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## Haley Tells Abbas: US Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's Capital Will Not Change



US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley, senior adviser Jared Kushner, Feb. 20, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Lucas Jackson.

BY BENJAMIN  
KERSTEIN

US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley upbraided Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas at the UN Security Council on Tuesday, saying, "I will not shut up," and vowing American recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital "will not change."

Haley spoke following a

lengthy speech by Abbas in which he denounced the US Jerusalem move as a violation of international law and demanded it be suspended.

"You don't have to like that decision," Haley said, addressing Abbas, who was absent from the chamber, "but know this, that decision will not change."

She emphasized that the US had a right to make its own decisions on the location of its embassy by repeatedly emphasizing "our" in the

phrase "our embassy."

Nonetheless, Haley said that the US was determined to pursue peace, telling Abbas, "I sit here today offering the outstretched hand," and noted that American negotiators were sitting right behind her, referring to White House senior adviser Jared Kushner and Middle East envoy Jason Greenblatt, both of whom attended the Security Council session.

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## Netanyahu Confidants Named as Suspects in New Corruption Probe

BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli police revealed on Tuesday they had arrested the controlling shareholder and CEO of the country's biggest telecoms company, as well as two former officials with close ties to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in a corruption case.

The arrests in the investigation dubbed "Case 4000" came just days after police recommended Netanyahu himself be indicted for bribery and fraud in other cases, known as "1000" and "2000."

Shaul Elovitch, a family friend of Netanyahu's who



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

controls telecoms firm Bezeq through his Eurocom holding company, was arrested along with his wife, his son and Bezeq's CEO Stella Handler.

Former Netanyahu spokesman Nir Hefetz and former Communications Ministry Director-General Shlomo Filber, both known as close confidants of the prime minister, were also arrested.

All the arrests took place on Sunday, but the identities of the suspects were withheld for two days under standard Israeli criminal procedure.

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## Opinion.

## Dear Sarah Silverman: Amnesty Is Lying About the Tamimis



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Dear Sarah Silverman — it seems that you have been taken in by Amnesty International's cynical campaign for Ahed Tamimi. A few days ago, you linked to Amnesty's "urgent" demand to "release Palestinian teen activist Ahed Tamimi," and told your more than 12 million followers on Twitter: "Jews have to stand up EVEN when — especially when — the wrongdoing is BY Jews/the Israeli government."

To make matters worse, you then re-tweeted a reply that invoked the Holocaust: "Amen! My grandparents did not survive the atrocities of the holocaust for me to be silent about injustice."

Perhaps you don't know much about the Tamimis, and believe Amnesty's mendacious claim that Ahed Tamimi is just a "17-year-old Palestinian activist" who deserves to be called the "Rosa Parks of Palestine" — because "she and her family have bravely stood up against the Israeli occupation" for years.

Well, Amnesty is lying about the Tamimis. As Amnesty knows full well, Ahed's family has emphasized in media interviews for years, that they hope to instigate a "third intifada" that would end Israel's existence as a

Jewish state. And for years, Ahed's family has demonstrated their support for terrorism, and their ardent Jew-hatred.

While I have documented all this in great detail, it's worthwhile adding a few updates that illustrate just how brazen the Tamimis are in their open support for terrorism — even when they know full well that the media spotlight is on them.

On February 6, Ahed's father Bassem Tamimi responded to the news that Israeli security forces had killed the Hamas terrorist responsible for the murder of Rabbi Raziel Shevach four weeks earlier, by posting a tribute to the terrorist on Facebook: "Glory, mercy, and peace on your soul in Heaven."

Praising murderous terrorists is presumably what qualifies as 'bravely standing up to the Israeli occupation' for Amnesty International.

And the tribute Ahed's father paid to the murderer of Rabbi Raziel Shevach is just the latest example of the Tamimis' unwavering support for terrorism.

Last September, Ahed attended an event at the European Parliament in Brussels that prompted the endorsement of a proposal "to systematically deny access to all persons, groups, or entities involved in terrorist acts."

Among Ahed Tamimi's co-panelists at this event was the notorious Palestinian airline hijacker Leila Khaled, who reportedly denounced Israel as the Nazi Germany of our time, and urged the audience to demand that their governments "cease all cooperation with the Zionist state." Ahed used the occasion to faithfully echo her family's rejection of Israel's

existence as a Jewish state by declaring: "The occupation is not only the theft of land. We oppose racism, Zionism, the entire system of occupation and not only the settlements."

Together with her father, Bassem Tamimi, Ahed also campaigned during this event for the release of Georges Abdallah, a Lebanese terrorist who has been serving a life sentence in France since 1987, when he was found guilty of the murder of a US official and an Israeli diplomat — as well as involvement in another attempt to assassinate an American diplomat.

The fact of the matter is that Ahed has grown up being taught that terrorists don't deserve to be imprisoned for their crimes, but that they should be admired as heroes devoted to the Palestinian cause. After all, her own family includes several murderous terrorists.

Ahed's uncle Nizar Tamimi and another Tamimi family member were involved in the stabbing and burning of an Israeli back in 1993 — a murder that was seen as an attempt to derail the Oslo peace process. Nizar Tamimi is married to Ahlam Tamimi, the proud mastermind and facilitator of a suicide bombing that caused carnage at a crowded Jerusalem Sbarro restaurant in August 2001.

Among Ahlam Tamimi's most ardent admirers is Ahed's mother Nariman Tamimi. Her support for the Sbarro massacre mastermind is clearly reflected in numerous posts on her Facebook page. One of the recent examples is from last spring.

When the FBI announced that Ahlam



Palestinian teen Ahed Tamimi enters a military courtroom escorted by Israeli security personnel at Ofer Prison, near Ramallah, Jan. 15, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ammar Awad.

Tamimi was on the agency's list of Most Wanted Terrorists, Nariman Tamimi shared a poster showing the Sbarro massacre mastermind flashing a victory sign; the text on the poster praised Ahlam Tamimi's "sacrifices" and emphasized "her right to wage resistance against the plundering occupier."

The "US demand to hand her over" was rejected with the slogan "#All of us are\_Ahlam\_Tamimi" — a cynical repurposing of a familiar expression of solidarity with victims of terrorism, which Nariman Tamimi reaffirmed to show her support: "#All of us are\_Ahlam\_Tamimi."

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## No Hate of Halimi? The French Won't See Antisemitism for What It Is



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NEW YORK

Flush from his victory over far-right candidate Marine Le Pen in the French elections last July, President Emmanuel Macron decided to address head-on the horrific murder of a Jewish pensioner in Paris three months earlier.

"Despite the denials of the murderer, our judiciary must bring total clarity around the death of Sarah Halimi," Macron declared at a ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the deportation of the Jews of Paris by the Nazis. "We were silent because we did not want to see."

This remark can be taken on one level as an observation concerning recent French history, and on another, concerning the appalling silence on the part of the French media and political class, who feared that public discussion of Halimi's ordeal at the hands of a rabidly antisemitic, Muslim immigrant drug-fiend would boost Le Pen's election campaign.

With that speech, Macron left little doubt that he regarded Halimi's murder as a hate crime — a determination that was emphatically not shared by the local police or by the judicial authorities examining the murder. Sure enough, by September, the Paris public prosecutor's office announced that it was now treating the murder as a hate crime, a decision

based on interviews that a court-appointed psychiatrist conducted with the accused murderer, 27-year-old Kobili Traore.

Pitifully, that is no longer the case. The examining magistrate in the trial of Traore, Anne Ihuellou, whose job is to prepare the indictments, announced at the end of January that based on the same interviews, the assailant would no longer face a hate crime charge. Her decision is now, in turn, being appealed by the public prosecutor's office. The entire French judiciary is aware that a final decision that leaves the hate-crime element out of Traore's trial will have profoundly negative implications for the declared intention of the French government to combat antisemitism.

Before explaining why that is, it's worth revisiting the circumstances of the murder, so as to demonstrate the depths to which antisemitic hatred can sink. The 65-year-old Halimi, a devoutly Orthodox woman and former kindergarten teacher, lived alone in public housing in the Belleville district of Paris. The only Jewish resident of her building, she lived one floor above Traore, an immigrant from



Murdered French-Jewish pensioner Sarah Halimi. Photo: Halimi family.

Mali. Halimi did not know Traore, but she was understandably frightened of a man who had once called her, as her daughter later revealed, a "dirty Jew" as he passed her by.

At 4 a.m. on April 4, 2017, Traore went to visit relatives who lived in the adjoining building. Having apparently consumed large quantities of cannabis and other recreational drugs, he evidently behaved in such a way as to terrify his own family, who locked themselves in a room and called the police at 4:25. The unit that arrived at the family's apartment could hear Traore reciting verses from the Koran on the other side of the door. Their decision not to break the door down allowed Traore to climb out of the window and back into his own building, and into the apartment of Sarah Halimi.

Once inside, Traore beat and kicked her savagely. Neighbors who heard Halimi's screams and Traore's increasingly frenzied Koranic recitations and shouts of "Satan" again called the police. And again, the unit that arrived elected not to break down the door. As dawn broke, Traore threw Halimi's bloodied, broken body out of the third-floor window to her death. Then he climbed back into the apartment of his relatives before finally being taken into custody.

In taking stock of this monstrous event, the French authorities focused primarily on Traore's psychological state, allowing reports of his supposed mental frailties to seep into the press. Irritatingly, they never addressed the question of how someone who was alleg-

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## World News.

# Israeli Expert on Arrow 3 Missile Defense Test: 'What Can I Say? Another Success'

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

An Israeli expert on missile defense hailed Monday's successful test of the Arrow 3 system, saying "What can I say? Another success."

Arrow 3 is designed to intercept and destroy ballistic missiles aimed at Israel, especially by Iran, which is stepping up its ballistic missile program.

Yiftah Shapir — head of the Middle East Military Balance Project at the Tel Aviv University-affiliated Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) think tank — said of the test, "What can I say? Another success. While it's still a long time before it becomes operational, but it's going to be yet another layer in the multi-layered missile defense that Israel has."

Israel uses the famed Iron Dome system to intercept short-range projectiles and the David's Sling system for medium-range threats.

"The Arrow 3 is specifically designed against very long-range missiles in terms of the Middle East, which means mostly the Iranian threat of ballistic missiles with ranges of over 1,500 kilometers, which is basically the difference between Israel and Iran," Shapir told *The Algemeiner*.

Asked when the system would be fully operational, Shapir said implementation would take some time.

"A few years," he said. "It's always a very long process of introducing a new system and it's not like... people come to think of it as buying a car, and you just get the keys and start driving. You are introducing a very complex system like the

Arrow 3, it's a very long process."

In addition to the challenges of getting the system off the ground, "it's also an ongoing process once your missile is declared operational, which is a milestone, but then the system continues to evolve over time and new upgrades are being introduced constantly," Shapir said.

Over time, Shapir added, "bugs are being corrected and you have better reaction times, better accuracy over time." Arrow 3's predecessor, the Arrow 2, "which is almost 20 years in service, is not the system that was introduced back in 2000. It is evolving over time."

Asked whether Arrow 3 would prove to be a game-changer in Israel's ongoing conflict with Iran, Shapir expressed skepticism.

"Strategic shifts are very gradual," he stated. "We keep improving and they keep improving all the time. So you never have an earthquake, a break that changes things from one end to another. And usually technology doesn't do that. It's usually advertised as being capable of doing it but usually it does not."

The Israeli newspaper *Globes* quoted Boaz Levy — general manager and executive vice president of Israel Aerospace Industries Systems, Missiles & Space Group, which co-developed Arrow 3 — saying on Monday, "The test carried out in the early hours of this morning was extremely complex. In the course of it we launched the interceptor which flew through the atmosphere deep into space. The missile's performance met all expectations. We are happy with the results."

Tamimi as an admirable "17-year-old Palestinian activist" who deserves to be called the "Rosa Parks of Palestine," a few months ago this "Rosa Parks" posted a picture on her Facebook page that shows gunmen masked with Palestinian keffiyeh scarves with the text: "Tell the fighters all over the world that they are my friends."

And, of course, when her mother asked her for a "message to the world" after she had attacked the Israeli soldiers, Amnesty's "Rosa Parks of Palestine" almost casually listed stabbings and suicide bombings among the things that people should do to show their solidarity with Palestine.

And why wouldn't Ahed Tamimi call for deadly stabbings and suicide bombings? After all, it's just what her relatives have done. As a result, they are now greatly admired by the rest of the family as heroes.

The Israel Securities Authority (ISA) last year began investigating suspicions that Elovitch meddled in the 2015 merger between Bezeq and its satellite TV unit YES for personal financial gain.

In its new probe, police suspect that Bezeq received regulatory benefits in return for enabling favourable media coverage of Netanyahu on Walla, a news website that is also controlled by Eurocom.

"This is a new investigation in the Bezeq case as a result of evidence raised in the ISA investigation," a joint statement from the police and ISA said.

"During the investigation suspicions

# British Labour Activist Who Called Jews 'Zios' Expelled From Party



Jeremy Corbyn leads a pro-Palestinian demonstration in London in 2014, one year before becoming Labour Party leader. Photo: File.

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Jewish groups in Britain are hailing the Labour Party's expulsion on Sunday of a virulent anti-Israel activist, but warned that further steps needed to be taken.

Tony Greenstein was a prominent Labour supporter and member of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign who regularly employed slurs like "Zio" on his blog and social media accounts.

"Zio" is a term used by American white supremacists such as David Duke to slander Jews. It has recently been adopted by the radical Left as well.

According to a statement from the Campaign Against Antisemitism (CAA) watchdog, Greenstein, who is Jewish, was expelled on three charges: "Repeatedly using 'zio' as a term of derision, stating 'Gay Zionists make me want to puke' and referring to others as 'Zionist scum'; accusing a Labour MP of supporting child abuse; and making a 'distasteful joke' about the Holocaust in an email to the general-secretary of the Labour party."

In a January hearing on a related matter, a Brighton County Court had ruled, "Whilst [Greenstein] claims to be viewed out of context he has within document repeatedly used language which is offensive in any context — 'racist Zios' 'fascist scum' to give two small examples."

Joe Glasman, head of political and government investigations for the CAA, hailed Greenstein's expulsion, saying, "We are pleased that the Labour Party has at long last begun to expel those it finds guilty of abusive conduct, but its action is more than two years overdue."

Glasman called for an end to the party's "secret hearings" on antisemitism charges and urged the party's leadership to "urgently and transparently hear the hundreds of stalled cases awaiting decisions."

He also noted Labour's longstanding problem with antisemitism, mentioning

mounted of offenses of integrity, money laundering laws and the securities laws which were carried out over time."

In a Facebook post on Monday, Netanyahu — who has described the investigations against him as a "witch hunt" — said: "There has never been any payback or illegal act in interaction with Elovitch."

Israeli media reports said Netanyahu is likely to face questioning in the police

several members who have been involved in antisemitic scandals: "We must not forget that this is still a party that counts Jackie Walker, Ken Livingstone, and hundreds of others like them among its members."

Since the Labour Party was taken over by leader Jeremy Corbyn in 2015, it has been beset with antisemitic incidents linked to a violent hatred of Zionism and the State of Israel.

The UK's Jewish Chronicle quoted Jonathan Arkush, head of the umbrella Jewish organization the Board of Deputies of British Jews, saying of the expulsion, "The Jewish community has waited long enough for the Labour Party to show that it is serious about zero tolerance of antisemitism. This result is a step in the right direction, but there is a way to travel yet."

Euan Philipps, a spokesperson for Labour Against Antisemitism, echoed these sentiments, saying, "We are delighted that Mr. Greenstein has been expelled, and it is a welcome sign that the party does have a red line on antisemitism."

"However, his expulsion shouldn't mask the fact that the Labour Party still has a great amount of work to do in dealing with antisemitism and we expect to see further evidence of progress in the coming weeks," Philipps continued.

Greenstein has a long history of colorful racist statements about Israel and Jews.

In one article, he wrote, "Zionism is a Jewish variant of anti-Semitism. After all, even today, if someone tells me I don't belong in England they are either a Zionist or a fascist and anti-Semite. ... Zionist attacks on people who are not anti-Jewish have one effect, to legitimise anti-Semitism."

He also expressed his support for the annihilation of the Jewish state, saying, "Yes, I want the state of Israel to be destroyed."

Following his expulsion, Greenstein remained combative, tweeting, "I was expelled 4 opposing labour's apartheid lobby," and pledged to fight for reinstatement.

Bezeq probe. A statement issued on Sunday by a personal spokesman to Netanyahu said all decisions related to Bezeq "were made according to recommendations of expert committees and expert officials."

The ISA said in November it had enough evidence to support criminal charges against senior Bezeq officials, leaving it to Tel Aviv prosecutors to decide whether to indict.

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## Lying

Declaring solidarity with the Sbarro massacre mastermind is apparently — as far as Amnesty is concerned — 'bravely standing up against the Israeli occupation.'

Let me ask you, Sarah Silverman: how would you feel if you had lost a loved one in a Palestinian terror attack, and now see a powerful organization like Amnesty energetically campaigning for the family of the perpetrator — even though this family keeps declaring their admiration and support for the murderous terrorist?

I have said repeatedly that it would obviously be unfair to hold Ahed Tamimi responsible for how she was brought up; yet, it is also inevitable that she will suffer for making her parents proud by fully embracing their fanaticism.

While Amnesty wants you to see Ahed

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## Confidants

Elovitch, his wife and son deny any wrongdoing, a Eurocom spokeswoman said. A lawyer for Handler said she is cooperating fully with the investigation and denies the allegations. Bezeq officials declined to comment.

Filber's lawyer declined to comment. Hefetz's attorney could not immediately be reached.

Netanyahu, now in his fourth term, has denied any wrongdoing in the various investigations which threaten his long dominance of Israeli politics. He has dismissed any suggestion of illegality in his dealings with Elovitch or Bezeq.

## World News.



Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat, Feb. 13, 2018. Photo: Yonatan Sindel / Flash90.

## Mayor: Jerusalem Is One of the Safest Cities in World Due to 'Zero Misuse' of Guns

BY JNS.ORG

Despite the constant threat of terror in Israel's capital city, Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat has announced that "Jerusalem is one of the safest cities in the world."

Supporting his claim, the mayor stated that the "murder rate in Jerusalem is only one per every 100,000 residents, which is far lower than most major cities."

"We have zero misuse of guns," Barkat said.

The statements were made to a delegation of American Jewish leaders in Israel with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Barkat raised the issue as American leaders grapple with controlling gun violence in cities and suburban areas.

Barkat explained that there is a series of reasons that keep Jerusalem safer than most metropolitan centers. First Barkat explained, "we have the best secret service" with superior active intelligence capabilities to prevent terror attacks before they occur.

Next, "our public is extremely alert, and are always looking for something suspicious... and alerting professionals whenever they see something," Barkat stated.

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Recalling a recent insulting remark by Palestinian diplomat Saeb Erekat, Haley said, "I will not shut up. Rather I will respectfully speak some hard truths."

Those truths, she said, were that the Palestinians must "choose between two paths," one of "absolutist demands, hateful rhetoric, and incitement to violence" and the second that of negotiation and compromise. The first path, she stated, "will get the Palestinian people exactly nowhere."

"We will not chase after you," Haley added. "The choice, Mr. President, is yours."

Haley also took the opportunity to criticize the UN's attitude toward the Jewish state, saying it "spends a disproportionate amount of time" on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and had "proved itself again and again to be biased when it comes to Israel."

The international body, she said, used the "most democratic country in the Middle East as a scapegoat for the region's problems."

Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon also spoke in response to Abbas. Noting that the Palestinian Authority president left the chamber immediately after his speech, Danon said, "Unfortunately, he is once again running away. ... Mr. Abbas came

Citing the character of Jerusalemites, Barkat noted that "people care very much about one another," and "look out for one another's wellbeing," more than can be found in most American cities.

Barkat similarly noted that Jerusalemites are trained in dealing with Arab terror, including the fact that a large number of Jerusalem residents have served in the military, with many actively called up annually for reserve duty.

If and when a terror attack occurs, unlike foreign cities where the first instinct in a terror attack is to take cover, Jerusalemites "are willing to take risks" to protect their fellow citizens.

"A terrorist attack is usually over in 60 seconds, because people care and are willing to take charge, even at risk to their own lives," Barkat said. "Many times, civilians know how to tackle terrorist better than police. Because we are trained in war."

Civilian handguns are an essential component of Israel's security apparatus, yet Barkat notes that "only 3 percent of the population carries guns, and those who have them know how to use them."

"This is why I always encourage those with handguns to carry them," Barkat said.

in, put his demands on the table, and left."

Danon said this was typical of Abbas' approach to the conflict, since he always tries to "avoid the hard choices necessary for peace," compounding "70 years of missed opportunities by the Palestinian leadership."

This has been proved, Danon added, by Abbas' rejection of a proposed peace agreement in 2000 and several times more over the next decade and a half.

"You just addressed the members of the Security Council and spoke of your commitments to peace. This is what you often do when speaking to international forums; but, when you address your people, you convey a very different message," Danon said, noting Abbas' recent speech to the PLO's Central Council in which he denounced Zionism as "a colonial project that has nothing to do with Judaism," as well as constant incitement in Palestinian media and Abbas' own rhetoric.

"Mr. Abbas, your incitement does not end with rhetoric," Danon continued. "You have made it official Palestinian policy to sponsor terrorism. In 2017, you spent \$345 million paying terrorists for killing innocent Israelis. That is fifty percent of the total foreign aid donated to the PA. This is money you could have spent building forty hospitals. This is

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## Israel Thwarts Islamic Jihad Plot to Assassinate Defense Minister

BY JNS.ORG

A recent plot by Palestinian terrorists to assassinate Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman was thwarted in a joint Shin Bet security agency, IDF and police operation, it was cleared for publication on Sunday after a court-issued gag order was lifted.

According to the security agency, an Islamic Jihad terrorist cell had planned to place a bomb on a road which the defense minister's convoy was expected to travel.

A separate Islamic Jihad cell, the Shin Bet said, had also been recruited and operated near Bethlehem, with the goal of perpetrating shooting attacks against Israeli civilians and IDF soldiers in the Gush Etzion area.

Six suspects in total were arrested, two of whom had previously spent time in Israeli prison or in administrative custody for terror-related activity.

Investigators learned that members of the cell seeking to assassinate the defense minister had sought to purchase explosive materials and had even turned to terrorist elements in the Gaza Strip for funding.

After failing to secure the explosive materials, the cell members assembled a fake bomb in order to receive funding to carry out



Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman. Photo: Jonathan Klinger via Wikimedia Commons.

additional attacks, as well as earn recognition for their work. The fake bomb was handed over to the authorities upon their arrest.

One member of the terror cell, the Shin Bet said, similar to other Palestinian youths in the Bethlehem sector, was motivated among other things by the desire to be arrested and receive a prisoner's pension from Islamic Jihad.

As stated, the terrorist cells' activities were pinpointed and stopped in their early planning stages. The terror suspects were expected to be indicted Sunday at the Judea military court.

In 2014, members of a Hamas terror cell were arrested for planning to assassinate Lieberman, who was foreign minister at the time, by targeting his vehicle using rocket-propelled grenades.

## Hezbollah's Nasrallah Threatens Israeli Gas and Oil Rigs: We Are Capable of Stopping Their Operation Within a Few Hours

BY JNS.ORG

Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah said in a televised speech on Feb. 16 that "if the Lebanese Higher Defense Council makes an official decision that some gas and oil rigs in the Palestinian sea — a sea plundered by Israel, the enemy entity — must not operate, I promise you that within a few hours, they will not operate anymore."

The crowds responded with cries of "We respond to your call, Nasrallah!"

The speech, at a rally marking the 10th anniversary of the "martyrdom" of Hezbollah commander Imad Mughniyah, was broadcast



Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah. Photo: Screenshot.

on the Lebanese *Al-Jadeed/New TV* channel.

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**Antisemitism**

edly stoned and in a state of hysteria still had the presence of mind to climb from one building to another.

Certainly, the psychiatrist, Dr. Daniel Zagury, who interviewed Traore, concluded that he had indeed engaged in an antisemitic attack while under the influence of drugs. At the same time, he emphasized that Traore was not sufficiently intoxicated to be unaware that he was inflicting torture and then murder on a defenseless woman. Moreover, Zagury pointed out the Islamist-inflected antisemitism embedded in Traore's labeling of Halimi as "Satan," noting that the idea that "the Jew is on the side of evil, of the evil one" is a common antisemitic theme.

But Zagury also observed that by going through the process of a trial, Traore was at

risk of a "delusional relapse." That was enough for the magistrate, Ihuellou, to remove the charge of an aggravated hate crime.

As things stand, Traore will not be tried for murdering Halimi because she belonged, as her brother William Attal put it, "to the Jewish people."

Sarah Halimi's Jewish affiliation will be, at most, a subsidiary element in a trial that will become a cautionary tale about drug use, rather than the antisemitic hatred that has established itself as an integral part of the culture of France's Muslim immigrant communities. If the French judiciary continues refusing to see what the executive branch — all the way up to President Macron — sees all too clearly, future grandiose assurances that antisemitism is fundamentally alien to French values won't be worth the paper they're written on.

# U.S. News.

## Palestinian Leader Abbas at UN Security Council: 'Israel Occupied Our Territories in 1948'

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

The White House said on Monday that President Donald Trump supports efforts to improve federal background checks for gun purchases, days after a shooting at a Florida school killed 17 people.

Trump spoke to Senator John Cornyn, a Republican, on Friday about a bipartisan bill that he and Democratic Senator Chris Murphy introduced to improve federal compliance with criminal background checks, White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said.

"While discussions are ongoing and revisions are being considered, the president is supportive of efforts to improve the federal background check system," Sanders said in a statement.

Students, many using the mantra NeverAgain, are mobilizing around the country in favor of stronger gun laws after the deadliest high school shooting in US history took place on Wednesday at Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where a former student is accused of murdering 17 people using an assault-style rifle.

Previous mass shootings in the United States have also stirred outrage and calls for action to tighten US gunlaws, with few results in Congress.

Trump, who visited survivors of the shooting and law enforcement officials on Friday night before spending the weekend at his property in Palm Spring, Florida, is a strong supporter of gun rights and won the endorsement of the National Rifle Association, the powerful gun lobby group, for his 2016 presidential campaign.

He angered some students by suggesting in a tweet on Saturday that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had missed signs that the school shooter was troubled because it was distracted by its investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 US election. The FBI has acknowledged it failed to act on a tip flagging concerns about the suspect, Nikolas Cruz.

Many Republicans generally oppose measures to tighten gun restrictions, citing the US Constitution's Second Amendment protection of the right to bear arms.

Former President Barack Obama and many of his fellow Democrats unsuccessfully pushed to pass gun control legislation after a gunman killed 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012.

Cornyn and Murphy introduced their bill to improve federal background checks last November, days after a gunman killed more than two dozen people in a church in Texas.

The bill, called the Fix NICS Act, would ensure that states and federal agencies comply with existing law on reporting criminal history records to the national background check system.

Cornyn, of Texas, had complained when introducing the legislation that compliance by agencies was "lousy."

Students are planning a "March For Our Lives" in Washington on March 24 to call attention to school safety and ask lawmakers to enact gun control.

Some students reacted with caution to Trump's support on background checks.

"We want to prevent mass shootings from happening and while this could have happened with other types of weapons, NeverAgain believes school safety should be priority right now, not just background checks," said Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School student Kali Clougherty, 18, referring to a campaign for gun control. "This is about the victims. Don't forget that; we never will."

Trump is scheduled to host a "listening session" with high school students and teachers on Wednesday.

Dozens of high school students protested in front of the White House on Monday, chanting "We want safe schools!" and "Hey! Hey! NRA how many kids did you kill today?"

Crystal Jordan, a 15-year old from Spotsylvania, Virginia, said it was scary to go to school now.

"It's OK to obtain a gun, like a handgun, but not an assault rifle," she said, adding that she hoped Trump and Congress would issue laws to strengthen background checks, ban assault rifles and prevent people with mental problems from accessing guns.



US President Donald Trump. Photo: Reuters / Kevin Lamarque.

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money you could have used to build over 170 schools. Every single year."

"When we extend a hand," Danon noted, "Abbas extends a fist."

Addressing the Palestinian leader directly, Danon asserted, "You have made it clear, with your words and with your actions, that you are no longer part of the solution. You are the problem."

Nonetheless, Danan said that Israelis were an optimistic people, and expressed hope that a new, less intransigent Palestinian leadership would emerge.

"Three times a day Jews in Israel and all over the world turn to Jerusalem, and pray for peace," he concluded. "We have no doubt that the day will come when the Palestinian people will also be blessed with leadership that shares these noble aspirations."

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## Opinion.

# Poland-Israel Meltdown Demands Elisha Wiesel's Intervention



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In March, we will hold our annual gala, celebrating Israel's 70th anniversary. The Elie Wiesel Defender of Israel Award will posthumously be given to Yoni Netanyahu, who was selected by Elie's wife Marion and son Elisha.

Up until the recent clash between Israel and Poland over the latter's new and highly misguided law criminalizing the discussion of Polish participation in the Holocaust, we were hoping that new Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki would also attend our gala.

The new law allows the debate over what took place in Poland during World War II to be hijacked by extremists. The Israeli government, and Jews around the world, have rightly reacted with outrage to the apparent attempt to whitewash the anti-Jewish activities of some Poles during and after the war.

The discussion is spiraling out of control. Relations between Israel and the Polish government are quickly deteriorating. In response to Israel's reaction, the Poles have become defensive and made several unwise remarks, in particular when the Polish prime minister suggested that Jews were also perpetrators during the war. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rightly called that comment "outrageous." The next day, swastikas were painted on the Polish embassy in Tel Aviv.

It is time to cool the rhetoric. My idea: if Elisha will agree, a dialogue should take place between Elisha and the prime minister.

As the only son of the famous Holocaust

survivor, Elisha Wiesel has unequalled credibility in representing the Jewish community. Conversely, the prime minister would have the opportunity to be heard by the Jewish community as to why Poles feel so aggrieved in being asked to accept responsibility for participation in atrocities against Jews.

The unfortunate reality is that Auschwitz-Birkenau, Belzec, Chelmno, Majdanek, Sobibor and Treblinka were all located in Poland. Those camps killed 90 percent of the Jewish population of Poland. They were built and run, however, by the Germans. Moreover, as the Polish government also rightly notes, three million Poles were also killed during fighting and in the camps. At Auschwitz, an estimated 70,000 non-Jewish Poles were murdered — along with 1.1 million Jews.

It is important to acknowledge Polish suffering during the war. Unlike many other Europeans, the Polish government did not ally or collaborate with Germany. A government-in-exile opposed the Germans throughout the war, and partisans fought them inside Poland. The Polish underground gave some help to the Jews during the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Yad Vashem has recognized nearly 7,000 Poles as "Righteous Among the Nations" for rescuing Jews.

But that does not change the fact that many Poles participated in the murder of Jews. Historians estimate that up to 200,000 Jews were murdered directly or indirectly by Poles.

The case of the family of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is a painful case in point. His father was murdered by childhood friends after he escaped a death train, and sought their help. His sister, her husband and their children were also murdered when they tried to hide in the home of a Pole who had previously worked for them.

Many Poles turned Jews over to the Nazis.

Some may have feared for their lives if they sheltered them, but others ratted them out, looted their possessions and stole their homes. After the war, Poles massacred Jewish survivors who returned to towns such as Kielce.

"Of course Poles took part," former Polish premier Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz told the Polish newspaper *Rzeczpospolita*. He specifically mentioned the "tens of thousands" of Poles who informed on Jews or extorted their property. Cimoszewicz said that at least 60,000 Jews were denounced by Poles to the Gestapo.

This does not mean that the Poles as a nation participated in the Holocaust. They did not. The Poles were occupied by the Germans, and suffered horribly. They were bombed from the air and slaughtered on the ground. But many individual Poles collaborated, which is why the law criminalizing discussion is just plain wrong.

Years ago, Oxford Professor Jonathan Webber took me on a tour of Poland. I had a somewhat negative attitude toward Polish-Jewish history. I was convinced it was rife with antisemitism and that Poles had brutalized the Jews before, during and after the war.

Jonathan, however, helped me see that the situation was more nuanced. He wrote a book called *Traces of Memory*, with pictures from cities, such as Krakow, Tarnow and Belz, where he found remnants of Jewish life. He also founded the Galicia Jewish Museum and has been living for many years now in Krakow. He argued that the Poles are friends of the Jews, and that Poland has done an admirable job of remembering the Holocaust and creating moving monuments.

I had positive experiences with the Poles when I visited the country with members of the Knesset to commemorate the 69th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, and when I attended a speech by US Presi-



A Jewish cemetery in Lodz, Poland. Photo: Isaac Harari / Flash90.

dent Donald Trump in Poland last year.

Trump's address took place in the middle of my family's trip to visit sites in Eastern Europe where the Final Solution was planned and implemented. It was an incredibly powerful — but also depressing experience. Yet I was gratified by the extent to which the Poles have gone to preserve the German extermination camps, to memorialize the victims and to educate visitors about the Holocaust.

I do sympathize with the angst of Poles who resent the association with the death camps. We should acknowledge that the Germans were responsible for the death camps and the Holocaust. We should also acknowledge that millions of Poles suffered and died at the hands of the Nazis, etc.

The Polish government, however, must also recognize that it cannot criminalize the conversation. The proper redress for their concerns is education, not legislation. The law should be repealed — lest it put historians and scholars in legal jeopardy, ruin the progress made in Polish-Jewish relations and irreparably damage ties between Poland and Israel.

A conversation between Prime Minister Morawiecki and Elisha Wiesel would allow the Polish and Jewish communities to diminish the rhetoric and begin the healing.

*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 The Champions of Jewish Values Awards Gala on 8 March, go to [www.thisworldgala.com](http://www.thisworldgala.com).*

## Bibi Isn't Going Anywhere



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Lack of faith in institutions, electoral math, and the absence of viable alternatives mean that Benjamin Netanyahu is going to remain prime minister for some time yet.

Most of the Israeli premier's critics assumed that if the corruption charges that had been hurled against him in recent years stuck, he was finished. Now that the Israeli police have formally recommended that he be indicted on two separate accusations, they are cheering what seems like his imminent demise.

But as dismal as his situation seems, Netanyahu's vow to stay in office isn't the bravado of a desperate man. The betting here is not only that he will still be prime minister a year from now, but that he may be infuriating his foes from his current position for much longer than that.

How is that possible?

The answer lies in the law, the divisive nature of Israeli politics, and electoral math.

The first reason is the simplest. Though a recommendation from the police that he be indicted sounds awful, it is meaningless unless it is followed by indictments.

The only person who can authorize them is Attorney General Avichai Mendelblit, who

now holds the future of the country in his hands. Mendelblit is expected to take months before making a decision, meaning it is entirely possible that the spring will pass with Netanyahu's fate still hanging in the balance.

The chorus of Netanyahu critics in the Israeli media believes that if Mendelblit is as honest as he seems, indictments must follow. They may be right, but it's also true, as I noted last week, that there is less to the accusations than meets the eye.

The charge that wealthy supporters bribed him with 1 million shekels worth of cigars and champagne, and got favors in return, looks sleazy. But the loose connection between the favors and the gifts is more about bad optics than anything that could stand up in court. In the absence of direct proof of a quid pro quo arrangement, the gifts appear unseemly but hardly criminal. American observers should also note that even if what the police say was true, what Netanyahu did would not be illegal in the United States.

As for the charge relating to Netanyahu's bizarre talks with a newspaper publisher, the claim that the discussion was illegal is risible. While Netanyahu's taped comments, in which he promised to undermine Israel Hayom — a pro-Netanyahu newspaper owned by casino owner (and JNS donor) Sheldon Adelson — in exchange for a ceasefire from the highly critical Arnon Mozes and his Yediot Ahronot was a betrayal of a friend. The deal never happened

and wouldn't have been illegal anyway.

That means it is possible that Mendelblit will look at what is, at best, a shaky case on the bribes and a transparently weak one on the newspapers, and decide that there is no way either will ever bring a conviction. And so, he'll refuse to indict.

But whether he does or not, the arbitrary reasoning in which unseemly behavior is being treated as criminal is part of the reason why Netanyahu believes his party will stand by him come what may.

One can argue that the right thing to do would be for Netanyahu to step down if he were indicted, even if the law would allow him to stay in office until he was actually convicted. But since Netanyahu and many of his supporters question the legitimacy of the prosecution, it's almost certain that he will choose to fight rather than resign.

As is the case in the United States — where a bifurcated political culture has led to a situation where liberals and conservatives not only don't read, listen to, or watch the same media, but also don't believe anything said by the opposing camp — the same is true in Israel. Likudniks believe, with good reason, that the media and much of the country's intellectual, financial, legal, and media establishments are hopelessly biased against Netanyahu and anyone from the right. Even if the case against the prime minister was stronger than the one assembled by the police, it's entirely possible that the Likud wouldn't depose the prime minister.

That's why none of the three most likely potential successors to Netanyahu within the Likud — Yisrael Katz, Gilad Erdan, and Gideon Sa'ar — will make a move against him until the moment he waves the white flag and resigns, assuming that ever happens (or that

the party would ever accept a member of that trio as its leader). The same goes for the trio of right-wing coalition partners who may wish to someday lead the Likud or whatever party emerges to lead the nationalist camp after Netanyahu: Naftali Bennett, Avigdor Lieberman, and Moshe Kahlon.

At the same time, the opposition to the Likud remains weak. There is no general clamor for Yesh Atid's Yair Lapid or the Zionist Union/Labor's Avi Gabbay to succeed Netanyahu. Indeed, polls taken following the police report show that if elections were held now, the same center-right coalition led by Netanyahu would prevail.

That means it's entirely possible that Netanyahu will call for elections to be moved up (his current term won't expire until the end of 2019) to sometime this year. His expectation would be that he'd win despite the police charges, and then — armed with the imprimatur of an election victory — be able to stay in office, even if Mendelblit indicted him, until the conclusion of a trial that would undoubtedly take years.

And so, Israel's already nasty political culture will get even nastier in the coming months and years. But the notion that it will be impossible for Netanyahu to govern isn't correct. As Americans have learned in the last year as President Trump had to cope with the burden of the Mueller probe into Russian collusion, democracy can function even under such difficult circumstances.

There is a chance, of course, that it won't end well for Netanyahu. But for good or for ill, the end of his time as prime minister seems to be nowhere in sight.

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## Impressions.

# Poland and Its Jews

BY JEREMY ROSEN

Poland recently passed a law making it illegal and a criminal offense to claim that the Nazi death camps built during the Second World War on Polish territory were “Polish” camps. The first part of the law says:

*[Anyone] who, in public and against the facts, ascribes to the Polish People or to the Polish State, responsibility or co-responsibility for Nazi crimes committed by the Third Reich, [as] defined in Article 6 of the Charter of the International Military Tribunal, Annex to the Agreement for the prosecution and punishment of the major war criminals of the European Axis, signed in London on August 8, 1945 ... or for other offences which are crimes against peace [or] humanity or [that are] war crimes, or who otherwise grossly reduces the responsibility of the actual perpetrators of said crimes, is subject to a fine or [to] imprisonment for up to 3 years. The judgment shall be made public.*

I agree that these places were not Polish death camps. And I don't believe we can say that the Polish people as an entity were responsible. But I do believe it is a waste of time and counterproductive to have laws that ban saying things you don't agree with — even about Holocaust denial.

Laws against denying the Holocaust have not stopped Holocaust denial. Even in Britain, psychologically and intellectually challenged individuals still stand up in court and deny it happened. Trying to force people by law to change their prejudices has never worked.

What about the second part of the law? It seems on the surface to want to deny any complicity in the Holocaust on the part of any Poles:

*Article 55a. 1. 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, as specified in Article 6 of the Charter of the International Military Tribunal enclosed to the International agreement for the prosecution and punishment of the major war criminals of the European Axis, signed in London on 8 August 1945 (Polish Journal of Laws of 1947, item 367), or for other felonies that constitute crimes against peace, crimes against humanity or war crimes, or whoever otherwise grossly diminishes the responsibility of the true perpetrators of said crimes — shall be liable to a fine or imprisonment for up to 3 years.*

If this is intended to argue that the Polish government was not officially complicit — again, I cannot argue. There is no evidence of official legislation or a government decree. But many individual Poles were indeed complicit and willing participants in murder. This lie must be counteracted, although I repeat that legislation is the wrong tool.

For the life of me, I do not understand why Israel is making such a fuss over this, any more than the stupid Polish nationalists are. Leave the neo-fascists to stew in their own stupidity. Our role should be to continue to document and publicize the facts, to try to educate, and to provide centers for this purpose wherever possible.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and MK Yair Lapid have accused Poland of Holocaust denial. Lapid wrote on Twitter:

*I utterly condemn the new Polish law which*

*tries to deny Polish complicity in the Holocaust. It was conceived in Germany but hundreds of thousands of Jews were murdered without ever meeting a German soldier.*

Both Netanyahu and Lapid are guilty of overkill, and playing politics.

In every country that the Nazis occupied, much of the local population willingly complied, aided, abetted, and actively participated in the anti-Jewish activities of the German Reich. In almost every case — France, Holland, Belgium, Italy, Yugoslavia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, and Belarus — it has taken many years for these countries to admit it. Even then, many still refuse to do so. Only the historical records and documentation, rather than pressure, have forced them to

were either fascists or Communists, or both. Many Jews did indeed support Marxism in the mistaken hope that it would give them equality. Most units of the Polish resistance excluded Jews and usually refused to help those on the run. More assistance came from the Poles in exile in London than those on the ground.

But worse, Poles themselves massacred Jews. And this was not an isolated case. After the war, Jews who had survived were not welcomed either. (Incidentally, I highly recommend the Hungarian movie *1945*, which movingly describes a Jewish survivor returning to his home village in the face of suspicion and opposition.)

After World War II, the Polish communist govern-



Auschwitz II-Birkenau Photo: Quintin Lake via Wikimedia Commons.

acknowledge the truth.

In America, an official Republican candidate in Illinois publicly stated that the Holocaust was a hoax perpetuated by Jews to extort money. And it seems that there are many in the US who agree.

The Polish record is a long and bittersweet one. It is true that in the middle ages, Polish rulers such as Boleslav and Casimir the Great welcomed the Jews who were driven out of England, France, and the German states. Under some of the later Polish monarchs, the Jews flourished so much that Poland was often referred to as *Po Lin* (“stay here” in Biblical Hebrew). But if Jews felt welcomed, it was relative. The Catholic Church and much of the peasantry did not want them. In the Chmielnicki Cossack invasions of the 17th century, Jews joined forces with non-Jewish Poles to fight and repel the Cossacks. But in many cases, as soon as the danger was over, the Poles turned on the Jews.

Poland was constantly being carved up by Russia, Germany, and Lithuania during the 19th century. Russians who invaded were violently antisemitic — no less so than Poles. The Russian record throughout the 18th and 19th centuries is even worse than that of Poland.

After World War I, Poland became independent under the relatively sympathetic, democratic Marshal Pilsudski. His government tried to protect Jews. Jews participated in the democratic process and sat in its parliament — the *Szem*. But Jews were not popular. They were always regarded as outsiders.

In World War II, they were accused of either supporting the German invasion or the Russians. They

ment pursued a vigorous antisemitic campaign. It made no mention of Jews murdered at Auschwitz, focusing exclusively on a Marxist, anti-Fascist narrative. And the Catholic Church tried to Christianize Auschwitz, establishing a convent nearby.

Things improved after Polish independence. But in recent years, things have regressed. Symptomatic of this decline has been the support of some Polish bishops for the very popular Catholic, but rabidly antisemitic, xenophobic, and nationalist Radio Maryja.

For years now, Jewish communities in Israel and the Diaspora have been participating in annual Marches of the Living, bringing thousands of young Jews to the camps in Poland as part of an educational experience to reinforce Jewish identity — and to remember what happened. This too has caused a reaction. There has been a tendency amongst some marchers to assume that all Poles were responsible. On the other hand, local louts and nationalists have attacked marchers or abused them.

A rise in nationalism has always been bad for the Jews. There is no doubt that the problem of extremism is on the rise again — from both the Right, the Left, and others. Speech expressing hatred of Jews is once again common on the streets of Europe.

I believe that we must prevent any physical attacks on Jews. But passing laws against expressing views, however, is no answer. I also believe that trying to bully people into changing their minds or eliminating prejudice will likewise fail. Only through education and information can the truth drive out the falsehoods.



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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) 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

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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, NY, 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 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

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## Tradition.

## Crushed for the Light



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

There are lives that are lessons. The late Henry Knobil's was one. He was born in Vienna in 1932. His father had come there in the 1920s to escape the rising tide of antisemitism in Poland, but like Jacob fleeing from Esau to Laban, he found that he had fled one danger only to arrive at another.

After the Anschluss and Kristallnacht it became clear that, if the family were to survive, they had to leave.

They arrived in Britain in 1939, just weeks before their fate would have been sealed had they stayed. Henry grew up in Nottingham, in the Midlands. There he studied textiles, and after his army service went to work for one of the great British companies, eventually starting his own highly successful textile business.

He was a passionate, believing Jew and loved everything about Judaism. He and his wife Renata were a model couple, active in synagogue life, always inviting guests to their home for Shabbat or the festivals. I came to know Henry because he believed in giving back to the community, not only in money but also in time and energy and leadership. He became the chairperson of many Jewish organizations including the national Israel (UJIA) appeal, British Friends of Bar Ilan University, the Jewish Marriage Council, the British-Israel Chamber of Commerce and the Western Marble Arch Synagogue.

He loved learning and teaching Torah. He was a fine raconteur with an endless supply of jokes, and regularly used his humour to bring "laughter therapy" to cancer patients, Holocaust survivors and the residents of Jewish Care homes. Blessed with three children and many grandchildren, he had retired and was looking forward, with Renata, to a serene last chapter in a long and good life.

Then, seven years ago, he came back from morning service in the synagogue to find that Renata had suffered a devastating stroke. For a while her life hung in the balance. She survived, but their whole life now had to change. They gave up their magnificent apartment in the centre of town to a place with easier wheelchair access. Henry became Renata's constant carer and life support. He was with her day and night, attentive to her every need.

The transformation was astonishing. Before, he had been a strong-willed businessman and communal leader. Now he became

a nurse, radiating gentleness and concern. His love for Renata and hers for him bathed the two of them in a kind of radiance that was moving and humbling. And though he might, like Job, have stormed the gates of heaven to know why this had happened to them, he did the opposite. He thanked God daily for all the blessings they had enjoyed. He never complained, never doubted, never wavered in his faith.

Then, a year ago, he was diagnosed with an inoperable condition. He had, and knew he had, only a short time to live. What he did then was a supreme act of will. He sought one thing: to be given the grace to live as long as Renata did, so that



she would never find herself alone. Three months ago, as I write these words, Renata died. Shortly thereafter, Henry joined her. "Beloved and pleasant in their lives, and in their death undivided." Rarely have I seen such love in adversity.

In an earlier *Covenant and Conversation*, I wrote about the power of art to turn pain into beauty. Henry taught us about the power of faith to turn pain into *chessed*, loving-kindness. Faith was at the very heart of what he stood for. He believed that God had spared him from Hitler for a purpose. He had given Henry business success for a purpose also. I never heard him attribute any of his achievements to himself. For whatever went well, he thanked God. For whatever did not go well, the question he asked was simply: what does God want me to learn from this? What, now that this has happened, does He want me to do? That mindset had carried him through the good years with humility. Now it carried him through the painful years with courage.

Our parsha begins with the words: "*Command the Israelites to bring you clear olive oil, crushed for the light, so that the lamp may always burn*" (Ex. 27:20). The sages drew a comparison between the olive and the Jewish people. "Rabbi Joshua ben Levi asked, why is Israel compared to an olive? Just as an olive is first bitter, then sweet, so Israel suffers in the present but great good is stored up for them in the time to come. And just as the olive only yields its oil by being crushed – as it is written, '*clear olive oil, crushed for the light*' – so Israel fulfils [its full potential in] the Torah only when it is pressed by suffering."

The oil was, of course, for the menorah, whose perpetual light –

first in the Sanctuary, then in the Temple, and now that we have no Temple, the more mystical light that shines from every holy place, life and deed – symbolises the Divine light that floods the universe for those who see it through the eyes of faith. To produce this light, something has to be crushed. And here lies the life-changing lesson.

Suffering is bad. Judaism makes no attempt to hide this fact. The Talmud gives an account of various sages who fell ill. When asked, "Are your sufferings precious to you?" they replied, "Neither they nor their reward." When they befall us or someone close to us, they can lead us to despair. Alternatively, we can respond stoically. We can practice the attribute of *gevurah*, strength in adversity. But there is a third possibility. We can respond as Henry responded, with compassion, kindness and love. We can become like the olive which, when crushed, produces the pure oil that fuels the light of holiness.

When bad things happen to good people, our faith is challenged. That is a natural response, not a heretical one. Abraham asked, "Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justice?" Moses asked, "Why have You done harm to this people?" Yet in the end, the wrong question to ask is, "Why has this happened?" We will never know. We are not God, nor should we aspire to be. The right question is, "Given that this has happened, what then shall I do?" To this, the answer is not a thought but a deed. It is to heal what can be healed, medically in the case of the body, psychologically in the case of the mind, spiritually in the case of the soul. Our task is to bring light to the dark places of our and other peoples' lives.

That is what Henry did. Renata still suffered. So did he. But their spirit prevailed over their body. Crushed, they radiated light. Let no one imagine this is easy. It takes a supreme act of faith. Yet it is precisely here that we feel faith's power to change lives. Just as great art can turn pain into beauty, so great faith can turn pain into love and holy light.

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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, N.Y. 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 distribu-

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tees 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, distributes, 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  
AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9

Notice of formation of 194 WIMAN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 12/08/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 194 WIMAN LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 2/23; 3/2/9/16/23/30

REFeree's NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff – against – GALO MONTESDEOCO A/K/A GALO MONTESDEOCA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 28, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 29th 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 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221. (Block: 3284 and Lot: 39) Approxi-

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mate amount of lien \$639,228.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 7907/2013. Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: February 13, 2018  
AJ; 2/23; 3/2/9/16/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-3T1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3T1; Plaintiff(s) vs. MARIA VALVI A/K/A MARIA BENETATOS; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about December 5, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On March 29, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 131 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11205 Block: 01890 Lot: 0021 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,641,508.88 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 501108/2015 Beverly Benjamin-George, Esq., Referee  
AJ; 2/23; 3/2/9/16/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC). Name: VOYAGER DRONES COMPANY,LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 12/11/2017. Office location kings county.SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: United States corporation agents,inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 2/23; 3/2/9/16/23/30

KERRY COUTU MODEL MAKING LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: KERRY COUTU MODEL MAKING LLC, 553 Graham Avenue, Apt 3, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 2/23; 3/2/9/16/23/30

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Pipe Organ 24 LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/31/2018. 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: Lidia Rast 27 N 6th Street APT 5P Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: any lawful activity  
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## Social.



Sarah Silverman. Photo: Instagram.

## Sarah Silverman Faces Twitter Rebuke for Calling on Jews to Defend Palestinian Teen Ahd Tamimi

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

American comedian Sarah Silverman faced a flurry of criticism from Twitter users over the weekend after she urged fellow Jews to support the release of Ahd Tamimi, the Palestinian teenager facing trial in Israel for repeatedly assaulting IDF soldiers.

"Jews have to stand up EVEN when — ESPECIALLY when — the wrongdoing is BY Jews/the Israeli government," Silverman tweeted on Thursday, along with a link to an Amnesty International campaign protesting Tamimi's detention by Israel's security forces.

In response, Frimet and Arnold Roth, parents of 15-year-old terror victim Malki Roth — killed in the infamous Jerusalem Sbarro pizzeria bombing in August 2001 — berated Silverman for "exploiting" her fame, and asked, "Sarah, did you stand up for our daughter Malki and the other 15 Jewish lives extinguished by Ahlam Tamimi, Ahd's cousin and role-model-in-life? Do you stand with Ahd's call to kill?"

Silverman tweeted back, "Awful. For every story like this, might there be a Palestinian one? I'm genuinely asking — this is not snark."

Shahar Azani, a senior executive at pro-Israel group StandWithUS, wrote, "Beware Sarah Silverman whom you champion. Indeed, to the undiscerning eye this villain might seem like a hero, but dig even a little and you will find blood libels of old against the Jewish people, naked anti-Zionism and rampant antisemitism. We should all stand for #Peace not hate."

International human rights lawyer Arsen Ostrovsky responded to Silverman's Twitter post, saying, "Dear Sarah Silverman, please stick to comedy and stay out of politics. This girl, #AhdTamimi, whom you profess support for, is a notorious provocateur, who hit Israeli soldiers and wished to be a 'martyr.'" Zionist activist Chloe Valdary also rebuked the comedian saying, "there's so much more to this story, this tweet is irresponsible."

Ostrovsky and activist Ido Daniel urged Silverman to recognize the daily threats faced by Israel due to Palestinian terrorism, and noted that Palestinians in Gaza are "oppressed" by the "genocidal terrorist organization" Hamas, which rules the coastal enclave.

Daniel also advised Silverman to learn more about Tamimi's background before calling on people to defend the teen. He told Silverman, "That girl you tweeted about a few days ago is part of a well orchestrated propaganda machine, her entire family are literally working in this. Don't fall for it, please. Always ask, always doubt."

Tamimi has an extensive history of provoking confrontations with Israeli soldiers and publicly offering support for terrorism. The 17-year-old's family also includes several convicted murderers, and her parents routinely laud various terror figures. Tamimi's aunt, Ahlam Tamimi, planned and helped carry out the 2001 Sbarro pizzeria bombing that killed 15 people and injured some 130.

Tamimi has remained in Israeli custody since her arrest on December 19.

## Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Actor David Schwimmer Bond Over Having Critical Jewish Mothers

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and actor David Schwimmer bonded on Friday over their shared struggle with their critical Jewish mothers.

Schwimmer appeared on Emanuel's podcast "Chicago Stories" to talk about the new production he is directing, called "Plantation!" He told Mayor Emanuel, "My mom without a question is my toughest critic. I have so many stories." The former Friends star also explained that his parents attend every show he puts on and after the play is over, "I will embrace my



David Schwimmer. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

parents and hug them and thank them for coming and brace myself for the first thing out of my mom's mouth. Because it can be devastating."

"You are definitely a Jewish boy," Mayor Emanuel told Schwimmer. He acts the same way, he said, and added, "We need another two hours about this [topic]."

The mayor also offered to attend the opening night of "Plantation!" with Schwimmer's mother to shield the actor from her. "I'll sit with mom. I would occupy mom for at least the first ten minutes so she doesn't walk over," he pledged. "I know what that means, man. I got one!"

"But you have to do one thing," Emanuel said, "At a speech you get Marsha Emanuel. If I'm taking your mom, you're taking Marsha Emanuel." Schwimmer then promised to "charm Marsha like she's never been charmed."

Emanuel explained that he typically pushes off speaking to his mother for as long as he can after delivering an important speech. He will instead, he stated, "wait five or six people before I go over to Mom." He called the move "the Jewish young man's survival kit."

During the interview Schwimmer also talked about using the money he received for his bar mitzvah to produce a play in Scotland when he was a junior in college.



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