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Putin and I Want 'Safety for Israel,' Trump Declares



US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin at their summit in Helsinki. Photo: Reuters / Leonhard Foeger.

BY ALGEMEINER
STAFF

At a joint news conference in Helsinki on Monday dominated by US President Donald Trump's insistence that Russia did not interfere with the 2016 election, both the American leader and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin were keen to stress their agreement on other areas as well, including Israel's security and the

wider situation in the Middle East.

Putin said that once Syrian rebels opposed to President Bashar al-Assad's dictatorship had been "crushed in the southwest of Syria," both Israel and Syria should again comply with the May 1974 Separation of Forces Agreement.

"This will bring peace to Golan Heights, and bring more peaceful relationship between Syria and Israel, and also to provide security of the state of Israel," Putin said,

speaking through an interpreter.

"Mr. President [Trump] paid special attention to the issue during today's negotiations," Putin added. "And I would like to confirm that Russia is interested in this development and will act accordingly."

On an official visit to Russia last week, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu voiced his support for the 1974 agreement as a tested means of restoring a

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Iran's 'Supreme Leader' Khamenei Celebrates Birthday

BY BEN COHEN

Visitors to the Twitter feed of Iran's "supreme leader" on Monday were treated to the incongruous sight of multi-colored balloons floating above a series of incendiary anti-Israel tweets.

The celebratory mood on what is normally a rather somber feed marks Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's 79th birthday — which falls on Tuesday, July 17, in the Gregorian calendar.

But as the last balloon disappeared from the screen, so did the jollity — leaving only a thread of threatening messages warning of the Jewish state's coming destruction.



It's party time: Iranian 'Supreme Leader' Ayatollah Khamenei celebrates his birthday on Twitter. Image: Screenshot.

Denouncing US President Donald Trump's "deal of the century" proposal for an Israeli-Palestinian peace as a "satanic, vicious plot," Khamenei declared, "The turbulent dream that Al-Quds [Jerusalem] would be given to the Zionists will never come true."

He continued: "The Palestinian nation will stand against it and Muslim nations will back the Palestinian nation, never letting that happen."

As to his ultimate intentions towards Israel, Khamenei

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Opinion.

The World Must Know: The Dramatic Advances of Israel's Treatment of Israeli Arabs



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Over the last few years, the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement has gained strength. While substantial Jewish-Arab disparities within Israel continue to fuel BDS support, it is important to understand the positive changes that have occurred over the last decade as a result of the government's affirmative action policies.

At the beginning of the 21st century, 1.3 million Arab citizens of Israel lived under unacceptable conditions. They had separate lives in underfunded towns with deplorable transportation systems and attended underfunded schools. Between 1997 and 2005, median inflation-adjusted Arab household income declined. In response, the widely-embraced 2006 Future Visions report was a wake-up call to increased government efforts to help the Arab population.

To increase Arab female employment, the government funded training programs, improved educational support, subsidized employment, expanded transportation networks, and built industrial parks near Arab towns. As a result, the labor force participation rate of Arab women between 30 to 39 years old increased from 24% in 2005 to 34% by 2010.

Targeted funding also reduced overcrowding in Arab schools and dramatically increased preschool enrollment. With support from the Council for Higher Education, there has been a 79% increase in Arab student enrollment in bachelor's degree programs since 2010. In 2017, Arab students comprised 17% of all students in these programs.

There have also been successful efforts to increase Arab participation in the hi-tech sector. By 2016, Arab enrollment at the Technion reached 22% — equally divided between men and women. To aid retention, counseling resources were added, as well as having all significant college materials published in Arabic. In 2008, the government began funding Tsofen to aid employment efforts in hi-tech industries, and Arab engineering employment increased from 300 to 5,000 a decade later. Graduates gained employment in Israeli companies, especially in multinationals and Arab-owned start-ups, creating a hub in Nazareth.

Beginning in 2014, an ambitious government initiative has substantially increased the number of Arab teachers in the Jewish school system. During the 2017-2018 school year, 805 Arab teachers taught in Jewish schools, an increase of 73% from 2014. These numbers included 361 Arab teachers of English, math, and science, an increase of 130% since 2014.

In 2007, Arabs comprised only 6% of government employees. To increase their

numbers, the government required Arabs to be at least 30% of new hires. Over the next decade, Arab government employment increased by 88%, so that Arabs now comprise 10% of all government workers.

In 2007, a national service option was created paying female Arab high school graduates for up to two years to perform social services in their home communities. At first, only the Druze and Christian communities participated. But in 2017, there were 4,500 Arab women enrolled (up from 600 in 2010) and 70% were Muslim.

In an unprecedented development, the Knesset also voted to change its funding formula that was extremely discriminatory in its allocation to Arab towns. To further correct for past underfunding, Government Decision 922 dedicated additional resources for Arab communities. And as part of the transportation initiative, for the first time all buses throughout the country will have Arabic signage.

There are also a number of right-wing politicians who support these improvements. Most prominent is Naftali Bennett, the current education minister. He quickly agreed to requests for additional funds to improve Arab teacher retention. Bennett was also instrumental in enabling Tsofen's hi-tech initiatives to get off the ground, and he recently funded a substantial increase in computers available in Arab schools, in part to help grow the hi-tech pipeline.

All of these changes substantially raised



The Israeli flag at Jerusalem's Western Wall.
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the living standards of Arab citizens — as well as hope for the future. In 2017, two-thirds of Arab respondents had a "good" or "very good" outlook and overwhelmingly believed that the Arab Joint List party should focus on economic conditions rather than issues related to Gaza and the West Bank. Indeed, public opinion polls found that 73% of the Arab public disapproved when Arab Knesset members boycotted Simon Peres' funeral.

These developments do not discount the need for further improvements. Israel society is a long way from providing equal opportunity for all its citizens: In some government ministries and Israeli hi-tech firms, discriminatory hiring practices prevail. There are also continued biases in land allocation and an unwillingness to allow for any Arab national symbols. However, the evaluation of Israeli policies towards its Arab citizens is much more positive than many people realize.

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Anglo-Jewry Is Threatened From Both Without and Within



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More than 10 years ago, I warned that the passivity of the Anglo-Jewish leadership would likely lead to disastrous political consequences and negatively impact the younger generation, which was being inadequately educated to face its challenges.

I described Anglo-Jewish leaders as "trembling Israelites, whose uppermost objective was to lie low, and above all, avoid rocking the boat." The policy for confronting anti-Israel or antisemitic adversaries was summed up by then-President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews Henry Grunwald as the "softly softly" approach, generally opposing demonstrations and urging "not to shout when a whisper can be heard." It was a classic case of shtadlanut — avoiding any public display and attempting to resolve problems by silent intercessions.

Despite dissent from Jews at a grassroots level, the prevailing tendency of the leadership was also to ignore the fierce waves of antisemitism and hostility from both Muslim immigrants and the Left.

At the time, Ken Livingstone, a 21st century Oswald Mosley, was the mayor of London, ranting his anti-Israel and antisemitic beliefs. The Jewish leadership sought to ignore him.

When the Muslim leadership called for the abolition of Holocaust Memorial Day, the cowardly Board of Deputies leaders responded with an apologetic press campaign claiming that Holocaust Memorial Day was no longer restricted to Jews but also "covers Cambodia, Rwanda, the Balkans, and elsewhere."

To enhance their social acceptability and approval ratings in the anti-Israel media, some Jewish leaders also publicly condemned Israel.

The most noteworthy of these was tycoon Mick Davis, then chairman of Anglo-Jewry's United Jewish Israel Appeal. In his comments, at the time unprecedented for a mainstream Jewish leader, Davis proclaimed that Israel was in danger of becoming an "apartheid" state and warned the Israeli government that its "bad" actions directly impinged on him in London. The Jewish leadership failed to condemn Davis for his remarks or request him to withdraw them.

In 2006, Melanie Phillips wrote *Londonistan*, a book predicting the growth of Islam in the UK and the consequent dangers facing society. She was immediately assailed by the Jewish leadership, which publicly condemned



UK Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn outside his London home. Photo: Reuters/Toby Melville.

her as a mad extremist. Yet less than a decade later, the reality proved to be even worse than her nightmarish prophecies had predicted.

The community was stunned when the Labour party elected Jeremy Corbyn as its leader, who would qualify as a modern Trotskyist. He was a staunch supporter of the anti-Israel boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement and made no secret of his hatred of Zionism. On various occasions, he associated with a variety of antisemites and even Holocaust deniers. He also supported terrorist groups like Hamas and Hezbollah, which he maintained were committed to peace.

British Jews, the majority of whom were long-time Labour supporters, were shocked. More so after many Labour MPs made antisemitic remarks, leading to a pseudo-investigation by the party, following which a few of the most extreme were suspended but the majority considered kosher on the tenuous basis that their comments were anti-Zionist rather than antisemitic. More recently, the party diluted the internationally accepted definition of antisemitism by removing examples such as accusing Jews of being more loyal to Israel than their own country, claiming that Israel's existence is a racist endeavor, applying a double standard to Israel, and comparing contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.

As a consequence, Jews have defected from Labour in droves and at the last election the clear majority voted for the Conservative party, whose leaders, especially David

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World News.

Syria Accuses Israel of Killing Nine Soldiers Prior to Trump-Putin Summit

BY JNS.ORG

An Israeli military strike late on Sunday is being linked with the killing of nine soldiers aligned with Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Syrian state media reported that Israel bombed the Al-Nayrab airbase next to Aleppo's international airport—a position significantly farther north than the majority of previous Israeli airstrikes and one that has been linked to the Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corp. The British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least six of those killed were Syrian, with Iranian

soldiers also stationed at the base.

Al-Nayrab was hit on April 29 as part of a large mission that targeted weapons depots near Hama. Israel has not commented on the attacks.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has conducted two meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin in recent weeks, urging him to take part in removing Iranian military apparatus from Syria. Reports indicate that Moscow has agreed to keep Iran out of the Golan border region.

Putin and US President Donald Trump are set to meet at a US-Russia summit in Helsinki today, where the topics of Syria and Iran are expected to be addressed.

IDF Arrests Suspects, Finds Submachine Gun in Barbie Backpack

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli security forces arrested 19 terror suspects and rock-throwers in raids across Judea and Samaria overnight on Sunday, confiscating multiple illegal guns in Hebron and thousands of shekels marked to fund terror acts.

Riots broke out as IDF troops arrested terror suspects in eastern Jerusalem and just outside the city in Kafr Bidu, with Arab residents throwing objects and rocks at soldiers, who responded with riot dispersal equipment. No injuries were reported on either side.

During raids in Hebron, the IDF confis-

cated an M-4 assault rifle, an air pistol, ammunition, magazines and gun parts, according to officials.

Border Police arrested one man who was part of a group attempting to cross the security fence from Samaria into Israel by climbing over it with a ladder. Forces chased them on foot, but some of the men managed to enter Israel, whereas others turn back and fled towards Samaria.

During the chase, one of the men threw away a pink backpack featuring a picture of Barbie, which was found to contain a Carlo-style, locally made submachine gun, a cellphone and a bolt-cutter for cutting through metal fencing.

to demonstrate the unification of religion and politics."

Khamenei also called for a fresh investigation into a 2015 crush during the hajj that killed hundreds of pilgrims, blaming the tragedy on the Saudi authorities' alleged indifference to the safety of the participants.

The defiant tone of Khamenei's rhetoric has not wavered in the face of mounting pressures on Iran's regime in the wake of the US decision in June to abandon the 2015 nuclear deal with Tehran. With the US expecting renewed sanctions on Iran to be locked in by November, the Islamic Republic has been convulsed by anti-regime protests in several cities, leading to thousands of arrests.

Protests against Iran's rulers spilled into neighboring Iraq on Sunday, as two demonstrators were killed and dozens more were wounded by security forces during rallies and marches demanding an end to Iranian interference in Iraq's national affairs.

In Baghdad, hundreds of protesters closed a highway at the entrance to the Iraqi capital's northwestern Shula neighborhood, chanting "Iran, out out! Baghdad is free!" and "The people want to overthrow the regime," the AFP news agency reported.

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Birthday

left little to the imagination in a further tweet.

"By God's grace, the Palestinian nation will certainly gain victory over the enemies and will witness the day when the fabricated Zionist regime will be eradicated," he vowed.

Khamenei's birthday rant was excerpted from a speech he delivered in Tehran on Monday to organizers of Iran's hajj — the annual pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia that faithful Muslims are required to make at least once during their lifetimes.

In the same breath as attacking Israel, Khamenei also turned his ire on the Saudis — an increasingly common linkage among Iran's leaders anxious about the common strategic interests between Jerusalem and Riyadh that have emerged in recent years.

With the hajj scheduled to begin on Aug. 19, Khamenei fanned tensions with Iran's Saudi neighbor, asserting that Mecca's holy sites "belong to all Muslims, not to the rulers of Saudi Arabia."

Arguing that a "true" hajj must include a "disavowal of the infidels," Khamenei told the gathered Islamic leaders that the pilgrimage "is the best opportunity and a practical scene

Lawmaker Draws Fury for Urging Arab Families to Move Into Jewish Towns



An aerial view of Afula. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

BY JNS.ORG

A report by Israel Hayom on Sunday about MK Ahmad Tibi (Joint Arab List) calling on young Arab families to buy homes in Jewish communities — like Afula, Nazareth Illit, Carmiel and the new development town of Harish — prompted harsh backlash, particularly from the right.

Tibi spoke in response to a divisive clause in the nation-state bill that allows Jewish communities to bar non-Jews from buying property there.

Tourism Minister Yariv Levin said, "Tibi's call is populist and pointless because unfortunately this is what is already happening [through] Supreme Court rulings. ... This is what prompted my insistence on the 'Jewish community' clause in the nation-state bill, which will change the legal reality and set in law that encouraging Jewish settlement is a legitimate implementation of the Zionist vision, and is not an unacceptable form of discrimination or lack of equality."

MK Moti Yogev (Habayit Hayehudi) said "the entire land of Israel, to the edge of its borders, belongs to the Jewish people and the State of Israel, which is a Jewish, democratic state. As such, it will spearhead Jewish settlement in all parts of the land of Israel and take care to ensure that the minorities who live there, as well as the Arabs living in Israel, live better than in Arab states. I suggest that Tibi emigrate to Syria or, worse, become a member of the Palestinian parliament in Ramallah."

MK Omer Bar-Lev (Zionist Union) called Tibi's remarks a "provocation in response to a bigger provocation by the Israeli government in promoting the nation-state bill, which removes the word 'equality' as it appears in the Declaration of Independence.

"In a democratic country, the freedom to choose where one lives cannot be restricted by

any law or regulation. The way to bring Israeli Arabs closer to the heart of Israeli society is through mutual, respectful [steps]," said Bar-Lev.

MK Oded Forer (Yisrael Beytenu) dismissed Tibi's call as "babble," and said that the way to respond was through "more aliyah and more land purchases."

According to Forer, the government should work to "bring another million Jewish immigrants to the country," and the Jewish National Fund should busy itself purchasing land and homes earmarked for the Jewish people."

MK Yoav Kisch (Likud), chairman of the Knesset House Committee, also chimed in: "The nation-state bill will determine that Israel is the national home of the Jewish people. The law will protect equal civil rights of the individual and check Tibi's aspirations of a different national identity for Israel."

Not everyone who responded to Tibi's call for Arabs to move into Jewish communities came from the ranks of the country's legislators. President of the Israel Democracy Institute Yohanan Plesner said that Tibi's call was "an example of how the nation-state bill in its current form could serve those who criticize Israel [as racist]."

MK Nava Boker (Likud) denigrated what she called Tibi's "populism and hypocrisy."

"The day he invites Jews to move to [the Israeli Arab cities] Sakhnin, Kafr Qasim and Jaljulia, and promises that nothing bad will befall them there, we can take what he says seriously. In practice, a Jewish family that moves into an Arab community will be in mortal danger," warned Boker.

MK Nachman Shai (Zionist Union) noted that many communities in Israel boasted mixed populations who lived together comfortably.

"I'm in favor of [both sides] opening mixed communities, but against the campaign that is motivated by nationalism," Shai said, referring to the controversial clause in the nation-state bill.

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Safety

peaceful border between Israel and Syria.

"We had no problem with the Assad regime; for 40 years, not one bullet was fired at the Golan Heights," Netanyahu told reporters in Moscow. Iran's military intervention in Syria, where it has supported Assad alongside Russian forces, began in 2013, bringing Iranian troops and terrorist proxies into close proximity with the IDF's positions along the border.

Trump specifically referenced Iran's military presence in Syria, pledging that the US would not permit the Tehran regime "to benefit from our successful campaign against ISIS."

"We have just about eradicated ISIS in

the area," Trump said.

The US president then praised Putin for his approach towards Israel.

"President Putin also is helping Israel," he said. "And we both spoke with Bibi Netanyahu, and they would like to do certain things with respect to Syria, having to do with the safety of Israel."

Trump continued: "So in that respect, we absolutely would like to work in order to help Israel. And Israel would be working with us. So both countries would work jointly."

The president concluded: "I think that working with Israel is a great thing. And creating safety for Israel is something that both President Putin and I would like to see very much."

World News.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends a weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, May 27, 2018. Photo: Menahem Kahana / Pool via Reuters.

Netanyahu: Israel Will Expand Investments in Developing World

BY JNS.org

Israel will expand its investments in the developing world, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared on Friday.

A statement published by Netanyahu's office said, "Israel will create solutions for development goals that have been set by the UN in water, agriculture and nutrition, health, education and technology. According to the UN, in order to meet the goals by 2030, \$4 trillion will be needed per annum. Israel, which is joining the global effort, has a relative advantage in at least five of the 17 goals: Water management, advanced agriculture, qualitative and universal health services, innovation and advanced energy."

Netanyahu was quoted as saying, "We are continuing to build up Israel's standing. This is an important step of the highest magnitude that joins a series of decisions that we are leading on the issue of strengthening economic ties with international markets, especially India, China, Africa and Latin America."

"The State of Israel is a global leader in technology, agriculture, water and medical care," the prime minister added. "We have a vast export potential that we are about to realize thanks to correct policy. The moves that we are leading will strengthen the developing countries and the Israeli economy, and will increase activity by Israeli companies. All of these, of course, will greatly contribute to our diplomatic ties with international organizations and the countries of the world."

UK Labour MPs Defy Corbyn, Adopt Official Stance on Antisemitism

BY JNS.org

Members of Parliament with the United Kingdom's Labour Party have defied leader Jeremy Corbyn by adopting the full and unamended version of the International Holocaust Remembrance Association's definition of antisemitism.

At a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, several Labour MPs attacked the move to adopt a new definition of antisemitism backed by General Secretary Jennie Formby.

"The PLP adopts the full IHRA definition of antisemitism, including all of its accompanying examples, and believes this should be used to define, understand and act against antisemitism in the Labour Party," the motion said.

The move to adopt the IHRA's full version of antisemitism, which is already widely recognized by a number of British government institutions, comes as the leadership of the Labour Party amended the definition to leave out some formal examples of antisemitism that largely dealt with Israel.

According to the Jewish Chronicle, this included "accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel than their own nations, claiming that the existence of the state of Israel is a racist endeavour and comparing Israeli actions to the Nazis."

Labour's leadership has argued that those examples are already covered in a wider new code of conduct.

The Campaign Against Antisemitism, a British watchdog group, praised the move by the

Labour MPs, saying that the "Jewish community is best placed to define antisemitism."

"We commend the brave Labour MPs who have stood up to their leaders today in defence of the Jewish community, and frankly in defence of decency," the group said.

The Labour Party's national executive committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday to decide whether or not to adopt the full or amended version.

At the same time, 68 British rabbis called on Labour to adopt the full, unamended definition of antisemitism.

"The Labour party's leadership has chosen to ignore those who understand antisemitism the best, the Jewish community," the rabbis wrote. "By claiming to know what's good for our community, the Labour party's leadership have chosen to act in the most insulting and arrogant way."

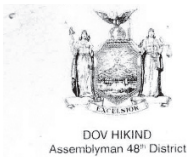
Since taking over as leader of the Labour Party in 2015, Corbyn and his party has been dogged by allegations of antisemitism—allegations that he denies.

In an open letter to Corbyn earlier this year, the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Jewish Leadership Council said the Labour leader was "repeatedly found alongside people with blatantly anti-Semitic views," but "claims never to hear or read them."

"We conclude that he cannot seriously contemplate antisemitism, because he is so ideologically fixed within a far-left worldview that is instinctively hostile to mainstream Jewish communities," they wrote.

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Bogus Purim Service Broken Up

A group of missionaries in Brighton Beach who rented Public School 225 on the premise they were holding a social, attempted to hold a bogus "Purim Megilla" reading. The missionaries widely advertised their program in Russian as well as English throughout the Manhattan Beach and Brighton Beach area in an effort to entice young people to their service. However, when the real purpose of the "service" was discovered, groups from Boro Park, Flatbush, Crown Heights and Monsey descended on the area to help the

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staff of the Beth Shifra Institutions break up the rally. Since many of the protesters missed the Megilla reading, the staff of Beth Shifra held to Megilla readings, so those who were instrumental in breaking up the rally could observe the Mitzva properly. The Beth Shifra rally, held at the Jewish Center of Ocean Parkway, was termed a huge success by the children and parents who attended. There was a live band and a puppet show to entertain the children.

U.S. News.

Congressional Hearing Highlights Push for US Recognition of Israeli Sovereignty Over Golan Heights

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The potential US recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights was the focus of a congressional hearing on Capitol Hill on Tuesday.

Israel took control of the strategically-important plateau from Syria during the 1967 Six-Day War and later annexed it in a move that was not recognized internationally.

Given the civil war that has torn Syria apart over the past seven years, some American and Israeli officials have recently begun pushing for the US to officially recognize that the Golan is part of Israel.

Republican Congressman Ron DeSantis of Florida expressed support for recognition at a meeting of the House Subcommittee on National Security on Tuesday.

"We can only imagine how much worse the threats to Israel's north would be — and threats to the security of the broader region would be — if the Golan was in the hands of what remains of the Syrian regime, or Iran, or Hezbollah, or ISIS," DeSantis, the chairman of the subcommittee, said.

"By recognizing the Golan as part of Israel, the US would send a clear that Syrian belligerence will not be rewarded, that Israel's victory over its aggressor [in 1967] has consequences," DeSantis noted.

The ranking Democratic member of the subcommittee, Stephen Lynch of Massachusetts, called for "fact-based decision making" when it comes to the Golan recognition question.

"In a very, very tumultuous time in the region, we should make sure that whatever actions we take enhance the national security of Israel, the United States, and our allies," he said.

Speakers at Tuesday's hearing included Hudson Institute senior fellow Mike Doran, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs President Dore Gold, Northwestern University School of Law Professor Eugene Kontorovich, Princeton University Professor Daniel Kurtzer, and Zionist Organization of America President Morton Klein.

"Anyone truly concerned with international peace and security must conclude that this change [recognition] is in the best interest of everyone, with the exception of the Iranian regime and its allies," Doran said. "And it is manifestly in the interest of the United States."

'Plastic-Bag' Law in Israel Slashed Bag Waste in 2017

BY JNS.org

The Environmental Protection Ministry lauded the success of a "plastic bag law" that has led to a drastic drop in the use of plastic grocery bags by Israeli consumers.

A law went into effect on Jan. 1, 2017, and required supermarkets to charge customers 10 agurot (2.8 cents) per plastic bag. Consumers were encouraged to buy large, multi-use bags for shopping, which were made available at grocery stores, and thereby avoid paying the small additional cost.

Officials said the new regulation led to an 80 percent drop in the use of single-use grocery bags and saved more than 7,091 tons of non-recyclable plastic in just one year. Plastic-bag usage accounted for approximately 7 percent of Israeli waste prior to the legislation, according to the ministry.



Shoppers in Osher Ad Supermarket branch in Talpiot, Jerusalem, on Nov. 12, 2017. Photo: Yonatan Sindel/Flash90.

"Recognizing reality will deny oxygen to our enemies and strengthen our allies — precisely what a sound foreign policy should seek to achieve," Doran added.

Gold stated, "As the Syrian state recovers from the Syrian civil war, its allies can be expected to make demands on its behalf, like the return of the Golan Heights to Syria. In fact, these demands have already begun to be voiced. The strongest rebuttal to this effort would be recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights."

"This would demonstrate conclusively that those who use force to threaten their neighbors will not benefit in the court of international diplomacy," Gold continued. "States today have a choice. They can back the demands of Iran and its supporters or they can recognize the rights of Israel in the Golan Heights. US recognition of Israeli sovereignty would set



An old military vehicle positioned on the Israeli side of the border with Syria, near the Druze village of Majdal Shams in the Golan Heights, Feb. 11, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ammar Awad.

an important example for others. Three US administrations consistently confirmed that they envisaged that at the end of the day, Israel must remain on the Golan Heights. That core bipartisan principle of past US policy cannot be realized in the long term without Israeli sovereignty over the Golan confirmed."

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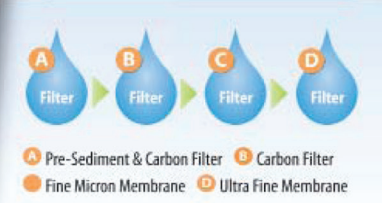


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Opinion.

Have Putin and Netanyahu Struck a Grand Bargain?



HILLEL FRISH
JERUSALEM

Israel allegedly struck the T4 base near Homs, Syria on July 8, but did not conduct any airstrikes to stop the advance of Syrian and Hezbollah forces southward from Daraa all the way to the Jordanian border — a mere 20 miles east of the Israeli Golan Heights.

How could Israel be so forceful against a target more than 100 miles from its northern border, and yet so passive as Syrian, Hezbollah, and possibly Iranian forces crushed the rebels and reconquered territory?

Has Jerusalem not stressed time and time again that it will not allow the northern border with Syria to replicate its northern border with Lebanon, for which it has paid dearly for more than two decades?

The meeting that took place between President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu a week after the Syrian advance might go a long way toward explaining Israel's passivity. Russia might be offering Israel a grand bargain that Putin believes will meet the interests of both parties. Its cornerstone is keeping Iran at bay in Syria until a total settlement of the Syrian war is reached, which would include:

- The withdrawal of Turkey from the northwestern strip along the Turkish-Syrian border in its war against the Kurds.
- The removal of the US presence and involvement in the southeastern area of al-Tanf. This presence is part of a campaign

against the continued presence of ISIS, but it has also led to painful US airstrikes against Syrian and Hezbollah forces, and US support for Kurdish forces along the eastern side of the Euphrates down to the Deir az-Zur area.

Putin probably assured Netanyahu that once these foreign forces are removed, including the Turkish logistical lifeline it provides to the Sunni rebels in the Idlib area (the rebels' last territorial stronghold), Moscow will make sure the Iranians and Hezbollah leave Syria as well.

Putin likely stressed to Netanyahu that he has already committed himself to this bargain by turning a blind eye to the painful blows that Israel has rained on Iran and Hezbollah in Syria. Above all, Putin may have told Netanyahu that Russia's involvement in Syria, in utter contrast to his Communist predecessors (whom he of course served as a minor security official), will help achieve regional stability based on territorial integrity, with each state — and each actor within each state — “persuaded” to honor the territorial integrity of the other states.

According to such a vision, Hezbollah will finally settle down to being a “national” Lebanese party, shorn of its theocratic and “resistance” mantle along with its militia. Iran will turn to its many domestic concerns. Syria will be hard at work coming up with a federal solution to meet the needs of its heterogeneous population — provided, of course, that the Alawite canton is assured of its stability, if only because Russia wants its naval presence in Tartus and its airbase in Khmeimim.

Should this scenario come to pass, Israel would be the major beneficiary of a new order based on states and state actors

mind their own business, except for cross-border commerce that would augment regional stability.

But why should Syria, Iran, and Hezbollah play the roles that the grand bargain assigns them? After all, aren't all three ideologically committed to the destruction of the Jewish state?

Putin believes that Damascus has no choice but to agree to cut ties with Tehran. The alternative is to risk being carved up by outside forces such as Turkey, the US, and perhaps most menacingly, Iran, its presumed ally. Each will have the help of its respective proxies — the remnant Syrian rebels under Turkish influence; the Kurds, supported by the US; and Hezbollah and Iraqi militias in the service of Iran.

Iran could agree to withdraw if it has internalized the lesson it has been taught over the past two years — the strategic use of air power. Russia's successful use of air power turned the tide in the Syrian state's favor against the rebels, and air power was used by Israel and the US to punish Iranian forces and allies. Their airstrikes might become more coordinated and deadly, and even target Iranian territory itself, should Tehran continue to harbor imperial ambitions that clash with Moscow's eagerness to broker stability in the area.

Of course, the extent to which Russia can implement this grand bargain is contingent on what happens between Putin's Russia and America under Donald Trump. A clear American acceptance of Moscow's primacy in the former Soviet republics and the removal of all sanctions against Russia or Russians to prove that commitment will be the major Russian demand.

Yet even if these agreements — first between Putin and Netanyahu and then between



Russian President Vladimir Putin shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during their meeting at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, July 11, 2018. Photo: Yuri Kadobnov / Pool via Reuters.

Putin and Trump — come to pass, it is hardly assured that Russia will be willing or able to see the Iranians out of Syria. According to Michael Sharnoff, an expert on superpower relations with their Middle East clients, the Soviet Union scarcely prevailed in key Syrian decisions despite the massive economic and military support it gave the Assad regime. This included the decision to enter disengagement talks with Israel in 1974 without informing the Soviets.

Putin does seem to have convinced Netanyahu, at any rate. The latter made a statement after the meeting in which he said (contrary to fact), “We haven't had a problem with the Assad regime. For 40 years not a single bullet was fired on the Golan Heights.”

Maybe on the Golan Heights there were few problems, but Syrian aid to Hezbollah, Hamas, and other terrorist organizations was not only problematic for Israel for over three decades but was in fact deadly.

Israeli passivity at the Syrian advance southward might prove in hindsight to have been at best a missed opportunity and at worst a major strategic mistake.

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Why Are San Francisco Schools Partnering with a Radical Anti-Israel Organization?



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LOS ANGELES

When a school district with a non-discrimination policy and guidelines that stipulate “non-engagement of political activities” partners with a self-described “social justice” organization that's blatantly hostile to Israel and its supporters, what could possibly go wrong?

The San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) did just that in May, when it approved a three-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC) to “provide workshops in classrooms related to leadership development and cultural empowerment” at five San Francisco high schools.

The proposal for an MOU with AROC — a pro-BDS organization led by radical anti-Israel activist Lara Kiswani — was put on hold in 2015 after an outcry from parents and

organizations, including the San Francisco Interfaith Council, the Jewish Community Federation, and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC). The JCRC sent a letter to SFUSD expressing concern that AROC would “push a radical anti-Israel and anti-Zionist agenda in San Francisco.”

Such worries were well-founded at the time and in the years since:

- At a 2014 UC Berkeley panel discussion, Kiswani — AROC's executive director and a former member of the thuggish Students for Justice in Palestine — declared, “Bringing down Israel really will benefit everyone in the world and everyone in society,” while warning an opponent, “As long as you continue to be on that side [Zionism], I'm going to continue to hate you.”
- That same year, AROC exhorted donors to “Help us kick Zionism out of the Bay Area.”
- AROC also led a 2014 “Block the Boat” campaign, which succeeded in preventing a partially Israeli-owned cargo ship from offloading at the port of Oakland. Kiswani's reasoning? “Because it's time to disrupt

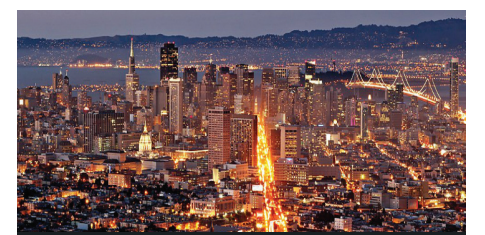
Israeli business as usual. It has been time since 1948.”

- In 2017, AROC sponsored an “Arab Liberation Mural” in San Francisco to “celebrate and honor” the “exemplary bravery and courage” of five Arab leaders, including Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine hijacker Leila Khaled and convicted terrorist Rasmea Odeh.
- At a 2017 pro-Israel protest against a mural glorifying Odeh at Oakland's Reem's Bakery, Kiswani ripped a sign from the hands of a disabled woman, tore it up, and strutted around with the remains.
- This May, fresh off protesting the move of the US embassy in Israel to Jerusalem and marking the 70th anniversary of the “Nakba” — Arabic for “catastrophe,” referring to Israel's founding — in San Francisco, AROC helped disrupt a local appearance by former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, whom the group labeled a “war criminal.”

Predictably, AROC has dismissed opposition to its SFUSD contract as “Islamophobic and racist attacks” by “outside interest groups.” And declaring victory in May, it announced that the “Arab Community Wins in the Face of Zionist Attacks!”

To accusations of bigotry, AROC coyly responds, “[W]e are against all forms of discrimination and racism, including Zionism.” Meanwhile, the “anti-war” group proudly touts its governing philosophy: “We believe the global nature of policing and repression is directly related to the relationship between US imperialism and Zionism.”

Yet this is the organization that Laura Dudnick — SFUSD's Public Relations Manager



San Francisco. Photo: Wiki Commons.

— claimed in a boilerplate email to this author “has agreed to our non-discrimination policy and our guidelines pertaining to non-engagement of political activities.” Moreover, AROC is tasked with providing “important services to SFUSD students, including support for families new to the US and social-emotional support for students.”

While AROC's MOU does not limit it to a specific group, its focus is on Arab-American students. Given that liberal San Francisco is celebrated for its tolerance, it's hard to imagine that the approximately 625 Arabic or Middle Eastern students in the school district would need “social-emotional support.”

Still, AROC's website emphasizes victimhood and resentment, with histrionic references to “these difficult times,” “racism and xenophobia,” and “increased attacks on Arab and Muslim communities.” On Twitter, AROC opposes all efforts to bolster national security and enforce US immigration law by employing the misleading term “Muslim ban” and jumping on the “#AbolishICE” bandwagon. If this is the divisive guidance that San Francisco schools are offering Arab-American students, future generations are sure to suffer.

Opposition to SFUSD's MOU with AROC

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The Irish Senate's 'Boycott Israel' Debate



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Reading the transcript of the debate that took place in the Irish Senate on July 11 before that body voted 25-20 to criminalize commercial relations with Jewish communities in the West Bank, I was struck by how the arguments fell neatly into one of two categories.

Category one: Those who believe that a boycott of Israel is a necessary moral undertaking and seek to introduce such a policy through legislation. Category two: Those who believe that a boycott of Israel is a necessary moral undertaking, but do not agree that enshrining such a policy through legislation is the right way to go about it.

Here are some illustrations of those arguments. Speaking in favor of category one, Senator Niall Ó Donnghaile of the nationalist Sinn Féin party invoked no less a figure than Nelson Mandela — who, incidentally, never once described Israel as an “apartheid state” — as he urged his colleagues to consider “what is happening in Palestine, and to look at the will of the House and the majority of Irish people, who want to see us take this mode of solidarity.”

Something approaching a counter-argument was offered by Senator Terry Leyden of the opposition Fianna Fáil party on behalf of category two. “I would certainly boycott products coming from occupied territories sold by the Israelis on the international market, but it is a different thing for a state to involve itself directly in this area,” said Leyden. “I advise caution.”

Leyden elaborated on his advice with several sensible, practical reasons, including one so grave that you have to wonder why no other Irish politician is apparently worried about it at a time when the potential impact of Brexit is already casting a dark shadow over Ireland's economy. “In 2017 we exported \$868 million worth of goods to Israel, from where we imported \$63 million worth of goods,” Leyden explained, in a bid to persuade his colleagues that many hundreds of jobs in Ireland are at stake.

“Boycotts are serious,” Leyden continued, before adding, “I do not recall a Bill being introduced here when South Africa had apartheid.” When it came to addressing the rank hypocrisy that underpins the boycott of Israel, that final observation was about as far as the debate was willing to go.

Indeed, opponents of the bill were so nervous about being seen as defending Israel that they resorted to every other argument available, including opening themselves up to caricature and lampoonery in the media. “I have spent hours trying to build relationships with people who will be involved in decision-making that can bring about peace — Palestinians, Americans, Israelis, and others in Jordan, Egypt, Cyprus, and many other neighboring countries,” pleaded Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney of the ruling Fine



Pro-Palestinian protesters near the Irish parliament in Dublin in 2009. Photo: William Murphy / Flickr.

Gael party as he made the case for a “no” vote. “I have spent a substantial amount of taxpayers' money funding my travel in these endeavors.”

These “endeavors,” said Coveney, were aimed at rectifying the “deep injustice” that has been imposed upon the Palestinians “for decades.” And it was crystal-clear from the wider debate, whether the speaker spoke for or against the legislation, that Ireland's Senate was in near universal agreement that this injustice had been imposed by Israel alone.

It is this notion of Israel as conceived in “original sin,” with the Palestinians cast as the Christ-like victim, that binds this “soft” version of the BDS campaign, which ostensibly targets only Jewish communities in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem, with the more familiar “hard” version that targets everything and everyone Israeli or linked to Israel in some positive way, as most Diaspora Jews are. It is the consequence of a worldview that dismisses the Jewish nation in Israel as a foreign interloper — like the English settlers who reaped the rewards of Oliver Cromwell's brutal conquest of Ireland in the 17th century or the Boers in South Africa who placed the yoke of apartheid on the black majority during the 20th.

That the realization of Jewish sovereignty in Israel should be associated with these earlier outrages is nothing new. For nearly a century, the struggle for the autonomy and independence of the Middle East's non-Arab or non-Muslim minorities — Jews, Kurds, and Copts among them — has been ignored by Westerners in thrall to the myth that satisfying Palestinian demands against Israel will bring peace and prosperity to the region in general.

From there, it is but a short step to the embrace of some form of boycott, along with an unquestioning acceptance of the anti-Zionist ideology that underpins such a campaign. And as Ireland shows us, those who argue against a boycott can still share the same prejudiced assumptions as those in favor of it.

As it stands, the country that will be most damaged by an Irish boycott of Israel will be Ireland itself. Read the debate for yourselves and see how many Irish politicians are willing to sacrifice the jobs and livelihoods of Irish citizens for the gesture politics of boycotting Israel.

Common sense may yet prevail. If it does, none of us should be surprised when Irish politicians explain their retreat as the consequence of “Zionist” pressure and American bullying. After all, what other explanation could there be?

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this MOU precisely because we think it will be very difficult for the district to enforce its nondiscrimination policies on an organization that fundraises on an anti-Zionist platform.” Likewise, the parent of an SFUSD student wrote, “One would have to be incredibly naive to believe these ‘service providers’

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Cameron, were all highly supportive of the Jewish community.

In 2015, Jonathan Arkush was elected president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. After a series of cowardly leaders, who refused to speak out or protest against those promoting antisemitism, Arkush proved to be a courageous leader and boldly confronted antisemites, especially Corbyn. Since assuming the position, the Board of Deputies has emerged as a true representative of the community. This hopefully, will be maintained by Arkush's recently elected successor Marie van der Zyl.

But the current situation is seriously worrying. Anglo Jewry faces grave threats. If an election were held today, there is every possibility that the next prime minister would be an outright antisemite.

However, aside from that, an additional serious peril facing the community is the atmosphere from within. I refer to fringe groups like Yachad that publicly criticize Israel. Over 500 Jews signed a petition condemning the Board of Deputies for chastising Hamas and failing to deplore the Israeli killings of those attempting to penetrate Israel's borders and engage in terrorist attacks.

But the most worrisome development is the status of the younger generation, whose members have been influenced by leaders over the years to accept their fate and remain silent.

Antisemitism at the universities has risen to record levels and many, if not most, Jewish students simply lie low and try to avoid confrontations with anti-Israel Muslims and radicals. Moreover, even many committed Jews seeking social acceptability feel the need to be publicly critical of Israel.

Last month, there was an extreme display of this when a group of over 50 youngsters protested Israeli policy outside Parliament and then, emulating their American counterparts, named the individual Hamas terrorists killed trying to breach Israel's border and recited kaddish for them. They also chided the Jewish community for not condemning “the Israeli occupation and the disproportionate force of the Israeli regime” and expressed anger at Jewish leaders “for refusing to speak about the Nakba and refusing to listen to Palestinian initiatives [sic].”

Their behavior, which received national and even global exposure, shocked and embarrassed most Jews, but what occurred subsequently was even worse. Most of the youngsters involved were members of the Reform youth group Netzer, which purports to be Zionist. One of them, Nina Morris-Evans, had been appointed as a leader of a youth tour of Israel but she was informed that her actions made her ineligible for this position.

This led to a petition addressed to the Jewish leadership from over 100 signatories describing themselves as “past and present leaders from a range of Zionist youth movements.” They conveyed outrage at being “abused, harassed, and bullied online —

will check their politics at the school door. They are activists.”

Citing Kiswani's penchant for “offensive and hurtful anti-Jewish stereotypes of money, power, and nefarious motives,” the Anti-Defamation League's Seth Brysk encouraged SFUSD to “partner with providers that are inclusive and will reinforce the district's goals of creating respectful schools and communities.”

Meanwhile, the Zionist Organization of America sent a letter to SFUSD insisting that AROC's contract be rescinded unless it complies with the district's non-discrimination policy by “publicly and unequivocally renounc[ing] all of its anti-Israel and anti-Zionist rhetoric ...

particularly in a violent, misogynistic manner extending even to death threats.” They pledged not to bow to intimidation and as “Zionists” would insist on supporting a plurality of narratives, including those critical of Israel.

What was significant about this petition was that all the participants were either former or current Zionist activists, including a small number from Habonim, the Labor Zionist youth movement, who were apparently unaware that their own party in Israel would have condemned them.

But the majority were from Netzer, who obviously had the imprimatur of their rabbis, which accounted for the large number who signed such a hostile anti-Israel petition.

For the record, Reform Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner and Geoffrey Marks, the chairman of Reform Jewry, described the abuse of Morris-Evans as “misogynistic and violent,” condemning the critics as “bullies” and stressing that Reform Judaism would encourage young people to express their views publicly.

The reality is that today most Reform rabbis are non-Zionist and though paying lip service to love of Israel, they are in many cases outright critical and even anti-Israel.

These elements are supported by Sir Mick Davis, now chief executive of the Conservative party, who condemned those “seeking to hound kaddish participants from their jobs.” He added that there was an absence of Zionist leadership for which one turns “to Israel but finds little to inspire.”

The response from the leadership was muted and there is yet to be heard a reprimand by the Zionist Federation pointing out that such behavior is incompatible with purporting to be a Zionist.

The Jewish Chronicle editorial adopted a neutral position, conceding that most Jews would consider the kaddish for Hamas warped, but claimed that the open letter reflected “a potentially seismic change in the community” and called for “goodwill on all sides.”

Anglo-Jewry is confronting painful challenges. The fact that “Zionist” youth can publicly express such hostility toward Israel reflects a breakdown in education.

While most British Jews remain committed to Israel, in most cases the leadership fails to publicly confront and dissociate itself from anti-Israel Jews. It legitimizes them when applying the policy that the community must tolerate the presence of extremists within the “big tent.” There will be disastrous long-term consequences if demented fanatics like the Jewish deviants reciting kaddish for Hamas or those who in the name of pluralism demand tolerance of such views are enabled to remain within the Jewish or Zionist mainstream.

In this climate of overt antisemitism in the Labour party coupled with the inadequate education of its Zionist youth, the Jewish leadership faces its greatest challenge. If it fails, all that will ultimately remain of Anglo-Jewry will be clusters of haredi communities.

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and publicly apologiz[ing] for engaging in such discriminatory conduct to this point.”

Since the chances of AROC reforming itself are nil, it will be up to parents and others in the community to register their displeasure with the San Francisco school board. There's no excuse for allowing an organization of bigots and extremists to gain a foothold in the city's public schools. Otherwise, SFUSD's policies of “non-discrimination” and “non-engagement of political activities” are toothless.

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remains strong, despite school officials' gullible assurances. JCRC spokesman Jeremy Russell, noting that AROC's “extreme and hateful agenda is public knowledge,” told *J: The Jewish News of California*, “We opposed

Impressions.

Tel Aviv Meets California, as Prime Students Immerse in Entrepreneurship

BY JNS.org

IDEAS Immersion hosted a group of budding international student entrepreneurs in California's tech capitals for a two-week intensive startup acceleration program.

IDEAS (Israel, Digital, Entrepreneurs, Arts and Science) Immersion partners with Los Angeles- and San Francisco-based tech/entertainment/science business leaders, angel investors and venture capitalists to serve as mentors to the participants, providing them with the tools and networks to succeed, as well as serving as a launch pad for their startups.

The third-year program is a project of Tel Aviv University (TAU) and American Friends of Tel Aviv University.

The entrepreneurial platform began on June 18 in Santa Monica and culminated on July 3 with "Demo Day," when the 10 participants had the chance to present their early-stage ventures to top L.A.-based entrepreneurs and investors. The panel included Eran Gilad of Scopus Ventures, Ben McMaster of Philosophie, and Dr. Daniel Nazarian and Behzad Kianmahd of TAU Ventures.

The students—from Israel, Turkey, Sweden, South Africa, Georgia and the United States—pitched their startups to angel investors and the community for feedback, insights and advice at the public event held in Santa Monica and co-hosted by Philosophie.

Five companies were selected to participate from the MBA program at TAU's Collier School of



Ron Biton and Shiran Schmerling, participants in the IDEAS Immersion program, present their startup platforms to L.A.-based companies and the community. Photo: Harmony Wedding Photography.

Management: BrightPaths, a platform to help prevent undesired employee turnover; GoldBuzz, a workplace social celebration platform; PlantOptics, an integrated greenhouse control system; Viibe, a concept dating app that brings dates back to dating; and WeStream, an online platform uses as a marketplace for content production.

"IDEAS Immersion is a one-of-a-kind experience for student innovators poised to become leaders in the evolving digital-technology sphere," said David Dorfman, founder of IDEAS Immersion and vice president of American Friends of TAU Western Region. "As Tel Aviv University continues to grow as a hotbed for tech entrepreneurs, this program is a special opportunity to bring together seasoned and budding talent

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New York Times Chief Dance Critic Joins BDS Protesters Denouncing Israeli Performers

BY IRA STOLL

Sometimes the clearest examples of the anti-Israel tilt of *The New York Times* come not in the news columns but in the arts section.

The latest example is a review by the chief *Times* dance critic, Alastair Macaulay, of a performance in New York. The review begins:

Human rights protesters were demonstrating outside the Joyce Theater on Tuesday night. The company appearing was from Israel — Batsheva's junior troupe, the Young Ensemble. The topics of protest were Israel's repression of the Palestinian people and Batsheva's role, as an Israeli cultural ambassador, as a front for that repression.

The *Times* somehow accepts the idea that these were "human rights protesters" rather than "anti-Israel protesters." It takes at face value the claim that "[t]he topics of protest were Israel's repression of the Palestinian people and Batsheva's role, as an Israeli cultural ambassador, as a front for that repression," rather than attributing the claims to the protesters.

An alternative approach might have been something more like, "The protesters claimed to be protesting what they said was Israel's repression of the Palestinian people, but Israel's defenders say the protesters actually oppose Israel's mere existence, and are protesting the dancers simply because many of the dancers were born in Israel." The *Times* doesn't report how many protesters there were — which it usually does in these situations (The Jerusalem Post numbered them at 50). And it doesn't explain why the protest deserved mention in the first paragraph of the review rather than being ignored or tucked away at the end.

A letter from the protest organizers suggests indeed that it is Israel's very existence and founding that is their core grievance:

Israel was established 70 years ago through the mass expulsion of Palestinian Arabs from their homes and villages — a catastrophe, or Nakba, for Palestinians. The expulsion of over 750,000 Palestinians was a deliberate and systematic act planned by Zionist leaders and carried out by pre-state Zionist militias, and later the Israeli army. Israel has since denied Palestinian refugees their right of return to their homes and villages, as mandated by international law. Celebration of 70 years of dispossession of the Palestinian people should not be supported by the Joyce Theater.

The problem with the *Times* review, though, spills over from the treatment of the protesters into the treatment of the dancers and their performance. The *Times* critic writes:

The climate onstage, however, is never one of

freedom. There's always a sense that Big Brother is watching. The company performs Gaga, a movement style developed by Mr. Naharin to heighten sensation and imagination and to go beyond familiar limits. But even when the 16 dancers are at their wildest, they look driven rather than driving.

Near the end, all the dancers do unison movement routines that evoke various folk forms of the Near East: here a slow turning step with one



Alastair Macaulay. Photo: Stanford Humanities Center - Stanford University

arm raised, suggesting the movement of dervishes; there a two-step number with arms outstretched, reminiscent of the dabke, an Arab folk dance. Yet the look is always one that deprives them of freedom rather than liberating them. Even when earlier on three or more subgroups are doing entirely different, often intense things, the mood is controlled, involuntary, dragooned.

To me, they look like citizens of a totalitarian state. ...It leaves me cold and annoyed.

The "totalitarian state" referred to here doesn't seem to me to be Arab, Turkish or Persian but rather, at least as I interpret the review, Israel itself. The review headline is "With Batsheva, Politics Inside and Outside the Joyce Theater." And, one might add, politics also in the *Times* review.

And if the dance performance left Macaulay "cold and annoyed" — well, that's a fine description, too, of how his review left me.

The same *Times* arts section carries an enthusiastic article ("This Tevye Kvetches In Yiddish") about a performance in Yiddish of the play "Fiddler on the Roof." As if the nice coverage of the Yiddish performance is supposed to make the *Times* attack on the Israeli dancers somehow more palatable. On the contrary, it's emblematic of how the *Times* likes its Jews. Nostalgia-drenched representatives of now-vanished worlds are acceptable in retrospect — or at least preferable, from the *Times* point of view, to living, breathing, dancing modern Israelis.

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AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff – against – GALO MONTESDEOCA 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;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff -against- Rockie Ojumu-Kayoes a/k/a Rockie Ojumu Kayoes a/k/a R. Ojumu 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., ATTORNEYS 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 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, ESQ., 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 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 from 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 distributee 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;

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

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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, Esq., 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

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2008-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Joel Milord, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Dolly Thomas, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/21/2018 and entered on 3/23/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 16, 2018 at

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Algemeiner Editor-in-Chief Dovid Efune with Siggy Flicker and Shahar Azani. Photo: [Rebeca Axelrud Galbinski](#).



Harry Rozenberg, Adam Margules and Dovid Efune. Photo: [Rebeca Axelrud Galbinski](#).



Lauren and Ari Ackerman. Photo: [Rebeca Axelrud Galbinski](#).



The awards ceremony. Photo: [Rebeca Axelrud Galbinski](#).

TV Star Siggy Flicker, Wall Street Journal's James Taranto Featured at Algemeiner Summer Benefit

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Algemeiner held its seventh annual Summer Benefit on Wednesday in New York City.

TV star Siggy Flicker and film producer Adam Margules were honored at the event, and *The Wall Street Journal's* James Taranto was the keynote speaker.

More than 400 people were in attendance at Showroom Seven in midtown Manhattan.

The evening was emceed by journalist Michelle Divon, and included remarks from philanthropist Ari Ackerman. Fashion influencer Elizabeth Savetsky hosted the red carpet.

Prominent guests included the New York Post's Benny Avni and Doree Lewak, social media sensation Meir Kay, artist Ron Agam, Dr. Judy Kuriansky, Sonia Talati of Barron's, Kerry Drew of Fox 5, Consul for Media Affairs at the Israeli Consulate in New York Almog Elijis, filmmaker Matthew Taylor, and journalist Jere Van Dyk.

In his address, editor-in-chief Dovid Efune said the essence of *The Algemeiner's* work was "publishing with a mission, journalism with a heart, media with a sense of purpose."

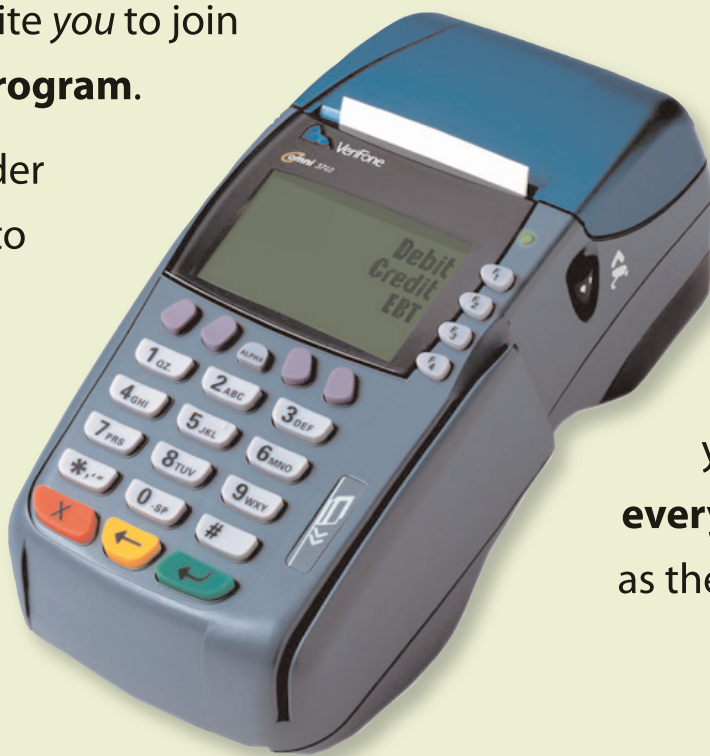
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