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Damascus Warns Israel of 'More Surprises' in Syria



An old military vehicle positioned on the Israeli side of the border with Syria February 11, 2018. Photo: REUTERS/Ammar Awad.

**BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF**

Israel will face "more surprises" if it attacks Syrian territory again, Damascus said on Tuesday, after Syria's air defenses shot down an advanced Israeli warplane during the fiercest clash between the old foes in 36 years.

The F-16 jet was hit over northern Israel on Saturday as it

returned from a raid on a Syrian position blamed for launching an Iranian-made drone across the border. Iran is supporting President Bashar al-Assad in Syria's near seven-year civil war.

"Have full confidence the aggressor will be greatly surprised, because it thought this war — this war of attrition Syria has been exposed to for years — had made it incapable of confronting attacks," Assistant Foreign Minister Ayman

Sussan said during a Damascus news conference.

"God willing, they will see more surprises whenever they try to attack Syria," Sussan added.

The downed F-16 was the first warplane Israel has lost to Syrian fire since the 1982 Lebanon war. Its two-man crew survived, with injuries, after bailing out of the stricken jet.

Israel retaliated by destroying

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Schumer Predicts 'Unanimous' Support in Congress For Taylor Force Act

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

US Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY) has told an audience in New York that he expects new legislation targeting Palestinian Authority payments to terrorists to pass with overwhelming bipartisan support.

"The House could pass this bill by unanimous consent," Schumer said at a Sunday breakfast meeting of the Jewish Community Relations Council in New York City, in reference to the Taylor Force Act, which requires the PA to repeal its laws granting so-called "martyr payments" to convicted Palestinian terrorists and their families. The repeal would



Senator Charles Schumer. Photo: Screenshot.

be a condition for receiving aid from the US, the PA's single largest donor.

"I've checked with every Democratic senator," Schumer continued. "Not a single Democrat would block it."

Schumer promised that the legislation — which passed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last August, followed by approval from the House Foreign Affairs Committee in December 2017 — would pass "very, very soon."

"As minority leader, I'm doing everything I can to pass it," the veteran New York senator said to applause.

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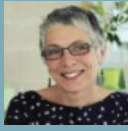


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Opinion.

Damned If You Do... and Trump and Netanyahu Are Certainly Doing



MELANIE PHILLIPS
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Day in and day out, two men—two crucial world leaders—remain under a constant barrage of verbal attacks. They are subjected to an obsessional, unhinged and unprecedented stream of abuse, distortion, character assassination and malicious fantasies.

If you haven't guessed, they are Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump. The campaign against them signifies a cultural disorder in the West that borders on the pathological.

Netanyahu certainly has his faults. One might list arrogance, moral cowardice and his tendency to be a control freak. He doesn't take criticism well. He has failed to organize his government to deal with the psy-ops war waged so devastatingly against Israel in the court of Western public opinion. And maybe, who knows, some of the multiple corruption charges against him will stick.

Yet his achievements are formidable. Netanyahu enabled Israel to survive the sustained attempts to weaken it by President Barack Obama, arguably the most hostile American president to date regarding Israel. Netanyahu has led the Jewish state to become

a dynamo in the fields of technology and R&D in large measure because of his liberalization of the Israeli economy. He has opened up new alliances through the pivot to Asia. He has held the line against the Palestinian/European axis of attrition. And he is riding the wave of a new regional order involving alliances with Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

In Israel and among the Western intelligentsia, however, it's hard to overestimate the loathing he provokes. His achievements are ignored or blatantly dismissed. Instead, he is blamed (ludicrously) for preventing a solution to the Middle East impasse. No less risibly, he was held responsible for Obama's hostility for eight years running. He is said to be an incipient dictator, a racist ethno-nationalist and an "alt-Zionist." These are not criticisms; these are ravings.

Over in the United States, Trump certainly has his faults. One might list his zero concentration span, his disregard for detail, his carelessness with accuracy, his reckless and compulsive tweeting, his coarse and bombastic talk, and his failure to take criticism.

Yet his achievements after only one year in office are also formidable. He presides over a booming economy with huge job growth; he is restoring the rule of law to immigration; he's rolling back regulation; he's made stellar appointments to the judiciary; he's forcing Saudi Arabia to reform; and is confronting Iran, the United Nations and the Palestinians.

It's impossible, however, to overestimate

the contempt and horror with which he is viewed. He is accused of being racist and antisemitic, of undermining the rule of law, of behaving like Mussolini. While not a shred of evidence supports the claims against him of colluding with Russia, there is mounting evidence that elements of the FBI and Justice Department under the Obama administration have acted illegally against him.

The Democrats are talking wildly of impeaching him. They'll decide on the nature of his crime later. This is not opposition; this is derangement.

So why are both men being treated like this? In Israel, it's easier to blame Netanyahu than face up to the terrifying complexities of the existential war being waged against it and the difficult choices that need to be made.

In America, Trump provokes such a frenzied reaction because he operates outside all conventions. He challenges unchallengeable liberal orthodoxies on immigration, national identity and victim culture, and he exposes the frailties on his own Republican side.

Where both he and Netanyahu succeed is in speaking for the great middling center of their electorates—the ordinary people who observe with silent astonishment and fury how the cultural and political establishment not only ignores their concerns, but deems them illegitimate.

Middle Israel understands that the difficult and dangerous status quo with the Palestinians is nevertheless inevitable given their persistent

rejectionism. Middle America understands that under Obama, the rule of law was eroded through illegal immigration, the weaponization of the IRS against conservative groups and the support of black-power activists against the police.

That's why they voted for Netanyahu and Trump. And that's why the liberal establishment responsible for this onslaught on the culture not only damns Netanyahu and Trump, but also the public who voted for them.

In an article in Tablet, writer Paul Berman wrings his hands over Trump's election. He runs through some explanations offered by fellow hand-wringer Thomas B. Edsall, who in a column in The New York Times points to the "material grievances of the white working class," and "racist animosities toward the blacks and the latest immigrants, together with a surly hatred of the bicoastal snobs."

Berman, however, thinks the real reason for Trump's election was nothing less than a "broad cultural collapse." He writes: "It is a collapse, at minimum, of civic knowledge—a collapse in the ability to identify political reality, a collapse in the ability to recall the nature of democracy and the American ideal. An intellectual collapse, ultimately. And the sign of this collapse is an inability to recognize that Donald Trump has the look of a foreign object within the American presidential tradition."

You really do have to rub your eyes at this. For eight years, America had in Barack Obama a president who subverted the constitution

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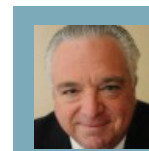
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In Defense of Ambassador David Friedman



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Once again, US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman has spoken simple words of truth. And once again he's under attack from the Palestinian Authority and some on the Jewish left. It seems that having a thick skin is one of the most important qualifications for serving as America's ambassador to Israel.

Following a Palestinian terrorist's fatal stabbing of Rabbi Itamar Ben Gal — a father of four young children — Friedman tweeted: "20 years ago I gave an ambulance to Har Bracha hoping it would be used to deliver healthy babies. Instead, a man from Har Bracha was just murdered by a terrorist, leaving behind a wife and four children. Palestinian 'leaders' have praised the killer."

The news that Friedman donated an ambulance to Har Bracha infuriated Gideon Levy, a veteran columnist for the left-wing Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*, who wrote an article mockingly (if awkwardly) titled, "US Ambassador to Israel's Ambulance."

When, you might wonder, can donating an ambulance be problematic? The answer, apparently, is when the recipient is an Israeli community that is situated beyond the 1949 armistice lines. Levy accused Friedman of "funding war crimes," believe it or not. This *Haaretz* columnist apparently believes that the very existence of a Jewish community beyond the old lines is a war crime.

And Gideon Levy was not the only one

who unfairly mocked the ambassador.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) — which is a competitive service to *JNS* — used this headline for its article about the situation: "US Ambassador Accused Palestinian Leaders of Praising Deadly Stabbing Attack. But He Didn't Cite Any."

Yet at the time JTA published its story, a number of Palestinian leaders had indeed praised the attack. Hamas issued a statement praising the murder as a "heroic act." Hamas spokesman Abdel Latif Qanu urged the "forces of the resistance" to carry out more attacks. Hamas political bureau member Husam Badran hailed the stabbing as "the new heroism."

Hamas obviously represents a significant portion of the Palestinian leadership. It rules Gaza, where approximately 2 million Palestinians reside. In the last Palestinian parliamentary election, Hamas won 74 of the 132 seats; it took 44 percent of the vote, as compared to the 41 percent received by Fatah, headed by PA President Mahmoud Abbas.

By claiming that Friedman was at fault for not citing Hamas, it seems that somebody at JTA wants to pretend that leaders of Hamas somehow don't count as "Palestinian leaders" — even though more residents of Gaza democratically chose Hamas than any other Palestinian faction.

Of course, anybody who follows Israeli-Palestinian affairs knows that it was only a



US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman.
Photo: Shiryn Solny.

matter of time before PA leaders also chimed in to support the attack.

After all, during the past few weeks, the PA, as well as Fatah, have been falling all over themselves in praising Palestinian killers of Jews.

They called the late terrorist Raed al-Karmi "a precious martyr" for his role in "the killing of more than 126 Zionists." They hailed Ali Hassan Salameh, one of the planners of the Munich massacre, as "a heroic commander." They praised arch-terrorist Abu Jihad (murderer of at least 125 Israelis) as one of the "great personalities of those who have given and are giving so much to the homeland." And they described Ahmed Jarrar — who recently murdered Rabbi Raziell Shevach, a father of six — as "a young lion."

Did anybody believe that the killer of Rabbi Itamar Ben Gal would be the only Palestinian terrorist in history whom the PA and Fatah would not praise?

Sure enough, the very next day PA spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh announced that the stabbing of Ben Gal was due to "the Israeli occupation and the settlement policy." Which is to say, the stabbing was justified and right and good, since it was a response to "occupation" and "settlements."

And just for good measure, the PA spokesman threw in the antisemitic canard of dual loyalty, asking, "Does [Ambassador Friedman] represent the US or Israel?"

Friedman need not lose sleep over such barbs. After all, if he's being mocked in this manner, he's obviously doing something right.

Stephen M. Flatow, a vice president of the Religious Zionists of America, is an attorney in New Jersey. He is the father of Alisa Flatow, who was murdered in an Iranian-sponsored Palestinian terrorist attack in 1995.

World News.

IAF Investigation: Crew's Emergency Evacuation of Inoperable F16 Was Correct

BY JNS.ORG

An Israel Air Force probe into the downing of an F16 fighter jet on Saturday confirmed that crew members correctly evacuated their damaged aircraft, while another Israeli plane was narrowly able to evade being shot down by Syrian anti-aircraft missiles.

Eight Israeli fighter jets in two formations retaliated against the Syrian infiltration of an Iranian drone into Israeli airspace early Saturday morning.

During the bombing runs, the F16s came under heavy Syrian anti-aircraft fire. One missile exploded near one of the planes, rendering it inoperable. In a matter of seconds, the pilot and navigator were forced to bail out of the plane before it crashed in northern Israel.

Israel Air Force Commander Major-General Amikam Norkin visited the Maimonides Medical Center in Haifa on Sunday, and confirmed that the pilot's decision to evacuate the plane was completely in-line with IDF protocol. The pilot of the plane suffered serious injuries during the explosion. Following successful surgeries, the pilot's condition was upgraded to moderate, and he is expected to recover. The plane's navigator

suffered light injuries and was released from the hospital Sunday.

According to the investigation, the pilot of the lead plane in the formation — also targeted by anti-aircraft missiles — dived just in time to evade the Syrian fire, saving his aircraft.

Israel responded to the Syrian counter-attack by hitting 12 targets, including two Iranian military bases, three weapons depots, six Syrian military bases, and Syria's largest air force base, east of Palmyra, where Israel obliterated 54 runways and a control tower.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman, and IDF Chief of Staff Gadi Eizenkot attend a security counsel meeting at IDF headquarters following the crash of an F-16 plane on February 10, 2018. Photo: Ariel Hermony/Ministry of Defense.

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around half of Syria's anti-aircraft batteries, according to an initial assessment shared with Reuters by an Israeli official who requested anonymity.

Israel has said it will press ahead with missions in Syria, where it has launched scores of sorties against suspected arms transfers to Iranian-sponsored Lebanese Hezbollah guerrillas.

"There are no limitations, and nor do we accept any limitations," Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman told reporters during a tour of Israel's border with Syria and Lebanon.

"We will continue to defend our vital security and other interests. And I would like to paraphrase the well-known saying: 'This is not the time to bark, this is the time to bite.'"

Tehran's involvement in Syria, including the deployment of Iran-backed forces near the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, has alarmed Israel. It has also accused Iran of building precision-guided missile factories for Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Syria and Hezbollah celebrated the F-16 shoot-down as a blow to Israeli military superiority. Israel's Army Radio said on Tuesday that investigators believed pilot error — rather than Syrian capabilities — were mainly at fault for the F-16's failure to evade

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Named in memory of Taylor Force — a former American army officer stabbed to death by a Palestinian assailant in Tel Aviv in March 2016 — the legislation prevents the transfer of funds "that directly benefit the Palestinian Authority" for a six-year period beginning in 2018 unless the PA ends its so-called "martyr payments" policy.

what was probably an aged SA-5 missile.

The Israeli military spokesman declined to comment on that report, saying the investigation was ongoing.

Saturday's incident stirred up further questions in Israel about the effectiveness of a coordination mechanism set up with Russia, which has been reinforcing and arming Assad's army.

Russian President Vladimir Putin responded to the flare-up by urging Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to avoid escalation in Syria. Moscow said on Monday it did not have information to support Israel's allegation about an Iranian military presence at the site bombed for launching the drone.

Zeev Elkin, a Russian-speaking Israeli cabinet minister who serves as Netanyahu's interpreter in the talks with Putin, defended the coordination mechanism on Tuesday as granting Israel "freedom of action in the skies above Lebanon and Syria."

"I don't think the Russians ever pledged that they would take military action against the Iranians and the Syrians for us," Elkin told Israel Radio.

"We are going one-on-one against the Syrians. We don't need assistance from the Russians. We know how to deal with Syrian anti-aircraft fire, as everyone ultimately saw."

The PA spent \$355 million on the payments in 2017. Meanwhile, the US provided over \$700 million in indirect aid to the PA and the Palestinian refugee agency UNRWA in 2016.

A parallel bill that would deduct terrorist payments from money collected by Israel on behalf of the PA is currently making its way through the Israeli Knesset.

Polish Senator Warns That Holocaust Survivors Not Exempt From New Law



A sign at the Auschwitz death camp ordering "Stop!" in German and Polish. Photo: Reuters/Kacper Pempel

BY BEN COHEN

One of the leading advocates of the widely-criticized World War II remembrance legislation approved by Poland's president last week has warned that Holocaust survivors could find themselves on the wrong side of Polish law from now on.

Sen. Jan Zaryn, a professor of history who represents the ruling nationalist Law and Justice (PiS) Party, was asked in an interview for the current edition of the *Wprost* weekly newsmagazine whether the new law "can be used to prosecute Holocaust survivors, as the Israeli Ambassador (in Warsaw, Anna Azari) alleges."

Zaryn answered: "If a Holocaust survivor falsifies Polish history, lies and says there were Polish concentration camps during World War II, then his status as a survivor is irrelevant in the context of the lie."

In addition to proscribing the term "Polish concentration camps" — a form of words which the vast majority of Jewish scholars have long agreed is an unfair, careless representation of Nazi Germany's extermination program in Poland — the law prohibits any public discussion of Polish collusion with Nazi authorities during the war.

This includes events such as the 1941 pogrom in the village of Jedwabne, in which 1,600 Jews, according to the Polish-American historian Jan Gross, were murdered by their Polish neighbors with the approval of the Nazi authorities. (Gross's numbers have been the subject of dispute; a 2003 Polish investigation concluded that no more than 340 Jews were murdered in Jedwabne, but agreed that their

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at home and weakened his country abroad by helping empower those who wished the country ill (consider the Iranian regime or the Muslim Brotherhood).

In Trump, America now has a president who is restoring respect for the constitution and the rule of law, and is standing up for American interests at home and abroad. And who is also currently being targeted by what looks very much like an attempted establishment coup against his presidency.

Berman has it backwards. Trump's election was not evidence of cultural collapse; it was a reaction against cultural collapse.

killers were Poles "inspired by the Germans.")

Sen. Zaryn's caution that even Holocaust survivors are not exempt from the legislation — which targets "Whoever claims, publicly and contrary to the facts, that the Polish Nation or the Republic of Poland is responsible or co-responsible for Nazi crimes committed by the Third Reich ... or for other felonies that constitute crimes against peace, crimes against humanity, or war crimes" — came as Michal Dworczyk, the head of the Polish Prime Minister's office, issued guidelines to government ministries on how to discuss the new law. According to Polish media outlets, the guidelines include instructions to deny any collusion between Poles and the Nazi authorities, along with quotes supporting this case culled from the remarks of Jewish representatives speaking during the war.

On the issue of the Jedwabne pogrom specifically, representatives have been told to respond that "cases of pogroms against Jews occurred throughout the whole of Europe occupied by the Third Reich."

In an interview on Monday with Poland's TVN 24 network, Dworczyk expressed disappointment with Israel's opposition to the legislation, arguing that Israel was among several countries with laws prohibiting Holocaust denial.

At the same time, he played down the suggestion that Israel's bilateral relations with Poland were in crisis as a result of the new law. "We have common interests, we have had very good cooperation so far between Poland and Israel, and we believe that it will continue to grow," Dworczyk said.

If this wasn't so serious, it would be comical to see some of our most stellar intellects holding their heads in their hands and wondering aloud what could possibly have caused their country to fall into an abyss. The answer is simple: them.

Trump and Netanyahu lead the West on a new and more hopeful path. For sure, they aren't perfect and much remains unaddressed. But this is the first time that the demoralization of the West has been tackled since the end of World War II.

Countries hostile to this leadership, including Britain and much of Western Europe, are now fumbling the civilizational ball. The only things they will be left holding are their noses.

World News.



Rabbi Yitzchak Eliezer Yakav, chief slaughterer from the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, responsible for kosher slaughter of cattle imported from South America. Photo: Kobi Gideon / Flash90.

Poland Set to Criminalize Kosher Slaughter

BY JNS.ORG

Just one week after passing a controversial law outlawing statements indicating Polish responsibility for crimes against Jews during the Holocaust, Poland's ruling party has sponsored a new bill including a clause that would criminalize kosher meat slaughter. If the law is passed, anyone found guilty of slaughtering animals in accordance with traditional Jewish practice would face a prison sentence of up to four years.

The restrictions against kosher slaughter are contained within a general bill on animal welfare and include a ban on exporting kosher meat. Israel currently imports some of its

kosher meat from Poland.

The law stipulates that animals cannot be slaughtered unless they stand on all their feet. Kosher slaughter typically involves lifting the animal in order to eliminate pressure on the knife that would cause the animal pain and render the slaughter unkosher.

The Polish parliament initially outlawed kosher slaughter in 2013, but Poland's courts reversed the decision.

Poland's recent decision to pass a law that would punish anyone in the country — including foreigners or visitors — for using terms such as "Polish death camp" with up to three years in jail was passed over fierce objection from Israel.

Gaza Hospital Stops Performing Surgeries Due to Cleaners' Strike

BY JNS.ORG

Gaza's largest medical complex announced Sunday that it was suspending all non-emergency surgeries due to a cleaners' strike.

Shifa Hospital will not have medical refuse removed until workers are paid overdue salaries, the second time such a strike has taken place in just a few weeks.

Last month, the Palestinian Authority

promised to pay the outstanding salaries, but only did so for two months, leading the cleaners to renew their strike.

Hamas, which maintains primary control over Gaza, has accused the PA of failing to provide promised funds to the Gaza health system despite an accord between the groups in 2017.

Gaza's 13 hospitals and 73 medical centers employ cleaners at a cost of \$267,000 a month.

Israeli Police Recommend Bribery Charges Against Netanyahu

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli police on Tuesday recommended indicting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for bribery in two criminal investigations but the Israeli leader, calling the allegations baseless, vowed to remain in office.

Now deep in a cloud of uncertainty over his political future, the right-wing leader will await a final decision by Israel's attorney-general on whether he will face charges, a process that could take weeks or even months.

The recommendations, which police made public on Tuesday night, were at the

more serious end of the range of charges that had been expected to be leveled against Netanyahu, now in his fourth term. The investigations have gone on for more than a year.

One of the cases, known as Case 1000, alleges the "committing of crimes of bribery, fraud and breach of trust by the prime minister, Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu."

In a detailed statement, police named Arnon Milchan, a Hollywood producer and Israeli citizen, and Australian businessman James Packer, saying that they "over years awarded gifts of various types," including champagne, cigars and jewelry to Netanyahu and his family.

Knesset Member Behind 'Israel's Taylor Force Act': My Bill Will 'Save Human Lives'

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Elazar Stern, an opposition Israeli lawmaker who previously served as a leader in Israel's military, has touted the benefits of a new bill he's spearheading that would cut funds to the Palestinian Authority that are used to support terrorism.

The proposed law will "save human lives," said MK Stern, a member of the Yesh Atid party who introduced the bill, which passed a preliminary hearing at the Knesset on Monday, the first hurdle on the road to passage. He believes the bill will move forward to a first reading on Sunday.

The bill would deduct funds used by the PA to pay salaries to terrorists and their families from tax monies collected by Israel on behalf of the Palestinians.

Inspired by the similar Taylor Force Act currently before the US Congress, which would cut aid to the PA in accordance with its financial support for terrorism, Stern took the proposed law to major figures in government, the defense and intelligence establishments, the Knesset parties, and the IDF. They registered no objections, and the bill began its journey toward passage.

In an interview on Monday, Stern told the *Algemeiner*, "The idea was that we cannot continue the situation in which we collect money for the Palestinian Authority — and at the end of the day it's their money, but they use it to encourage terror. We cannot allow them to encourage terror with their money."

He called Israel's current policy "direct encouragement for the next terror action." Quoting former Shin Bet chief Avi Dichter, Stern said it is like "putting an M16 in their hands."

The Palestinian Authority currently spends 1.1 billion shekels (\$300 million) a year supporting terrorism, prisoners, and their families. This includes 488 million shekels (\$140 million) for terrorists held in Israel jails and 660 million shekels (\$187 million) for families of dead and imprisoned terrorists. All of this amounts to a whopping seven percent of the PA's annual budget.

Terrorists in Israeli jails are given higher salaries depending on the length of their sentences, ranging from 1,400-12,000 shekels

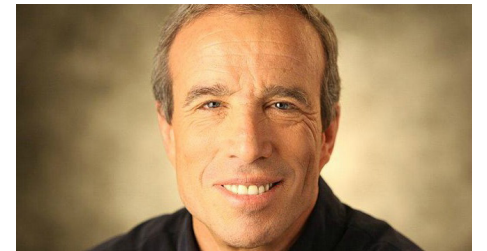
In all, the gifts were worth more than one million shekels (\$280,000), the statement said.

Netanyahu's lawyers have said the presents were simply tokens of friendship and no quid pro quo was given.

The second, Case 2000, also alleges "bribery, fraud and breach of trust by the prime minister" and by the publisher of the biggest-selling Israeli newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth, Arnon Mozes. The two men, police say, discussed ways of slowing the growth of a rival daily newspaper, Israel Hayom, "through



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem January 7, 2018. Photo: REUTERS/Abir Sultan/Pool/File



MK Elazar Stern. Photo: Hatnua via Wikimedia

(\$400-3,400), thus providing an incentive for committing the most deadly attacks possible.

Stern notes that his bill enjoys massive support from nearly all the parties in the Knesset. "We are in the opposition," he noted, "Zionist Union is in the opposition. It's not including the Arab parties and Meretz, only they are not there."

Asked whether, as some have claimed, the bill could destabilize the security situation and even the PA itself, Stern responded, "I discussed this issue with all the high level people and my bill is after that. Maybe for a while it can cause something, but in the end of the day it will save human lives."

The bill is heavily backed by groups representing victims of terrorism and their families. According to a press statement, these include the Koby Mandel Foundation, the Forum of Bereaved Families, the Choosing Life Forum, the Forum of American Victims of Palestinian Terror, as well as private individuals.

Stern believes this support is essential, saying, "It's important for us to realize the price" of terrorism and "it's important to hear" those who have suffered as a result of Palestinian violence, especially as many of these terrorists are even now receiving financial support from the PA.

One of the bereaved survivors, Shai Maimon, who helped start the campaign for the bill, stated, "It is unconscionable that Israel supports terror through the collection and transfer of more than NIS 1 billion each year to the PA that is being used as a reward and incentive for the murder of Israeli citizens. The very weapon used to murder my friend Malachi Rosenfeld, z"l, and to injure me, was paid for with PA money given each month as a stipend to a terrorist that was released from prison — all under Israel's auspices."

legislation and other means."

Netanyahu, who denies wrongdoing, has been questioned several times by police since the start of 2017.

In a televised address from his Jerusalem residence just minutes after police made public their recommendations, Netanyahu said he had never sought personal gain in his public service.

Against the backdrop of Israeli flags, he spoke in somber tones as he recounted his days as an Israeli commando and reaffirmed his commitment to Israel's security.

"I will continue to lead Israel responsibly and faithfully for as long as you, the citizens of Israel choose me to lead you," he said. "I am certain, I am certain, that the truth will be revealed, and I am certain that at the next elections, which will be held on schedule, I will earn your trust again, with God's help."

Israel is next scheduled to go to the polls in late 2019.

"Because I know the truth, I tell you ... things will end in nothing," Netanyahu said.

U.S. News.

Jewish Student at University of Nebraska-Lincoln: White Supremacist Peer Poses 'Clear Threat to Minorities'

BY SHIRI MOSHE

A Jewish student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) has decried the presence of a self-professed white nationalist on campus as "a clear and undeniable threat to minorities like myself."

Zach Markon, a sophomore and assistant sports editor at UNL's student newspaper, wrote on Monday that he feels unsafe at his university due to the continued enrollment of Daniel Kleve, a peer who has described himself as "the most active white nationalist in the Nebraska area."

Kleve first came to public attention last Monday, after the group Anti-Fascist Action Nebraska posted a recording of a video conference during which he asserted that his "presentable" appearance "doesn't mean that I don't love violence. You don't have to look like a violent person to be violent."

Kleve — who has argued that his remarks were misconstrued — has also called eugenics "reasonable," and allegedly participated in the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia last summer. While he has been photographed shaking hands with former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, as well as holding the flag of Vanguard America — which the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) calls a "white supremacist group" — Kleve has denied being a member of "any organization," claiming instead to be part of "the larger alt-right."

Some 200 people gathered at UNL to protest Kleve's views on Wednesday, with some demanding his expulsion and accusing the university of inaction, the *Lincoln Journal Star* reported.

UNL Chancellor Ronnie Green responded to the controversy the following day, acknowledging that multiple calls were made for Kleve's removal, "based on concern for safety and outright disgust and rejection of the ideologies represented."

While personally rejecting the student's "hateful and intolerant" views, Green emphasized that they are "protected by the First Amendment."

"That is the law, even if we disagree," the chancellor said.

In a bid to address student concerns, administrators organized two "listening conversations" last week, which were attended by top campus officials including Donde Plowman, UNL's executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer.

"We have a world renowned team of threat assessment experts as well as our own law enforcement ... who have been monitoring actively this situation for quite sometime now," Plowman told students during the second session, according to the *Daily Nebraskan*. "We rely on their expertise ... to indicate if they feel like there is a substantial immediate threat. So far, they don't feel that that is the case."

Green took the opportunity to again denounce Kleve's comments, but emphasized that they were constitutionally protected and do not warrant punitive action.

While Markon said he understood the university's defense of Kleve's free speech rights, he contended that the student's "presence and statements" violate UNL's code of conduct — a charge UNL rejects.

"Section 5 prohibits 'physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion, and/or other conduct that threatens or unreasonably endangers the mental or physical health, safety or reputation of any person,'" he wrote. "I can say without hesitation, Kleve has endangered both the physical and mental health of hundreds of minority students at UNL."

Markon recalled visiting Israel during its 2014 war with

the Gaza-based terrorist group Hamas, and leaving unharmed — despite "the constant threat of rocket fire" — due to the ubiquity of air raid sirens and bomb shelters.

"Israel's government recognized a threat, and it took active measures to ensure the protection of its citizens," he observed. "The same can not be said for the administration at UNL."

Markon said he "felt a sense of fear and dread" after seeing Kleve walking on campus last week, "greater than the fear I felt while in an active war zone."

"Administrators have claimed there are safety nets in place to protect students, but as I looked around, there were no officers or safety personnel in sight," he recounted. "As a Jew, I felt more fear in the Nebraska Union than I felt while hiding in a bomb shelter in Israel. That should speak volumes about the effect Kleve

has had on my mental health."

"University of Nebraska administrators have shown they value Kleve's right to hate speech more than they value my right to safety," Markon continued, "and that's unacceptable."

The ADL announced earlier this month that white supremacists targeted US university students with propaganda 147 times during the 2017 fall semester — more than triple the amount recorded over the same period in 2016.

The materials may feature calls to "save the white race," and often demonize minorities including Jews, Blacks, Muslims, immigrants, and the LGBT community.

Since September 2016, the ADL documented over 340 incidents of white supremacist propagandist activity on 216 college and university campuses.

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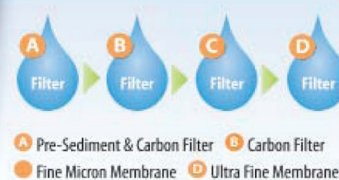
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Opinion.

It's Time for Jewish Leaders to Stop Legitimizing Qatar



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ENGELWOOD

Just as Israel is battling Iranian aerial encroachment from Syria and Iranian expansion across the Middle East, more and more Jewish leaders and businessmen are disgracing themselves by traveling to Iran's close ally Qatar. Is the allure of a \$350 billion sovereign wealth fund just too much to resist?

Last week, I received a threat from a Chabad rabbi, warning me to stop writing criticisms of Jewish leaders who visit and whitewash Qatar. He wrote: "[I] highly suggest you tread very carefully. You may be opening yourself up to a point of no return. This may get very expensive for you and even [your rich friends] may not be able to bail you out of this one."

The rabbi in question had already published a column admitting that he, too, had embarrassed himself by agreeing to meet the Emir of Qatar — a leader that this rabbi admits is "the head of a country that funds Hamas, a terrorist organization that seeks the destruction of the State of Israel, had founded Al Jazeera," etc. Nevertheless, he noted that he attended a meeting with the Emir and "was pleasantly surprised."

The Israeli government, it turns out, was not as pleased.

In a blunt statement to *Haaretz*, the spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington said: "We oppose this outreach effort in the Jewish and pro-Israel community." The spokesman then added, "Anyone claiming that these trips received the ambassador's blessing is not saying the truth."

Pretty harsh words — to basically call all those who have been hiding behind the excuse of "I'm-meeting-the-Emir-because-Israel-asked-me-to" a bunch of manipulators.

The bigger question is how an official representative of Chabad met openly with the foremost funder of Hamas. How was he not reprimanded by the leaders of the movement — Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky and Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky? After all, the Rebbe was famously and vociferously opposed to any and all Jewish figures granting legitimacy to Arab leaders who had Jewish blood on their hands. He castigated even great heroes like Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir for meeting with Arab leaders who had threatened Israel.

The Rebbe mourned every Jew murdered by Arab terrorists. He would have been appalled that one of his emissaries publicly crowed about meeting the Arab leader who has stood behind so much of the murder and mayhem of Hamas.

And it gets worse.

I believe that while Jewish PR mogul Nick Muzin was soliciting the "Qatari Quintet" of Jewish leaders — Malcolm Hoenlein of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, who upon his return from Doha invited the Emir's brother to his daughter's wedding; Jack Rosen, of the American Jewish Congress; Rabbi Menachem Genack of the Orthodox Union, who is allegedly returning to Qatar; Martin Oliner of the Religious Zionists of America; and Alan Dershowitz, who upon his return publicly compared Qatar to Israel — Qatar might actually have been secretly filming these leaders.

In fact, my friend Mort Klein of the Zionist Organization of America — who himself decided to accept a trip from the Emir — provided important and valuable information about the meetings. In an interview with Seth Frantzman of the *Jerusalem Post*, Mort revealed that the Emir had actually asked him to lobby American lawmakers:

The Qataris did ask [Klein] to meet with members of Congress. Klein says he won't do that until there is real change. A junior official even hinted that a meeting could be arranged with Hamas' Khaled Mashaal.

Doesn't this sound like a set-up? The foremost funder of Hamas asks the head of a renowned pro-Israel organization, in the privacy of his palace, to become his lobbyist to Congress — and, in addition, to meet with the very head of Hamas, who has been granted



Qatar maintains close relations with Iran and terrorist groups such as Hamas. Photo: File.

sanctuary in Qatar.

Thanks to Mort, we learned other important things. The Emir is also a liar. He told Mort that the trip would be kept secret, but Qatar leaked it anyway. And why wouldn't they, since it's critical to their propaganda efforts to show that Jewish leaders are prepared to undertake, as Mort put it, "an exhausting 13-hour plane ride each way" just to meet the Emir.

Not surprisingly, the Emir also lied to Mort about Qatar's support for Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood.

Qatar has no intention of changing its policies that threaten American interests and undermine our values. The only concession that the Emir agreed to was to get rid of antisemitic books at the Doha book fair. That's nice, but it doesn't come close to stop funding terror or curbing the Emir's alliance with genocidal Iran.

It's time for Jewish leaders to stop legitimizing Qatar.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom the *Washington Post* calls "the most famous Rabbi in America" is the international best-selling author of 31 books including his most recent, *The Israel Warrior*. For tickets to *The Champions of Jewish Values Awards Gala* on March 8, go to www.thisworldgala.com.

The US Must Stop Supporting and Funding UNRWA

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JNS.ORG

US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley made headlines on January 2 by saying that President Donald Trump has decided to stop funding UNRWA — the United Nations Relief and Works Agency — until the Palestinians agree to come to the negotiating table.

On January 16, Trump — on the advice of US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson — agreed to transfer \$60 million to UNRWA for now, as opposed to slashing all of the funding overnight. But the other \$65 million of the US's usual installment at this time of year has been held in reserve. The total amount of money paid to UNRWA by American taxpayers is approximately \$370 million per year.

UNRWA was established in the wake of the Arab-Israeli war of 1948 to handle the Palestinian refugee problem; in short, it was set up to deal with the immediate crisis resulting from the Israeli War of Independence. But it now has camps in Judea and Samaria, Gaza, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria.

Refugees from World War II were aided by the UN High Commission for Refugees, whose mandate called for immediate resettlement of refugees in their host nations. The Arab League, however, rejected that for the Palestinian refugees — because it wanted them to be a constant thorn in the side of the newly established Jewish state.

UNRWA is the only refugee agency in the world whose mission is not to resettle refugees — or integrate and re-enter them into the workforce of their host countries — but to instill in their minds that they will one day return to their grandfathers' (or rather, great-grandfathers') orchards and vineyards in Haifa and elsewhere.

In the absence of a solution to the Palestinian refugee problem, UNRWA continues to redefine the word "refugee" to mean anyone who is a descendant of refugees from the 1948 war. Thus, from the original 700,000 refugees, UNRWA now claims to service approximately *five million* Palestinian refugees.

The agency's conduct, although dressed in the benevolent clothing of a welfare agency, borders on the immoral — because it promotes an unrealistic expectation that only serves to keep the conflict alive. And not only does it perpetuate a psychology of victimhood, but it entraps those being served into an endless state of poverty. Rather than getting on with their lives, they are trapped into perpetually reliving a conflict that happened 70 years ago.

A new study of UNRWA textbooks, recently published by the Center for Near East Policy Research, found that, for decades now, UNRWA has used textbooks that delegitimize and demonize the state of Israel and the presence of Jews there. These education materials also advocate for violent struggle — as opposed to peaceful co-existence — with the Jewish state.

In fact, inside UNRWA schools, there are pictures of Israel depicted as "Palestine," posters praising the "brave shahids" (martyrs)

who have killed Israeli civilians, and an educational curricula consisting of constant brainwashing for violent jihad to murder Jews and liberate all of "Palestine."

For example, pageants are held that involve children as young as four dressed in military garb with rifles in hand. Palestinian children are being systematically programmed to die for "Al Quds" (Arabic for Jerusalem), or any other part of "Palestine."

This is the worst sort of child abuse and exploitation imaginable. And these efforts are in total conflict with UN General Assembly Resolution 54/263's own "Convention on the Rights of the Child: Optional Protocol on the Prohibition of Children in Armed Conflict," barring the use of children under the age of 15 in combat.

But when it comes to this egregious Palestinian practice, the United Nations chooses to look the other way. That directly conflicts with an institution whose very charter speaks about practicing tolerance and living together with one another as good neighbors; reaffirming faith in fundamental human rights, in the

dignity and worth of every human being, and of all nations great and small; establishing conditions for justice and respect for international treaties; and employing international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples.

How these UNRWA camps and their hate-infested educational system can be an agency of the United Nations — with its lofty founding principles — continues to baffle me.

Given the deeply entrenched institutional biases of the United Nations against Israel, we can expect that UNRWA will soon find other donors. But that doesn't mean that the United States, by far the largest donor nation, has to continuously foot the bill.

The American taxpayer has other — and better — priorities than continuing to fund this corrupt and hypocritical agency.

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Macramé for Terrorists

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The theater of the absurd will soon have a new actor — if convicted Islamic terrorist Ahmad Rahimi has his way. Rahimi has asked to be allowed to take part in a variety of prison programs while serving a life sentence for setting off several bombs in the New York-New Jersey area in 2016.

Rahimi has been taking a drama class

while in Manhattan's Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC), his lawyer, Xavier Donaldson, told US District Judge Richard Berman. Rahimi would like to continue to pursue this course, and enroll in several other educational programs in business and enterprise risk management.

Unfortunately, that's not all he's been doing at the MCC. Rahimi has been radicalizing other inmates to his jihadist cause in the prison mosque. He also has shared instructions on how to build an improvised explosive device with them.

The prosecutor in his case wrote that

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Rahimi “continues to attempt to wage jihad from his prison cell.” So what prison rehabilitation program would best address his situation? Basket Weaving for Bombers?

The stark reality is that there is none.

Two years ago, Assistant Attorney General for National Security John Carlin acknowledged that neither the Bureau of Prisons nor the DOJ had a program that successfully dealt with incarcerated terrorists — and a recently released study from George Washington University’s Program on Extremism confirmed that. The study went on to warn that the continued failure to have an adequate de-radicalization program would only increase the threat of radicalization in prison.

Why is there such reluctance to initiate a much needed program? What irrational thinking drives some to oppose confronting the threat of radicalization head on?

When the FBI attempted to initiate a program that would address radicalization in society as a whole, particularly involving young people who were most vulnerable to the allure of groups like ISIS through the Internet, it was met with stiff resistance from several groups — including the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, which felt that the program singled out Muslims.

In some cases, defense attorneys have raised concerns that any de-radicalization program that attempts to change an inmate’s religious beliefs, even those as twisted as a committed jihadist, would violate both the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the First Amendment.

Several convicted terrorists in US prisons have already sued the Bureau of Prisons over that very issue, including American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh and underwear bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab. So perhaps it’s a fear of continued litigation that hinders the development of any viable de-radicalization program that terrorists in prison would be required to attend.

But what if the program were voluntary? In the United Kingdom, the overwhelming majority of inmates convicted of terror crimes simply refused to attend any de-radicalization program and still were released from prison.

The GW study notes that there are 140



An ISIS terrorist. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

people in prison for supporting ISIS. Add to that the hundreds of others who supported Islamic terrorist organizations like Al Qaeda or the Taliban, and have been incarcerated for decades, and one wonders what — if anything — has been done to lessen the threat that their beliefs pose.

Are terrorists like 1993 World Trade Center bomb plotters El Sayyid Nosair and Mohammed Salameh, would-be Al Qaeda bombers Jose Padilla and Richard Reid, or countless others being exposed to any therapeutic program specifically designed to correct their jihadist behavior?

More than 300 ex-cons who were in prison for terror-related crimes now walk the streets. They served their time and were released. Does anyone know exactly where they are? Is there a post-release registration program that notifies law enforcement agencies when someone who has been convicted of terrorism moves into their community? We do it with sex offenders. Why not terrorists?

Given that the vast majority of people convicted of terrorism crimes are not serving life sentences — and that as many as 100 of them will be released in the coming years — the Department of Justice must act quickly to remedy the situation.

The Bureau of Prisons’ response to the GW study was to claim that “prisoners linked to terrorism have access to programs ... including education and vocational training.”

Maybe. But Macramé for Terrorists isn’t the solution to the continuing threat of prison radicalization.

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Dogsled Racer Talks About Being the Only Jew in Her Community, Trying to Integrate Jewish Culture in Her Town



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A successful dogsled racer opened up in a recent interview about the struggle of being the only Jewish person in her town and how she is trying to introduce community members to Jewish culture.

Blair Braverman, 29, lives on a farm in rural Wisconsin with her husband, according to the website Hey Alma, which interviewed the athlete and published writer. The nearest synagogue is 75 miles away and Braverman said it feels “lonely” having no other Jews around her. Still, she does what she can to

keep Jewish heritage alive in her town.

“The synagogue ‘near’ me is wonderful, but I end up going maybe twice a year, since 75 miles is a long drive on icy roads late on Friday nights. And I’m usually running dogs on Friday nights,” she said. “Even so, in our town of 500 people, I do what I can to share the more accessible parts of Jewish culture. I’ve been baking hamantashen for Green Bay Packers games, and this winter I recruited a bunch of neighbors for a dreidel tournament.”

Braverman grew up reform in California and as a child went to Jewish summer camp. Her parents now live in Corvallis, Oregon, where her mother helped open the town’s first synagogue. She said it’s important for her to be visibly Jewish. She told the website, “I’ve lived in places where I’m the only Jew, particularly in rural Norway. And it’s dangerous, I think,

New York Times Olympics Editor Takes Sabbath Rest From Social Media



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The *New York Times* has an interview with its own “Talya Minsberg, a social strategy editor for *The Times* who is in Pyeongchang, South Korea, to cover the Winter Olympics.”

The article reports:

the job demands consuming a lot of media in all forms. Day to day, Twitter takes up most of my time and energy. I also dedicate a good amount of my attention to Facebook, Reddit and Instagram at the office.

I’m very much still working on how I handle the deluge. ...

I’ve found it’s helpful for my mental well-being to take one day a week off from social media. For me, that’s Saturday. It feels like a weekly cleanse and sometimes it’s truly a challenge, which makes me realize just how much I really need to push myself to do it. For one day a week, I try to use my phone as one thing and one thing only: a way to text and call

family and friends. Radical, isn’t it?

Now why possibly could anyone have decided to choose “Saturday” as her “one day a week off,” her “weekly cleanse,” a day to focus on family and friends instead of work, a day to cut radically back on use of technology? Where could this idea have originated?

If Minsberg’s choice has anything to do with Jewish religious tradition or the biblical commandments to remember and guard the Sabbath day, that is one connection that the *Times*, for whatever reason, is determined to keep a secret from its readers.

In today’s *New York Times*, all the old taboos or restrictions on what used to be allowed in the newspaper seem to have gone out the window. The Sunday *Times* book review was a sex issue, with a cartoon of an orgy on the cover and articles about sex toys and a “recovering sex and porn addict.” The Sunday *Times* magazine cover story is “What Teenagers Are Learning From Online Porn.”

The sole remaining taboo topic in the *Times* news columns seems to be acknowledging anything positive or worth embracing in traditional Jewish religious texts or practice. For the *Times*, it’s news not fit to print.

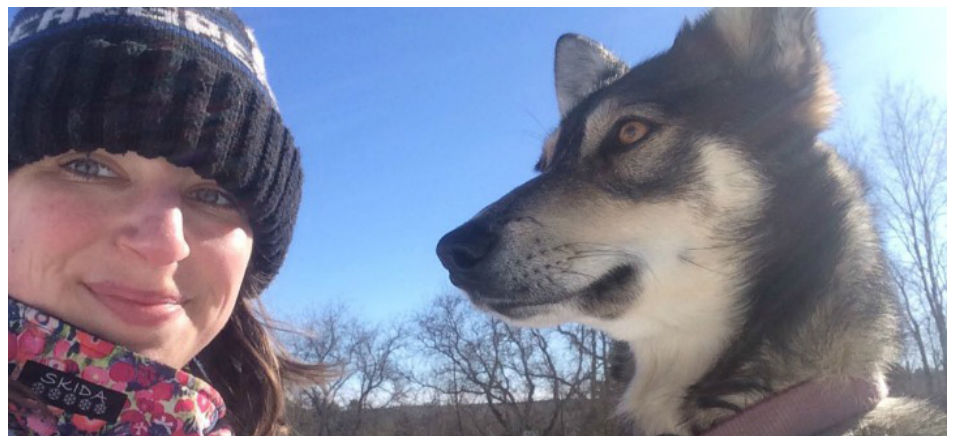
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in space, but we do have Shabbat, the “sanctuary in time.” Recently, a senior figure in the Church of England spent Shabbat with us in the Marble Arch Synagogue. He was with us for the full 25 hours, from Kabbalat Shabbat to Havdallah. He prayed with us, learned with us, ate with us, and sang with us. “Why are you doing this?” I asked him. He replied, “One of the greatest gifts you Jews gave us Christians was the Sabbath. We are losing it. You are keeping it. I want to learn from you how you do it.”

The answer is simple. To be sure, it was God who at the dawn of time made the seventh day holy. But it was the sages who, making “a fence around the law,” added many laws, customs and regulations to protect and

preserve its spirit. Almost every generation contributed something to the heritage of Shabbat, if only a new song, or even a new tune for old words. Not by accident do we speak of “making Shabbat.” The Jewish people did not create the day’s holiness but they did co-create its hadrat kodesh, its sacred beauty. Arieli’s point applies here as well: the greater the effort we put into something, the greater the love for what we have made.

Hence the life-changing lesson: if you want people to value something, get them to participate in creating it. Give them a challenge and give them responsibility. The effort we put into something does not just change the object: it changes us. The greater the labour, the greater the love for what we have made.



Blair Braverman and one of her dogs. Photo: Twitter.

for people to think they’ve never met certain kinds of people. Like if you think you don’t know any queer folks, or immigrants, or Jews — that’s how groups of individual humans are reduced to symbols and ideas.”

She added, “If I know someone, if I’ve lived with them, I don’t want them to be able to tell themselves that they’ve never met a Jew.”

During the interview Braverman also opened up about leading “Ask-a-Jew” sessions at a school in Norway, where neither the

students nor the teachers have met a Jewish person before. She further discusses the experience in her book *Welcome to the Goddamn Ice Cube*, and told Hey Alma that the schoolchildren were “so curious [and] very interested” by the information she gave them about Hebrew, the high holidays, and more, and that she was asked to come back a half dozen times and spoke to nearly all the students in the school.

Impressions.

Hold the Phone? Olympics Organizers Apologize to Iran for Apparent Gift Gaffe

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Organizers of South Korea's Winter Olympics apologized to the Iranian team before Friday's opening ceremony for what they called a misunderstanding over gifts of Samsung mobile phones.

Iran on Thursday had summoned South Korea's ambassador over reports its athletes would not each receive a \$1,100 smartphone.

News reports said 4,000 of the phones were being given to athletes attending the Pyeongchang games, but that athletes from Iran and North Korea would be excluded because of UN sanctions against the two countries over their nuclear programs.

The IOC stepped in late on Thursday to say athletes from both countries would receive the phones, but that the North Koreans would be asked not to take the devices home.

Iran had summoned South Korea's ambassador to Tehran to the Foreign Ministry, to explain the apparent snub.

"If Samsung does not apologize for its unwise action, this will greatly affect Samsung's trade relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran," the state news agency IRNA quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi as saying.

Samsung said the IOC was responsible for distributing gifts at the Olympics and had no further comment.



Samaneh Beyrami Baher of Iran carries the national flag at Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympics – Opening ceremony on Feb. 9, 2018.
Photo: REUTERS/Carlos Barria/

On Friday, Games organizers POCOG said: "A letter was today sent from POCOG President Mr Lee Hee-beom to the Chef de Mission of the National Olympic Committee of the Islamic Republic of Iran to apologize for the misunderstanding regarding the distribution of mobile phones to the Iranian athletes.

"The IOC has confirmed that the Iranian athletes are entitled to receive and keep the phones.

"Samsung Electronics delivered over 4,000 Pyeongchang 2018 Olympic Games Limited Edition – a special edition of Galaxy Note8 – to the IOC and Pyeongchang Organizing Committee. The company was not involved in the decision-making process regarding the distribution of the phones."

Iran has four competitors at the Olympics which run from Feb. 9-25.

Reclusive North Korea and the rich, democratic South are technically still at war because their 1950-53 conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty.

Poland, Jews and the Kielce Pogrom — of 1946

BY OREN SAFDIE

I was somewhat understanding when the Polish cabinet recently approved a bill that would criminalize the use of the phrase "Polish death camps" in reference to Nazi-run extermination camps in occupied Poland. But once the bill included a provision criminalizing anyone who accuses the Polish nation or state of complicity in the Holocaust, I heard the words of my mother in my head: "The Poles will never change."

It was only a few years ago that I took my first trip to Krakow. There, I met the director of the Jewish Community Centre, Jonathan Ornstein, who showed me around the very hip, modern facility run by a mostly non-Jewish staff. He told me how his weekly Shabbat dinners had grown in size, and now included many non-Jews who were interested in learning about Jewish culture.

The tour continued out the door, into the surrounding Jewish Quarter, where Jonathan extolled the virtues of this burgeoning new relationship between Poles and Jews. I believe the word "Jewish Renaissance" was used several times.

The old synagogues and cemeteries were brought to life by Klezmer-playing musicians, and street artists selling sketches of Jewish Orthodox men. Stages and seating were being set up for the Krakow Jewish Festival, one of the largest of its kind in Europe. There was even a hummus and falafel restaurant that made you feel like you could be in Tel Aviv. When Jonathan saw some hesitancy in my expression, he quickly pointed out that while Jewish schools and synagogues in the rest of Europe had to be protected by security forces, his Jewish Centre had no one standing outside its door.

As he sent me off with a JCC t-shirt and a bag full of literature, Jonathan left me with one last story about an elderly Polish woman who had recently come into his office — and broke down in tears. Apparently, after her parents died, she had been going through some boxes and found a diary that indicated that she was Jewish. This same story, Jonathan added, was playing itself out every week.

No sooner had I left the country, than I read that the Polish government was considering a ban on the practice of circumcision. Plans were also being discussed to ban kosher meat — in lieu of a more humanitarian method of killing. At the time, I had just started working on a new play about an architect struggling to come up with a design for a new Holocaust museum. I decided that I would set my hypothetical museum in Poland, which would give me an opportunity to do more research into my ancestral homeland. I chose Kielce to be the setting; a small town in the South, and the birthplace of my mother.

Coincidentally, a new museum of Polish Jewish history was about to open in Warsaw, and I surfed the Internet for any controversy that might be fodder for my drama. I thought that there could be something to the fact that, like the Jewish Museum in Berlin, the word "Holocaust" was omitted from the museum's name — but I was unable to determine whether this was by choice of the founders, or a directive from the government. What I did find was that when the Polish government granted permission and allocated funds for the Jewish museum, it was only on condition that another museum of equal size and budget be built to commemorate the Polish victims of the war.

This got me digging further into the past. How

much of a role did the Poles play in the Holocaust? One interesting fact that I found out was that the Poles had a boycott against Jewish businesses before the Germans had even invaded the country — just to calm the restless working class who, like Germans, felt that the Jews were making too much money.

Then, of course, I had a personal account of events from my mother, none of it flattering. Born in 1937, she spent much of her childhood in hiding — two years under the staircase of a Polish family, taken in not from the goodness of their hearts, but to extort as much money as they could from my grandmother, who was able to pass for Aryan and worked several jobs to keep my mother and sister alive.

I had always assumed that when the war ended, my mother — along with her sister and mother — had immediately emigrated to Palestine. But this was not the case. Almost all of the surviving Jews simply returned to their towns and villages, with many of their homes now occupied by their neighbors. Still, the idea of picking up and moving to another war-torn region was the furthest thing from their minds. My mother ended the war in an orphanage in nearby Czestochowa, where she stayed until my grandmother could earn enough



A memorial at the site of the 1941 massacre of Jews in Jedwabne, Poland. Photo: Aw58 via Wikimedia Commons.

money to look after her. Back in Kielce, only a hundred or so Jewish families returned, everyone doing their best to assume some kind of normalcy.

But on July 4, 1946, one year after the war ended, almost to the day, a young Catholic boy went missing. It was just after Passover and rumors quickly spread. Security forces surrounded a known Jewish apartment building. By mid-morning, 22 of the residents were shot dead in what was quickly deemed a "misunderstanding." Naturally, people — many of them Jewish friends and relatives — started to gather to catch a glimpse of the ambulance workers removing the bodies. All of a sudden, out of nowhere, a mob of workers — some say a thousand — who had just been let out from the factories, came marching up the street with clubs, bats and rods, and started swinging at the heads of anyone who looked Jewish. Meanwhile, the police simply looked on. In the end, 42 Jews were killed and 47 were injured.

It was after this that my mother — and almost all the other survivors — took a risk and moved to Palestine, or wherever else that would take them.

The Polish government might not want to have a public debate as to whether the Poles played an instrumental role in the Holocaust, but there is no denying that the reason that there are so few Jews living in Poland today rests squarely on their shoulders.

At least, let them come to terms with that.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Melinda Michael LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/04/2018. 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: Shanna Walker 65 Grand View Avenue Staten Island NY 10303. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 1/12/19/26; 2/2/9/16

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Azna Realty LLC Arts. Of Org. Filed w/ SSNY 12/27/17.Off.in Kings Co..SSNY desig.as agt.of LLC whom process may be served.SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 919 81st St., Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity AJ; 1/12/19/26; 2/2/9/16

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Marta Marie LLC Articles of organization filed with Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 01/02/2018. 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: Marta Castaing 279 Prospect Pl.#3 Brooklyn, NY 11238. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 1/19/26; 2/2/9/16/23

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Tzvi Vchomid LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 12/14/2017. 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 the process to: Tzvi Vchomid LLC 134 South 9 Apt. 4-A Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: All lawful activity AJ; 1/26; 2/2/9/16/23; 3/2

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH

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CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WMC1, Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH SINGER, YOCHEVED R. SINGER A/K/A YOSSY SINGER A/K/A YOCHEVED SINGER A/K/A YOCHEVED KNOBLOCH, et. al., Defendants PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County on December 11, 2017, I, Aaron D. Maslow, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on March 1, 2018 at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, at 2:30 P.M., the premises described as follows: 1861 61st St Brooklyn, NY 11204 SBL No.: 5519 - 53 ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough of Brooklyn, Kings County, State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 501886/2015 in the amount of \$532,366.32 plus interest and costs. Megan S. Kale, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel.: 855-227-5072 AJ; 1/26; 2/2/9/16/

Notice of Formation of WOODHULL RECORDS, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to CFG-NY, Inc., 80 8th Ave., Ste. 301, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 1/26; 2/2/9/16/

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - ANTHONY FONTANA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 17, 2017. 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 1st Day of March, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. 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. Premises known as 1942 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234. (Block: 8500 and Lot: 64) Approximate amount of lien \$574,360.05 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500204/2014. Charles L. Emma, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: December 19, 2017 AJ; 1/26; 2/2/9/16/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST ANNISA DANCE and RUSSELL DANCE, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 01, 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 March 01, 2018

at 2:30PM, premises known as 686 WORTMAN 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 of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4546, LOT 100. Approximate amount of judgment \$844,763.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511425/2014. David J. Hernandez, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 51088 AJ; 1/26; 2/2/9/16/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Renata Ramdass; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 14, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 1, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 964 East 43rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Section 23 Block 7746 Lot 59. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,277.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502013/2014. Steven H. Richman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 18, 2018 51322 AJ; 1/26; 2/2/9/16/23; 3/2

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Sweetcase Studio,LLC.Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 12/19/2017. Office location: Kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC Upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Sweetcase Studio LLC 115 8th Ave. Apt.6 Brooklyn, NY 11215 purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 1/26; 2/2/9/16/23; 3/2

Notice of Qualification of GFE BROADWAY-BROOKLYN LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/17. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/03/17. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, Attn: George Fellows, 462 Mariner Dr., Jupiter, FL 33477. DE addr. of LLC: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 2/2/9/16/23; 3/2/9

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, Plaintiff against ZISEL BRIEGER: LARRY BRIEGER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 2, 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 8th day of March, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building improve-

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ments thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1252 58th Street Brooklyn, NY. 11219. Tax Account Number SBL #: 5704 - 28. Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,641.64 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No.16371-11. Salvatore Scibetta, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ; 2/2/9/16/23;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Josianne Valery; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 1, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 8, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 871 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4980 Lot 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,534.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501049/2014. Joseph Defelice, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: December 27, 2017 50905 AJ; 2/2/9/16/23;

CW Fulton LLC Arts. of Org. filed w/ SSNY 1/22/18. Off. in Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 150 Myrtle Ave., Fl. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful activity. AJ; 2/2/9/16/23; 3/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. CACTUS PAPER, LLC, Pltf. vs. NUR NOBI, et al, Defts. Index #507102/2014. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Jan. 18, 2018, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on March 15, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 419 Eldert Lane, Brooklyn, NY a/k/a Block 4178, Lot 1. Said property beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of McKinley Ave. with the Easterly side of Eldert Lane, being a plot 36 ft. 8 1/2 inches x. 103 ft. 4 inches. X 18 ft. 9 1/4 inches x 105 ft. 6 inches. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$115,092.90 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale and the right of the United States of America to redeem within 120 days from the date of sale as provided by law. LEONARD SPECTOR, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. For Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #94062 AJ; 2/9/16/23; 3/2/

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF SW REMIC TRUST 2014-2 WITHOUT RECOURSE, Plaintiff - against - DAREN DOWNES, et al

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Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 3, 2017. 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 15th Day of March, 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 546 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. (Block: 1517, Lot: 117) Approximate amount of lien \$625,716.67 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501136/2014. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: January 26, 2018 AJ; 2/9/16/23; 3/2/

Notice of qualification of CHROME CAPITAL CONSULTANTS LLC. Authority filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/19/18. Office in Kings County. Formed in NJ on 12/15/17. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1130 Bedford Ave #68 Brooklyn NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful purpose AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9/16/23

CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Bertha Keller, Louise Asaraf, Diane Newman, Mary Heuser, George Ferchland, Jr. Laura Delaney, Michelle Ferchland, Robert Froehlich, Ronald Froehlich, Robert Ferchland, Doreen Ferchland, Susan Randall, Thomas Ferchland, Bernard Harvey, Jr., Linda Alford, Barbara Ferchland, Rosemary Ferchland, Christine Ferchland, Patricia Ferchland-Bingham, James Ferchland, Jr., Walter Jackel, Roy Jackel, Carol Pugh, Kenneth Will, Irene Staudt, Raymond Will, Frances Will, Helen Rock, Caroline Jaigobind, Robert Chioffe, Michael Chioffe, Ronald Chioffe, Helen Chioffe, Debora A. Carver aka Debora Mastrangelo, Jennifer A. Mastrangelo, Frederick Cornell, Anthony Mastrangelo, Matthew F. Mastrangelo, Brennan Cornell, Sean Cornell, Janet Cullen, William Cullen, Dorothy Ballard, Kathleen Dube, John Chioffe, Marie Nester, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Ruth Ferchland aka Ruth E. Ferchland aka Ruth Ellen Ferchland, 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. Virginia Ruckh, Joanne Ruckh and Marilyn Ruckh, if living and 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 cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Ruth Ferchland aka Ruth E. Ferchland aka Ruth Ellen Ferchland, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 87-14 92nd Street, Woodhaven,

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Tradition.

Why We Value What We Make



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

The behavioural economist Dan Ariely did a series of experiments on what is known as the IKEA effect, or “why we overvalue what we make.” The name comes, of course, from the store that sells self-assembly furniture. For practically-challenged people like me, putting an item of furniture together is usually like doing a giant jigsaw puzzle in which various pieces are missing, and others are in the wrong place. But in the end, even if the item is amateurish, we tend to feel a certain pride in it. We can say, “I made this,” even if someone else designed it, produced the pieces, and wrote the instructions. There is, about something in which we have invested our labour, a feeling like that expressed in Psalm 128: “When you eat the fruit of the labour of your hands, you will be happy, and it will go well with you.”

Ariely wanted to test the reality and extent of this added value. So he got volunteers to make origami models by elaborate folding of paper. He then asked them how much they were prepared to pay to keep their own model. The average answer was 25 cents. He asked other people in the vicinity what they would be prepared to pay. The average answer was five cents. In other words, people were prepared to pay five times as much for something they had made themselves. His conclusions were: the effort that we put into something does not just change the object. It changes us and the way we evaluate that object. And the greater the labour, the greater the love for what we have made.

This is part of what is happening in the long sequence about the building of the Sanctuary that begins in our parsha and continues, with few interruptions, to the end of the book. There is no comparison whatsoever between the Mishkan – the holy and the Holy of Holies – and something as secular as self-assembly furniture. But at a human level, there are psychological parallels.

The Mishkan was the first thing the Israelites made in the wilderness, and it marks a turning point in the Exodus narrative. Until now God had done all the work. He had struck Egypt with plagues. He had taken the people out to freedom. He had divided the sea and brought them across on dry land. He had given them food from heaven and water from a rock. And, with the exception of the Song at the Sea, the people had not appreciated it. They were ungrateful. They complained.

Now God instructed Moses

to take the people through a role reversal. Instead of His doing things for them, He commanded them to make something for Him. This was not about God. God does not need a Sanctuary, a home on earth, for God is at home everywhere. As Isaiah said in His name: “Heaven is My throne and the earth My footstool. What house, then, can you will build for Me?” (Is. 66:1). This was about humans and their dignity, their self-respect.

With an extraordinary act of tzimtzum, self-limitation, God gave the Israelites the chance to make something with their own hands, something they would value because, collectively, they had made it. Everyone who was willing could contribute, from whatever they had: “gold, silver or bronze, blue, purple or crimson yarns, fine linen, goat



hair, red-dyed ram skins, fine leather, acacia wood, oil for the lamp, balsam oils for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense,” jewels for the breastplate and so on. Some gave their labour and skills. Everyone had the opportunity to take part: women as well as men, the people as a whole, not just an elite.

For the first time God was asking them not just to follow His pillar of cloud and fire through the wilderness, or obey His laws, but to be active: to become builders and creators. And because it involved their work, energy and time, they invested something of themselves, individually and collectively, in it. To repeat Ariely’s point: We value what we create. The effort that we put into something does not just change the object. It changes us.

Few places in the Torah more powerfully embody Rabbi Yohanan saying that “Wherever you find God’s greatness, there you find His humility.”[3] God was giving the Israelites the dignity of being able to say, “I helped build a house for God.” The Creator of the universe was giving His people the chance to become creators also – not just of something physical and secular, but of something profoundly spiritual and sacred.

Hence the unusual Hebrew word for contribution, Terumah, which means not just something we give but something we lift up. The builders of the sanctuary lifted up their gift to God, and in the process of lifting, discovered that they themselves were lifted. God was giving them the chance to become “His partners in the work of creation,” the highest characterisation ever given of the human condition.

This is a life-changing idea. The

greatest gift we can give people is to give them the chance to create. This is the one gift that turns the recipient into a giver. It gives them dignity. It shows that we trust them, have faith in them, and believe they are capable of great things.

We no longer have a Sanctuary

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NY 11421, 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 Temporary Administrator of the Estate of Ruth Ferchland aka Ruth E. Ferchland aka Ruth Ellen Ferchland, 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 5th day of April, 2018 at 9:30 o’clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Temporary 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 \$27,815.30 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 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 the Estate should not pay for the interment of the decedent’s ashes, if interred; and why the Last Will and Testament dated October 29, 2002, copy attached, also attached are copies of the three prior Wills dated 09/10/91, 11/19/93 and 01/09/02, should not be admitted to Probate; and why the Letters of Temporary Administration issued to the Public Administrator should not be revoked; and why Letters of Administration CTA should not be issued to the Public Administrator; and why the net residuary estate should not be paid pursuant to the Last Will and Testament as follows; STATEMENT OF PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION \$1,000.00 plus 1/6 of the residuary estate to Jennifer Mastrangelo \$500.00 plus 1/6 of the residuary estate to Anthony Mastrangelo \$500.00 plus 1/6 of the residuary estate to Matthew Mastrangelo \$250.00 to Brennan Cornell \$250.00 to Sean Cornell ½ of the residuary estate to Debra Mastrangelo aka Debora Carver Dated, Attested and Sealed 8th day of February, 2018 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate’s Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718)

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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.
AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP, CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2, Plaintiff AGAINST DANIEL SCHONBRUN, HILLEL SCHONBRUN, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 10, 2018 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 March 22, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1926 EAST 27TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11229. 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 7305, Lot 17. Approximate amount of judgment \$696,259.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #503204/2015. Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 51819
AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST JOSEPH CAMPISI and RYAN SARACO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 06, 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 March 22, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1934 PROSPECT PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1465, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$524,555.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 5843/13. Edward Mark Rappaport, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 51269
AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS GRAND BANK, N.A., Plaintiff against MARIE GLEASON, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 24, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 22nd day of March, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Gerritsen

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Avenue 239.96 feet southeasterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southwesterly side of Gerritsen Avenue with the southeasterly side of Barlett Place; Running thence southwesterly parallel with Barlett Place and part of the distance through a party wall 90 feet to the northeasterly side of Abbey Court; Thence southeasterly along the northeasterly side of Abbey Court 16 feet; Thence northeasterly parallel with Barlett Place and part of the distance through a party wall 90 feet to the southwesterly side of Gerritsen Avenue; and Thence northwesterly along the southwesterly side of Gerritsen Avenue 16 feet to the point or place of beginning. Said premises known as 2850 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11229. (Block: 8914, Lot: 279). Approximate amount of lien \$ 445,747.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501000-14. Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344
AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9

ADMINISTRATION CITATION FILE NO.: 2017-3537 SURROGATE’S COURT - Queens COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: To the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Jacquelyn Louise Jacobs a/k/a Jacquelyn Jacobs, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Queens County Public Administrator Cynthia Jacobs New York State Department of Taxation and Finance A petition having been duly filed by CIT Bank, National Association as Servicer for One West Bank N.A. f/k/a One West Bank, FSB, who is domiciled at c/0 75 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate’s Court, Queens County at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York on April 5, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Jacquelyn Louise Jacobs a/k/a Jacquelyn Jacobs lately domiciled at 2465 Hogan Rd., Atlanta GA 30344 In the County of Fulton, Georgia, granting Letters of Administration upon the estate of the decedent to Cynthia Jacobs and if she defaults to The Queens County Public Administrator; and if they are permitted to renounce then to petitioners nominee, Scott Gordon, Esq. Upon duly qualifying. That the authority of the representative under the foregoing letters be limited as follows: To represent the estate of the decedent in a foreclosure action on property located at 147-47 Ferndale Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11435 HON. Peter J. Kelly SURROGATE James Lim Baker Chief Clerk Dated, Attested and Sealed February 7, 2018 Name of Attorney for Petitioner Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Address for Attorney 53 Gibosom Street, Bayshore, NY 11706 Tele. No. 631-969-3100 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you
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Social.



Argentine Federal Prosecutor Alberto Nisman was murdered in January 2015. Photo: Reuters/Marcos Brindicci.

Streaming Giant Netflix to Produce Miniseries on Murder of Argentine AMIA Bombing Prosecutor Alberto Nisman

BY BEN COHEN

Internet streaming giant Netflix has reportedly begun production in Buenos Aires on a documentary miniseries probing the January 2015 murder of Alberto Nisman – the federal prosecutor who spent more than a decade investigating the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish center in the Argentine capital, and then later exposed the role of former President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner and her colleagues in a cover-up of Iran's responsibility for the atrocity.

Reports in the Argentine press on Monday said that Catalan production company JWP had been commissioned by Netflix to produce the series. Founded by the British documentary film director Justin Webster, the company has produced award-winning documentaries on Spain and Latin America, including a film about the celebrated Colombian writer Gabriel García Márquez and another on the Basque terrorist group ETA.

Nisman was found dead in his Buenos Aires apartment on January 18, 2015, hours before he was due to deliver a complaint to the Argentine Congress that charged Kirchner, former Foreign Minister Hector Timerman, and several key aides and cabinet officials with having negotiated a pact with Iran that involved the cancellation of six "Red Notices" – international

arrest warrants issued by global law enforcement agency Interpol – for the Iranian officials wanted in connection with the AMIA bombing. The pact was voided by Argentina's Supreme Court following Kirchner's electoral defeat by current President Mauricio Macri in November 2015.

While the Kirchner government's initial efforts to portray Nisman's murder as a suicide have been completely discredited by official forensic analysis of the crime scene, the exact reason behind his murder and the identity of his killers is yet to be revealed. According to Argentine news outlet *Diario 26*, the producers of the Netflix series are hoping to obtain interviews with Kirchner herself; Nisman's former assistant Diego Lagomarsino, who was indicted in December 2017 as an accomplice to the murder; and with a number of the key officials who claimed that Nisman took his own life.

Often described as the "86th victim" of the AMIA bombing, Nisman took over the case in 2005 after the previous corrupted investigation into the attack collapsed. Eighty-five people were killed and hundreds more wounded after a truck packed with explosives drove into the AMIA building in downtown Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994 in what remains the worst terrorist attack on Latin American soil.

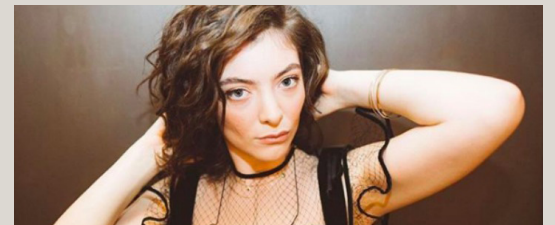
Florida Lawmaker Demands Local Venues Cancel Lorde Concerts Over Her Support for BDS Movement

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

A Florida lawmaker is demanding that venues in Miami and Tampa cancel upcoming concerts by New Zealand pop star Lorde, who called off a show in Israel to comply with the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement.

"BDS is an antisemitic, terrorist movement and we should not force taxpayers to subsidize it," State Representative Randy Fine (R-Palm Bay) told *The Algemeiner* on Friday.

In letters to the Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority and the Tampa Sports Authority, Fine warned that Lorde's April performances would violate Florida law, which bars state and local governments from conducting business exceeding \$1 million with



Lorde. Photo: Instagram.

any organization engaged in a boycott of Israel.

"Florida has no tolerance for antisemitism and boycotts intended to destroy the State of Israel," Fine wrote. "That's why Florida passed groundbreaking anti-BDS legislation several years ago ... Current statutes are clear – local governments cannot do business with companies that participate in antisemitic boycotts of Israel."

"When Lorde joined the boycott in December, she and her companies became subject to that statute," the representative continued. "The taxpayers of Miami and Tampa should not have to facilitate bigotry and antisemitism."

Lorde is currently scheduled to perform in Tampa on April 11th and in Miami on April 12th. The singer cancelled a Tel Aviv concert set to take place in June as part of her world tour, which will include stops in Russia and Indonesia.

Fine told *The Algemeiner* that he has not yet received a response to his letters, but is optimistic that the venues will comply with his demands. "When they scheduled the concerts Lorde had not joined the BDS movement and perhaps they're not even aware that she did," he said, "but I'm certain that [they] will follow the law and cancel the concerts."

Fine and Florida Senator Jeff Brandes have introduced a bill to amend the current law allowing state entities to do up to \$1 million in business with organizations that support BDS. The lawmakers want to reduce that \$1 million cap to zero, Fine explained, "which would make Florida a zero-state tolerance for governments doing business with antisemitic bigots."

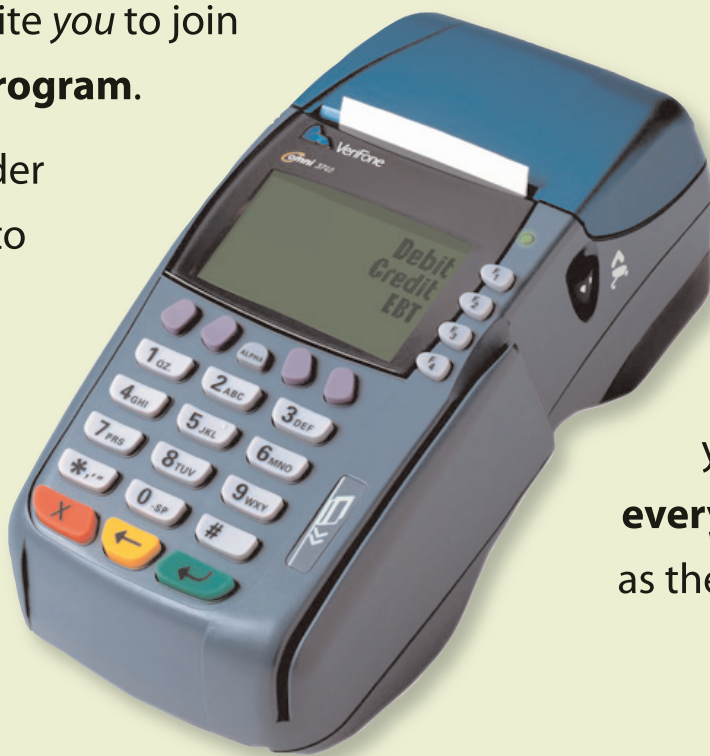
He expressed confidence that the bill – which passed the Florida House of Representatives with a 109-3 vote several weeks ago – will be approved by the Senate as well.

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