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### Israel Enacts Law to Freeze Palestinian Funds Equal to Prisoners' Stipends



#### BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel enacted a law on Monday to financially penalize the Palestinian Authority (PA) for paying stipends to Palestinian terrorists jailed by Israel, their families, and the families of those killed by Israeli forces.

The 120-seat parliament voted 87-15 in favor of the legislation that

orders holding back part of the roughly \$130 million in tax revenues that Israel collects on behalf of the Palestinians each month under interim peace agreements.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has repeatedly demanded that the Palestinians, who view prisoners as national heroes, stop paying stipends to them and their families. Earlier this year, American lawmakers enacted legislation to sharply reduce the annual \$300 million in US aid to the Palestinian Authority unless it took steps to stop making what lawmakers described as payments that reward violent crime.

The measure, known as the Taylor Force Act, was named after a 29-year-old American military veteran fatally stabbed by a Palestinian while visiting Israel in 2016. Israeli Defense Minister

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### 'The Game Is Over:' Behind the Ongoing Anti-Regime Protests in Iran

#### **BY KAVEH TAHERI**

Protests against the ruling regime in Iran have now continued into July, with fresh demonstrations in the south and southwest of the country reported on Sunday night and Monday morning.

In fact, Iran has witnessed strikes and protests on a daily basis since December 2017. The first one took place in Mashhad, Iran's second largest city by population, and the most religious. It is a city where Ayatollah Sayyid Ahmad Alamolhoda, "Supreme Leader" Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's representative, and Ebrahim Raisi, President Hassan



Iranian riot police confront protesters in Tehran.

Rouhani's rival in the last election, hold indisputable power. Now thousands of Iranian citizens have once again held mass protests in the Grand Bazaar of Tehran and in other big cities such as Tabriz, Shiraz and Kermanshah.

The larger protests that sprouted in June are a spontaneous response to Iran's grave economic crisis, rooted in regime corruption and mismanagement. The people are telling the regime, "Leave Syria, think of us," "Nor Gaza, not Lebanon, my life is for Iran," and "Death to Pales-

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#### Shabbat**Calendar**

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### **Opinion**.

### Why Have Jewish Refugees From the Arab World Been Forgotten?



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I recently watched a television reporter interviewing participants in an Al-Quds Day rally held in Toronto on June 9, 2018. (This is an Iranian-initiated event to support the Palestinians and oppose Israel and Zionism.) One participant stated that Israelis (he meant Jewish Israelis) are European colonists who should go back to Europe.

Whatever one's views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the fact that the story involves an exchange of populations — one Jewish and one Palestinian — can not be simply ignored.

Historically, such population exchanges are not uncommon. In 1947, the splitting of India caused the displacement of 15 million individuals (Hindus and Sikhs to India and Muslims to Pakistan), and the deaths of one million people in the accompanying violence. In 1923, a large scale population exchange between Greeks and Turks — involving approximately two million individuals — took place following the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire. Another population exchange involving Greeks and Turks took place in 1974, when Turkey invaded the northern third of the island of Cyprus. The November 1947 decision by the United Nations to partition Palestine into two states, one Jewish and one Arab, led to the establishment of the state of Israel — and the 1948-49 war that followed. The numerous accounts of this war between the nascent Jewish state and the Palestinian Arabs, along with the armies of five surrounding Arab countries, have focussed on the Palestinian refugees.

But Avi Shavit's 2013 book, *My Promised Land*, also refers to the exodus of Jews from Arab countries and their immigration to Israel. He notes that they and their descendants now make up more than 50% of the Jewish population of Israel. Nevertheless, the focus is on Palestinian refugees.

An autobiographical book by Amos Oz, *A Tale of Love and Darkness* (2004), also mentions the influx to Israel of large numbers of Jews from Arab lands.

In fact, the number of Jews forced to leave their homes in the Arab world is somewhat greater than the number of Palestinian refugees created by the 1948-49 war.

*The New York Times* reported in May 1948 that 900,000 Jewish residents of the Arab world were in peril. Approximately 700,000 immigrated to Israel, while the rest migrated to Europe, the United States, and Canada. Today, the Arab world (and the Muslim world) is essentially devoid of Jews.

The term "ethnic cleansing" as it pertains to forced population transfer would certainly

From the Brink

be appropriate here.

In a 1967 letter to the editors of *The New York Review of Books*, James A. Michener pointed out, "Arab refugees left Israel in the heat of war, while the Jewish refugees from Arab lands were thrown out callously in cold blood in times of peace."

And yet this refugee tragedy stands out for the fact that it is virtually unknown beyond the Jewish world. My non-Jewish friends and acquaintances, and even some Jewish ones, are not aware of this history. Yet they are universally aware of the tragedy experienced by the Palestinians, and more recently by the Syrians. Why have these refugees been forgotten?

Part of the answer has to be related to the numbers and public relations strengths of the Arab-Muslim community, which accounts for more than 25% of the countries represented in the United Nations. Moreover, as Chaim Genizi writes in *The Holocaust, Israel, and Canadian Protestant Churches* (2002), the establishment of the State of Israel "...contradicted the old Christian theological myth of Jewish national demise," and while the Palestinian refugees are a suitable Christian concern, the same does not apply to Jewish refugees from Arab lands.

Yet another factor likely resides with the refugees themselves. In a *Huffington Post* oped titled "Letter from a Forgotten Jew," David Harris writes, "Perhaps we Jews from Arab countries accepted our fate too passively.

**Polish-Jewish Relations Step Back** 



Jewish refugees at an Israeli transit camp in 1950. Photo: Jewish Agency for Israel via Wikimedia Commons.

Perhaps we failed to seize the opportunity to tell our story."

Finally, in an insightful book titled *The Siege*, Conor Cruise O'Brien writes, "The attitude of the Israeli establishment toward the Oriental Jews, in the fifties and sixties, and even later, might be defined as benevolent but pessimistic paternalism, strongly affected by negative racial attitudes and stereotypes, mitigated by the sense of a common Jewish bond. ... They were Jews, but not quite the right Jews."

The Middle East today is a cauldron of sectarian warfare, brutality, and population upheaval — particularly with respect to ethnic and religious minorities such as Kurds, Yazidis, Coptic Christians, and smaller Muslim groups such as the Sufis. Imagine for a moment that Israel was never created. How secure would the lives of a Jewish minority living in the Arab world be today? If forced to flee where would they go?



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Poland has taken the welcome step of removing the most objectionable part of its legislation governing the commemoration of the Nazi and Communist eras. No longer will a historian or journalist or any member of the public face up to three years' imprisonment for asserting "publicly and contrary to the facts," as the legislation puts it, "that the Polish Nation or the Republic of Poland is responsible or co-responsible for Nazi crimes committed by the Third Reich."

That decision, secured by a 388-25 majority of the Polish parliament, brings a strong measure of relief to a festering Polish-Jewish dispute that no one wanted in the first place. Since the overthrow of communism in 1989, Poland has emerged as a vital component of the transatlantic democratic alliance. That shift was accompanied by a blossoming of Polish-Jewish relations and a flood of new historical research, not least on the circumstances behind the Nazi extermination of three million Polish Jews during the period of German occupation.

As the Poles know only too well from their recent past, one of the key reasons authoritarian regimes retain an iron grip upon the flow of information is that they can never be certain where the flow will lead. So while there was a great deal in the 1,000-year history of Polish Jewry to revisit and celebrate, much of the new scholarship on the Holocaust period raised the agonizing question of Polish collusion with the Nazi persecution of the Jews.

The years leading up to the passage of the amended Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) Act were marked by increasingly bitter disputes about Poland's wartime history, too often inflected with antisemitism. Certain scholars, such as the distinguished Princeton University historian Jan Gross, were singled out for opprobrium in Poland's influential conservative circles, where their research was depicted as a smear on an entire nation's reputation.

In February of this year, President Andrzej Duda signed into law an amended IPN Act that incorporated a maximum sentence of three years' imprisonment for those deemed violators. What would compose a violation was never quite clear — for sure, the use of the lazy, offensive term "Polish concentration camp" to describe the Nazi extermination centers at Auschwitz and Majdanek, but quite possibly any substantive historical inquiry into the Holocaust in Poland that touched upon the issue of collusion.

Duda's signature was not quite the final



Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki addresses the lower house of Parliament in Warsaw, June 27, 2018. Photo: Agencja Gazeta / Slawomir Kaminski via Reuters.

act of the drama, as the law was referred to Poland's judiciary for examination of its impact on constitutional guarantees of free speech. As the summer arrived, the talk in Warsaw was that the Constitutional Tribunal would rule that the law was unconstitutional.

But that's not how it played out. It was the Polish Prime Minister, Mateusz Morawiecki, who decided to end the uncertainty by turning to legislators. On June 27, Morawiecki's ruling Law and Justice (PiS) Party charged down the amendment in the Polish parliament, leaving the country's stunned ultranationalists railing against a fatal compromise with Jewish and American "diktats."

For the rest of the world — foremost the Israeli government and the various global Jewish organizations — the success of Morawiecki's gamble is a measure of his statesmanship. He applied, rapidly and effectively, a political solution to a political problem; namely, the internationalization of the dispute around the IPN Act brought about by the draconian amendment. Now that the threat of imprisonment has been buried, the primary focus of international concern has gone.

Be confident, though, that the debate about World War II will continue to reverberate into Poland's contemporary politics. The Polish state remains deeply invested in preservation of the country's national memory, which means that many key forthcoming decisions — like, for example, whom to appoint as the next head of the International Auschwitz Council — will be archly political ones. Additionally, Morawiecki has

### Australia Terminates Direct Funding to Palestinian Authority Over Terror Payments

#### **BY JNS.ORG**

Australia will no longer give direct financial aid to the Palestinian Authority, citing concerns that international aid is being used to provide payments to convicted terrorists and their families.

"Any assistance provided by the Palestine Liberation Organization to those convicted of politically motivated violence is an affront to Australian values, and undermines the prospect of meaningful peace between Israel and the Palestinians," Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said in a statement.

"I wrote to the Palestinian Authority on May 29, to seek clear assurance that Australian funding is not being used to assist Palestinians convicted of politically motivated violence," she added.

"I am confident that previous Australian funding to the PA through the World Bank has been used as intended. However, I am concerned that in providing funds for this aspect of the PA's operations there is an opportunity for it to use its own budget to activities that Australia would never support."

Though the direct funding Australia provided through the World Bank will be terminated, Australia will reroute its funding to Palestinians through the United Nations' Humanitarian Fund for the Palestinian Territories, which purports to contribute to areas such as health care, sanitation and basic needs. According to Bishop, the bulk of the Australian funding, AUD 10 million (\$7.36 million), will be used in Gaza.

An Israeli bill to subtract the amount paid to terrorists by the PA from the tax revenues collected for the PA by Israel is expected to pass on Monday in the Knesset. Confiscated funds will be transferred to organizations who work with Israeli terror victims.

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tine." In growing numbers, Iranians are confronting the regime's squandering of the country's wealth — including billions of dollars unlocked by the 2015 nuclear deal, the JCPOA — on its regional proxies. These include Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthi rebels in Yemen, Islamic Jihad and others, whose aim is to destabilize the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Iran's economy is on the verge of collapse. The regime faces huge problems like double-digit inflation, a decreasing GDP, a large volume of government debt, the historic lowest value of the Iranian rial to the US dollar, high unemployment, and a growing crime rate.

What kind of government do the protesters want? Demonstrators in some cities chanted "Reza Shah, bless your soul," praising the last shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, and the exiled crown prince Reza Pahlavi. The most important slogan, however, was "Reformist, Conservative: the game is over," showing dissatisfaction with the entire regime. The people want regime change and neither reformists nor conservatives are their choice.

Today in Iran, groups of workers, educators, clinic personnel, farmers, and drivers gather in anti-regime demonstrations In March, the US Congress passed the Taylor Force Act, named after an American murdered in Israel by a Palestinian in 2016, which cuts funding to the Palestinian Authority as long as the body pays salaries to terrorists.

Figures from Israel's Defense Ministry show that in 2017, the PA paid NIS 687 million (\$198 million) to the "martyrs' families fund" for terrorists killed while committing terror acts, and NIS 550 million (\$160 million) to the Palestinian Prisoners' Club for Arabs who have been incarcerated in Israel for committing security violations, a whopping 7 percent of the body's entire annual budget.

Salaries are determined by length of sentence (longer sentences earn higher salaries), marital status, number of children, and residency (Jerusalem residents and Israeli Arabs receive higher payments).

According to the Defense Ministry, some terrorists will earn as much as \$2.78 million over the course of their lifetimes.

In June 2017, PA President Mahmoud Abbas called terror payments a "social responsibility to look after innocent people" whose loved ones were jailed or killed by Israeli forces.

He said the individuals were not terrorists, but rather "victims of the occupation."



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (R) meets with Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop at the Prime Minister office in Jerusalem on September 4, 2016. Photo: Amos Ben Gershom/GPO.

protesting against government policies and to show their hatred of the system.

Rejection of the ruling ideology of the *Velayat-e-Faqih* (Guardianship of the Islamic Jurists) is reaching its highest point. Recently, tens of thousands of Iranian accounts on Twitter and other social media platforms posted one simple message: #IranRegimeChange.

Scattered showers cannot make a river overflow, however. No revolution in the world has been a result of a one day rally. The revolution against the Iranian regime needs planning, needs leadership and needs alliances. Most of all it needs time.

That is why factors such as international pressure upon Iran's regime, and global public support for the Iranian protestors, Iranians are vital for gaining success. For many reasons, Iranians are on the streets to protest against this regime every day. The US withdrawal from the JCPOA in May added enormously to the pressure on the regime, but the sooner the rest of the world discontinues its dealings with the mullahs, the greater the chance for the victory of these protests.

Kaveh Taheri is an Iranian human rights activist and journalist. A former political prisoner, he fled from Iran to Turkey, where he now lives as a refugee.

### **Concern Mounts as France Prepares to Release Mentor to 'Hypercacher' Killer**



Al Qaeda terror strategist Djamel Beghal is set for release from a French prison. Photo: File.

#### **BY BEN COHEN**

As the French government prepares for the imminent release of a leading Al Qaeda terror strategist and ideologue, concern is mounting over where he will be located once out of jail.

Djamel Beghal, 52, is set to be released from Vezin prison in northwestern France by August 5. The Algerian national — whose terrorist connections included Amedy Coulibaly, the gunman who shot dead four Jewish hostages during an armed siege at a Hypercacher supermarket in Paris on Jan, 9, 2015 — has been active in Islamist circles in Europe since the 1990s.

Beghal is coming to the end of a prison sentence that began in 2005, with a ten-year conviction for plotting bomb attacks against targets including the US Embassy in Paris. In 2013, Beghal received an additional ten years for his part in the attempted escape from prison of Smaïn Aït Ali Belkacem, a leader of Algeria's notoriously brutal Armed Islamic Group (GIA) who is serving a life sentence in France.

During his time in the Fleury-Mérogis prison near Paris, Beghal mentored Chérif Kouachi, the terrorist who went on to carry out, with his brother Said, the deadly terrorist attack against the Paris offices of the Charlie Hebdo satirical magazine on Jan. 5, 2015. Through Chérif Kouachi, Beghal came into contact with Amedy Coulibaly, whose armed siege at the Hypercacher market completed the week of terror around the French capital launched by the Kouachi brothers.

Coulibaly, who was killed by French armed police following a siege that lasted several hours, had been known to the French

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Avigdor Lieberman wrote on Twitter after the vote: "We promised to halt the stipend freefor-all for terrorists and we have made good on our promise. It's over. Every shekel that Abu Mazen (PA President Mahmoud Abbas) will pay to terrorists and murderers will be automatically deducted from the Palestinian Authority's budget."

Israel says the payments are a reward and encouragement for the prisoners' actions

authorities for some time. Arrested in 2010, he told interrogators on that occasion that he knew and respected Beghal, describing the Algerian as someone who had made a deep impression on him during an earlier term in prison. In the days after the January 2015 attacks, Beghal's role as principal guide and adviser to the Kouachis and Coulibaly was extensively highlighted by a stunned French media.

Beghal is regarded as among the most dangerous of the 450 Islamist terrorists who will be released from French prisons by the end of 2019. Beghal is also banned from entering the United Kingdom, where his wife and four children still live after the family moved there in 1997. It was during his residency in the English city of Leicester that Beghal emerged as a key Al Qaeda recruiter in Europe, at one point traveling to Afghanistan for a meeting with the late Al Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden.

The French Justice Ministry plans to deport Beghal to Algeria, although it has yet to secure the agreement of the North African country's government. Last month, French Justice Minister Nicole Belloubet said that Beghal would remain under house arrest in France if Algeria refuses to take him. "What's important is that these people are under constant surveillance," Belloubet said.

French President Emmanuel Macron famously declared in an August 2017 policy speech that combating Islamist terrorism remained his country's chief international concern.

"Providing security for our citizens means that the fight against Islamist terrorism is our first priority," Macron said at a meeting of more than 200 French diplomats

against it but the Palestinians say they are welfare payments to support them and their families.

According to Palestinian officials, the payments to inmates serving longer sentences for more serious offenses are larger than to others serving shorter sentences for lighter offenses. Israel says this is an incentive to commit more severe attacks.

Palestinian officials say that some 6,500 Palestinians are currently being held in Israeli jails. Many of them were convicted of attacks or planning attacks against Israelis.

### World News.



Claudia Sheinbaum. Photo: Wikimedia Commo

### Jewish Woman Becomes Mayor of Mexico City

#### **BY JNS.ORG**

According to exit polls, the first-ever female elected mayor of Mexico City is also the city's first Jewish one – local politician and scientist Claudia Sheinbaum.

Sheinbaum entered politics after working as an environmental engineer at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

"Just because I might look like a skinny

scientist doesn't mean I'm not going to crack down on crime here," she told attendees at a Mexico City rally. "I will."

Sheinbaum's grandparents emigrated to Mexico City from Lithuania and Bulgaria, and she told a Jewish audience in the city that they would celebrate all the Jewish holidays together.

Mexico City is home to almost all of Mexico's Jews – a community of approximately 40.000 people.

### Israeli Nurse on Treating Wounded Syrian Children: 'Our Hearts Simply Break'

#### **BY ALGEMEINER STAFF**

Six wounded Syrians — including four orphaned children who lost their families in the ongoing fighting in their country — were transported to Israel on Friday night for medical treatment.

Five of them, the Hebrew news site Mako



reported, are being cared for at the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya. Hospital director Dr. Masad Barhoum

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pledged his willingness to pursue defamation suits against publishers or writers judged to have reassigned the blame for Nazi atrocities to Poles, or who accuse Poles of crimes that are more properly blamed on the Nazis. This view of history as the battleground of Polish national honor inevitably means that dissenting viewpoints will continue to face aggressive responses, only now without the nagging fear of a prison cell on top.

Many Americans will feel reassured that Poland's leaders have heeded the views of the outside world on the IPN Act. The dispute was never going to disrupt trade or security relations with Poland, but the potential for diplomatic jousting over the law was always there — not just because our respect for the said the patients were three children, ages 6, 7 and 14, and two adults, ages 19 and 28 — all of whom had suffered serious or critical injuries.

Naama Shahar — the head nurse of the hospital's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit — said, "We are, first of all, human beings. Most of us are mothers or fathers, and when we see these cases, our hearts simply break. We treat them and we cry. The sights are very tough, these are war wounds, and despite all our strength, we take it home with us."

"With children like this who have suffered so much, there is no thought of them as the 'enemy,' we take care of them as if they were from our people, and we give them the best treatment, with everything that includes," she added.

According to Barhoum, around 2,500 wounded Syrians have been treated at the Galilee Medical Center over the past five years.

victims of the Holocaust requires that we never simplify or censor their stories, but because we expect Poland, as a fellow democracy, to observe liberal norms of free speech.

In turn, the Poles have a right to expect that American commitments to their security and sovereignty are more than just platitudes. If one element of Morawiecki's goal in defanging the IPN Act was to remind us of this fundamental alliance, especially as Donald Trump prepares for his summit with Poland's bête noire, Russian leader Vladimir Putin, then we should pay heed.

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### Nurse Stabbed by Eritrean Patient, Union Calls for Strike

#### BY JNS.org

Following the stabbing of a nurse by an illegal immigrant from Eritrea in an Israeli hospital, the Israel Nurses' Union is calling for a nationwide strike.

A nurse was listed in moderate but stable condition after being stabbed by an Eritrean patient in his thirties at the Shmuel Ha'Rofe hospital in Beer Yaakov on Monday evening. The man was subsequently arrested and brought in for questioning.

Chair of the Nurses' union, Ilana Cohen, called for a general strike on Wednesday in

protest of "violence in the health system."

Deputy Health Minister Yaakov Litzman assured the public that "we are committed to the safety and security of [medical] staff, and we will work with the police and the Public Security Ministry to ensure that such incidents do not recur."

Just one day prior to the assault, a woman received a five-month community service sentence for attacking hospital security staff in September.

The presiding judge noted that violence against hospital staff has "become widespread" and called on authorities to provide better security for them.

### UK Court Forces Apology From Israeli-Born Antisemitic Activist for Libeling of Jewish Campaigner

#### BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

One of Britain's most vocal antisemites was handed a humiliating court defeat in London on Monday.

Gilad Atzmon, an Israeli-born jazz musician and conspiracy theorist who refers to himself as a "former Jew," was forced to deliver an apology in the High Court to Gideon Falter, the chairman of the UK's Campaign Against Antisemitism (CAA). Atzmon will also have to pay undisclosed costs in legal fees and damages that the CAA described as "substantial."

The CAA sued Atzmon for libel over an article he published in July 2017 entitled "Antisemitism is a Business Plan." In the piece, Atzmon falsely claimed that "Falter and the CAA obviously fabricate antisemitic incidents" and that "Falter and the CAA need the Jews to be hated so they can collect more and more British taxpayer money."

Unable to substantiate these and other charges against the CAA as summarized by High Court Justice Matthew Nicklin, Atzmon capitulated. Falter said afterward in a statement that he was "delighted" to have "been able to set the record straight and expose one such antisemitic liar for what he truly is."

Falter added: "For four years, I have led Campaign Against Antisemitism without earning a penny from it and at enormous personal and financial cost to myself. I am proud that we have



Israeli-born musician Gilad Atzmon, now an antisemitic activist based in the UK. Photo: YouTube.

built an organization with great integrity to lead the fight against antisemitism in Britain."

For his part, Atzmon said after the ruling that he "did not (and do not) believe that Mr. Falter was motivated by fraud and I do not think that there is anything I said that suggested it."

Atzmon continued: "However, I have to accept the ruling that the court made."

A familiar figure on social media and in far-left circles, Atzmon told a Jewish Twitter user in 2014, "I am not a Jew any more. I indeed despise the Jew in me (whatever is left). I absolutely detest the Jew in you."

Atzmon's long-standing insistence that "Zionists" control political discourse in the UK and around the globe has not abated. "Britain is now reduced to an Orwellian dystopia," he wrote recently. "We may have to accept that our big Zionist brother is constantly watching us. If we want to keep out of trouble, we better self-censor our thoughts and learn to accept the new boundaries of our expression."

### **CODEPINK BDS Activist Barred From Entering Israel**

#### BY JNS.org

An activist from the group CODEPINK was barred from entering Israel on Monday due to ties with the BDS movement.

Ariel Gold, a Jewish American who serves as national co-director of CODEPINK—a US-based, far-left anti-war group that has been involved in protesting Israel's policies toward the Palestinians—said she had secured a student visa from the Israeli consulate in New York prior to her arrival in Israel. However, upon entering Israel she was denied entry because of her ties with the BDS movement and had her visa canceled.

"We prevented Ariel Gold, an extreme boycott activist, from entering the country," Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan said on Twitter. "Our policy is clear: Those who campaign towards boycotting Israel and come here in order to cause harm won't be allowed to enter the country. The rules have changed, and Israel will not show restraint towards those who try to hurt it."

CODEPINK was among some 20 organizations that Israel named last January as being banned from entering the country due to its ties with the BDS movement.

### U.S. News.

### State Department Warns Foreign Companies Not to Expect Exemptions Under Tough Renewed Iran Sanctions

#### BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Foreign companies would be unwise to expect US waivers or other exemptions on the conduct of business with Iran once renewed sanctions on the Tehran regime take hold, a senior State Department official has confirmed.

"We are not looking to grant licenses or waivers broadly on the re-imposition of sanctions, because we believe pressure is critical to achieve our national security objectives," said Brian Hook — director of policy planning at the State Department

— said at a press briefing on Tuesday.

"This is a campaign of imposing pressure [on Iran]," Hook emphasized. His comments came as he outlined the Trump administration's broader policy toward Tehran in the wake of May's decision to walk away from the JCPOA — the July 2015 nuclear deal with Iran widely regarded as the signature foreign policy achievement of the Obama administration.

The renewed sanctions announced in place of the JCPOA will take effect in two phases, Hook said.

"The first part of our sanctions will snap back on August 6," he explained. "These sanctions will include targeting Iran's automotive sector, trade in gold, and other key metals."

He continued that the remaining sanctions "will snap back on November 4. These sanctions will include targeting Iran's energy sector and petroleum-based transactions, and transactions with the Central Bank of Iran."

Hook stressed that the goal of the sanctions was not to punish the Iranian people, but to change the behavior of the

### Israeli Poll Shows Little Faith in Trump Plan to Achieve Peace

#### BY JNS.org

A recent survey shows that Israelis do not believe that a proposal by US President Donald Trump will be successful in achieving a goal of peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Released Monday, the survey conducted by the Israel Democracy Institute and Tel Aviv University shows that nearly 75 percent of Jewish and Arab Israelis believe a plan by the American administration has either very low or moderately low chances to succeed.

An overwhelming 77 percent of respondents said they believe Israel's interests are important to the American president, with over 60 percent saying they believe the interests of the Palestinians are not.

The poll also showed that while over half of respondents supported negotiations with the Palestinians, less than 20 percent believed the talks would lead to peace.

Another recent poll of Israelis showed strong favorable feelings toward Trump and his policy on Israel. A June poll by the American Jewish Committee found that 77 percent of Israelis approve of his handling of US-Israel relations, with 85 percent in favor of his transfer of the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.



From left: US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, Special Middle East envoy Jason Greenblatt, White House adviser Jared Kushner, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer, meeting in Jerusalem on June 22, 2018. Photo: US Embassy in Israel.

#### ruling mullahs.

"Our sanctions do not now, nor have they ever, targeted humanitarian goods," Hook said. "Our sanctions pressure the Iranian regime into changing its behavior and they do not target the Iranian people. The United States does not sanction the export of food or medicine to Iran."

Hook paid tribute to the protests that have gathered momentum in Iran over the last three weeks.

"As the regime continues to crack down on these legitimate calls for reform in Tehran, Khorramshahr, and elsewhere with more repression and even greater violence, the United States stands with the Iranian people," he said.

Hook pointed out that since withdrawing from the Iran deal, "the United States has sanctioned 53 individuals and entities for human rights abuses, proliferation activities, or acts of terrorism, and we will continue to do so."

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He declared: "A people with as rich a history and as deep a culture as the Iranian people deserve a government that treats them with dignity."

Hook noted that in explaining the US shift on Iran to European allies, there was already in place "a position of broad agreement on wanting to deter Iran's destabilizing activities in the Middle East and its support for terrorism."

"No one supports Iran's terrorism in the world except perhaps (Syrian dictator Bashar) al-Assad," Hook observed. "And so we feel like we have enormous agreement with countries around the world on what we need to do to deter Iran's violence."



### **Opinion**.

### Why the World Should Forgive Roseanne's Racist Tweet



Roseanne Barr and I have now recorded two podcasts where she expressed heartfelt regret over the pain she caused with her recent tweet about Valerie Jarrett. She explained that her purpose was to go through all four major steps of Jewish repentance, as outlined by Maimonides:

First, a recognition of the sin. Once cannot excuse or rationalize one's actions. There must be an unequivocal acceptance that one has done wrong. Second, a confession of the sin, a clear articulation that one acknowledges one's error, with no ifs, ands, or buts. Third, an apology to the injured party and a request for forgiveness. And fourth, restitution. Undertaking concrete action that demonstrates that one is charting a new course.

Roseanne went through all four. She said publicly and emotionally that she had done wrong and caused pain to others, in particular Valerie Jarrett. Second, she confessed her wrong publicly and personally. Third, she asked the public for forgiveness, and went to Valerie Jarrett's Twitter account and asked for forgiveness. And fourth, Roseanne said she has contributed funds to African-American educational establishments to make restitution.

And even with all that, I had national TV anchors asking me last week, "How do you know she's sincere?" "What if she's doing this to rescue her career?" "Doesn't she have a history of doing this kind of thing?"

Amazing. A woman who is worldrenowned can do two public interviews where she cries her eyes out, begs forgiveness, say loudly and plainly that she does not want her legions of fans to defend her as she knows she's done wrong, and still there are so many that refuse to forgive.

If it is true that civility is dead in America, then its equally important cousin, forgiveness, is equally dead. And what a tragedy for America.

First, let me deal with Roseanne. She recorded the apology podcast after her show had been canceled. She had nothing to gain by releasing an interview in which she showed extreme vulnerability. But she knows that as a famous Jewish woman, who publicly aligns herself with Judaism and Israel, she is a de facto representative of her people. And she didn't want to act in contravention to the values that she herself promotes.

In this hyper-partisan climate that currently rules America there are going to be more and more high profile people who step on landmines. Do I want to see any of these people destroy themselves, lose their career, and never be forgiven? I want to see an America that believes in atonement and forgiveness.

Celebrities will continue to say outrageous things. America is just not in a place where people in the public eye are exerting a great amount of self-control. So, at the very least, let's impress upon them the need to atone for missteps — however egregious — and, if they do so sincerely, they should be forgiven.

Without atonement and forgiveness Americans are going to be at each other's throats with no way back. Sure, people should be civil to begin with. They shouldn't attack each other or say mean things about each other. But, we are all human. We are all fallible. And we're all going to make serious mistakes. I am a great believer in apologies, so long

without such an expansion our species would remain ruthlessly dedicated to (and victimized by) virtually every manner of mega-violence.

But how, accordingly, shall we proceed? What should be done in our particular American union to encourage needed empathy, and also to foster aptly caring feelings between tribes? Reciprocally, how can we improve the state of our world so as to ensure a more viable and prosperous fate for our own specifically American union?

We humans, after all, are designed with particular boundaries of allowable feeling. Were it otherwise, a more extended range of compassion toward others could quickly bring about a total emotional collapse. Humankind must therefore confront a very strange and self-contradictory understanding: A widening circle of human compassion is both indispensable to civilizational survival, and an inevitable source of unbearable private anguish.

Truth, sometimes, emerges only through paradox.

According to ancient Jewish tradition, one that certain Talmudists trace back to the time of Isaiah, the world rests upon 36 just men, the Lamed-Vav tzaddikim.

There are many meanings to this ancient tradition, but one meaning is very special to these American and world concerns. A whole world of just men (and women) is impossible. This is because ordinary individuals simply cannot bear the boundless torments of others beyond a narrow circle of kin. It is for them, the legend continues, that God has created the Lamed-Vav.

According to one description, "Based in part on the story of Abraham and his conversation with the Lord about the destruction of Sodom in Genesis 18, the Lamed Vovniks are those who, by virtue of their compassion for others and the prayers they offer, cause the Lord to answer, 'I will spare all the place for their sakes' (Genesis 18:26)."

Again, empathy on a more grand scale, however necessary in principle, is at the same time an unavoidable prescription for despair.

What next? What is to be done? How shall our intersecting nations now deal with a requirement for global civilization that is simultaneously essential and unbearable? Fully aware that empathy for the many is a pre-condi-



Roseanne Barr. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

as they are offered sincerely, without excuses, and restitution is made. How do we know if someone is sincere? Firstly, from the degree of emotion showed in their apology. As the Talmud says, "Words that emanate from the heart, penetrate the heart." You can always tell if someone is faking it.

We also know that someone is sincere if they follow up their words with action. Action, as the ancient rabbis said, is the most important component. Restitution can come in the form of charity, it can come in the form of public service, and it can come in the form of making direct amends to the aggrieved party.

I believe that Roseanne is truly sorry for her words, and should be forgiven.

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tion of decent world union, what can create such feeling without producing, as an expected corollary, intolerable emotional pain?

The answer can never be found in ordinary political speeches or programs, especially where they would likely express the harshly retrograde sentiments of "America First." It can lie only in a thoroughly resolute detachment of individuals from their lethally competitive tribes and from similar claims of other predatory "selves."

Recalling the Jesuit philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a more perfect union — both national and international — must stem ultimately from a determined replacement of "civilization" with "planetization." This replacement would be premised upon an inextinguishable global solidarity or "oneness," and make individual human beings, not their competitive nation-states, the primary referents of palpable reform.

This replacement, in turn, will depend upon prior affirmations of Self, upon a steadily expanding acceptance of the uniformly global sacredness of all individuals. To wit, American policies cannot continue to disregard the essential human rights of vast segments of its own citizens and those who live in other countries. In more narrowly legal terms, this human rights imperative is not just a matter of volitional cooperation; it reflects an integral requirement of a US domestic law that already incorporates certain binding norms of international law.

For the doubters of "incorporation," they can begin by looking into Article 6 of the US Constitution, the "Supremacy Clause," which expressly mandates such vital adaptations of authoritative treaty law.

President Trump should quickly understand that the state of our domestic union can never be any better than the state of our wider world. To act pragmatically upon this core understanding, he must first go far beyond his conspicuously belligerent orientation to world politics (an orientation that the logicians would call fallacious) and then finally acknowledge that our personal and collective fates are inextricably intertwined.

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## Lamed-Vav and the Danger of Donald



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Whatever else Donald Trump might believe, the state of our American union is deeply intertwined with the state of our world. There is no getting around this very intimate nexus. Ultimately, despite this president's starkly limiting personal convictions, our fate as Americans will depend upon a much wider identification as citizens of an integrated planet.

Without such a willing identification, this country will be left behind, not only in tangible economic matters (already, an evident consequence of Mr. Trump's trade wars), but also in terms of its most basically-needed capacities for long-term security.

"America First" misfires on absolutely all cylinders. It portends not only more-orless irremediable fiscal losses, but also this nation's fundamental incapacity to protect itself from assorted catastrophic wars. From the mid-17teenth century to the present moment — that is, during the continuously corrosive historical periods dating back to the Peace of Westphalia in 1648 — the adversarial "state system" has failed to produce either peace or justice. Again and again, realpolitik, or power politics, has repeatedly (and bitterly) proven its own insubstantiality.

America is not immune from such intimate connections of countries around the world. This fearful conclusion about global peace and justice has remained as pertinent for all the world system's "great powers" as for its most disadvantaged members.

In the beginning, President Trump's "everyone for himself" view of the world had

already been revealed by his earlier (and his second) national security adviser, H.R. McMaster. Expressed in a Wall Street Journal op-ed

on June 3, 2017, General McMaster soberly declared: "President Trump has a cleareyed outlook that the world is not a `global community,' but an arena where nations, nongovernmental actors and businesses engage and compete for advantage." For emphasis, he had added gratuitously: "Rather than deny this elemental nature of international affairs, we embrace it."

Now, Mr. Trump has yet another national security adviser and secretary of state, but this crudely "realistic" view of the world remains proudly and conspicuously unmodified.

Real history, this president has persistently failed to observe, is merely the sum total of individual "souls" seeking some form or other of "redemption." Corresponding expressions of the human search for security and status in groups can easily be detected in the variously self-centric ideals of sovereignty and self-determination.

Lamentably, the "self" in these basic legal principles refers exclusively to entire peoples, to states preparing not for any manageable coexistence, but rather for inevitable conflict.

All too frequently, the unsurprising result is a measureless orgy of mass killing that is conveniently sanitized as "international relations" or "power politics."

Now divided into thousands of hostile tribes, almost 200 of which are properly called states, we human beings often find it very easy to slay "others," especially in war. Empathy, on this self-destroying planet, is reserved almost exclusively for those living within our own tribe, whether based upon geography, nationality, ideology, or religious faith.

It follows that any purposeful expansion of empathy to include outsiders is a necessary condition of authentic global progress, and that

### **Opinion**

### Is Hamas Terrorism as Effective as It Used to Be?



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The downturn in Hamas' fortunes is not only political but also practical. From the 1990s through the "al-Aqsa intifada" it made lethal use of suicide terrorism. Its substitutes since then — ballistic, tunnel, and now kite terrorism — are decreasingly effective.

Hamas' recent political setbacks are well known. The most punishing was the downfall of Egyptian president and Muslim Brotherhood member Mohammed Morsi and his replacement by Abdel Fatah al-Sisi, who helped destroy the tunnel industry from which Hamas derived most of its revenues.

That setback was worsened by the Palestinian Authority's attempt to deny Hamas money by reducing salaries to 70,000 PA employees in Gaza, by far the largest group of consumers in the Strip. The PA's goal was similar to that of Sisi: to generate less tax revenue for Hamas.

Yet the practical downturn in Hamas' fortunes can be seen in its approach to the use of terrorism.

The effectiveness of suicide attacks by Hamas and its ally Islamic Jihad in the "al-Aqsa intifada" can be gauged by the number of victims. Over the course of four years, these two organizations were responsible for the murders of 400 Israeli citizens (and dozens of foreigners), with Hamas responsible for the lion's share of the bloodletting.

The effectiveness of suicide bombing did not end there. It brought about the only absolute contraction of the Israeli economy since the state's inception, something no war with the Arab states has ever brought about — including the year-and-a-half long War of Independence.

The effectiveness of suicide bombing in fact, the very phenomenon itself — came to an end after Israel reentered the Palestinian Authority's Area A in 2002. Ever since then, Area A has been subject to daily penetration and arrests of would-be terrorists.

The destruction of the sanctuaries that enabled Hamas to plan elaborate suicide bombings, coupled with the smashing of its human infrastructure through incessant arrests, considerably reduced the capabilities of both Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Hamas responded, as would most violent organizations under such circumstances, by looking for substitute means of hurting the enemy.

So the decline in suicide bombings was followed, starting in 2004, by a spectacular rise in missile and rocket attacks. Hamas continually improved its missiles' payload and distance — so much so that by 2006, the number of Israelis directly affected by the missiles increased from 25,000 inhabitants in the immediate areas bordering Gaza to the hundreds of thousands who live in major cities such Beersheba, Ashdod, Ashkelon, and beyond.

Yet missile terrorism was not nearly as costly to Israel as suicide bombing had been. Israeli military expenditures as a percentage of GDP and as a percentage of total government expenditures continued to decline, whereas at the height of the "al-Aqsa intifada" they remained level.

Missile terrorism was far less costly in

human terms as well. Even if we take into account all the casualties of the three rounds of fighting between Israel and Hamas, mortalities add up to approximately 120; that is to say, less than one-third the number of Israelis who were killed during the wave of suicide bombing. Note also that the wave of missile terrorism took place over 10 years compared to the suicide bombing wave, which lasted four.

Whereas the effectiveness of suicide terrorism was vastly reduced as a result of the military punishment meted out by the IDF and Israeli security agencies, missile terrorism became less effective over time due to technological developments that denied Hamas much of the potency of this means of attack.

BESA associate Uzi Rubin, in his extensive studies published by the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies on the Iron Dome missile defense system, plotted that system's growing effectiveness over time. In the third round of fighting in 2014, only two of the 72 deaths during the 55 days of fighting resulted from missile attacks. By then, Hamas had decided that tunnel attacks, initially considered a supplement to its arsenal, should become a substitute for missile strikes.

But just as missile terrorism was far less effective than suicide bombing, so too was tunnel terrorism less effective than both before it was essentially foiled by technological developments.

Following the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, Hamas scored successes in tunnel forays in 2006, with the killing of two Israeli tank members and the capture of a third, in exchange for whom it successfully negotiated the release of over 1,000 Palestinian terrorists in 2011. Over the course of the 2014 campaign, Hamas used tunnels to surprise Israeli forces and succeeded in killing 11 of them in three separate incidents.

Significantly, it never used most tunnels it had dug into Israel territory, partially out of fear that Israel had developed the means to monitor and mine them. Israel did in fact succeed in killing at least 12 Islamic Jihad terrorists in a tunnel in October 2017. In any event, the price tag for Israel of tunnel terrorism was only a fraction of the costs of missile terrorism.

It is against the backdrop of its never-ending quest to find substitutes for no-longer effective terrorist measures that Hamas' innovation of kite terrorism can be understood.

Though it is too early to say conclusively that this means is the poorest terrorism substitute of all, it would seem that a solution will be found before it becomes lethal rather than simply destructive, as it is at present.

Of course, a technological solution would be best, but in its absence, some innovative combat moves against the perpetrators would be welcome.

The IDF increasingly reacts to the innovations of its enemies. It is now faced with a golden opportunity to show that operating beyond enemy lines in daring and innovative ways is not only a legacy of its past.

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### Analyzing the Austrian Chancellor's Visit to Israel

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Far too little attention has been paid to the importance of Sebastian Kurz's first visit as Austrian chancellor to Israel. This 31-year-old politician is the leader of the right-of-center Austrian People's Party (ÖVP). And if his statements and actions were typical for all visiting heads of European countries, Israel's position in Europe would be much stronger.

At Yad Vashem, Kurz admitted the heavy responsibility of Austria and the Austrians for "shameful crimes committed during the Shoah." He paid a private visit to the Western Wall. He also encouraged the populist Freedom Party of Austria (FPÖ), the junior partner of the ÖVP, to take a stand against antisemitism in order to join the government. Still, Israel remains skeptical of the FPÖ, since it has neo-Nazi roots.

During his visit, Kurz didn't ask for Israel to establish contacts with the FPÖ ministers. And he was right not to. Israel is not applying a double standard here, because it also does not receive Swedish socialist Foreign Minister Margot Wallström, who is part-time antisemitic and anti-Israel.

During his visit, Kurz did not explicitly mention Muslim antisemitism, but said, "I can assure you that Austria will fight all forms of antisemitism in Europe with determination — be it an existing one or newly imported antisemitism." Kurz's statements are all the more important because he is looking for a higher Austrian profile in the EU than many of his predecessors.

Austria, having become part of Germany in 1938, willingly participated in the Holocaust, and many of its post-war leaders seriously distorted the country's horrific history, presenting the country as the first victim of German Nazism. It was Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky — the socialist party (SPÖ) leader — who admitted the truth for the first time in 1991.

One of Austria's greatest post-war scandals was the responsibility of Alois Mock, an earlier ÖVP leader. He proposed former UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim as the party's candidate for the 1986 Austrian presi-

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with a growing number of other nations. In essence, the state of our American union should never be fashioned apart from the much broader and more durable considerations of planetary survival. Naturally, this seemingly fanciful conclusion will be widely dismissed as too utopian or "unrealistic."

Still, in all such potentially existential matters, it would be best to recall film director Federico Fellini's appropriately wide-ranging observation: "In the end, the visionary is the only realist." In reality, this does not mean that the visionary should have altogether free reign in determining correct reformist strategies, but it does suggest that the very worst strategy for America and the world would be to have us all continue on the present and time-dishonored course.

By its abundantly incoherent claims, "America First" is not only "false and against dential elections. It was then already known that Waldheim had belonged to a Nazi student organization and a mounted riders group of the paramilitary SA Nazi organization.

Waldheim left out crucial elements of his war-time service in his biography. During one period, for example, he had been an adjudant to the Austrian General Alexander Löhr in Yugoslavia, who was executed in 1947 as a war criminal. Nor did Waldheim mention his posting in Saloniki during the period when the large Jewish population there was rounded up and sent to a death camp. He later said that he had not noticed this happening. Nonetheless, Waldheim was elected by the Austrian people. During his presidency, he would often speak about morals and values.

But post-war problems concerning Jews in Austria were not limited to the ÖVP. Socialist Chancellor Bruno Kreisky was also



Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz attends a news conference in Vienna, Austria June 8, 2018. Photo: REUTERS/Leonhard Foeger.

at the forefront of rehabilitating former Nazis. In my view, he was a self-hating Jew. All this gives perspective on the radically different positions currently expressed by Kurz.

There is one related aspect that should also be mentioned. The World Jewish Congress (WJC) led the campaign against Waldheim and was responsible for many disclosures about his past. This small organization — greatly maligned by Mock — ran a masterly campaign. The WJC later succeeded in ensuring that Waldheim was not allowed to enter the US. He also was not invited to visit by other Western countries during his presidency. The successful WJC campaign contrasts greatly with the frequent clumsiness of the Israeli government's actions against its detractors.

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nature," but it is also a fetid breeding ground for expanding crimes of war and crimes against humanity.

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### **Impressions**.

### Why Israel Should Recognize the Armenian Genocide

#### **BY SIMON BUTLER**

Now that Israel's political relationship with Turkey is teetering on the edge of the precipice, it is time for the government of the Jewish state to recognize the Armenian holocaust of the last century — officially and irrevocably — as a genocide.

This historical horror, initiated by the Ottoman Turkish government in 1915, resulted in the murders of 1.5 million Armenians, as well as scores of Greeks, Assyrians, and other populations. The current Turkish government, headed by the dictatorial fundamentalist Recep Tayyip Erdogan, has not admitted responsibility for its predecessors' crimes and likely won't in the future. A bill proposed in the Israeli Knesset to make the recognition official was reportedly withdrawn following instructions that the word "genocide" be



A depiction of the Armenian genocide Photo: Wiki

scrapped in favor of less-powerful labels.

This is a mistake and a historical injustice. But it can be corrected.

Israel and Turkey have a variety of commercial ties that, apparently, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wishes to retain, despite Erdogan's exhortations to reduce business with the Jewish state. Additionally, Turkey is regarded as a US ally in the battle against ISIS, even though Turkey has a horrendous human rights record, given practices such as the decline of press freedoms and the orchestration of a campaign of violence against the Kurds. Many Israelis also travel to Turkey as a vacation spot. So this is clearly a complicated situation.

Yet it's not too complicated for justice to be served. As a country that houses numerous citizens whose ancestors perished during the Holocaust, Israel shares common ground with the Armenians, including my friend Aram, who lost numerous family members during the Ottomans' governmentmandated genocide. This is all the more reason for the Israeli government to bring back the bill and make it stronger, not to mute it.

This would also be the right thing on an ethical level. Certainly, it would alienate Turkey and elicit further protestations from Erdogan. But is that so important when compared to the need for a set-in-stone definition of one of the great evils in human history? The lack of such a pronouncement is a disgrace. Fixing this injustice is much more critical than holding on to the tenuous links that Israel has with an increasingly despotic Turkey.

I hope that Netanyahu and his coalition come to understand this soon.

### Bishop Michael Curry: Royally Anti-Israel

#### **BY NOAH SUMMERS**

Media, both social and print, are abuzz with the historical significance and ramifications of Prince William's recent visit to Israel. This includes close examination of the royal's controversial itinerary on his diplomatically sensitive trip to the region.

But curiously escaping media scrutiny were the well-documented anti-Israel sentiments of the American bishop who recently delivered the royal wedding sermon for Prince William's brother, Prince Harry.

Bishop Michael Curry's sermon at Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding went viral to no one's surprise. After all, the presiding bishop of



Britain's Prince William tours the beach in Tel Aviv accompanied by the city's mayor, Ron Huldai, June 26, 2018. Photo: Menahem Kahana / Pool via Reuters.

the Episcopal Church USA engagingly and passionately argued "love is the way," while describing the potential of love to transform the world.

However, Bishop Curry's passion for love apparently does not extend to Israel or Israelis.

Royal wedding watchers wowed by the bishop's stirring sermon were likely unfamiliar with Bishop Curry's anti-Israel activism — from attending a strategic summit co-hosted by the Palestinian Authority to signing a pro-Hamas document urging IDF soldiers to disobey orders at the Gaza-Israel border.

The bishop recently traveled to Gaza immediately prior to the Gaza-Israel border clashes. He "added the Episcopal Church's name" to a statement — signed by other notable anti-Israel denominations — that could only be described as an anti-Israel, pro-Hamas document. The statement called, among other things, for the Palestinian right of return, reinstatement of US funding of UNRWA, and international pressure for an end to the Gaza blockade.

This "Statement of US Churches and Christian Agencies on Gaza" described the Great March of Return as "non-violent demonstrations" and called for an end to "the lethal use of weapons and force by the Israeli military." It endorsed "the call by B'Tselem" for Israeli soldiers to disobey IDF orders to shoot when Gazans were "approaching the fence or even sabotaging it," claiming that such situations were not life-threatening.

Notably, the Gaza statement also called upon the United States, "particularly President Trump and members of Congress ... to censure the violent and indiscriminate actions of the State in Israel in response to the demonstrations

which in no way threaten the security of the state or its citizens." The statement's assertion flies in the face of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar's declaration, "We will take down the border and tear out their hearts from their bodies."

Bishop Curry not only has given political cover to Hamas in their latest violent campaign aimed at tearing out Israelis' hearts, but he has also strategized with the Palestinian Authority and its willing "Christian" accomplices to target Israel and its Christian supporters. Bishop Curry attended the 2016 Atlanta Summit hosted by former president

and notable Israel critic Jimmy Carter at the Carter Center. An anti-Israel blueprint was crafted at the Summit, and Bishop Curry was prominently featured on the list of over 100 signatories of this Atlanta Summit document.

A Summit delegation delivered to Obama administration officials a letter signed by patriarchs addressed to the then-president. Its request that the US refrain from vetoing anti-Israel resolutions at the UN was granted mere months later, when the US did not veto UN Resolution 2334 in December 2016.

While Bishop Curry may claim to support Palestinians, he coordinates with their oppressors — the Palestinian elite, the Palestinian Authority, and Hamas. In reality, he is royally anti-Israel and anti-Palestinian.

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Jews and Armenians share a similar history when it comes to persecution and discrimination. As a member of the Jewish faith, I know what it's like to experience hatred aimed at my religion and culture. Armenians do too. The directives of Israel's conscience necessitate the application of righteous behavior. Recognizing the Armenian genocide as what it was — a genocide –would be an appropriate manifestation of that behavior.

I urge the Israeli government to do just that.

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plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #505971/2015. JOEL ELIOT ABRAMSON ESQ., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 AJ; 6/15/22/29;7/6

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Roberto Iemmott: Winnifred H. Francis; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 15, 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 July 19, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 574 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 1387 Lot: 49. Approximate amount of judgment \$764,296.82 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 9649/13. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 1, 2018 53986 AJ; 6/15/22/29;7/6

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JDRMDBP-SM LLC, Plaintiff -against- NASIR CHOWDURY, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 3, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on July 19, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Cleveland Street, distant 150 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Cleveland Street and the northerly side of Pitkin Avenue; being a plot 90 feet by 25 feet by 80 feet by 25 feet. Block: 4000 Lot: 25. \*REFEREE WILL ACCEPT ONLY BANK OR CERTIFIED CHECK FOR DEPOSIT REQUIRED FROM PURCHASER. NO CASH ACCEPTED\* Said premises known as 434 CLEVELAND ST., BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$870,362.56 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 507374/2014. JOEL ABRAMSON, ESQ., Referee McGovern & Amodio, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 2 William Street, Suite 306, White Plains, NY 10601 AJ; 6/15/22/29;7/6

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, S/B/M CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, S/B/M TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff against COLVILLE BARRETT, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered December 26, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 19, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known

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as 348 Warwick Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. Block 3982 Lot 24. 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$115,322.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 511722/15. Philip L Kamaras, Esq., Referee XCHJC175 AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court, Kings County, Omat I REO Holdings LLC v. John G. Abrams, et al., Defendants, Index No. 7754/2012. Lorenzo A. DeLuca, Esq., attorney for Plaintiff's Assignee, 269 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301 (212) 239-2339. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on or about June 1, 2018, I, the referee, will sell in one parcel at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., the premises directed by said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale to be sold therein known as 1074 Fulton Street. Brooklyn, NY, 11238 (Block 2016, Lot 15 on the tax map of Kings County). ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Fulton Street, distant 146 feet 4 inches easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Fulton Street and the easterly side of Classon; RUNNING THENCE southerly on a line at right angles to Fulton Street and partly through the center of a party wall, 121 feet; THENCE easterly parallel with Fulton Street, 24 feet; THENCE northerly on a line at right angles to Fulton Street and partly through the center of a party wall, 121 feet to the said southerly side of Fulton Street; and THENCE westerly along the said southerly side of Fulton Street, 24 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises will be sold subject to all provisions and conditions contained in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Terms of Sale. Approximate amount due is \$466,153.20 plus interest and costs Leonard C. Spector, Esq., Referee. AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.; Plaintiff -against- NUCHEM SCHWARTZ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated April 11, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on July 19, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Neptune Avenue with the westerly side of Highland Avenue; being a plot 50 feet by 60 feet by 50 feet by 60 feet. Block: 6998 Lot: 25 Said premises known as 4000 HIGHLAND AVENUE A/K/A 3901 NEPTUNE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$695,627.66 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return

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of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 7004/2014. MORRIS MATZA, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 7254.698 AJ; 6/15/22/29;7/6

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, Against CARMEN MENDEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 5/7/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on 7/19/2018 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 2297 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land. with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 8490 and Lot 27. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$392,717.23 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale: Index # 500833/2014. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 5/25/2018 File Number: 28768 MNB

AJ; 6/15/22/29;7/6 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST ANNISA DANCE and RUSSELL DANCE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 01, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on July 19, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 686 WORTMAN AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4546, LOT 100. Approximate amount of judgment \$844,763.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511425/2014. David J. Hernandez, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 54722

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: TOTALTECH CONSULTING & SOLUTIONS, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York. (SSNY) on 03/30/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom Continued on Page A10

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### **Tradition.**

### The Lost Masterpiece



A true story that took place in 1995: It concerns the legacy of an unusual man with an unusual name: Mr Ernest Onians, a farmer in East Anglia whose main business was as a supplier of pigswill. Known as an eccentric, his hobby was collecting paintings. He used to go around local auctions and whenever a painting came on sale, especially if it was old, he would make a bid for it. Eventually he collected more than five hundred canvases. There were too many to hang them all on the walls of his relatively modest home, Baylham Mill in Suffolk. So he simply piled them up, keeping some in his chicken sheds.

His children did not share his passion. They knew he was odd. He used to dress scruffily. Afraid of being burgled, he rigged up his own home-made alarm system, using klaxons powered by old car batteries, and always slept with a loaded shotgun under his bed. When he died, his children put the paintings on sale by Sotheby's, the London auction house. Before any major sale of artworks Sotheby's puts out a catalogue so that interested buyers can see in advance what will be on offer.

A great art expert, Sir Denis Mahon (1910-2011), was looking through the catalogue one day when his eye was caught by one painting in particular. The photograph in the catalogue, no larger than a postage stamp, showed a rabble of rampaging people setting fire to a large building and making off with loot. Onians had bought it at a country house sale in the 1940s for a mere £12. The catalogue listed the painting as the Sack of Carthage, painted by a relatively little known artist of the seventeenth century, Pietro Testa. It estimated that it would fetch £15,000.

Mahon was struck by one incongruous detail. One of the looters was making off with a seven branched candelabrum. What, Mahon wondered, was a menorah doing in Carthage? Clearly the painting was not depicting that event. Instead it was portrait of the Destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans. But if what he was looking at was not the Sack of Carthage, then the artist was probably not Pietro Testa.

Mahon remembered that the great seventeenth century artist Nicholas Poussin had painted two portraits of the destruction of the second temple. One was hanging in the art museum in Vienna. The other, painted in 1626 for Cardinal Barberini, had disappeared from *Continued on Page A12* 

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process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Totaltech consulting & Solutions, LLC 1223 E. 48th St., Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6/13/20

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF11 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-FF11, V. WILLIAM BLAGROVE, ET AL., NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2018, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF11 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-FF11 is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM BLAGROVE; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on July 26, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1603 E 95TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236: Block 8298, Lot 29: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510180/2014. Jeffrey Miller, Esq. Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS GRAND BANK, N.A., Plaintiff against MARIE GLEASON, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 24, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 26th day of July, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 2850 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229. (Block: 8914, Lot: 279). Approximate amount of lien \$ 445,747.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501000-14. Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 AJ; 6/22/29;7/6/13

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SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS FHA QUALIFIED TRUSTEE FOR RESCAP LIQUIDATING TRUST, Plaintiff against DESIRE J. STARKS A/K/A DESIREE JOAN STARKS, MR. STARKS, ADRIANE STARKS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 3, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public

auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 26th day of July, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 270 East 40 Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11203. (Block: 4893, Lot: 17) Approximate amount of lien \$ 784,501.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 15303-12. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call 800-280-2832 AJ; 6/22/29; 7/6/13

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DYLAN & SHAW LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/11/2018. NY office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is David H. Perlman, Esq., 186 Montague Street Brooklyn, NY, 11201. Purpose/character of LLC: Any Lawful Purpose. #160978 AJ; 6/22/29;7/6/13/20/27

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Tanya Tesler, Lev Yakubovich, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/11/2017 and entered on 6/6/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 26, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 55 Oceana Drive East, Unit 5E, Brooklyn, NY 11235. 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: 8720, LOT: 2884. Approximate amount of judgment is \$446,608.68 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 503809/2014. Bartholomew M. Verdirame, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 6/22/29;7/6/13/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff(s), Against Index No.: 507611/2013 LOUIS IACOBUCCI, DANIELA IACOBUCCI, FERRARO, ROBERT MARIA FERRARO, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly granted 05/24/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on 7/26/2018 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1441 76th St. Brooklyn, NY 11228, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York; Block 6223 and Lot 62. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$466,741.13 plus interest and costs. The premises

will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 507611/2013. Jacob N. Gelfand, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C., 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210, New Rochelle, NY 10801 Dated: 05/29/2018 File Number: 125-5644 AA/BGM AJ; 6/22/29; 7/6/13

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LEXSET.AI LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/03/2018. NY office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as an agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is LEXSET.AI LLC, 19 Morris Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: all lawful activity. AJ; 6/29; 7/6/13/20/27; 8/3

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS QUICKEN LOANS INC., ALEKSANDER Plaintiff against KHARKOVER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 29, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 9th day of August, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises Lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn and County of Kings, State of New York. In the condominium known as "The 235 Ocean Parkway Condominium." Together with an undivided 5.56% interest in the Common Elements. Said premises known as 235 Ocean Parkway, Unit No. 2A, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218. (Block: 5339, Lot: 1103). Approximate amount of lien \$ 504,479.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501108-14. Robert L. Howe, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street -Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900 AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT -COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED BACKED RECEIVABLES ASSET LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIF-ICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff - against - GALO MONTESDEOCO A/K/A GALO MONTESDEOCA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 28, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 9th Day of August, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221. (Block: 3284 and Lot: 39) Approximate amount of lien \$639,228.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 7907/2013. Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: June 8, 2018 AJ: 7/6/13/20/27:

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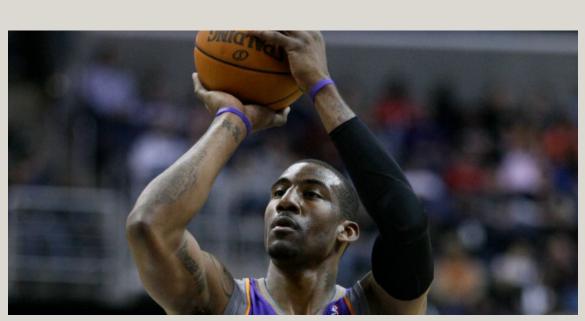
NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff -against-Rockie Ojomu-Kayoes a/k/a Rockie Ojomu Kayoes a/k/a R. Ojomu Kayoes, City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, Leroy Williams Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on May 11, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on August 9, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1050 East 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 8037 Lot: 172 Approximate amount of lien \$731,132.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 505895/2015 Joel E. Abramson, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTOR-NEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: June 25, 2018 FILE #: BAYVIEW 68274 AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

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 August 9, 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: June 18, 2018 AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

Notice of Qualification of CONEY ISLAND ASSOCIATES PHASE 2 LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/19/18. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 06/13/17. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o BFC Partners, 150 Myrtle Ave., Ste. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11201, DE addr. of LLC: Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 7/6/13/20/27; 8/3/10

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-MX1, Plaintiff -against-CECIL HAYNES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 2, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee

### Social.



Amare Stoudemire during his NBA career with the Phoenix Suns. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

### Former NBA Star Amare Stoudemire Calls Return to Israeli Basketball League a 'Possibility'

#### **BY SHIRYN SOLNY**

Six-time NBA All-Star Amar'e Stoudemire said he might resume playing for an Israeli basketball team if cannot make a comeback in the NBA next season.

"It's a possibility," he told TMZ. "If I don't go back to the NBA, then I would go back and play for Israel." The 35-year-old added, "I feel great...I feel like I'm in top shape," and noted that there is no specific NBA team he'd like to play for.

Stoudemire retired from the New York Knicks in August 2016, signed a two-year deal to play for the

Israeli basketball team Hapoel Jerusalem and moved to Israel. Hapoel won the Israeli Basketball Premiere League championship in 2017, after which Stoudemire returned to the US.

In May, he told CBS Sports, "I'm definitely planning on (coming back to the NBA). I've been training like you wouldn't believe, my body feels great. I had an amazing year last year playing overseas, and so I'm gonna definitely continue to work."

The basketball player, who is the son of "Hebraic" parents, previously played for the Phoenix Suns, New York Knicks, Dallas Mavericks and Miami Heat.

### Volunteers for Israel Dig Into New Program Starting This Fall

#### BY JNS.org

Volunteers for Israel, a 36-year-old nonprofit organization that encourages American Jews to lend their services to help the Jewish state, announces a new pilot program that tacks on archeology to its endeavors from Nov. 18 to Dec. 1.

The 14-day program starts with one week of volunteering on an Israeli army base, followed by a week volunteering at an active archaeological-dig site supervised by the Israel Antiquities Authority at the foot of Tel Assar in the Haifa district, focusing on relics that date back to 3,500 BCE.

The site covers the Chalcolithic period, or Copper Age, which was an era of transition between the stone tool-using farmers of the Neolithic and the metalobsessed civilizations of the Bronze Age. It began in the late fifth millennium BCE and lasted for 1,000 years before it gave rise to the Early Bronze Age (approximately 4,300 to 3,300 BCE).

The Tel Assar excavation began in May of this year with about 300 archaeologists and workers.

Program manager and Volunteers for Israel board member Steve Plotkin said the dig came out of "both a need and desire to expand the scope and interest of the overall experience. We fully expect that it will succeed."

The all-inclusive program, open to people of all ages, covers digging and excavation tools. Work hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sunday to Thursday, with no activity on Shabbat.

This program focuses on raising awareness of Israel's archaeological treasures, in addition to immersion in the nation's culture. It's sponsored by Volunteers for Israel, Sar-El, the Israel Antiquities Authority and Gil Travel.

### Teens Lend a Hand in Home Repair in Puerto Rico

#### **BY JNS.org**

Twenty teens from New Jersey are currently building temporary homes and repairing roofs in storm-damaged Puerto Rico with the NJ NCSY's Fred and Rose Distenfeld Chesed Mission.

NCSY is an Orthodox Jewish youth group under the auspices of the Orthodox Union.

The 2018 Distenfeld Chesed Missions support rebuilding efforts in Houston; New Orleans; Nashville, Tenn.; Charleston, S.C.; and Puerto Rico. The groups partner with Jewish day schools for the working trips, including the Jewish Education Center (Elizabeth, N.J.), Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls (Teaneck, N.J.), the Frisch School (Paramus, N.J.) and the Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies



NJ NCSY teens in Puerto Rico. Photo: NJ NCSY via Facebook.

(Ridgewood, N.J.). Other participants come from public schools across the state.

"This trip taught me that even a little smile can change a person's day," said Alex, a volunteer. "I hope our work changes the lives of many people for years to come."

NJ NCSY has earned accolades for running disaster-relief missions throughout the country for the past 11 years. The organization has sent teen groups to Texas, Louisiana, Minnesota, New York, Georgia and Puerto Rico. While volunteering, they work hands-on with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, South East Recovery, Hike for Katrina, Nechama and Green Light, working to construct and repair buildings and homes to improve the lives of their inhabitants.

The program teaches leadership training to the teens, who take their experiences back home with the expectation that they become motivated to participate in additional social-justice programs.

Applications are being accepted until Sept. 30. Visit: www.vfi-usa.org.



tThe Tel Assar excavation. Photo: Israel Antiquities Authority

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public view sometime in the eighteenth century. No one knew what had happened to it. With a shock Mahon realised that he was looking at the missing Poussin.

At the auction, he bid for the picture. When a figure of the eminence of Sir Dennis bid for a painting the other potential buyers knew that he must know something they did not, so they too put in bids. Eventually Sir Dennis bought the painting for £155, 000. A few years later he sold it for its true worth, £4.5 million, to Lord Rothschild who donated it to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem where it hangs today in duly granted.

This led to the famous comment of Rabbi Ephraim Luntschitz of Prague (1550-1619) on the episode of the spies. Focussing on God's words, "Send for yourself men to spy out the land of Canaan" (Num. 14:2), Luntschitz argued that God was not commanding Moses but permitting him to send men. God was saying, "From My perspective, seeing the future, it would have been better to send women, because they love and cherish the land and would never come to speak negatively about it. However, since you are convinced that these men are worthy and do indeed value the



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Israel's ThetaRay, which uses mathematics to provide early detection from cyber threats, has completed a fundraising round of over \$30 million, bringing the total amount raised to date to more than \$60 million.

Investors include Jerusalem Venture Partners, General Electric, Bank Hapoalim, Israel's OurCrowd and SVB Investments.

ThetaRay, which has doubled in size every year for the past five years, said on Tuesday it will use the capital to expand its presence in Europe, Asia and the United States and significantly increase its workforce to meet a growing demand for systems that fight financial crime and money laundering.

ThetaRay said its machine learning and artificial intelligence technology helps financial institutions identify the earliest signs of money laundering.

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will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on August 9, 2018 at 2:30 pm premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Clarkson Avenue, distant 43 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Clarkson Avenue with westerly side of East 51st Street; being a plot 19 feet by 100 feet by 19 feet by 100 feet. Block: 4637 Lot: 8. Said premises known as 846 CLARKSON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$553,021.02 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 6018/2013. SIMON SHAMOUN, ESO., Referee Dorf & Nelson LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 555 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Rye, NY 10580 AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

File No.: 2017-3525/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Edwin Braunstein, Steven Braunstein, Edwin Helitzer, Office of Victim Services, Office of the Attorney General, Barbara A. Pasternak, Matthew J. O'Keefe, Esq., Jean C. Wesh, Esq. Attorney General of the State of New York, Lois A. Bladykas, Esq. The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of MURRAY

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GOLD, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of MURRAY GOLD, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 50 Nunnawauk Road, Newton, CT 06470, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of MURRAY GOLD, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 16th day of August, 2018 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$13,500.00 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the petitioner should not be authorized to retain the sum of \$10,000.00 to satisfy the contingent and possible claim of Jean C. Wesh, Esq., for a period of 6 months from the date of the decree to be settled hereon; and why, upon service on the petitioner of an Order from the New York Supreme Court fixing the legal fees and commissions of Jean C. Wesh, Esq. for services rendered to the decedent, petitioner should not be further authorized to pay Jean C. Wesh, Esq. said amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and why if Jean C. Wesh, Esq. should fail to obtain an order form the New York Supreme Court fixing his legal fee and commissions for services rendered to the decedent within six months from the Notice of Entry of the Decree to be settled hereon, the amount retained by the petitioner shall be distributed as set forth in the petition; and why each of you claiming to be a distribute of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship. Dated, Attested and Sealed 7th day of June, 2018 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County JAMES LIM BECKER Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake

Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: PAPER RAIDERS LLC .Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 06/12/2018. 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: Paper Raiders LLC 165 Clinton Ave., Apt. 6 A Brooklyn, NY 11205.purpose : all lawful activity AJ; 7/6/13/20/27; 8/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff against AUGUSTINE TEKA, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered April 6, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 261, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 9, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1172 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212. Block 3508 Lot 31. 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 and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$779,011.55 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 503503/2014. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee YGRMC310 AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff against REGINA WILLIAMS, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered March 27, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 261, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 9, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 587 Schroeders Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11239. Block 4586 Lot 898. 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$185,859.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 505226/2013. Jageshwar Sharma, Esg., Referee **MTC080** AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: BEKOR LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 06/22/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process again it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: BEKOR P.O.Box 21895 Brooklyn, NY 11202.Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 7/6/13/20/27; 8/3/10

the memory of Sir Isaiah Berlin.

I know this story only because, Lord Rothschild's request, I at together with the then director of the national gallery, Neil MacGregor, gave a lecture on the painting while it was shown briefly in London before being taken to its new and permanent home. I tell the story because it is so graphic an example of the fact that we can lose a priceless legacy simply because, not loving it, we do not come to appreciate its true value. From this we can infer a corollary: we inherit what we truly love.

This surely is the moral of the story of the daughters of Zelophehad in this week's parsha. Recall the story: Zelophehad, of the tribe of Manasseh, had died in the wilderness before the allocation of the land. He left five daughters but no sons. The daughters came before Moses, arguing that it would be unjust for his family to be denied their share in the land simply because he had daughters but not sons. Moses brought their case before God, who told him: "What Zelophehad's daughters are saying is right. You must certainly give them property as an inheritance among their father's relatives and give their father's inheritance to them" (Num. 27:7). And so it came to pass.

The sages spoke of Zelophehad's daughters in the highest praise. They were, they said, very wise and chose the right time to present their request. They knew how to interpret Scripture, and they were perfectly virtuous. Even more consequentially, their love of the land of Israel was in striking contrast to that of the men. The spies had come back with a negative report about the land, and the people had said, "Let us appoint a [new] leader and return to Egypt" (Num. 14:4). But Zelophehad's daughters wanted to have a share in the land, which they were

land, I give you permission to go ahead and send them." The result was catastrophic.

Ten of the men came back with a negative report. The people were demoralised, and the result was that they lost the chance to enter the land in their lifetime. They lost their chance to enjoy their inheritance in the land promised to their ancestors. The daughters of Zelophehad, by contrast, did inherit the land - because they loved it. What we love, we inherit. What we fail to love, we lose.

I cannot help but think that in some strange way the stories of the daughters of Zelophehad and the auction of the missing Poussin illustrate the state of Jewish identity today. For many of my contemporaries Judaism was like the story of Ernest Onian's penchant for paintings. Judaism was something their parents had but not something that was meaningful to them. Like Onians' children they were willing to let go of it, unaware that it was a legacy of immense value. When we don't fully appreciate the value of something, we can lose a treasure without ever knowing it is a treasure.

Judaism, of course, is not a painting. It's an identity. And you can't sell an identity. But you can lose it. And many Jews are losing theirs. Our ancestors have given us the gift of a past. We owe them the gift of a future faithful to that past. At least we should not relinquish it simply because we don't know how valuable it is.

The life-changing idea here is surely simple yet profound: if we truly wish to hand on our legacy to our children, we must teach them to love it. The most important element of any education is not learning facts or skills but learning what to love. What we love, we inherit. What we fail to love, we lose. Shabbat Shalom