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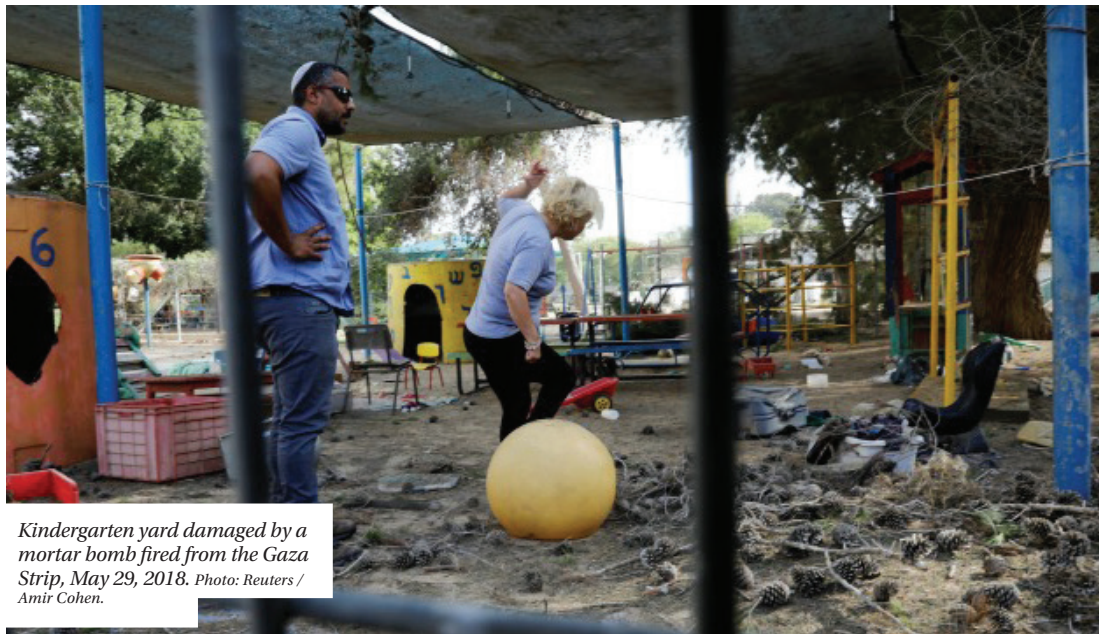
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Gaza Terrorists Launch Heavy Barrage Into Israel



Kindergarten yard damaged by a mortar bomb fired from the Gaza Strip, May 29, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

Study: Most Fatalities in Gaza Riots Affiliated With Terror Groups

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Around 83 percent of the Palestinians killed on the Israel-Gaza Strip border during the recent Hamas-orchestrated "Great Return March" riots have been identified as members of terrorist groups, according to a new Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (ITIC) report.

A majority (63) of the 112 fatalities from March 30-May 15 were from Hamas, which rules Gaza, while 21 were affiliated with Fatah.

"The high percentage of Hamas operatives who were killed during the events of May 14 and in the previous events



Unrest on the Israel-Gaza Strip border on Friday, April 27, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Mohammed Salem.

once again demonstrated Hamas's central role in planning and controlling the events," the ITIC report said. "In the 'front line' of the violent demonstrations, there were also Hamas operatives in civilian clothes who played a central role in the acts of violence and attempts to break into the sovereign territory of the State of Israel. These operatives were 'protected' by women and children who were sent by Hamas to the front line to serve as human shields."

"In the ITIC's assessment, the large number of casualties among the operatives is primarily a result of Hamas's

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BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Palestinian terrorists on Tuesday launched their heaviest barrages against Israel since the 2014 Gaza war and Israeli aircraft struck back in a surge of fighting after weeks of border violence.

More than 50 mortar bombs and rockets were fired from

the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip in several salvos.

According to media reports, three Israeli soldiers were lightly wounded by shrapnel.

Israeli planes attacked at least seven facilities belonging to Hamas and Islamic Jihad after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised a "powerful" response.

The Israeli military said

several of the projectiles fired from Gaza were shot down by its Iron Dome aerial defense system and others landed in empty lots and farmland. One exploded in the yard of a kindergarten, damaging its walls, about an hour before it was scheduled to open for the day.

There was no claim of responsibility from any of the

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Opinion.

Here's Why the Media Got the Gaza Violence Wrong

SEAN DURNS
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Western journalists covering the Arab-Israeli conflict are in need of an intervention. Many of them have spent the last several weeks regurgitating claims by Hamas and confusing terrorists with “protesters.” In so doing, they have helped the US-designated terror group in its attempt to delegitimize and destroy the Jewish state. And they should have known better.

Since late March 2018, Hamas has been sending terrorists — interspersed with unarmed civilians serving as human shields — to try to breach the Israel-Gaza border.

Hamas has dubbed this long operation — whose participants have included members of other US-designated terror groups, like Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) — the “Great Return March.” These terror groups hope to sacrifice their own people and place Israel in a no-win situation. If terror operatives are able to cross the border, violating Israel’s sovereignty and endangering its citizens, it’s a win. If Israel defends itself and Gazans die in the process it will be condemned by self-styled human rights arbitrators, fueled by a gullible media.

As Matti Friedman, a former IDF soldier and AP journalist, recently observed, Hamas knew that, “The press could be trusted to present dead human beings not as victims

of the terrorist group that controls their lives, or of a tragic confluence of events, but of an unwarranted Israeli slaughter.”

And Hamas has pulled out all the stops to put on a grotesque show, paying and busing in demonstrators, and bringing children and the disabled to the border in the hopes that they catch an errant bullet. Indeed, the group has even burned tires and used mirrors to obscure the vision of IDF snipers, who are seeking to specifically target the terror leaders hiding among civilians.

During the round of border violence that began on May 14, 2018, as many as 62 Gazans were reportedly killed, prompting front-page headlines by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and others — all repeating claims provided by the Hamas-run Health Ministry — about “protesters killed” and “indiscriminate” and “excessive” use of force.

Some outlets, such as *USA Today*, uncritically quoted declarations by anti-Israel UN official Michael Link that the “demonstrators” were “largely unarmed.” Many pundits also contrasted the bloodshed in Gaza with ceremonies on the same day for the dedication of the newly-moved US embassy in Jerusalem — even claiming that the embassy move was responsible for the violence.

Two days later, Salah Bardawil, a senior Hamas official, told Palestinian news outlet *Baladna TV* that “50 of the martyrs were from Hamas, and the other 12 were regular people.” He added, “I am giving you an official figure.”

In short, the overwhelming majority of the “protesters” killed were, in fact, terrorists.

And the media had every reason to expect that this would be the case. On April 26, 2018, the Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center published a report showing that of the Palestinians killed up to that point in the “Great Return March,” 32 — or 80 percent — were linked to terrorist groups.

Indeed, according to a translation provided by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), Hamas official Mahmoud al-Zahar admitted to Al-Jazeera on May 13, 2018 that the group was “deceiving the public” when it claimed that the March was one of “peaceful” resistance. This was, he proudly said, “a clear terminological deception.”

Nonetheless, many journalists, including those at *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *NPR*, and others, continued to refer to the dead as “protesters” and omitted or minimized evidence that the “march” was a Hamas-run propaganda ploy. In short: they ignored what Hamas is and always has been.

Hamas has always targeted Israeli civilians and employed Palestinian human shields — a double war crime. The group has used schools to hide its weaponry, equipment, and fighters, and as recently as the 2014 conflict with Israel, Hamas used ambulances as “transport vehicles” and hospitals as “command centers.”

Since its creation as a Muslim Brotherhood spinoff in 1987, Hamas has made its objectives clear. The group’s founding charter calls for the destruction of Israel and the genocide of Jews — even approvingly quoting

A Palestinian rioter on the Israel-Gaza Strip border, May 14, 2018.
Photo: Reuters / Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

Adolf Hitler’s *Mein Kampf*. Since Israel’s unilateral withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005, Hamas has launched no fewer than three wars against the Jewish state — in 2008, 2012, and 2014 — in addition to the frequent rocket attacks that began shortly after the group seized power in 2007.

Yet, this history and Hamas’ genocidal objectives have largely gone unmentioned by many media outlets covering the latest round of violent demonstrations at the border. Instead, many in the media have uncritically echoed casualty claims made by the “Palestinian Health Ministry” — a Hamas-controlled entity that shares the terror group’s objective of delegitimizing and destroying Israel.

It’s hard to imagine the press echoing the claims of other Islamist terrorist groups, such as ISIS or Al Qaeda. Yet with near ubiquity they’ve done so with Hamas while ignoring

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What's Wrong With Defining Antisemitism?

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If there is one issue on which there ought to be a political consensus even in an era of almost unprecedented partisan division, it should be opposition to antisemitism. Yet a dispute over whether the federal government has any business defining Jew-hatred threatens to undermine what should be a bipartisan coalition opposing its spread.

That’s the dilemma facing the Republican and Democratic sponsors of the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act of 2018. The legislation, which is being championed by Rep. Ted Deutch (D-Fla.) and Rep. Pete Roskam (R-Ill.), has hit a roadblock in the form of opposition from the American Civil Liberties Union and Arab-American groups who are angry about the fact that the bill includes a definition of antisemitism. They worry that any law that does that will chill free speech about Israel.

The reason for the dustup stems from a problem with enforcement of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that banned race and national-origin discrimination, but not religious bias. That was corrected by a 2010 ruling from the Department of Justice that specifically sought to include discrimination against minority faith communities, such as Jews, Muslims and Sikhs. The current bill would codify that ruling in law.

The letter, which was written by Assistant Attorney General (and current Democratic

National Committee Chair) Tom Perez, stated that a definition of antisemitism used by the US State Department should be used when the Department of Education is asked to deal with acts of antisemitism on federally-funded college campuses. The definition states that antisemitism involves, among other things:

“Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor; Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation; Using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.”

But that’s a bridge too far from some civil libertarians and anti-Israel activists. They don’t merely want to exercise their right of free speech that allows them to spew hate at Jews; they want the government to turn a blind eye when their hate spills over to acts of illegal discrimination.

The necessity of the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act stems from a long legal battle over a spate of incidents at the University of California

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

at Irvine in 2003. As Kenneth Marcus, a former head of the US Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (his nomination by US President Donald Trump to be assistant secretary for human rights at the Department of Education is still pending) wrote in 2010 in *Commentary*, the school was racked by antisemitic demonstrations resulting in acts of violence and intimidation directed at Jewish students. The context was the Second Intifada, during which Palestinian terrorists killed more than 1,000 Jewish Israelis.

When Jewish leaders called for action from the Department of Education to combat this wave of antisemitism, the government failed to act because this form of hate was not considered actionable under the Civil Rights Act. But now that the department has closed this loophole for hate and Congress is prepared to confirm that action, critics are claiming that the new law will chill the free speech of those who want to criticize Israel, even though the bill specifically states that it doesn’t infringe upon anyone’s First Amendment rights.

There is good reason to be wary of any measure that expands the power of the federal government. But the notion that the open acts of discrimination against Jews that generated the controversy should somehow be protected speech is not one that stands up to scrutiny.

At the heart of the dispute is the desire on the part of those who harbor hatred for Israel to pretend that anti-Zionism isn’t antisemitic. They say one can oppose Israel without discriminating against Jews. But since they are demanding that the Jewish people should

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World News.

Poll: 52% of French Public Believe Zionism Is a 'Racist Ideology'

BY ELAD BECK/
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An online poll in France this month found that 52% the French public believe Zionism is a "racist ideology" and 54% believe Zionism is an "international organization that seeks to influence the world and societies in favor of Jewish interests."

The poll of 1,007 people was carried out by the French Institute of Public Opinion for the Union of Jewish Students in France.

It also found that 38% believe that the very existence of Israel "nourishes anti-Semitism."

More than a quarter, 26%, said international calls to boycott Israel, most notably by the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, were justified.

More than half, 57%, agreed with the statement "Israel is a threat to regional stability."

A 51% majority also agreed with the statement that "Israel is a theocracy."

The survey also revealed a significant level of ignorance on Israel. Just under a quarter of respondents thought Israel was established after 1980 and did not know that Jewish holy sites are located in east Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria.

French parliamentarian Meyer Habib, who represents French citizens living abroad in Israel and other countries, issued a statement in

response to the survey's findings.

"There is a saying here that anti-Zionism is the new anti-Semitism in France. It's not me saying it, but rather President Emmanuel Macron. Today, sadly, we are seeing data that underscores this saying," he said.

"Unfortunately, the atmosphere surrounding Israel, most recently in the coverage of the riots in Gaza, adds fuel to the flames every time. The unrelenting attacks by the radical Left, compounded by the biased reporting in most French media outlets, are making an impact."

Habib stressed that "these days, I am worried about France, but not about Israel. I have no doubt that the Zionist enterprise is one of the most moral, ethical endeavors of the 19th and 20th centuries. But if a majority of French people believe that it is a 'global conspiracy,' as the survey found, France is in deep trouble."



The French capital of Paris.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Gaza Drone Fitted With Explosives Infiltrates Israel

BY NIKKI GUTTMAN/
ISRAEL HAYOM/JNS.org

A small drone carrying explosives penetrated Israeli territory from the Gaza Strip and was intercepted by the Israel Defense Forces last week, the IDF Spokesperson's Unit revealed Sunday.

"Several days ago, during the night, a drone believed to have crossed into Israel from the northern Gaza Strip, crashed in the Shaar Hanegev Regional Council," the IDF Spokesperson's Unit said in a statement. "Upon examination, it was found to be carrying explosives."

The Israeli army believes the drone was designed to detonate upon crashing and

cause mass casualties, but the mechanism apparently malfunctioned.

The fact that a drone loaded with explosives managed to cross into Israeli territory, however, proves Gaza's terrorist organizations have made significant technological progress.

Earlier Sunday, IDF Spokesman Brig. Gen. Ronen Manelis responded to recent threats issued by the Islamic Jihad, warning that the terrorist organization was "playing with fire" and "putting itself in danger."

"We've been hearing the threats coming from Iran-backed terrorist organizations in Gaza," he said. "The IDF views any terrorist activity directed at Israeli citizens with grave severity. We hold the terrorist organization Hamas responsible for anything that happens in Gaza."

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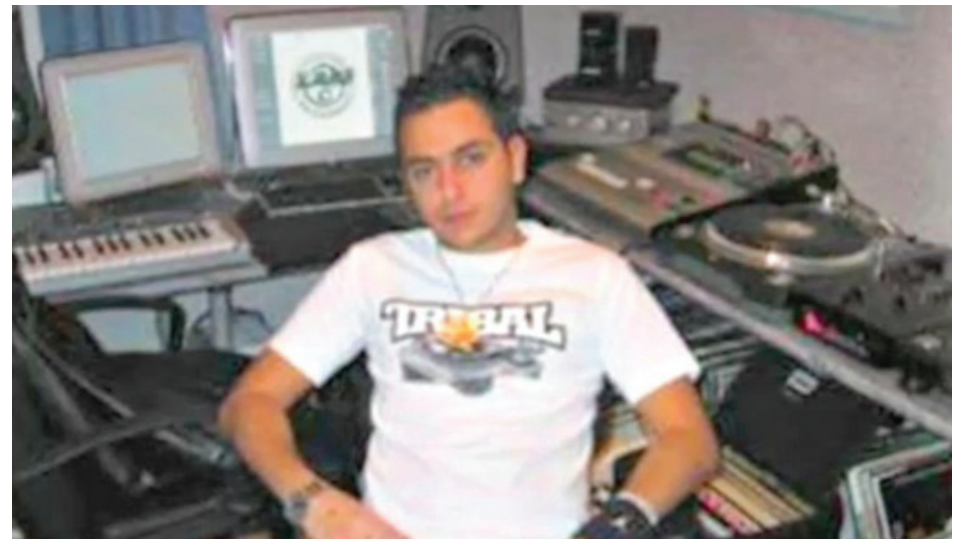
central role in the events, and senior Hamas figures do not bother to hide this," the report continued. "Hence the Palestinian propaganda message that these were 'popular' demonstrations carried out in 'peaceful ways' is a false message that the Palestinians have managed to convey to many countries around the world, including Western countries."

The ITIC also warned that, for Hamas, "the violent riots and demonstrations have not yet exhausted their inherent political and propaganda benefits."

"Senior Hamas figures call on their opera-

tives and the entire Gazan public to continue the riots and even to die as shaheeds," the ITIC noted. "Yahya Sinwar, head of the Hamas Political Bureau in the Gaza Strip, said that 'special events' would take place on Naksa Day (June 5, the day of the defeat of the Arab states in the Six Day War) and on Jerusalem Day (June 8, support events for Palestinians initiated by Iran). Therefore, it can be assumed that in the weeks ahead, Hamas will continue to sacrifice the lives of its operatives, civilians and other terrorist operatives, while encouraging and fueling the political and propaganda campaign being waged against Israel."

Macron Says Murder of Jewish DJ Was Antisemitic Crime



French-Jewish DJ Sébastien Selam pictured in his home studio before his murder in December 2003.
Photo: Selam family.

BY BEN COHEN

Fifteen years after France's Jewish community was shell-shocked by the murder of a young Jewish musician whose killer proudly told relatives, "I killed a Jew! I will go to heaven!," French President Emmanuel Macron has finally recognized the antisemitic nature of the crime.

In a letter to French-Jewish parliamentarian Meyer Habib, Macron said that France would continue to solemnly remember the victims of antisemitic violence — specifically citing the November 2003 "barbaric murder" of 22-year-old Sébastien Selam.

In the same letter, details of which were released on Monday, Macron underlined that the brutal murder in March this year of Mireille Knoll, an 85-year-old Holocaust survivor who lived alone in Paris, had revived earlier memories of Selam, "this young Frenchman who fell under the blows of the darkest fanaticism."

In 2010, Selam's killer, 26-year-old Adel Amastaibou, was ruled mentally unfit to stand trial, despite pleas from the Selam family that the murder be recognized as an antisemitic hate crime. The killing took place in December 2003, after Selam — who performed in Paris nightclubs as DJ Lam C — had parked his car in the garage beneath his mother's Paris apartment. Spotting Amastaibou, a childhood friend, Selam stopped to greet him. In the ensuing assault, Amastaibou slit Selam's throat and gouged out his eyes using a knife and fork.

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terrorist groups in Gaza, but the attack came after Iran-backed Islamic Jihad vowed to take revenge after three of its members were killed by Israeli tank shelling.

Violence has soared along the Gaza frontier in recent weeks during which 116 Palestinian rioters were killed during Hamas-orchestrated attempts to breach the border fence.

A Hamas spokesman defended Tuesday's attacks as a "natural response to Israeli crimes." In similarly-phrased remarks, an Islamic Jihad spokesman said "the blood of our people is not cheap."

Gaza residents said at least seven training

Amastaibou then ran to his mother's apartment, where he told her "I killed a Jew! I will go to heaven!" When police arrived, he said to the arresting officers, "Allah told me to do it."

However, Amastaibou's later claim that he had been following external "voices ... I was not in control" persuaded French judicial officials that he was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia, and therefore of diminished legal responsibility. That ruling infuriated French Jews, who pointed out that the Selam family had been subjected to a campaign of antisemitic harassment in the weeks prior to the murder, and that Amastaibou already possessed a conviction for a previous assault upon a rabbi.

The murder of Selam was an early example of the trend in French courts to categorize as mentally unfit those accused of engaging in antisemitic violence. More recently, the investigation into the gruesome March 2017 murder of another Parisian Jewish pensioner, Sarah Halimi — by a Muslim assailant who recited the words "Allahu Akhbar!" as he tortured his victim — appeared to be going in the same direction. On Feb. 27, however, prosecutors announced that Halimi's killer, 27-year-old Kobili Traore, would stand trial for an antisemitic hate crime after all.

In a tweet displaying a copy of the letter from Macron, Habib said that the French president had stated "in the clearest way the anti-Semitic character of the 'barbaric murder' of Sébastien Selam in 2003. 15 years later, the family will be able to grieve."

or security facilities belonging to Islamic Jihad and Hamas were hit in the Israeli air strikes, causing buildings to shake and plumes of smoke to rise into the sky above Gaza.

The Israeli military said it was "carrying out activities in the Gaza Strip," without elaborating.

Nickolay Mladenov, the UN's special coordinator for the Middle East peace process, said he was deeply concerned by "the indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian militants from Gaza towards communities in southern Israel."

Calling for restraint by all parties, he said at least one of the mortar bombs "hit in the immediate vicinity of a kindergarten and could have killed or injured children."

World News.



A Belgian soldier stands guard outside the Jewish museum in Brussels, where a plaque commemorates the victims of the 2014 terrorist attack. Photo: Reuters / Yves Herman.

Belgian Jews Live in 'Permanent State of Siege,' Says Head of Antisemitism Watchdog

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Fear of antisemitic violence and the presence of armed police and soldiers outside Jewish institutions has left Belgian Jews living in a "permanent state of siege," the head of Belgium's main antisemitism watchdog disclosed during a wide-ranging TV interview this weekend.

"The presence of military on the street in front of Jewish sites is somewhat reassuring," Joël Rubinfeld — president of the Belgian League Against Antisemitism — told the French-language broadcaster RTBF on Sunday. "But you can imagine what kind of world we live in. Today, you go to a Jewish school and you feel like you're coming back to Fort Knox, which is really a kind of permanent state of siege."

Islamists based in Belgium have carried out several attacks on Jewish targets in Europe during the last decade, among them a gun attack on the Brussels Jewish Museum in May 2014 in which four people were killed.

Belgium's 42,000 Jews are also subjected to antisemitic harassment by Muslim extremists. Rubinfeld said that over "the last two or three years," his organization had dealt with a dozen cases of Jewish school students subjected to antisemitic bullying, as well as a broader trend of Jewish parents unwilling to risk sending their children to public schools.

"This is what they call a double punishment: on the one hand, they are victims of these antisemitic acts, of bullying, or even sometimes of physical violence, and on the other hand, it is they, and not the aggressors, who have to leave their school," Rubinfeld said.

The last fortnight, he added, had witnessed a "rush of antisemitic acts" inspired by Palestinian violence on the border between the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip and Israel.

Rubinfeld reflected that it had been difficult to convince Belgian politicians that the country has a serious problem with antisemitism.

"Already in 2008-2009, I told them: 'If you do not do it for my children, do it for your children,'" he said.

Report: Israel, Iran Reach Back-Channel Understandings on Syria Operation

BY DANIEL SIRYOTI/
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Israel and Iran recently used back channels to reach behind-the-scenes understandings over Syrian maneuvers in the southern Golan Heights, Saudi media reported Sunday.

According to the independent Arabic news website Elaph, Syrian President Bashar Assad's military is scheduled to carry out large operations in Daraa and Quneitra, in the Syrian Golan Heights, to counter rebel forces in the area.

The question of whether Iranian forces or Iranian-backed militias, including Hezbollah, would take part in the operation sparked concern in both Jordan and Israel.

According to the report, Jordan made it clear to the Syrians and their Russian allies that it would not tolerate the deployment of Shiite militias near its border with Syria.

Jordan also made it clear that military



An IDF soldier looks into southern Syria from the Israeli side of the border. Photo: IDF via Wikimedia Commons.

maneuvers involving Iranian-backed forces could trigger a military confrontation between Iran and Israel.

The report indicated that Iran used Jordan as a go-between to relay a message to Israel, saying it would not operate in south-eastern Syria near the border with Jordan.

According to the report, the understandings were reached in a series of indirect meetings in Jordan, where Iranian officials, including the envoy to Jordan, met with top

' Hamas Terrorists Don't Deserve to Watch World Cup Soccer Championships'

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/
JNS.org

Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan has instructed Israel Prison Service Commissioner Ofra Klinger to prevent Hamas operatives jailed in Israeli prisons from watching the upcoming World Cup soccer championship.

Erdan issued the directive in coordination with the special negotiator for hostages and prisoners of war, Yaron Blum, in an effort to turn up the pressure on the terrorist organization over its holding of Israeli bodies and captives. Hamas is holding the remains of two Israeli soldiers — Golani Brigade's Staff Sgt. Oron Shaul and Givati Brigade's Lt. Hadar Goldin — who were killed in the 2014 conflict in Gaza, as well as holding two Israeli civilians — Ethiopian-Israeli Avera Mengistu and Bedouin Hisham al-Sayed — who crossed into Gaza voluntarily in 2014 and 2015. The fate of Jumaa Abu Ghanima, an Israeli who crossed the border into Gaza in 2016, remains unknown.

The directive runs contrary to the Israel Prison Service's position that all prisoners should be permitted to watch the games.

Erdan met with legal authorities on Sunday to examine the options for changing the existing regulations to prevent security prisoners from watching specific television channels.

Israel Prison Service officials told Israel Hayom last week that various parties have attempted to exploit the suffering of bereaved families to make similar demands in the past.

In 2016, the High Court of Justice rejected a petition submitted by Oron Shaul's



Palestinian political prisoners sit and talk in their cell in the Ayalon complex. Photo: Nati Shohat / Flash90.

family to prevent Hamas terrorists imprisoned in Israel from watching the UEFA European Championship.

"Watching the World Cup, as with any other program, is preferable to watching a Muslim religious show," one official said.

According to prison officials, television serves as a tool to help maintain peace in the prison, particularly among security prisoners, and is a privilege that can be revoked if necessary.

The directive is the latest in a series of steps led by Erdan in recent years in efforts to pressure Hamas, including withholding family visits from prisoners, holding terrorists' bodies as leverage and whittling prisoners' privileges down to the absolute minimum required by international law.

"We have no intention of allowing Hamas terrorists to watch the World Cup championship while our soldiers' bodies are being held hostage in Gaza together with our kidnapped citizens," Erdan said.

"Those who have removed themselves from the family of nations and cleave to a culture of terrorism and murder do not deserve to enjoy an international sporting competition that brings nations together."

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Defining Antisemitism

be denied rights that are not denied to others, that is a distinction without a difference. If you think that only the Jews have no right to a homeland or to self-defense, then you are practicing discrimination against them and, as the lawyers say, the term of art for such unique discrimination is called antisemitism.

It is not and should not be illegal to voice calls for Israel's destruction or to engage in the sort of double standards and libels against Jews that the State Department definition entails. But when advocacy for such hateful opinions crosses over into discriminatory actions, that is illegal. This is why the bill proposed by Deutsch and Roskam clarifying the authority of the government to act in such cases ought to be passed — and quickly.

Contrary to its critics, the law does not forbid criticism of the Israeli government and its policies. That's a point that Israel-haters, specifically pro-BDS groups like Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voice for Peace, seek to obscure. Their stands are not rooted in a desire to alter Israel's policies or

to change its borders so as to accommodate a Palestinian state. They want Israel — the one Jewish state on the planet — to be eliminated. Every time they raise the banner of BDS, acts of antisemitism up to and including violence and intimidation of Jewish students inevitably follow. And they don't want the relevant federal authorities to be able to enforce the law against such discrimination.

That's why the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act has the support of a broad coalition of groups, including the more liberal Anti-Defamation League and American Jewish Committee, as well as centrists like AIPAC and the Jewish Federations of North America. Defining antisemitism won't impinge on advocacy of diverse opinions about faith or the Middle East. But the idea that antisemitic intimidation ought to be given a pass requires a discriminatory mindset towards Jews that has no place at federally-funded institutions or the public square in a democratic republic where the rule of law prevails.

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Jordanian officials, who in turn met with senior Israeli security officials.

"Within a few hours, we managed to reach an understanding with all the parties operating in the region — mainly Israel and Iran — that the Syrian and Jordanian armies would be the only two forces to deploy on both sides of the border between Syria and Jordan. The Iranians provided assurances that their forces would not operate alongside

the Syrian military in the offensive," a senior Jordanian official who took part in the mediation efforts told the Saudi website.

"On the other hand, Israel made it clear to the Syrians, and especially to the Iranians, that it would not allow Iranian forces to operate alongside the Syrian army in Daraa and Quneitra, even at the price of a security escalation that could lead to a direct military confrontation with Iran."

U.S. News.

State Department Religious Freedom Report Spotlights 'Horrific' Situation in Iran

BY BEN COHEN

Iran and Saudi Arabia were among the Middle Eastern countries whose records on religious freedom were severely criticized on Tuesday, with the publication of the US State Department's International Religious Freedom Report for 2017.

In remarks at a press briefing to introduce the annually-compiled report, Sam Brownback — the former Kansas governor and senator who was confirmed as US ambassador-at-large for International Religious Freedom this past February — highlighted the fact that "Saudi Arabia does not recognize the right of non-Muslims to practice their religion in public and imprisons, lashes, and fines individuals for apostasy, blasphemy, and insulting the state's interpretation of Islam."

Turning to Iran — the Shi'a rival of Saudi Arabia and its Sunni allies — Brownback painted a grim picture of life for religious minorities in the Islamic Republic.

"We hear and see horrific reports coming out of Iran on the lack of religious freedom and the persecution of people that aren't in the majority faith stream and practicing as the government directs," Brownback said.

"We see a radical export of that philosophy as well out of Iran and trouble in many other countries in the Middle East," he continued.

But while Brownback expressed no optimism about a liberalized religious regime in Iran — first designated a Country of Particular Concern (CPC) in the 1999 edition of the State Department's report — he did cautiously praise the reforming tendencies of Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman.

"For years, we've reported on the state of religious freedom in Saudi Arabia," Brownback said. "Today, I think we have some actual opportunities for that state to change and for it to get much better."

Among the numerous offenses highlighted in the report's section on Iran was the arrest of a group of Jews at the end of 2017, amid allegations of synagogue vandalism.

"In December media reported police arrested several Jews on unknown charges; the arrests were widely believed to be related to their religious affiliation," the report stated. "The arrests followed reports of attacks on two synagogues in Shiraz over consecutive nights. In the first instance, attackers broke into the Kenisa'eh Hadash (New Synagogue) and the Hadash Synagogue and desecrated two Torah scrolls and more than 100 prayer books, destroyed furnishings, *tefillin*, and prayer shawls, and stole silver."

The report examined the influence of Iran's official interpretation of Islamic Sharia law on the regime's penal code, which prescribes "the death sentence for proselytizing and attempts by non-Muslims to convert Muslims, as well as for *moharebeh* ('enmity against God') and *sabb al-nabi* ('insulting the prophet')."

Although Zoroastrians, Jews and Christians are the only religious minorities tolerated by the regime within carefully-defined limits, non-recognized faiths — such as the Baha'is and Yarsanis — are subjected to harsh discrimination that effectively classifies them, in legal terms, as less than human.

"The government bars Baha'is from all government employment and forbids Baha'i participation in the governmental social pension system," the report stated. "Baha'is

may not receive compensation for injury or crimes committed against them and may not inherit property. A religious fatwa from the supreme leader encourages citizens to avoid all dealings with Baha'is."

The section on Iran also documented numerous instances of the death sentence being passed against religious activists — in marked contrast to the two Shi'a men released by the authorities in October 2016, despite their confessing to the murder of a Baha'i because of his religious faith.

The report's publication was also the occasion for the announcement of a new, ministerial-level interfaith initiative by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Pompeo said he was looking forward "to hosting my counterparts from likeminded governments, as well as representatives of international organizations, religious commu-



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Amb. Sam Brownback. Photo: Reuters / Mary F. Calvert.

nities, and civil society" at "the first ever Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom at the Department of State" on July 25-26.

"This ministerial, we expect, will break new ground," Pompeo said. "It will not just be a discussion group. It will be about action. We look forward to identifying concrete ways to push back against persecution and ensure greater respect for religious freedom for all."

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video and photographic evidence showing Palestinians planting explosives, carrying firearms, knives, and Molotov cocktails, and even launching kite bombs embroidered with swastikas. As one 19-year-old Gazan proudly told an NPR reporter, "We want to burn" the "Jews. ... [T]his is actually what we want them to know."

But as usual, when it comes to Israel, there is a double standard. The terrorist perpetrators are treated as privileged victims instead of human beings capable of independent agency. To many in the press, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one of dueling narratives, as opposed to cold hard facts — as unpleasant as they might be. And the facts remain: Hamas is a genocidal terrorist group. Peaceful protests don't involve violence. And no matter how many times headlines blare it, terrorists are not protesters.

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Opinion.

A Month of Hypocrisy and Moral Decadence



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Never have we witnessed such morally decadent political behavior as what has transpired in regard to Israel over the past few weeks.

Paradoxically, this occurred in the wake of a series of incredible Israeli achievements.

It was Israel's founding leader, David Ben-Gurion — an avowed secularist — who stated, "In Israel, in order to be a realist, you must believe in miracles."

Kibbutz galuyot, the ingathering of the exiles, has become a reality. Israel has emerged as a military and economic superpower, and a major water-independent high-tech powerhouse. Its standing on a global level is unsurpassed.

The Trump administration, in contrast to its predecessor, treats Israel as a genuine ally. It abrogated the bogus 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, imposing tough sanctions despite the bleating of the Europeans who are desperate to continue appeasing them.

In addition, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo demanded that the Iranians pull out of Syria and desist from engaging in international terror, and explicitly warned them to cease calling for Israel's destruction. No longer is Israel facing Iran alone.

At the same time, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been able to maintain a friendly relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who also called on Iran to withdraw from Syria. Today, Israel is in great demand and sought out by many countries in Africa, Asia, and South America.

Last month, Israel scored a remarkable military victory against the Iranians and virtually destroyed their infrastructure in Syria, suffering no casualties. This was followed by the dramatic disclosure that the Mossad had purloined literally half a ton of Iranian classified documents. This gave the world conclusive evidence that the Iranians were lying when they claimed that they had no intention of creating a nuclear bomb.

The peak of Israel's jubilation came with the American administration's opening of its embassy in Jerusalem in a gala ceremony that thrilled the nation.

Despite repeated criticisms and condemnations of this by European and other countries, Israelis were in an exuberant mood that climaxed with Netta Barzilai's spectacular win for Israel at the Eurovision song contest.

Now we turn to Gaza. There have been continuous complaints about the appalling living standards and high level of unemployment in Gaza. The bulk of funds from Israel and other countries flowing into Gaza are siphoned off by Hamas to produce rockets, dig tunnels, and prepare for a military confrontation with Israel.

The most obvious example is the concrete allowed to enter Gaza by Israel, which is diverted to terror tunnels in lieu of building homes. As recently as last month, Hamas rejected vital medication from Israel to avoid showing the Jewish state in a positive light. If Hamas would abandon its obsession with destroying the Jewish state, Israeli and global aid would pour into the country and could transform it into a Middle Eastern Singapore.

But the abject living conditions of those under its rule do not concern Hamas, whose

primary aim remains "armed conflict" and the destruction of Israel.

After its efforts to undermine Israel with rockets and tunnels had been thwarted, it used the opening of the US embassy — and 70 years of the Nakba — as the pretext to launch a new campaign against the Jewish state, enlisting thousands of Gazans to storm the borders and actualize their claimed "right of return" to Israel.

Hailed by the outside world as "peaceful, nonviolent demonstrations," the participants were provided with maps of nearby Jewish towns and encouraged to bring weapons in order to kill as many Jews as possible and take Israelis hostage. Peaceful farming communities only a kilometer beyond the border were intended as their initial targets. They descended en masse to the borders hurling rocks and Molotov cocktails, and bringing pipe bombs, grenades, machetes, and guns, as well as sending burning kites, some emblazoned with swastikas, to destroy Israeli fields.

Hamas proclaimed that the purpose of this campaign was to bring an end to the Jewish state and that the casualties would be celebrated as martyrs and their families compensated.

The Israeli government responded in the same way as any nation whose borders were attacked by swarms of terrorists seeking to murder civilians. The IDF was instructed to ensure that no terrorist crossed the border. While doing their utmost to avoid needless casualties, soldiers had no choice but to resort to live fire when terrorists tore down the barriers and penetrated Israel.

Hamas operatives were instructed to dress in civilian attire. Maps were posted on Facebook displaying locations of Israeli homes, schools, and daycare centers adjacent to the border.

Many youngsters and even infants were pushed to the forefront, forced to assume the role of human shields. During almost two months of rioting and attacks on the border, over 100 people were killed and thousands allegedly wounded. Although Hamas itself proudly proclaimed to its followers that the majority killed were Hamas activists, it announced to the world that this was a massacre of innocent people peacefully demonstrating. The higher the number of casualties, the more Hamas rejoiced.

Despite clear visual evidence of the violent Hamas attacks to break through the borders, the liberal media — frustrated with Israel's recent run of successes — adopted the Hamas lies and carried screaming headlines describing callous, bloodthirsty Israelis killing peaceful protesters, including women and children.

Political leaders joined in the hysteria, accusing Israel of responding disproportionately, implying that if 500 Israelis had been killed, the deaths of the Hamas thugs would have been more justified. Some, like Turkey's antisemitic President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, accused Israel of war crimes and even of treating the Palestinians worse than the Nazis treated the Jews.

It was only the US that stood by Israel's right to defend itself, vetoing a call for a commission of inquiry by the UN Security Council. It was joined by Australia at the UN Human Rights Council, where the hypocrites passed a resolution calling for a commission of inquiry into Israel's actions without even referring to the Hamas provocation.

This has been one of the worst examples of double standards and the pogrom atmosphere generated against

Israel. Fourteen countries, including five EU member states, to their eternal disgrace, stooped to the depths of depravity when they stood aside and abstained. Included among these were purported friends of Israel like Germany, the United Kingdom, and Hungary. Their complete passivity when Israel is condemned for defending itself against terrorists committed to its annihilation is nothing short of moral turpitude. Shame on them.

Despite the monstrous ongoing massacres in the region, purported human rights NGOs, the UN, the leftist media, and most government leaders used this episode as a pretext to demonize and condemn Israel.

Setting aside this despicable behavior and the echoing of the incendiary murderous script crafted for them by Hamas, what is truly macabre is the behavior of sections of Diaspora Jewish communities. Fringe groups in both the US and UK have been publicly demonstrating in favor of the Hamas killers and even holding surreal recitations of the mourner's kaddish, naming the individuals killed. This is the equivalent of reciting kaddish for dead SS soldiers who shared the same genocidal objectives against the Jews as Hamas — truly a *chilul Hashem*, a desecration of God's name.

Even beyond this demented fringe, many Jews are publicly expressing grief at the death of the terrorists. Yet they do not express any sadness that our adversaries are obscenely providing human sacrifices by positioning women and children in the line of fire to capitalize on casualties so as to demonize Israel for public relations purposes.

Rabbinical sermons have referred to the bulk of those killed as innocents, even though Hamas leaders themselves claim that 85% of them were terrorists. On May 14 at its graduation and ordination ceremony, the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College shamelessly chose as its guest speaker the fiercely



Palestinian rioters in Gaza set a kite on fire to be flown across the border to Israel, May 11, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

anti-Zionist author Michael Chabon.

Anti-Defamation League head Jonathan Greenblatt wrote, "It is a horrific tragedy that so many people have been killed and wounded at the Gaza border." Would Greenblatt have said this about the masses of Nazis and German civilians killed in the course of World War II?

There is a serious sickness among Jews when so many feel more concern about the death of those seeking to kill us than anxiety for their own kinsmen.

No country facing such attacks on its borders would act with greater restraint than the IDF. No country would fail to take such steps to protect its territorial integrity and the lives of its citizens.

Nevertheless, the world is clinging maliciously to the lies promoted by Hamas, a terrorist organization that does not even try to hide its goal of murdering Israelis. Hamas claims its supporters are engaging in peaceful demonstrations and being butchered by Israelis with a lust to massacre Palestinian children.

Yet Hamas co-founder Mahmoud al-Zahar explicitly told *Al Jazeera*, "When we talk about 'peaceful resistance' we are deceiving the public." And in the midst of the campaign, Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar told his people, "We will tear down the border and we will tear out their hearts from their bodies ... and eat the livers of Israelis."

Peaceful demonstrations?!

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Summing Up 'The March of Return'



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Hamas did not achieve the goals it had in mind when it organized and set in motion the "March of Return" campaign. The organization would be wise to cut a deal with Gaza business community leaders and the civil bureaucracy to administer the Strip while Hamas continues to police it, provided it refrains from fighting Israel. Maybe then Gaza could begin to tread a path towards a Singaporean vision.

It is now time for the hundreds in Hamas whose job is to create and spread violence against Israel, and the hundreds of Israelis in the political and security establishment whose business is to avoid or quell that violence, to assess the results of the "March of Return" campaign, at least until the next one, which will likely begin after a temporary lull during the fast month of Ramadan.

The results are heavily against Hamas,

which spent a great deal of blood and treasure on the campaign.

The organization's biggest failure was its inability to bring the Arab residents of Jerusalem and the Palestinian Authority into the violence. Hamas is well aware that the evocative power of the Palestinian problem lies (ironically) in the names and places found in Jewish and Christian scriptures — Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Hebron — not Gaza, Khan Yunis, or Rafah.

To the despair of Hamas, the six weeks from the beginning of the campaign in late March through Nakba Day on May 15 were relatively quiet in Jerusalem and the West Bank. The evidence for the passivity of that population is as varied as it is conclusive.

First, there were no major terrorist attacks in either Israel or the West Bank that ended lethally. There were 15 murders in the four months preceding the campaign.

The scorecard of major attacks that ended in bodily harm or substantial material loss yields the same results — two per month on average for the three months before the campaign, versus one attack in the six weeks

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of the campaign.

The number of news items relating to confrontations between Palestinian youth and the Israeli army presents the same picture. A major media site, al-Quds, archives all news items related to “confrontations” (muwajahat in Arabic). In the three weeks preceding the campaign, there were 17 such items. This slid to eight in the first three weeks of the campaign and declined further to five in the final 24 days.

The headline in al-Quds on the second Friday into the campaign summarized this point: “Gaza is preparing for demonstrations this Friday.” In other words, Gaza was preparing — not the West Bank.

Rather than recreating the unity that existed between the inhabitants of Gaza and the West Bank in the first and second intifadas, when residents of both areas took part in the violence, the “March of Return” campaign deepened the divide that has existed between the two populations ever since Hamas’ takeover of Gaza in 2007. The divide is not only within the Palestinian political elite, but on the popular level as well.

This divide is a major boon to Israel. Violence is much easier to control when it takes place on either the Gaza front or the West Bank front, rather than on both fronts



A Palestinian rioter on the Israel-Gaza border, May 14, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

simultaneously, as occurred in the past.

One of the major objectives of the weaker side in any conflict (as Hamas clearly is compared to Israel) is to stir political division within the stronger side. This is the famous lesson of the French-Algerian struggle in which the FLN and its army were militarily defeated, but succeeded in bringing about deep divisions within the French public. That popular divide ended in complete political victory for the FLN.

The Palestinians did much the same in the first intifada, when the Israeli public was sharply divided between left and right. That split facilitated the Oslo process, the creation of the PA, and the move of the PLO leadership

to the West Bank.

In contrast, a march focused on the 1949 armistice lines that demanded the return of refugees to Ashkelon (Majdal), Beersheva, and Jaffa clearly had the opposite effect on the Israeli public. Instead of being divided, Israelis rallied behind the IDF’s tough policy of zero tolerance for breaching the fence.

Hamas might have also antagonized its own hardcore elements. By its own estimation, the campaign cost the organization \$10 million. For the past four years, Hamas has been paying its 50,000 employees only 40% of their salaries, roughly \$500 a month. This hardcore group will likely question Hamas’ decision to spend a great deal of money to wage the “return” campaign rather than distribute that money to these employees and their hard-pressed families.

Fallout from the violence among the general population is also probable. If the number of casualties is anywhere near true (the figures are probably exaggerated), the vast majority of Gaza inhabitants — most of whom did not go anywhere near the fence — will likely question such bloodshed now that they are facing exactly the same fence and the same reality that existed before the campaign. Those who did participate might have second thoughts about their sacrifices, which brought about no change whatsoever.

The headlines in US, British, and European outlets criticizing Israel, the musty condemnations dredged up from the recesses of the UN and various foreign ministries, and the rantings of the Turkish president were small consolations to a beleaguered Hamas.

The campaign was clearly a failure and this could be the beginning of a welcome change. Hamas might be sensible enough to cut a deal with Gaza business community leaders and the civil bureaucracy to administer Gaza.

Gaza’s attributes, including a strong workforce, access to the sea, and proximity to Europe are tremendous assets that can be used once common sense prevails over fanaticism. Maybe then, Gaza can begin to tread a path towards a becoming a Middle Eastern Singapore, and turn the woes of population density into considerable economic, cultural, and ecological benefits.

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isolated town of Fairview, Alberta. Those who chose upwardly mobile individuals as friends went on to success. Those who fell into bad company fared badly, sometimes disastrously. We can choose the wrong friends, he says, precisely because they boost our self-image. If we have a fault and know we do, we can find reassurance in the fact that the people we associate with have the same fault. This soothes our troubled mind but at the price of making it almost impossible to escape our deficiencies. Hence his Rule 3: Make friends with people who want the best for you.

None of this would come as a surprise to the sages, who pointed out, for example, that the key figures in the Korach rebellion were encamped near one another. From this they concluded, “Woe to the wicked and woe to his neighbour.” In the opposite direction, the tribes of Yehudah, Issachar and Zevulun were encamped near Moses and Aaron, and they became distinguished for their expertise in Torah. Hence, “Happy the righteous and happy his neighbour.” Hence Maimonides’ axiom:

What Kind of Journalists Don’t Correct Egregious Mistakes? TIME and Karl Vick



ELDER OF ZIYON
NEW YORK

I was a little behind on my magazine reading, and recently read Karl Vick’s description of the “Great Return March” riots in TIME. He had adequate time to correct his mistakes before the issue was published, but there is no correction in the magazine or even online.

Let’s do a little digging. Vick wrote:

In Jerusalem, the ceremonial opening of the new U.S. Embassy proceeded at a stately pace, President Trump’s daughter Ivanka unveiling a plaque that announced not only the new address for U.S. representation in Israel but also a new, snigger alignment with the host nation. A few miles away, cameras captured the chaos as Israeli soldiers methodically cut down some 2,700 Palestinians, 60 fatally, as they marched toward the fence that separates Israel from the Gaza Strip.

Even Gaza’s Health Ministry never claimed that Israel shot 2,700 people. It said that some 3,000 were injured — half of them from tear gas. Vick made an assumption and he was wrong.

Furthermore, the people who were killed were not shot while “marching” — they were either trying to cut the fence or directing people to set fires, hurl firebombs, or break through the fence.

At press time, it was known that most of the dead were Hamas militants in civilian dress. TIME didn’t update the article between online and print publication with this critical information, nor is it there now.

That patch of land, which hugs the

It is natural to be influenced in character and conduct by your friends and associates, and to follow the fashions of your fellow citizens. Therefore one ought to ensure that your friends are virtuous and that you frequent the company of the wise so that you learn from the way they live, and that you keep a distance from bad company.

Or, as the sages put it more briefly: “Make for yourself a mentor and acquire for yourself a friend.”

In the end that is what God did for Moses, and it ended his depression. He told him to gather around him seventy elders who would bear the burden of leadership with him. There was nothing they could do that Moses could not: he did not need their practical or spiritual help. But they did alleviate his isolation. They shared his spirit. They gave him the gift of friendship. We all need it. We are social animals. “It is not good to be alone.”

It is part of the intellectual history of the West and the fact that from quite early on,

Mediterranean Sea between Israel and Egypt, is home to some 2 million Palestinians, most of whose families once lived on land that is today Israel. They are stubborn refugees with no prospect of return, physically confined in an area only twice the size of the District of Columbia and with no prospect of improvement. Last year a Gaza home had four to six hours of electricity a day and water for six to eight hours every fourth day. Youth unemployment is 60%.

They are not refugees. There is only one definition of refugee under the Refugee Convention. Just because UNRWA calls them refugees does not make them refugees.



A Palestinian rioter on the Israel-Gaza Strip border, May 4, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

Beyond the absurdity of calling great-grandchildren of those who mostly voluntarily left their homes “refugees,” we can add that from their own perspective, their families were from Palestine and they now live in Palestine. So how can they be considered refugees?

Vick cleverly doesn’t directly blame Israel for Gaza’s power issues, but the implication is clear. Yet the Gaza power plant can run at full capacity if the Arabs would give Gazans the fuel. They haven’t.

There have been corrections in the two weeks since this was written.

Elder of Zion has been blogging about Israel and the Arab world for a really long time now. He also controls the world, but deep down you already knew that.

Christianity became more Hellenistic than Hebrew, that people came to think that the main purpose of religion is to convey information (about the origin of the universe, miracles, life after death, and so on). Hence the conflict between religion and science, revelation and reason, faith and demonstration. These are false dichotomies.

Judaism has foundational beliefs, to be sure, but it is fundamentally about something else altogether. For us, faith is the redemption of solitude. It is about relationships — between us and God, us and our family, us and our neighbours, us and our people, us and humankind. Judaism is not about the lonely soul. It is about the bonds that bind us to one another and to the Author of all. It is, in the highest sense, about friendship.

Hence the life changing idea: we tend to become what our friends are. So choose as friends people who are what you aspire to be.

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namely the effects of socialisation. Does it make a difference to your health whether you have friends, and if so, what kind of people they are?

Their discoveries were impressive. Not only does having friends matter; so too does having the right ones. If your friends are slim, active, happy and have healthy habits, the likelihood is that so will you, and the same is true of the reverse. Another study, in 2000, showed that if at college, you have a roommate who works hard at his or her studies, the probability is that you will work harder. A Princeton study in 2006 showed that if one of your siblings has a child, you are 15% more likely to do so within the next two years. Habits are contagious. They spread through social networks. Even your friends’ friends and their friends can still have an influence on your behaviour.[3]

Jordan Peterson, in his 12 Rules for Life, marshals his own experience and that of his contemporaries, growing up in the small,

Impressions.

Saying Kaddish for Jihadists

BY JUDITH BERGMAN

On May 15, the UN Security Council held a minute of silence for the 62 Gazans killed by Israeli forces. The IDF was forced to kill the attackers to prevent them from, in Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar's own words, "taking down the border with Israel" and "tearing out the [Israelis'] hearts from their bodies."

The next day, Hamas told an Arab news outlet, "In the last rounds of confrontations, if 62 people were martyred, 50 of the martyrs were Hamas and 12 from the people." It seems the UN Security Council did not bother to check the identities of the people they were grieving for — why bother with facts that could turn out to be politically inconvenient — but it is probably safe to say it would not have made any difference.

Repeatedly, Israel has informed a world with selective hearing that it aims to take out terrorist operatives, not civilians, whom it always warns to evacuate ahead of operations.

However, Israel's message is hard to take in for those who prefer to believe in blood libels against the Jewish state, even if those blood libels can only be "proved" by terrorists pushing women and small children ahead of themselves, using them to incur civilian losses and the moral outrage that inevitably ensues from international bodies like the UN.

Unfortunately, the entire international community has contracted amnesia when it comes to the fact that using civilians as human shields is a war crime according to international humanitarian

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law. Furthermore, this is obviously a morally despicable practice that shows the utter contempt for all human life that the Hamas regime displays at every opportunity.

None of that matters, however, to the UN Security Council, which appears to have launched a trend with its moment of silence. As is often the case, unfortunately, it was primarily leftist Jews — always first in line to prove that they are more adept at hating Israel than even the most prolific Jew haters — who picked up that trend. Their Judaism typically springs into action whenever an opportu-

nity arises to smear Israel.

In the UK, a group of far-left Jews affiliated with the British Jewish organizations Yachad and Jewdas, held a public kaddish — mourning ceremony — in Parliament Square in central London in which they read out the names of each and every Hamas terrorist. "I am here because Israel is a part of my identity and I have an obligation to speak out when Israel oppresses Palestinians," said one participant.

In New York City, the Beacon School, a public high school, also held a moment of silence for the dead jihadists. As author Karen Lehrman Bloch

else that is factual and does not smear Israel, this kind of news does not make it into the mainstream press.

According to a report by the Middle East Media and Research Institute (MEMRI), Sinwar admitted in an interview last Monday with Lebanon's Al-Mayadeen TV channel that Iran funnels "a lot of money, equipment, and expertise" to Hamas' military wing and other Gaza-based terrorist organizations:

We have excellent relations with our brothers in Hizbullah. Our relations with them are extremely developed. We work together and coordinate and



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas speaks during a meeting of the Security Council at UN headquarters in New York City, Feb. 20, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Lucas Jackson.

pointed out, "The Beacon School never had a moment of silence for the dozens of Syrian children gassed to death by President Bashar al-Assad. ... Though the school bills itself as progressive, it has never mourned the gay men that the Iranian theocracy has executed by hanging, nor Pakistan's enforced honor killings or its stoning of women."

The Anti-Defamation League also lamented the deaths of jihadists as a "horrific tragedy" and did not make any correcting statement after it had become widely known that at least 50 of those killed were Hamas operatives.

One wonders whether the UN Security Council and various leftist Jewish groups will be holding moments of silence the next time that ISIS, Hezbollah, or al-Shabab terrorists are killed. Will they also lament their deaths as "horrific tragedies" and read out their names in the squares of Western capitals? After all, a jihadist is a jihadist.

In the midst of all this outpouring of grief for dead jihadists, the same Hamas leader who told the world that his people would "tear out the hearts" of Israelis and "erase" the border revealed that Iran is an influence in Gaza and Hamas' border conflict with Israel.

Indeed, Iran has every reason to stir up trouble on Israel's border with Gaza, but as with everything

are in touch on an almost daily basis. The relations are at the best stage ever. Similarly, our ties with the Islamic Republic of Iran, with brother Qasem Soleimani and the other brothers in the IRGC leadership are very strong, powerful, and warm. Our relations with the Islamic Republic are excellent.

On May 10, the Iranian Quds Force launched 32 rockets at Israel from Syria. The attack was ordered and commanded by General Qassem Soleimani, who is in charge of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps' external operations branch. Israel responded by taking out Iran's military infrastructure in Syria.

It is evident that the border conflict in Gaza between Hamas and Israel is part of Iran's attempt to encircle Israel from all sides, whether from Syria in the north or Gaza in the south. The Iranian vassal state Lebanon, under the control of Iranian proxy Hezbollah, is a possible third front.

Meanwhile, Iran's enablers at the UN and the EU, the mainstream media, and the useful idiots of various Jewish communities all help Iran's PR efforts by bowing their heads in deference to the dead terrorist proxies of the Iranian regime.

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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2017-1212 SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent To: Egford Nugent; and to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of VERONA BROWN, 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. A petition having been duly filed by NORMA HOGG and CARLA McCARTHY, who is domiciled at 3024 Matthews Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467 and 113-64 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, NY 11429, respectively. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, QUEENS County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd Rm 62 Jamaica , New York, on July 5 2018, at 9:30 o'clock in the Fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of VERONA BROWN lately domiciled at 134-34 229th Street, Laurelton, New York admitting to probate a Will dated October 31 2008 (a Codicil dated "NONE") a copy of which is attached, as the Will of VERONA BROWN deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that [X] Letters Testamentary issue to: NORMA HOGG and CARLA McCARTHY. Dated Attested and Sealed April 27 2018 HON. PETER J. KELLY, Surrogate, James Lim Becker, Chief Clerk, Seidia R Bernard, Esq., ROACH BERNARD, PLLC, 175 North Central Avenue, Suite 200, Valley

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Stream, NY 11580 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff AGAINST JAMES MASON, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 14, 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 June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1285 PARK PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11213. 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 1365, LOT 74. Approximate amount of judgment \$666,838.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 501559/2013. Joel Eliot Abramson, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 53267
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Ernest L. Spence; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 3, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 602 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4325 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$979,521.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 508760/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 3, 2018 53286
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. SERAFIN VASQUEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 31, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 14, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 293 Powell Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 3763 and Lot 111. Approximate amount of judgment is \$850,187.63 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21054-13. Julie A. Clark, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP,

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565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff AGAINST Winston Rose; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 26, 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 June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 664 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 3840 Lot: 37. Approximate amount of judgment \$545,094.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6131/2013. Stuart Adler, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 28, 2018
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff AGAINST Calvin Dillon; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 668 Riverdale Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 3842 Lot: 19. Approximate amount of judgment \$328,323.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 1131/2013. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 28, 2018
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AR9, Plaintiff -against- JOYCELIN DOVE, GLADSTONE DOVE, WARREN BLAKE, NATIONAL CITY BANK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on October 12, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on June 14, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 298 SCHENCK AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 3995 Lot: 23 Approximate amount of lien \$690,841.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 509904/2014 DORON LEIBY,

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ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: May 3, 2018 FILE #: WELLS 64337
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: T-NANUET, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/18/2018. 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: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: L-MIDDLETOWN,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/18/2018. 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: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: G-HARRIMAN,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/18/2018. 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: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-8F, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005 8F Plaintiff AGAINST ETTY Salamon and Yehuda Salamon, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 14, 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 June 21, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1152 53RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11219. 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 5668, LOT 26. Approximate amount of judgment \$996,479.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 514510/2015. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 53340
AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/

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

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WITHOUT RECOURSE, Plaintiff - against - DARREN DOWNES, et al 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 21st Day of June, 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: May 3, 2018
AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of MASTR Adjustable Rate Mortgages Trust 2007-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Earline Burnett, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/26/2016 and entered on 11/22/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 21, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 99 4th Avenue, Unit 2L, Brooklyn, NY 11217. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 937, LOT: 1003. Approximate amount of judgment is \$507,599.91 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506959/2014. Bernard Mitchell Alter, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/

DIAMOND 123 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/10/18. 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 the LLC, 24 Diamond Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/15/22

HAUTE HOLD, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/22/2018. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 8918 Bedell Ln., Brooklyn, NY 11236. Reg Agent: U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.
AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. DEREK HEWITT, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on April 04, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 21, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 2809 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, NY 11226. All that certain plot, piece

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Tradition.

Faith and Friendship



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

In this week's parsha Moshe reaches his lowest ebb. Not surprisingly. After all that had happened – the miracles, the exodus, the division of the sea, food from heaven, water from a rock, the revelation at Sinai and the covenant that went with it – the people, yet again, were complaining about the food. And not because they were hungry; merely because they were bored. "If only we had meat to eat!



We remember the fish we ate in Egypt for free—and the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. "As for the miraculous "bread from heaven," although it sustained them it had ceased to satisfy them: "Now our appetite is gone; there's nothing to look at but this manna!"

Any leader might despair at such a moment. What is striking is the depth of Moses' despair, the candour with which he expresses it, and the blazing honesty of the Torah in telling us this story. This is what he says to God:

"Why have You brought this trouble on Your servant? What have I done to displease You that You put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do You tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land You promised on oath to their ancestors? ... If this is how You are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favour in Your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin."

Every leader, perhaps every human being, at some time in their lives faces failure, defeat and the looming abyss of despair. What is fascinating is God's response. He does not tell Moses, "Cheer up; pull yourself together; you are bigger than this." Instead He gives him something practical to do:

"Gather for Me seventy of the elders of Israel ...I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself."

It is as if God were saying to

Moses, "Remember what your father-in-law Jethro told you. Do not try to lead alone. Do not try to live alone. Even you, the greatest of the prophets, are still human, and humans are social animals. Enlist others. Choose associates. End your isolation. Have friends."

What is moving about this episode is that, at the moment of Moses' maximum emotional vulnerability, *God Himself speaks to Moses as a friend*. This is fundamental to Judaism as a whole. For us God is not (merely) Creator of the universe, Lord of history, Sovereign, Lawgiver and Redeemer, the God of capital-letter nouns. He is also close, tender, loving: "He heals

the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds" (Ps. 147:3). He is like a parent: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you" (Is. 66:13). He is like a shepherd; "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for You are with me" (Ps. 23:4). He is always there: "God is close to all who call on Him – to all who call on Him in truth" (Ps. 145:18).

In 2006, in the fittingly named Hope Square outside London's Liverpool Street Station, a memorial was erected in memory of *Kindertransport*, the operation that rescued 10,000 Jewish children from Nazi Germany shortly before the outbreak of war. At the ceremony one of the speakers, a woman by then in her eighties who was one of the saved, spoke movingly about the warmth she felt toward the country that had given refuge to her and her fellow kinder. In her speech she said something that left an indelible impression on me. She said, "I discovered that in England a policeman could be a friend." That is what made England so different from Germany. And it is what Jews discovered long ago about God Himself. He is not just a supreme power. He is also a friend. That is what Moses discovered in this week's parsha.

Friends matter. They shape our lives. How much they do so was discovered by two social scientists, Nicholas Christakis and James Fowler, using data from the Framingham Heart Study. This project, started in 1948, has followed more than 15,000 residents of Framingham, Massachusetts,

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or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 5172 and Lot 37. Approximate amount of judgment is \$759,173.77 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501526/2015. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee. Helene E. Blank, Esq., Referee Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C., 6901 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 240, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/

Notice of Qualification of unTypical Films LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/03/18. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 02/23/18. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Prioritizing You, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 5, 2018. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Kings County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 6th Street, Unit 3, Brooklyn, New York 11215.
AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/22/29

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: BRONX Concrete Pumping LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY)on 02/01/2018 Office location: Bronx county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: United States corporation agents,inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/22/29

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST DAINTY A. CLARKE, CYNTHIA V. WAGGONER, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 21, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224

examining their heart rate, weight, blood levels and other health indicators, on average every four years. Its purpose was to identify risk factors for heart disease. However, Christakis and Fowler were interested in something else,

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of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on June 28, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 705 LINWOOD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4083, LOT 9. Approximate amount of judgment \$506,908.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 4415/13. M. Randolph Jackson Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 54532
AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. DOLORES E. CLARKE; MILTON B. CLARKE; 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 February 9, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On June 28, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 941 ASHFORD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207 Block: 4403 Lot: 54 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$419,490.04 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 506248/2015 Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee
AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON (FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK), AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-3; Plaintiff(s) vs. GREGORY H. DWECK; ROBYN E. DWECK; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about March 8, 2018, 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 June 28, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 601 HAMPTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11235-3709 Block: 08731 Lot: 0054 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, Kings County, City of New York, designated as Lot Numbers 30 to 34 inclusive in Block 19 on Map of Manhattan Beach Estates, Inc., Supplement C., and filed June 28, 1909, as Number 1530D. 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 \$2,197,412.38 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 501101/2015 Angelyn Johnson, Esq., Referee
AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/

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Notice of Qualification of BPS SUBSURFACE LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/16/18. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 05/09/18. Princ. office of LLC: 81 Willoughby St., Ste. 701, Brooklyn, NY 11201. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Ariana Tepedino at the princ. office of the LLC. NJ addr. of LLC: Ariana Tepedino, 670 N. Beers St., Holmdel, NJ 07733. Cert. of Form. filed with State Treasurer, Div. of Revenue, Business Services Bureau, 33 W. State St., Fifth Fl., Trenton, NJ 08646. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/22/29

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: BAM FIT LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 05/21/2018 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: Bam Fit NYC 307 12th St.#13 Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 6/1/8/15/22/29; 7/6

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: SLS Marketing LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York on 05/16/2018. Office location: Bronx county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom prices against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC 541 Hollywood Ave., Bronx, NY 10165 purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 6/1/8/15/22/29; 7/6

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-B SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-AB4; Plaintiff(s) vs. EVELYN CHARLES; STEPHEN CHARLES; 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 April 16, 2018, 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 July 5, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 560 QUINCY STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11221-1811 Block: 1629 Lot: 12 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 \$1,091,573.31 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 550664/2013 AARON D. MASLOW, Esq., Referee
AJ; 6/1/8/15/22/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: My LiL Treasures Nursery LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York on: 04/13/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Carmen Candclario 302 E. 165th St. Apt.#1 bronx, NY 10456. Purpose: all lawful activity
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Social.



Shakira. Photo: Oouinouin via Wikimedia Commons.

Shakira Hopes to Perform in Israel in Future, After Failing to Set Date for This Summer

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

The US-based entertainment company Live Nation confirmed on Monday that reports claiming Shakira would be performing in Israel this summer were false.

Live Nation posted on Twitter, “The media has incorrectly reported that Shakira will be performing in Tel Aviv this summer. While no dates this summer will work, Shakira and Live Nation hope to bring a show to her fans in Israel in the future.”

Early this month, reports began surfacing that the “Hips Don’t Lie” singer was set to perform for the first

time ever in the Jewish state. Israel’s Channel 2 News even published an “exclusive” scoop about the Columbian singer closing a deal to appear in Israel on July 9.

Despite the fact that tickets never went on sale and no Israeli production company confirmed the show, supporters of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement still published open letters online urging Shakira to not perform in Israel.

Shakira traveled to Israel in 2011 with her boyfriend, soccer player Gerard Pique. During their trip, they visited the Western Wall and met with former Israeli President Shimon Peres.

Third Annual ‘Inspired by Israel’ Video Contest Underway

BY JNS.org

The third annual “Inspired by Israel” video contest launched this week, in partnership with the 12Tribe Films Foundation, and the Adam and Gila Milstein Family Foundation. Hosted on Israelvideonetwork.com, the contest offers cash prizes to videos that entertain, educate and inspire people about Israel. A total of \$20,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to the winning videos, including an \$8,000 Grand Prize.

“This contest is a chance for both professional and amateur filmmakers to show the world the amazing people, places and innovations of Israel,” said philanthropist Adam Milstein. “This is a unique opportunity for people of all backgrounds, faiths and ages to share with the world why Israel inspires them—expressing that through humor, original music, documentary-style

research and more.”

Entrants must register by June 24, and videos must be submitted by July 23. The public will be able to vote on their favorite videos online from Aug. 6 through Aug. 13.

Following a period of public voting, the top 11 prizes will be selected by a panel of independent experts, including philanthropist Gila Milstein, Jewish Journal/Tribe Media president David Suissa and president of Israel21c Amy Friedkin. Five other winning videos will be based on the public’s votes, and three additional “staff picks” will be chosen by the Israel Video Network.

The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at the end of August.

Last year, the winners were announced via live-stream at a special ceremony in the City of David featuring Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat. During the 10-day period of public voting, entries received more

Algerian Blogger Convicted for Interviewing Israeli Official

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An Algerian blogger has been given a 10-year prison sentence for interviewing an Israeli official.

Merzoug Touati was convicted on Thursday of “incitement to non-armed gathering,” “foreign intelligence aiming at harming diplomatic ties,” and “incitement to gatherings and sit-ins in public spaces” by an Algerian court. The 30-year-old has already filed an appeal.

Touati was arrested in January 2017 for conducting an online video interview with an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman and for calling on Algerians to protest a new financial law on Facebook.

The interview was conducted with Hassan Kaabia, the Israeli Foreign Ministry’s spokesperson for Arabic-speaking media.

While the released video is largely about reforms to Algerian financial laws, The Annahar, an Algerian



Merzoug Touati. Photo JNS.org

newspaper, came out with an article titled: “The blogger’s case exposes an international network to recruit Algerians to the Mossad.” The article included a map claiming to list Touati’s connections in Israel and asserted that Touati aimed to undermine the stability of Algeria.

A followup article allegedly quoted Touati admitting to being in contact with the Mossad, and said he was gathering information on Jewish property in Algeria for Israel, as well as managing a page to recruit Algerians to the Mossad on Facebook.

Touati has denied providing any information to Israel, asserting that his interview was within his constitutional rights.

The court dropped three charges of incitement against the state, which could have handed him a death penalty sentence.

The verdict has been condemned by Amnesty International as “utterly shocking” and contrary to freedom of speech, and by Reporters Without Borders as “disproportionate and unjustified.”

Algeria has no diplomatic relations with Israel. In April, eight Algerians charged with spying for Israel were sentenced to 10 years in prison by an Algerian court.

than 500,000 views in 236 countries.

The 2017 winning video, “Olah Chadasha (New Immigrant),” poetically explored a teenager’s love for her home of Israel five years after making aliyah. Its creators, sisters Sivan Felder and Batsheva Shachnovitz, were profiled in several newspapers, including *The Times of Israel* and *the Algemeiner*.

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