank and east Jerusalem from about 60,000 in 1949 to 42,000 in 1967. The Christian population in the West Bank was about 52,000 in 2007, which indicates that Jewish control over the area was in fact good for the Christians," he said.

Even the anti-Israel Diyar Institute has admitted as much, declaring that "the number of the Christian population has grown ever so slightly in the past 50 years," noted Van Zile.

Asked about the situation in Bethlehem, Van Zile responded that the number of Christians in PA-controlled Bethlehem has stayed about the same during the past several decades, but has gone down as a percentage of the city's total population — due to the growing number of Muslims.

"That being said, many young Christians have left because of the misrule of the Palestinian Authority," added Van Zile.

At the same time, life for West Bank Christians is far better than the situation for their persecuted counterparts in Iraq, Syria and Egypt.

"Like it or not, the Christians in the West

Bank have Israel to thank for that. The violence against Christians in Iraq and Syria has been in many ways a re-enactment of the Armenian genocide that took place in the early 20th century," explained Van Zile.

"Christians in the West Bank know full well what's in store for them should Hamas' brand of radicalism take over the West Bank," he said.

Bishara Shlayan, a prominent Christian resident of Nazareth, told JNS that some of Israel's Arab Christians openly support the state, but that many, including in the West Bank, are scared to speak their mind because of Muslim threats.

Shlayan, who is attempting to establish an Israeli Christian political party called Ichud Bnei Habrit (United Allies of the Covenant), pointed out that "the Muslims are stronger than us and their behavior is like that of a Bedouin tribe, but we don't have a tribe for support, just our individual families."

Nazareth's Muslim mayor, Ali Salam, initially cancelled but then claimed to reinstate a number of this year's local Christmas festivities — in a protest against the US policy changes on Jerusalem. A downscaled celebration did

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the drama of Divine providence that is still unfolding. As he explains: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good." This is what allows the victim, Joseph, to forgive.

These, though, are details. What is absolutely fundamental is that Judaism represents, for the first time in history, a morality of guilt rather than shame. In the past we've explored some of the elements that made it possible. Earlier this year we spoke of the difference between tradition-directed cultures and – what the call to Abraham initiates – inner-directed ones. Tradition-directed individuals, when they break the rules, feel shame. Inner-directed personalities feel guilt.

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take place last Saturday in Jesus' childhood hometown, but with fewer participants than usual, according to Shlayan.

Out of fear, Nazareth Christians went along with Muslim wishes on matters such as scaling down the Christmas celebrations due to Trump's Jerusalem announcement, he said.

Shlayan also said that the security situation for Christians in the city is precarious, with Muslims successfully working for years to change the city's character from the center of Christianity to a Muslim city.

After Israel's War of Independence in 1948, Shlayan said that Muslim refugees from other towns moved to Nazareth. He asserted that due to current tensions in Nazareth, Christians are fleeing for safer cities such as Haifa and Shfar'am. But Shlayan emphasized that not all Israeli Muslims are causing

We also spoke about the difference between cultures of the eye and of the ear. Visual cultures are almost always shame cultures. Shame is what you feel when you imagine other people seeing what you are doing. The first instinct when you feel shame is to try to hide or to wish you were invisible. In cultures of hearing, however, morality is represented by an inner voice, the voice of guilt that you cannot hide from even if you are invisible to the world.

The key difference between the two is that in shame cultures, wrongdoing is like a stain on the person. Hence the only way to be rehabilitated is to have the stain covered up somehow (the meaning, as we noted, of the verb k-p-r). You do this by placating the victim of your wrong so that in effect he "turns a blind eye" to

problems for Christians and that some respect them.

"Thank God for Israel and that we are not somewhere else," said the Nazareth resident, referring to the persecution of Christians elsewhere in the Middle East.

CAMERA's Van Zile said that leading up to this Christmas, he had "seen reports of Christians refusing to celebrate Christmas because of President Trump's announcement on Jerusalem. I've even seen pictures of them burning pictures of Vice President [Mike] Pence in protest of his planned visit to the Holy Land."

"Actions like this are required [of] Christians in Muslim-majority environments," said Van Zile. "Any time people see a Palestinian Christian in the West Bank or Gaza condemning Israel, they should add an image of their own: that of a jihadist standing out of camera range pointing a gun at them, and smiling in satisfaction."

what you did. His resentment, indignation and desire for revenge have been appeased.

In guilt cultures, however, there is a fundamental distinction between the person and his or her acts. It was the act that was wrong, not the person. That is what makes forgiveness possible. I forgive you because, when you admit you did wrong, express remorse and do all you can to make amends, especially when I see that, given the opportunity (as was Judah) to repeat the crime you do not do so because you have changed, then I see that you have distanced yourself from your deed. *Forgiveness means I fundamentally reaffirm your worth as a person, despite the fact that we both know your act was wrong.*

Forgiveness exists in righteousness-and-guilt cultures. It does not exist in honour-and-shame cultures like those of ancient Greece and pre-Christian Rome.

Contemporary culture in the West, often thought by secularists to be morally superior to the ethics of the Hebrew Bible, is in fact – for good or bad – a regression to pre-Christian

Greece and Rome. That is why, nowadays, people who are found to have done wrong are publicly shamed. Examples are not necessary: they abound in every day's news. In a shame culture, the main thing to do is not to be found out, because once you are, there is no way back. There is no place in such a culture for forgiveness. At best you seek to appease. As in ancient Greece, the culprit argues, "I couldn't help it; it wasn't that bad; it's human nature; I was carried away." They undergo some ritual of self-abasement. Eventually they hope, not that people will forgive but that they will forget. This is an ugly kind of culture.

Which is why Judaism remains the eternal alternative. What matters is not outward appearances but the inner voice. And when we do wrong, as we all do, there is a way forward: to confess, express remorse, atone, make amends, and, like Judah, change. To know that however wrong our deeds, "the soul You gave me is pure," and that if we work hard enough on ourselves, we can be forgiven, is to inhabit a culture of grace and hope. And that is a life-changing idea.

NY Times Mangles Hebrew Translation in Op-Ed on 'Assault' Forgiveness



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A New York Times op-ed by a journalist trying to apply Jewish traditions about repentance to what she writes was an "assault" on her by Israeli journalist Ari Shavit manages to mangle a Hebrew translation.

Danielle Berrin wrote in Saturday's Times:

In Judaism, a religion that prizes deeds over faith, atonement is not an easy process. And why should it be? It is designed to effect nothing less than personal transformation. This is why the Hebrew word for "atonement" is "teshuva," or return – as in a return to your higher self, a return to your essential goodness, a return to recognizing your own dignity and the dignity of others...

Judaism requires that transgressors seek out those they've hurt and ask forgiveness of each and every person. If rebuffed, the tradition demands the transgressor ask no fewer than three times before moral responsibility is lifted.

Actually, the Hebrew word for "atonement" isn't "teshuva," but "kapparah." The Jewish holiday known in English as the "Day of Atonement" is Yom Kippur, not Yom Teshuva. "Teshuva" is the Hebrew word for repentance. It's a subtle difference, but it's a difference nonetheless.

There's more to quarrel with in the Times' Berrin op-ed. The sweeping and unattributed, unsourced claim that Judaism is "a religion that prizes deeds over faith" is something of a false dichotomy. In fact the first two of the Ten Commandments are about faith. So is one of the fundamental prayers of Judaism, the Sh'ma – English translations vary, but it is a passage from Deuteronomy (6:4) to the effect of "Hear O Israel, the Lord is Our God, the Lord is One," followed by a passage from Deuteronomy (6:5) about how "You shall love

the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul," followed by another reference to Deuteronomy (11:13) about loving God and serving Him.

The Babylonian Talmud, in Sotah 14a (I'm grateful to Rabbi Shai Held's teaching earlier this year at the Rabbi Samuel Chiel Genesis Forum of Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston for this reference), links faith and deeds almost inextricably:


And Rabbi ama, son of Rabbi anina, says: What is the meaning of that which is written: "After the Lord your God shall you walk, and Him shall you fear, and His commandments shall you keep, and unto His voice shall you hearken, and Him shall you serve, and unto Him shall you cleave" (Deuteronomy 10:20)?... He explains: Rather, the meaning is that one should follow the attributes of the Holy One, Blessed be He. He provides several examples. Just as He clothes the naked, as it is written: "And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skin, and clothed them" (Genesis 3:21), so too, should you clothe the naked. Just as the Holy One, Blessed be He, visits the sick, as it is written with regard to God's appearing to Abraham following his circumcision: "And the Lord appeared unto him by the terebinths of Mamre" (Genesis 18:1), so too, should you visit the sick. Just as the Holy One, Blessed be He, consoles mourners, as it is written: "And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed Isaac his son" (Genesis 25:11), so too, should you console mourners. Just as the Holy One, Blessed be He, buried the dead, as it is written: "And he was buried in the valley in the land of Moab" (Deuteronomy 34:6), so too, should you bury the dead.

Inserting myself into the public conflict between Berrin and Shavit is just about the last thing I want to do. But if the New York Times is going to make its op-ed page, of all places, a forum for analyzing that conflict through the lens of Jewish religion, it's reasonable for readers to ask the Times editors to do better for accuracy in both Hebrew translation and characterization of Judaism.


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Megyn Kelly Hosts 'Hasidic Superwoman of Night Court' to Talk About Judaism, Faith in God

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Megyn Kelly hosted on her talk show last week a Hasidic female judge as part of her week-long "She's Got Faith" series.

Ruchie Freier — thought to be the first Hasidic woman to hold public office in US history — talked to the host of "Megyn Kelly Today" about her unbreakable faith in God and Judaism giving her the "strength and the backbone" she needs to succeed in life.

The 52-year-old mother-of-six — described as the



"Hasidic Superwoman of Night Court" by The New York Times — said she received some backlash from others in the Chassidic community when she ran for office but, she explained, "I looked at them straight in the eye and said 'If God wants me to win I'm gonna win.'" She was later elected as a New York civil court judge.

She added about God's role in her life, "I have the best seat in the house because wherever I set in this courthouse above me are the words emblazoned 'In God We Trust' and that always puts me into perspective. Every decision I make, there is a God above me."

A video clip showed Judge Freier balancing work and her personal life. Kelly's film crew followed the judge in the courtroom and also at home as she cooked for her family and lit candles for Shabbat. Judge Freier talking about being a legal secretary for many years before deciding to pursue higher education, at the age of 30, to become a judge.

She also discussed her latest project: an EMT service in her community, which she started because of her "deal with God." Judge Freier said she had promised God that if she got help finishing law school without having to "compromise her religious values," then she would help others in need.

Judge Freier said she viewed herself as a "trail-blazer, laying the path and the framework for other people to follow and do something similar." She added, "I believe that women are capable, that women have abilities, can achieve a lot...My role is being a mother, being there for my children but that doesn't mean I can't be a professional."

Leave Schumer Alone About Rubashkin

We've seen much jubilation in the aftermath of the release of Sholom Rubashkin. But that was followed — quickly — by speculation from members of our community regarding the role, or lack thereof, of Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer in the advocacy pertaining to the president's commutation.

In the blogosphere, especially, there have been efforts urging people to contact Senator Schumer's office to express their "outrage" on this issue. These recommendations were generally accompanied by lots of chest pounding and inflammatory language.

I'm always amazed at how our community manages to shoot ourselves in the foot, and display our political immaturity to the world. Or perhaps the right verbiage here might be "political suicide."

There's an old expression: Those who know don't speak. And those who speak don't know.

Dear readers: Do you think for one moment that Nancy Pelosi, the House Democratic leader (who did write a letter supporting the commutation), is not in contact with Schumer on a daily basis?? Do you think they don't work together to formulate the official policy of the Democratic caucus? Wouldn't you think that Schumer had given her the green light of approval before she decided to write a letter as sensitive as this to President Donald Trump? In my opinion, this proves that those who are writing these opinions have zero understanding of the governmental process.

Some may counter by asking why Schumer didn't see fit to write his own letter as well? Honestly, I don't have the answer to that question. Sometimes there are questions that beg for an answer, yet the answers remain unknown. But I can assure you of one thing. Nancy Pelosi would never write a letter of advocacy for Rubashkin without Senator Schumer's advance notification and tacit approval.

Let me reiterate that I am not privy to inside information on this issue. I am just surmising what must have occurred based on my understanding of the political process.

The Rubashkin case was very important to our community and I was as outraged as everyone else about the travesty of justice, as I was elated at the news of his commuted sentence. But we need to understand that there is also a tomorrow. There was also a yesterday. And that yesterday included Senator Schumer coming out against the Iran deal.

It's never a good idea to try to convince an elected official that he is not our friend. I'm not just addressing the Schumer issue on this. It's something we have to realize when it comes to other officials as well. Because guess what happens? When you declare someone as your enemy, that is eventually what he will come to be. Once we write him off, this is how he will come to be perceived. And that is not responsible politics for our Jewish community.

The community must internalize that Chuck Schumer is as powerful as they come. In his capacity as Senate Democratic leader, there are a myriad of issues that the community approaches him on for support. And in many cases, he responds positively. The day might come when he will be even more powerful as Senate majority leader. Is it really in the best interest of our community to be in a situation where he views us as confrontational?

We need to conduct ourselves more pragmati-



Senator Chuck Schumer. Photo: Screenshot.

cally. For example, I personally supported Hillary Clinton for president. Yet the moment that Donald Trump was elected, I accepted him as my president. I decided to treat the office of the presidency with the respect and honor that it deserves, and I've publicly condemned anyone who did otherwise. There is a time, a place, and a season for everything.

We as a community need to internalize the larger picture. Yes, we are a vibrant and growing community, boruch Hashem — and we have much to be proud of. But our numbers are minuscule in the grand scheme of things. And we tend to shoot blanks. We sometimes declare war on an elected official, and when that happens outside of our local districts, we become marginalized. Elected officials at the highest level will pass us over and won't even invite us to sit down at the table with them because of the immaturity with which we conduct our political and governmental relationships.

I say this as someone who is professionally engaged as the CEO of a public affairs consulting firm. I am in no way a community leader. But I see the handwriting on the wall, and I feel it's time for us to take stock of our actions and add real value to all of our political interactions and relationships.

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auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 18, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 297 Decatur 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: 1675 Lot: 42. Approximate amount of judgment \$754,004.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20070/2013. Meryl L. Wenig, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: November 22, 2017 50188
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff against ALEKSANDER KHARKOVER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 29, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 18th day of January, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises Lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn and State of New York. In the condominium known as "THE 235 OCEAN PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM." Together with an undivided 5.56% interest in the Common Elements. Said premises known as 235 Ocean Parkway, 2A, Brooklyn, NY. 11218. (Block: 5339, Lot: 1103). Approximate amount of lien \$ 504,479.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501108-14. Robert L. Howe, 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; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - LUIS BUSTAMANTE A/K/A LUIS ALBERTO BUSTAMANTE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on June 14, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 18th Day of January, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings City and State of New York. Premises known as 1425 East 98th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. (Block: 8263, Lot: 21) Approximate amount of lien \$438,999.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11772/2013. Roger Siegel, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: November 14, 2017
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, CIT Bank, N.A. f/k/a OneWest Bank, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Katherine A. Chavis, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 25, 2017, I, the undersigned

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Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 18, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 310 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1967 and Lot 22. Approximate amount of judgment is \$591,015.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500301/2016. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee Windels, Marx, Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, 156 West 56th Street, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff AGAINST Edgardo G. Marquez, Valeria T. Marquez, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/2/2017 and entered on 4/6/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 18, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 163 Montauk Avenue, 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: 4008, LOT: 9. Approximate amount of judgment is \$492,922.05 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 502154/2014. David J. Hernandez, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: ALWAYS A DOLLAR LLC .Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 10/24/2017. Office location Bronx County . SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served .SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC 4022 Baychester Ave., Bronx, NY 10466. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5/12/19

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-HE2, Plaintiff AGAINST Davrin Faison, Stephanie Faison FKA Stephanie Bennett, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 12, 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 January 18, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 937 EAST 103RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and

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State of New York, BLOCK 8211, LOT 25. Approximate amount of judgment \$919,651.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 9736/13. Nancy Mottola Schacher Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 50308
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Notice of Formation of With Gratitude Box LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/7/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 305 Nevins St, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: SEAY STRATEGIES LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 08/14/2017. 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: Seay Strategies LLC 57 Herkimer apartment 208, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5/12/19

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Kathy R. Jones, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order to Amend Caption duly filed on October 31, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 25, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1239 East 88th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8067 and Lot 23. Approximate amount of judgment is \$518,052.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 4095/2013. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523. Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 12/22/29; 1/5/12/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-6AR, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6AR, Plaintiff AGAINST MICHAEL GARNETT, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 18, 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 January 25, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1185 EAST 92ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in Canarsie, Town of

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Tradition.

What it Takes to Forgive



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

Joseph forgives. That, as I have argued before, was a turning point in history. For this was the first recorded act of forgiveness in literature.

It is important here to make a key distinction between forgiveness, which is characteristic of the Judaeo-Christian tradition, *and the appeasement of anger*, which is a human universal. People are constantly harming others, who then become angry, indignant and “disrespected.” If the offender does



nothing to turn away their wrath, they will take revenge.

Revenge is one way of restoring the social order, but it is a very costly and dangerous one because it can lead to a circle of retaliation that has no natural stopping point. One of my family offends one of your family (think of Montagues and Capulets, or Corleones and Tattaglias), so one of your family takes revenge, which one of my family must retaliate for the sake of family honour, and so it goes, sometimes for generations. The cost is often so great that it is in everyone’s interest to find a way of stopping the cycle. That is universal. It exists in every human group, and some non-human ones as well.

The general way of bringing this kind of conflict to an end is what the ancient Greeks called *sungnome*, often translated as “forgiveness,” but which actually – as David Konstan shows in his masterly study, *Before Forgiveness* – means something like pardon, appeasement, a willingness to make allowances, or accept an excuse, or grant an indulgence. The end result is that the victim forgoes revenge. The offender does not atone. Instead he or she makes some kind of plea in mitigation: I couldn’t help it; it wasn’t that bad; it’s human nature; I was carried away. In addition the offender must show, in words or body language, some form of humility or submission.

One classic example in the Torah is Jacob’s conduct toward Esau when they meet again after more than twenty years, during which time Jacob had been away in the home of Laban. He knew that Esau felt wronged by him and had declared his intention to take

revenge after their father Isaac had died. That is why Jacob fled in the first place. When they meet again, Jacob does not mention the earlier incident. But he does attempt to appease Esau by sending him an enormous gift of livestock, and by abasing himself, bowing down to him seven times, and calling him “my lord,” and himself “your servant.” For his part, Esau does not mention the earlier episode, whether because he had forgotten it, or it no longer rankled with him, or because he was mollified by Jacob’s self-abasement. This was not remorse and forgiveness, but submission and appeasement.

What Joseph does toward his brothers is different. When he first

reveals himself to them, he says, “And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you” (Gen. 45:5). This sounds like forgiveness, but, as this week’s parsha makes clear, it is not necessarily so. The word “forgiveness” is not used. And the brothers may well have assumed that, as in the case of Esau, Joseph intended to take revenge but not during the lifetime of their father. That is what provokes the drama at the end of this week’s parsha:

When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?” So they sent word to Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died: ‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: Please forgive [sa] your brothers’ wrong and the sin they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please *forgive* the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” (Gen. 50:15-17)

This was Joseph’s response: *Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. (Gen. 50:19-21)*

This is forgiveness. Joseph does not use the word, but he makes it clear that he foregoes all thought of revenge. What is happening here and why did it not happen in other

cultures? This is one of the most fascinating features of Judaism, and why it eventually made such a difference to the world.

Note what has to happen for forgiveness to be born. First, Joseph engages in an elaborate plan, hiding his identity, to make sure the brothers were capable of remorse and atonement. This happens on their first encounter in Egypt, when he accuses them of being spies, and they say in his presence – not knowing that he could understand them – “Surely we are guilty because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that’s why this distress has come upon us” (Gen. 42:21). They know they have done wrong. They acknowledge their guilt.

Second, Joseph arranges a trial that will test whether Judah, the brother who proposed selling him into slavery in the first place, is indeed a changed person. He has Benjamin brought before him on a false charge, and is about to take him as his slave when Judah intervenes and offers to become a slave in his place so that Benjamin can go free. This is what the sages and Maimonides defined as complete repentance, that is, you have so changed that you are now a different person. These two elements tell us what has changed in the brothers so that they, the wrongdoers, can be forgiven.

There is a change in Joseph too, as we noted in last week’s Covenant and Conversation. He has reframed his life, so that the entire story of his relationship with his brothers has now become utterly secondary to

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Flatlands, Kings County, New York (now Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York), BLOCK 8200, LOT 34. Approximate amount of judgment \$799,453.97 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511466/2014. JAGESHWAR SHARMA, Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 50274
AJ; 12/22/29; 1/5/12/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST 778 Logan LLC; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 1, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 25, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 778 Logan Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4480 Lot 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$561,530.86 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500021/2015. Helene Blank, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boule-

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vard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: November 30, 2017 50204
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, As indenture trustee successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, for LXS 2007-5H, asset backed notes, series 2007-5H, Plaintiff AGAINST Almarie Maxwell; Betram Maxwell; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 13, 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 January 25, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 8713 Avenue J, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8024 lot 4. Approximate amount of judgment \$761,913.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 23760/08. Sol Needle, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: November 17, 2017 50086
AJ; 12/22/29; 1/5/12/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-7, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7, WITHOUT RECOURSE; Plaintiff(s) vs. JUDIE C. HUTCHINSON; 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 September 29, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On January 25, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 772 Lincoln Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208 Block: 4465 Lot: 111 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. 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 \$937,638.04 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 3370/08 Barton Slavin, Esq., Referee
AJ; 12/22/29; 1/5/12/

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, Pltf. vs. ALEXANDER KOGAN, et al, Defts. Index #507379/15. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and entered May 11, 2017 and order amending the judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Oct. 10, 2017, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St. Brooklyn, NY on Jan.

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18, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., prem. k/a 135 Oceana Drive East, Unit 2F, Brooklyn, NY a/k/a The Residential Unit (the “Residential Unit”) in the Condominium Oceana Condominium No. 9 (the “Condominium”) (comprised of the building known by the St. No. 125 and 135 Oceana Drive East, Brooklyn, New York 11235) which Residential Unit #2F is situated on the building known as and by the St. No. 135 Oceana Drive East, Brooklyn, NY 11235 (the “Building”) said Residential Unit being designated and described as Residential Unit No. 2F in that certain declaration dated Mar. 9, 2005 made by the Grantor under the Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York (the Condominium Act) establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the Building and the land (the Land) upon which the Building is situated (which Land is more particularly described on Schedule A annexed hereto and by this reference made a part hereof) which declaration was recorded, collectively, as the Declaration); the Residential Unit is also designated as Tax Lot 2726 in Block 8720 Section 6 on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York for the Borough of Brooklyn and the Floor Plans of the building (the “Floor Plans”) certified by Schuman, Lichtenstein, Clamon and Efron, Architect and filed in the City Register’s Office, County of Kings on April 11, 2005 in CRFN No. 2005000206354. Together with an undivided 0.91% interest in the Common Elements (as such terms is defined in the Declaration) appurtenant to the Residential Unit Approx. amt. of judgment is \$2,201,391.27 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale LEO SALZMAN, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old Country Rd., Ste. 28, Mineola, NY. #93492
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

Notice of formation of a limited liability company(LLC) Name: SEPTEMBER SWELL,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
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST FREDERICK L. GRANT, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 02, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on February 01, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 660 WARWICK STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4078, LOT 45. Approximate amount of judgment \$653,662.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 6144/2013. William D. Bowman Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 50435
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Lorde. Photo: Instagram.

Jewish Groups, Music Industry Execs Criticize Lorde's 'Deeply Disappointing' Cancellation of Upcoming Israel Concert Due to BDS Pressure

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

A number of Jewish groups and entertainment industry executives have expressed criticism of New Zealand singer Lorde after she cancelled an upcoming concert in Israel due to pressure she received from supporters of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement.

Juliet Moses — a spokesperson for the New Zealand Jewish Council — said in a statement that the group was “deeply disappointed that Lorde has succumbed to a small but loud group of extremist bullies.”

“By cancelling her show,” Moses added, “Lorde has sided with those who support the isolation and demonization of the one Jewish state in the world. She has ignored the moderate voices, including the vast majority of Jewish Kiwis, who believe in dialogue and co-existence, and the leading musicians like Radiohead, Nick Cave, Guns N Roses and Justin Bieber who have performed in Tel Aviv in the last year.”

Moses also noted that although the 21-year-old singer was still scheduled to perform in Russia, “no one accuses her of complicity with Putin, the occupation of the Crimea or chemical warfare in Syria.”

The “Royals” singer announced on Sunday her decision to nix her scheduled June 5 Tel Aviv show, which was to be part of her “Melodrama” world tour.

Lorde said in a statement distributed on social media that she received “an overwhelming number of messages and letters” about the concert and, after discussing the situation with people holding many different views, she decided the “the right decision at the

time” was to cancel the show.

“I pride myself on being an informed young citizen, and I have done a lot of reading and sought a lot of opinions before deciding to book a show in Tel Aviv, but I’m not proud to admit I didn’t make the right call on this one,” she added. “Tel Aviv, it’s been a dream of mine to visit this beautiful part of the world for many years, and I’m truly sorry to reverse my commitment to come play for you. I hope one day we can all dance.”

On Monday, Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said that by cancelling her show, Lorde “missed [a] chance to share her views with an Israeli audience and make an impact. Instead she (and BDS types who pressured her) are preventing interactions, learning and engagement, thereby deepening the conflict.”

Also “deeply disappointed” with Lorde were 49 entertainment industry executives who signed an open letter published by Creative Community for Peace, an entertainment industry advocacy organization. In the letter, the group blasted the singer for deciding to cancel her show rather than “rebuff the boycott movement and follow in the footsteps of Radiohead, Nick Cave, Lady Gaga, Rihanna, Justin Timberlake, and many other artists who have chosen to build #BridgesNotBoycotts.”

The executives concluded the letter by saying that they, along with the more than 30,000 people who signed an anti-boycott petition, would continue to work toward peace between Israelis, Palestinians and the entire region, and that “art and music can and should be part of the solution.”

Popular American Rock Band Shares ‘Passionate’ Video of 600 Israelis Covering Its Song

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

The American rock band Imagine Dragons shared on Facebook on Monday a video of 600 Israelis, including 50 with special needs, who gathered to cover one of its popular songs.

The almost five minute-long video shows the group of Israelis, from all backgrounds and ages, singing a tune called “Believer,” while holding scripts in their hands and facing a stage where musicians played instruments. Imagine Dragons wrote in the video’s caption, “this 600 person choir singing ‘Believer’ blew my mind this morning as I watched. So much passion.”



A screenshot showing the group gathered by The Koolulam Project to sing “Believer.” Photo: Screenshot.

The clip was originally uploaded onto Facebook by the Koolulam Project, an Israel-based initiative that also organized the event. Koolulam Project invited 600 people who did not know each other to the Bascula arts center in Tel Aviv on Dec. 10 to sing together as a way to kickoff the annual international billboard of Israel’s Galgalatz radio station. It took about an hour to teach the group the song.

The Koolulam Project describes itself on Facebook as a “social-musical initiative aimed at bringing together people from all corners of the diverse, multi-cultural Israeli society. Our idea is to stop everything for a few hours and just sing – together. The project enables its participants to enjoy the feeling of togetherness through a deep communal experience — our sounds and voices coming together to create a social choir, full of hope and optimism.”



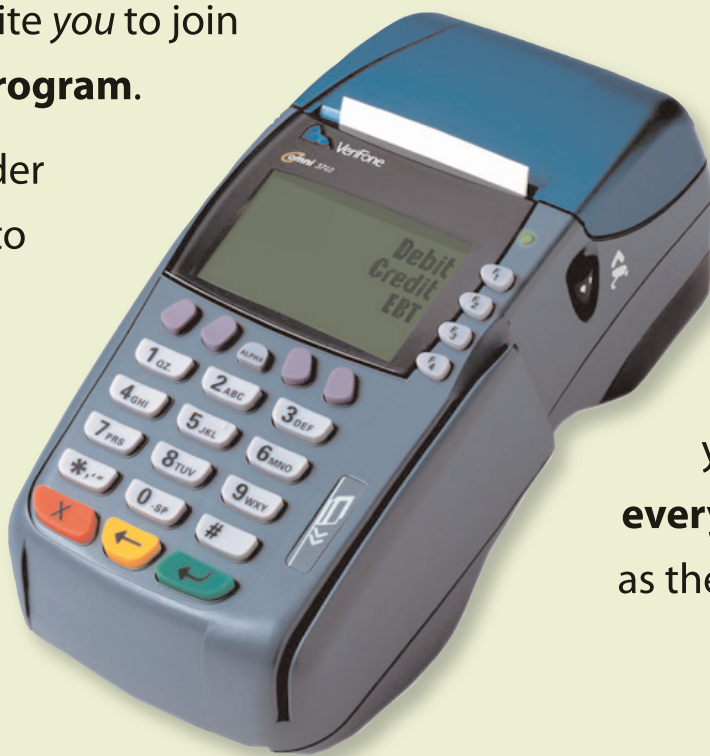
A screenshot showing the group gathered by The Koolulam Project to sing “Believer.” Photo: Screenshot.

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