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## Late Senator John McCain Remembered as 'True Supporter of Israel'



The late US Senator John McCain.  
Photo: Reuters / Carlos Barria / File.

**BY BARNEY BREEN  
-PORTNOY**

The death of Senator John McCain is being mourned by US Jewish groups and Israeli political leaders from across the political spectrum.

The 81-year-old McCain, a former prisoner of war in Vietnam who was the Republican nominee for president in 2008, passed away

on Saturday at his home in Arizona after a battle with brain cancer.

During his three decades in the Senate, McCain — the son and grandson of four-star admirals who graduated from the Naval Academy and served his country as a fighter pilot — was known as a staunch advocate for freedom around the world.

Part of this outlook was manifested by his backing of a strong US-Israel relationship.

"Throughout his congressional career Senator McCain stood with Israel because throughout his life he stood up for America's allies and our shared democratic values," the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) said in a statement on Saturday. "As Chairman and longtime member of the Armed Services Committee, Senator McCain consistently worked to

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## American UN Envoy: UNRWA Must Reform if It Wants US Funding

**BY ALGEMEINER STAFF**

The UN Palestinian refugee aid agency, UNRWA, must reform before the US can consider restoring its funding of the group to past levels, a top American diplomat said on Tuesday.

Speaking at a Foundation for Defense of Democracies think tank event in Washington, DC, US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley called out the Palestinian Authority for "bashing" the Trump administration while at the same time



Palestinians pass by the gate of an UNRWA-run school in Nablus, Aug. 13, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Abed Omar Qusini.

expecting American handouts.

"We were supposed to the last time give them \$130 million, we cut it in half, saying they really needed to reform and fix they things they were doing, because they teach anti-Israeli and anti-American things in their textbooks," Haley said. "They are not doing things that would necessarily cause peace. It's very political."

"So instead of the \$130 million, we give them \$65 million," she continued. "They didn't say thank you. UNRWA had them protest in the streets. So at the last Security

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## John McCain: True Friend of Israel

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## Opinion.

## Why UNRWA's Funding Should Be Cut



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The Trump administration's decision to slash annual funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) by half has drawn special attention to the UN body, and this is an opportunity we should seize.

On August 9, Foreign Policy published a column by Colum Lynch that asserted the White House's position on UNRWA — the belief that the relief agency must either undergo fundamental reordering or be abolished — is a policy “well to the right of the American mainstream.”

That assertion is deeply misleading to readers.

This issue is not a matter of left or right. Advancing peace, reconciliation, and coexistence is a moral imperative, not a political matter. Those who want to see a lasting settlement between Israelis and Palestinians — particularly my fellow Democrats and progressives — should embrace those efforts, taking the lead of well-known peace activists like former Israeli Labor Party leader Einat Wilf, who champion self-determination and dignity for all.

UNRWA has created a mentality of perpetual victimhood among Palestinians — i.e. “the right of return” — an ideology that perpetuates a false promise (the end

of the Jewish state) and legitimizes an often violent addiction to the destruction of Israel. UNRWA's role in perpetuating that false notion is a major impediment to peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

UNRWA is the only refugee agency in the world and Palestinians the only category of refugee covered under its mandate that defines refugee status in a way that is inherited endlessly by descendants for generation after generation, no matter where one is born, lives, or becomes a citizen. This has created a parallel reality that is prolonging the suffering of millions of Palestinians and undermining the concept of two states for two peoples.

The number of Palestinian refugees has been extended by UNRWA to the point of absurdity. In reality, the actual number of Palestinians who can still meet the true definition of “refugee” today is no more than several tens of thousands. Yet UNRWA uniquely defines virtually every Palestinian born since the Arab-Israeli war of 1947-1949 as a refugee; a number that reaches nearly five million by UNRWA's Palestinian-only definition.

In UNRWA's 70 years of existence, the agency has made no notable political advancements towards a better future for the peoples of the region, Arab or Jewish, despite adopting an inherently political agenda.

According to UNRWA, a Palestinian refugee is anyone who resided in “Palestine during the period 1 June 1946 to 15 May 1948, and who lost both home and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 conflict,” as well

as all their descendants and even divorced spouses of a different nationality. They all have access to UNRWA's free services, including education, health care, and social assistance. While for UNHCR — the UN agency that deals with all other refugees in the world — to classify someone as a refugee requires that person

to be either persecuted or stateless, UNRWA continues to recognize hundreds of thousands of Palestinians as refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, and elsewhere. No other people in the world are registered as refugees while being citizens of another country or territory.

Meanwhile, UNRWA has done nothing to fight for the rights of Syrian- and Lebanese-born Palestinians, who face abhorrent discrimination in their home countries. In Lebanon, they are barred from over 30 professions, including medicine, law, engineering, and education.

It gets more absurd, considering that more than half of the Palestinian Arabs who fled in 1947-1949 did not leave Arab-Palestinian territory, but relocated to the Gaza Strip or the West Bank, waiting for Arab leaders to fulfill their promises “to drive the Jews into the sea.” Millions of Palestinians today are



Girls support the Dignity Is Priceless campaign at an Unrwa school in Gaza City Photo: AFP/File

described as “refugees,” despite being born and living on Palestinian territory ruled by the Palestinian Authority and the terror group Hamas, which they elected. They seek “return” to a country where they have never lived.

UNRWA explicitly supports them in their goal, which explains why the agency operates the largest educational establishment in the Middle East. Around half a million children study in 703 schools and are taught by UNRWA curricula that they are victims of Israeli expulsion and have inherited “the right of return” — a right which, if necessary, must be achieved by force.

Fourteen years ago, the Canadian government called for an investigation into UNRWA after Israel claimed that the organization was employing members of Hamas. At the time, the Canadian TV station CBC inter-

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## Should Gaza Be the Palestinian State?



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Proponents of a two-state solution foresee a future Palestinian state in most of the West Bank and all of the Gaza Strip. In the Oslo Accords, Israel agreed to withdraw from Gaza first, with the expectation that if the Palestinians adhered to the deal, they would eventually gain independence in the West Bank as well. But the Palestinians chose terror over peace, and now neither side has much interest in the compromises necessary to create a Palestinian state. Hence, it may be time for a more radical approach in which Gaza is recognized as the Palestinian state, but with no plan for it to be extended to the West Bank.

How could this possibly make sense for Israel, given that Gaza is controlled by Hamas, which is committed to Israel's destruction, and has bombarded Israel with thousands of rockets since the disengagement that removed every Israeli soldier and civilian from the Strip?

From a public relations, humanitarian, moral, and political standpoint, Israel has been pilloried since the disengagement because of its blockade, the “disproportionate” military response to provocations from terrorists, and the misperception that Gaza remains occupied.

Israel has shown it can withstand the criticism, though it pays a price diplomatically and in terms of its public image.

But what if Israel announced that it was prepared to recognize Gaza as the Palestinian state?

Recognizing Gaza as a state would be an acceptance of reality. Hamas is unlikely to disappear or be defeated in the foreseeable future, so Israel will have to live with Hamas in power. Since Hamas controls the entire territory, it already resembles a state.

Before Israel makes such a concession, all violence would have to cease and all Israeli hostages returned. More importantly, the Palestinians would have to understand this will not be a replay of the “Gaza first” approach of Oslo; this would be Gaza first, last, and only. Israel can argue that the Palestinians now have a state, and they are not entitled to a second one in the West Bank.

What about the threat that Hamas would pose to Israel as the authority in Gaza?

That threat should be no greater than it is today. There is no reason to expect Hamas to abandon its *raison d'être* of turning the area from the Mediterranean to the Jordan River into an Islamic state (just as Fatah would not give up the same vision if a state were created in the West Bank), but Israel will be no more willing to allow Hamas to accomplish its objective if it runs a state than it is today.

A Palestinian state in Gaza is far less dangerous than one in the West Bank, with Israel's capital, airport, and heartland in its crosshairs. Israel could still control the mutual border as well as threats and smuggling from the sea. Egypt would continue to lock down its border with Gaza to ensure that it is not threatened by radical Islamists. Israel would also retain the right to respond to any provocations, just as any other state would react if a neighboring state threatened its security. The international blockade should also be maintained, so long as Hamas refuses to meet

the conditions of ceasing terror, recognizing Israel's right to exist, and abiding by past Israeli-Palestinian agreements.

Gazans may be less inclined to support violence if their conditions improve. This will only happen if they receive international aid, which would have to be directed to specific projects with safeguards to prevent money from being diverted to Hamas for nefarious purposes. Israeli officials have already shown flexibility with the idea of creating an artificial island off the coast of Gaza, thus giving Palestinians a “humanitarian, economic and transportation gateway to the world without endangering Israel's security.”

Palestinians would be free to move to their new state. This would be a test of their true desire for independence, as they would have to live in the already densely populated Strip with limited resources and employment opportunities. They would also have to accept the rule of religious fanatics who in turn would have to accept more Palestinian citizens.

And what happens to the West Bank?

Palestinians in the West Bank who cling to the fantasy of establishing a state with Jerusalem as its capital as the first step toward the liberation of all of Palestine will be upset. The Palestinian Authority desperately wants to regain control over Gaza, which would be better for Israel, but it lacks the power to do so. Reconciliation with Hamas has failed, in large part because Mahmoud Abbas fears that Islamists will take over the West Bank.

West Bankers might conclude that violence pays off, and rekindle the intifada in the mistaken belief that Israel would then cave in to their demands. They might come

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## World News.

## UK Antisemitism Watchdog Calls on Corbyn to Resign

BY JNS.ORG

Amid what seems like a continual stream of disturbing developments surrounding Jeremy Corbyn this month, a prominent antisemitism watchdog group is calling on the UK Labour leader to step down.

"Throughout the last three years and these past few weeks, Jeremy Corbyn has lied, distracted, tried to twist the definition of antisemitism to exclude his past conduct and issued false apologies when pressure mounted," Gideon Falter, chairman of the Campaign Against Antisemitism, said on Aug. 25.

"We had hoped that the Labour Party might at some point rise to the defence of British Jews by removing Jeremy Corbyn or by demanding his resignation, but the institutions of the once proudly anti-racist Labour Party are now corrupted and will not act," the group added. "Instead, they merely persecute those members who stand up to antisemitism."

British Jewry panned Corbyn and his party for only adopting part of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism. British Jews also blasted Corbyn for insincerely apologizing to them for his antisemitic and anti-Israel rhetoric.

Earlier this month, photos surfaced of Corbyn laying a wreath near the grave of one of the members of the Black September

terrorist group responsible for the murders of 11 Israeli athletes and coaches at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games.

Moreover, Corbyn, who has called those in the terrorist groups Hamas and Hezbollah "friends," attended the wedding of senior Palestinian diplomat Husam Zomlot, who has been accused of Holocaust denial, in 2010.

Finally, a video surfaced last week of Corbyn at a conference promoted by Hamas in 2013, accusing Zionists residing in the United Kingdom of having no understanding of British culture.

"Zionists ... clearly have two problems," said Corbyn. "One is they don't want to study history, and secondly, having lived in this country for a very long time, probably all their lives, they don't understand English irony either. They needed two lessons, which we could perhaps help them with."



British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn.  
Photo: Garry Knight via Wikimedia Commons.

## IDF Shoots at Car Aiming to Ram Troops at Joseph's Tomb

BY JNS.ORG

A vehicle accelerating towards a group of Israel Defense Forces soldiers outside the city of Shechem (otherwise known as Nablus) in Samaria was fired upon and stopped on Monday before it could cause injuries to troops.

"Tonight, Jewish worshippers entered Joseph's Tomb in Shechem," said the army in a statement. "Shortly before their entrance, IDF soldiers came to secure the area. Troops identified a Palestinian vehicle that was aiming at them and fired at them."

Palestinian media reported that troops had fired on armed Palestinians, with two hospitalized in serious condition. The IDF did not report if the men in the car were armed.

Following the incident, Arabs in the vicinity of the Tomb of Joseph—the biblical hero and son of the patriarch Jacob, whose bones were carried by the Hebrews from

Egypt to the Land of Israel and buried in Shechem—engaged in rioting.

Joseph's Tomb and the city of Shechem are located in a region set out by the Oslo Accords as Area A, thereby under complete Palestinian Authority control and off-limits to Jewish Israelis. However, the IDF occasionally coordinates special midnight trips to the Tomb of Joseph for Jewish worshippers.

The ancient tomb structure was destroyed by Palestinians during the intifada in 2000. It was subsequently rebuilt by Jewish supporters and has been burned down by Palestinians multiple times since.

Jews call the city Shechem, according to the name afforded it in the Bible. Arabs call the city Nablus, a variation on a portion of the name given to the city by the Roman Emperor Vespasian in 72 C.E. when his troops occupied the land, then called Flavia Neapolis.

the region doesn't invest in those areas, why are we being faulted for not investing in those areas? They have to have skin in the game. They're the ones that fight me every day on Israel issues. Yet they don't give a penny when it comes to any more than they have to. They give tokens, and then we still are the largest donor of UNRWA at the same time."

"We will be a donor [to UNRWA] if it reforms what it does," Haley stated. "If it goes

## Supreme Court Rules Israel Must Admit Hamas Relatives for Critical Medical Care



Supreme Court justices and president Esther Hayut arrive to the courtroom of the Supreme Court in Jerusalem. Photo: Yonatan Sindel/Flash90.

BY JNS.ORG

Israel's Supreme Court ordered the Israel Defense Forces on Sunday to admit five critically ill women who are close relatives of Hamas terrorists for urgent medical treatment, despite a government ban on providing health care to Hamas relatives.

The women appealed to the Supreme Court last month after Israel rejected their requests for entry.

Israel enacted a policy of denying entry for medical treatment to relatives of Hamas members in order to pressure the group to stop engaging in acts of terror and to release the bodies of two Israeli soldiers who were taken during the 2014 Gaza War, as well as two Israeli citizens who are being held captive.

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**Late Senator**

ensure that Israel had the critical resources to defend herself. In times of crisis, his eloquent voice could always be counted on to speak out in solidarity with the Jewish state."

American Jewish Committee CEO David Harris remembered McCain as a "statesman and a national treasure — and an avid supporter of Israel, an ally he first visited nearly 40 years ago."

"A passionate advocate for American global leadership, Senator McCain rightly bemoaned those who favored a US pullback from world affairs," Harris added.

Former Senator Norm Coleman, the head of the Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC), said, "Senator McCain was a patriot and a fighter. He fought for his country in war and in peace with a dedication that was awe-inspiring. It was an honor for me to serve with him in the U.S. Senate, where he was a leader on defense and security issues. His record of service to our country is a testament to a great man. We are diminished by his passing."

The Jewish Democratic Council of America (JDCA) stated, "We honor Sen. McCain's remarkable legacy and principled

The women were represented by Gisha (an organization that works for Palestinian freedom of movement), Adalah (a Palestinian legal-rights organization), El Mezan (a Gaza-based Palestinian-rights organization) and Physicians for Human Rights Israel (a medical-rights organization that asserts its rejection of the "ongoing occupation of the Palestinian Territory").

Their petition of July 29 was accepted by Supreme Court Justices Uzi Fogelman, Isaac Amit and Ofer Grosskopf.

"Basing the decision on a relative's prohibited activity, with no suggestion that the patient herself is involved in or even aware of the activity, is contrary to the basic principles to which we are committed," said Justice Fogelman, the lead judge in the case.

leadership, especially on issues related to national security and foreign policy. During his sixty years of service to our country, Sen. McCain rose above politics and represented his values. He was a true giant in the Senate, and he will be deeply missed."

Top Israeli officials were also quick to express their condolences over McCain's death.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, "I am deeply saddened by the passing of John McCain, a great American patriot and a great supporter of Israel. I will always treasure the constant friendship he showed to the people of Israel and to me personally. His support for Israel never wavered. It sprang from his belief in democracy and freedom. The State of Israel salutes John McCain."

President Reuven Rivlin called McCain a "great leader, a defender of his people, a man of strong values, and a true supporter of Israel."

Opposition leader and former Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni said, "John McCain was not only an American hero, but a hero to many all over the world. Standing up for his values, he showed us the way a true leader should act. Honorable and courageous. Israel is grateful for his support. We will all miss the great man that he was."

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Council meeting we had on the Palestinian issue and UNRWA, I went and said, 'You are all so quick to wag your finger at us for not giving more. Where is Saudi Arabia? Where is the United Arab Emirates? Where is Kuwait? Where are all of those countries? Do they not care about Palestinians to go and give money to make sure these kids are taken care of? If

and makes sure that they're not doing these teachings in textbooks, if they actually change

the number of refugees to an accurate count, we will look back and partner with them."

## World News.



Dan Kramer. Photo: Israel Olympic Committee Facebook Page.

## Israeli Equestrian Chooses Yom Kippur Observance Over World Championships

BY JNS.org

An Israeli equestrian has decided to withdraw from an International Equestrian Federation event that serves as a qualifier for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, due to its conflict with Yom Kippur on Sept. 19.

Israeli rider Dan Kramer penned a letter to the international federation earlier this month announcing that he would not take part in the competition in North Carolina because it was scheduled for the most venerated holiday on the Jewish calendar.

"I decided not to join the other members of the Israeli national team and not to partici-

pate in the upcoming world championships in the United States because the competition is taking place on Yom Kippur, and I want to honor this day, as well as the Israeli public and Jewish Diaspora," Kramer explained to Israel Equestrian Federation chairman Kenny Lalo.

Kramer, who suffered a leg injury in the Israel Defense Forces, returned to his childhood pastime of horseback riding as part of his physical-therapy program. He qualified for the world championships last year.

The rest of the Israeli team is reportedly divided as to Kramer's decision, which could impact the team's qualification for the Olympics.

## Palestinian Activist Ahed Tamimi 'Salutes' Hezbollah Chief: 'We All Support Him and Are Proud of Him'

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A Palestinian activist who recently completed a jail term for attacking an Israeli soldier has praised the head of the Iran-backed Islamist terror group Hezbollah.

Ahed Tamimi's comments came in response to Hassan Nasrallah's praise of her as "brave and courageous."

"This is a girl who confronts the Israeli soldiers and slaps them," he said.

Tamimi thanked Nasrallah in remarks broadcast on Wednesday by the Lebanese Al-Jadeed/New TV channel, and translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute.

"I wish you a happy holiday," she said, in an apparent reference to the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha. "His words boosted our morale — not just my morale, but the morale of many people, because I represent the people. I'm not just representing myself, but the people and the cause. This was in support of the entire Palestinian people, not just me."

"I'd like to salute him, to thank him for his support, and to tell him that he always makes us grow stronger," she said of Nasrallah, whose group has pledged to eliminate Israel and has called for the ethnic cleansing of the country's Jewish citizens. "We all support him and are proud of him."

Tamimi was sentenced to eight months in prison by an Israeli military court in March, after she was filmed by her mother Nariman while kicking and slapping two Israeli soldiers in the driveway of her home. Tamimi, who has since become a national icon for Palestinians, said she attacked the soldiers because she believed that they shot her cousin Mohammed with a rubber bullet hours earlier.

In remarks broadcast by her mother shortly after the altercation, Tamimi said "everyone needs to do something" — "whether it is stabbings, martyrdom-seeking operations [i.e. suicide bombings], or throwing stones" — in order "to liberate Palestine."

She and her mother, who was charged with incitement and assault, were released in July.

Several months before her arrest, Tamimi appeared on a panel hosted by the European Parliament that also featured Leila Khaled, a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a designated terrorist organization in Israel, the European Union, and the United States. She has regularly attended weekly demonstrations in her West Bank hometown of Nabi Saleh against the presence of the Israeli military in lands claimed for a future Palestinian state.

Her extended family makes up much of the town, and includes figures like her aunt Ahlam Tamimi, who masterminded a 2001

## Jerusalem-Based Watchdog, Israeli School Partner to Develop 'Peace' Curriculum for Refugee Kids in Greece

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A Jerusalem-based research center that has critiqued intolerance toward Jews in Arab textbooks said on Monday that it will help develop a curriculum for young asylum-seekers on the Greek island of Lesbos.

The Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPACT-se) will partner with the International School of Peace (ISOP) as it teaches some 400 students — ages 5 to 16 — subjects including English, math, and language skills in their mother tongue, whether Arabic, Persian, or French.

The school is run by members of Israel's socialist-Zionist youth movement Hashomer Hatzair, in partnership with its Israeli-Arab sister group, Ajyal. Staff members hail from Israel, Syria, Iran, and Afghanistan, and some are asylum-seekers themselves.

"The School for Peace is a remarkable place, established by a group of extraordinary young Israelis," IMPACT-se CEO Marcus Sheff said in a statement. "Most of the children at the school have endured the horrors of war, a dangerous sea crossing where many perished and live in very difficult conditions ... The school brings them joy."

In a recently-released report, the UK-based group Refugee Rights Europe estimated that Lesbos currently hosts around "8,000 refugees and displaced people."

The study found that asylum-seekers on the island — the majority of whom live in its largest camp, Moria — face the risk of violence and arbitrary detention, limited health resources, subpar living conditions, and insuf-



The International School of Peace (ISOP) in Lesbos, Greece. Photo: ISOP.

ficient access to food and water. Nearly 35% of minors who participated in the study said they did not have access to any form of education.

"Many of these young refugees lost years of formal education during the Syrian civil war and in other conflicts and have not been integrated into the Greek educational system," IMPACT-se said.

The group has previously carried out research on the current Syrian curriculum, maintaining that it "does not provide a balanced worldview, avoids respect for the Other, and professes an ideology that is exclusionary, militaristic and authoritarian."

"It perpetuates an environment of intolerance and a stress on radical martial heroism conjoined with pan-Arab nationalistic ambitions," wherein "Jews and Israel are demonized," it added.

Arguing that curricula were "key to achieving tolerant and open-minded societies of the future," IMPACT-se said it aimed to "supplant the hate education in the Syrian curriculum with positive virtues of tolerance, peace and respect for the Other, ensuring that students at the school will receive education grounded in the values of peace."

## IDF Acquires Precision Rocket System That Will Aid Israel in Any Future Conflict With Hezbollah

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Israeli Defense Ministry has signed a deal with IMI for the development and acquisition of the "Romach" precision surface-to-surface rocket system.

The "Romach" will improve the IDF's ability to accurately hit targets from a long distance. It can fire 18 rockets per minute, and is cheaper to operate than other already-existing artillery systems.

This will benefit Israel in any future conflict with Hezbollah in Lebanon, and reduce the Israeli military's dependency on its air force.

In late 2016, it was reported that Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman was looking to bolster the IDF's striking power with the purchase of hundreds of new surface-to-surface missiles.



An Israeli rocket artillery battery in action. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

bombing at a Sbarro pizzeria in Jerusalem that killed 15 people and wounded some 130 others. Ahed attended Ahlam's wedding in 2012 in Jordan, alongside her activist father Bassem Tamimi, who regularly films his children confronting Israeli soldiers and was convicted in 2011 by an Israeli military court of urging youths to throw stones.

"Our cameras are our weapon," he told the Times of Israel in 2015. "And when we force IDF soldiers to confront our children,

our cameras are a way for us to fight Israel and the occupation."

Ahed has participated in these efforts since as early as 2012, when she and a number of her young relatives were filmed shoving, kicking, and shouting at Israeli soldiers in close quarters. At one point, members of the group grabbed a young boy and deliberately shoved him against the soldiers. Ahed was applauded for her actions at the time by then Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

U.S. News.

# \$200 Million Cut in US Aid Might Bring Palestinians to Negotiating Table, Israeli Government Official Says

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF & AGENCIES

The Trump administration's decision to cut more than \$200 million in aid to the Palestinians has drawn praise from a top Israeli government official and criticism from a former US ambassador to the Jewish state.

A senior US State Department official said on Friday, without elaborating, that the funds — originally planned for programs in the West Bank and Gaza — would address “high-priority projects elsewhere.”

“We have undertaken a review of US assistance to the Palestinian Authority and in the West Bank and Gaza to ensure these funds are spent in accordance with US national interests and provide value to the US taxpayer,” the official said in a statement.

This latest development came amid the Palestinian Authority's ongoing boycott of the Trump administration, which has been trying to revive the long-dormant Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

# US Jewish Groups Welcome \$60 Million Federal Security Funding Grant From DHS

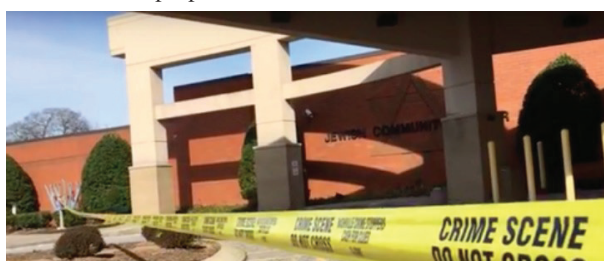
BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The US Department of Homeland Security's announcement last week of the awarding of \$60 million in federal security grants to nonprofit organizations at high risk of a terrorist attack was warmly welcomed by a number of major American Jewish groups.

Nathan Diament — executive director of the Orthodox Union Advocacy Center — stated, “We are deeply appreciative that DHS has awarded this year's Nonprofit Security Grant Program awards. The \$60 million funding level is the highest for this program since its inception.”

“We are thankful for the leadership and support of those in Congress who have championed this program on a bipartisan basis including: Sens. Shelby, Schumer, Boozman, Hoeven, Portman, Peters, Nelson, Blunt and Van Hollen and Reps. Frelinghuysen, Lowey, McCaul, Yoder, Pascrell, Meng, Donovan and Thompson,” Diament added. “While we wish this program were not necessary, we are grateful for the work of DHS and the support of key legislators to provide the needed security resources.”

William Daroff — senior vice president for public policy and director of the Washington office of the Jewish Federations of North America — said, “Since September 11, nonprofits generally, and Jewish communal institutions specifically, have been the victim of an alarming number of threats and attacks. The NSGP is helpful to deal with those threats through resources for target hardening and the integration of nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts.”



The scene outside the JCC in Nashville, Tenn., following a bomb threat last year. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

Responding on Twitter to the news of the aid cut, Michael Oren — a deputy minister in the Israeli Prime Minister's Office and Kulanu MK — said, “Each time they refused to negotiate in the past, the Palestinians were rewarded. So of course they refused to negotiate. But now the US will punish them. Perhaps being punished by a \$200 million reduction in aid will do what rewards didn't — bring the Palestinians to the table.”



Deputy Minister and Kulanu MK Michael Oren. Photo: The Israel Project.

This line of thinking was echoed by Republican Jewish Coalition Executive Director Matt Brooks, who tweeted, “Something different other than ‘same old same old’ and rewarding bad behavior. If the status quo is unacceptable you can't just keep doing the same thing and hoping for change. Maybe this will be a catalyst. Btw — nothing stops the Arab countries from funding. See if they step up.”

Ex-US Ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro,

however, took a less charitable view of the move, tweeting, “A terrible decision. This aid does not go to the PA. It supports Palestinian humanitarian programs and helps ensure a more secure environment for Israelis & Pals. Palestinian conditions will worsen, Israel will need to pay more to fill the gaps, and everyone will be less secure.”

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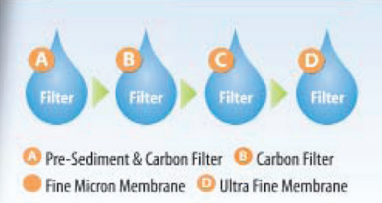
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## Opinion.

# Jeremy Corbyn Is a Danger and a Disgrace



SHMULEY BOTEACH  
ENGELWOOD

I spent my early adulthood in Britain — from age 22 to 33 — and six of my nine children were born there. I feel a deep attachment to the country, and continue to love visiting Oxford, where I served as a rabbi to the students. Nothing can undermine my attachment to a country where the Lubavitcher Rebbe sent me and my wife just months after our marriage. But the country's toleration of Jeremy Corbyn is deeply disconcerting. His antisemitism is a disgrace.

In March, thousands of Jews protested outside Parliament against Corbyn's failure to address the problem of antisemitism within his party. More recently, the three leading Jewish newspapers published a joint editorial that said the election of the Labour Party under Corbyn would pose an "existential threat to Jewish life in this country." The Jewish Chronicle, Jewish News, and Jewish Telegraph wrote that, "The party that was, until recently, the natural home for our community has seen its values and integrity eroded by Corbyn's contempt for Jews and Israel." The papers added: "The stain and shame of anti-Semitism has coursed through Her Majesty's Opposition since Jeremy Corbyn became leader in 2015."

Having lived in England I can tell you these public expressions of anger and alarm about antisemitism were unprecedented. British Jews have generally followed the tradition of keeping a stiff upper lip and remaining publicly silent. The community has always had a feeling of insecurity that led its leaders to prefer to act quietly behind the scenes whenever an issue of concern arose. The fact that the leading publications and community officials have begun to openly express their views on Corbyn is indicative of how rotten things have become.

Jews were especially angered when the party's highest ranking body, the National Executive Committee (NEC), decided to adopt a selective version of the definition of antisemitism carefully worded and negotiated by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and adopted by the European Parliament, 31 countries, and the US Senate. The NEC decided to leave out the parts of the definition applying to types of criticism of Israel that crossed the line into antisemitism. Corbyn later said it was incorrect to say that "Zionism is racism," but that it is equally wrong "to assert that 'anti-Zionism is racism.'"

As the Jewish papers noted, "Under its adapted guidelines, a Labour Party member is free to claim Israel's existence is a racist endeavor and compare Israeli policies to those of Nazi Germany, unless 'intent' — whatever that means — can be proved."

The NEC ignored a letter from 68 British rabbis urging them to accept the definition and criticizing Labour for ignoring "those who understand antisemitism the best, the Jewish community." Subsequently, a tape from the meeting was leaked in which a Corbyn ally said, "I think we should ask the seventy rabbis, 'Where is your evidence of severe and widespread antisemitism in this party?'"

Despite the uproar over the decision, Corbyn and the party have refused to change their position. This was no surprise given his refusal to enact any changes within the party or punish those who have made antisemitic remarks. Two years ago, a Corbyn-initiated inquiry whitewashed the party's connection to antisemitism.

Corbyn has provoked consternation in the Jewish community for years by his words and deeds. He, for example, described it as an "honor and pleasure" to host "our friends" from Hamas and Hezbollah in Parliament, whom he said were committed to "bringing about long-term peace and social justice and political justice in the whole region."

Corbyn seems drawn like a moth to a flame by antisemites, terrorists, murderers, and other unsavory characters, and has repeatedly

made incendiary remarks. He has, for example:

Addressed a pro-Palestinian rally in 2010 that compared Israel to the Nazis by suggesting the Israeli blockade of Gaza was similar to the sieges of Stalingrad and Leningrad in World War II.

Written a complimentary post on Facebook regarding a mural depicting a group of bankers playing Monopoly on the backs of the poor, which was considered antisemitic.

Had tea in Parliament with Palestinian Sheikh Raed Salah, an "honored citizen" whom a British court ruled had used a "blood libel" in reference to Jews.

Took money to host a show on the Iranian propaganda broadcaster Press TV.

Met with the emir of Qatar, the principal funder of Hamas.

Been a member of several social media groups used as platforms for antisemitic posts.

Spoken at the wedding of Husam Zomlot, a PLO official who claimed that Israel had "fabricated" the Holocaust.

Was forced to suspend a member of his Shadow Cabinet who suggested that Israelis should be relocated to the United States, and the former mayor of London, who said that Hitler "was supporting Zionism before he went mad and ended up killing six million Jews."

Most recently, a photograph was found showing Corbyn laying a wreath in 2014 in Tunisia at the memorial for Palestinian terrorists who murdered 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics. Lamely, Corbyn said that he "wanted to see a fitting memorial to everyone who has died in every terrorist incident everywhere." If that were true, instead of standing by the graves of the culprits, he would be laying wreaths in cemeteries in Israel where the men, women, and children killed by Palestinian terrorists he lauds are buried.

When Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu criticized Corbyn for honoring the perpetrators of the massacre, Corbyn's response was to attack Israel for killing Gaza protesters. This, too, was an example of Corbyn's antisemitic leanings, as he has repeatedly condemned Israeli reactions to terror



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

attacks without ever acknowledging the provocations by his honored friends from Hamas.

After Corbyn penned an apology in The Guardian "for the hurt that has been caused to many Jewish people," Labour's deputy leader Tom Watson said that the party had "to take a long, hard look at ourselves, stand up for what is right and present the party as fit to lead the nation — or disappear into a vortex of eternal shame and embarrassment." Watson was then accused by another member of the party of receiving a large sum of money from Jewish donors. "At least Judas only got 30 pieces of silver," said George McManus.

Corbyn's attitude is so transparent that Dame Margaret Hodge, a fellow Labour MP, went up to him and called him "an antisemite and a racist." I agree. Corbyn is a disgrace.

Corbyn is an unabashed supporter of the Palestinians. He is entitled to that view, but he consistently takes the antisemitic position of applying a double-standard to Israel's behavior, ignoring Palestinian provocations and obduracy. His record, as noted above, shows that he personally is more at home with murderers than British Jewish citizens, and that he tolerates a toxic environment within the Labour Party in which antisemitism is allowed to fester and then explode into public view.

Jeremy Corbyn is unfit to lead the great nation of Britain and should be removed as leader of the Labour Party and replaced by someone who respects the Jewish community and all minorities, understands Israel's security dilemma, and is prepared to root out antisemitism from every corner of the Labour Party.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom *The Washington Post* calls "the most famous Rabbi in America" is the international best-selling author of 32 books, including *Lust for Love*, co-authored with Pamela Anderson. Follow him on Twitter @ RabbiShmuley.

## In Syria, Palestinian Blood Isn't Equal



EDY COHEN  
JERUSALEM

Recently, the human rights organization Action Group for Palestinians in Syria (AGPS) published a report documenting 3,840 cases of Palestinians killed since the beginning of the Syrian war in 2011 — nearly four times the number of those killed during the six years of the first Palestinian intifada (December 1987-September 1993). The circumstances of the deaths were shelling, shooting, or torture in the interrogation rooms of prisons throughout Syria.

Mahmoud Abbas remained silent and did not condemn Bashar Assad or Iran. Why? Because Palestinian blood in the West Bank and Gaza appears to be worth far more than the

blood of Palestinians elsewhere in the world. This is because Palestinians who are killed by the IDF serve as a bulwark against Israel.

In addition to the AGPS report, the Syrian regime released for the first time a list of names of those killed, which included 548 Palestinians. While the regime's report did not note their causes of death, rights groups agree that those Palestinians died as a result of being tortured, starved, and deprived of adequate medical treatment.

The AGPS also said that 1,682 Palestinians are still missing, their fates unknown. According to some assessments, these Palestinians were either killed at some time during the bloody civil war or — "in the best case" — are still in prison. Therefore, at least 5,522 Palestinians have either been killed or gone missing since 2011, as far as we know.

Along with those killed or missing, tens of thousands of Palestinians in Syria have lost their homes and employment. The Yarmouk refugee camp, which was home to tens of thousands,

was utterly demolished over the course of the war. Before the camp was destroyed, the Assad regime laid siege to it. During that time, images of emaciated Palestinians began emerging in Syrian opposition media outlets.

Despite these horrors, not one official in the Palestinian Authority publicly condemned the Assad regime.

This is incredible. Where is the outcry from the PA, Arab, and global news outlets, as well as rights groups and Palestinian and Arab politicians? Where is their denunciation of Assad's war crimes against the Palestinians? Why isn't every single Arab lawmaker in Israel exhorting the Syrian dictator?

When a Hamas or Islamic Jihad terrorist from Gaza is killed by IDF soldiers while trying to plant a roadside bomb or breach the border fence, the Arab and Western worlds are apoplectic. The Arab League issues its familiar condemnation; the consistently hostile Kuwait denounces Israel at the UN and tries to convene the Security Council; Mahmoud Abbas requests international protection for the Palestinians; and all these reactions are covered round the clock by the Arab and Western press.

When Palestinians are killed by other Arabs, evidently no one cares — not in the Arab world, and not even among the Palestinians themselves, whether in the PA or Hamas. Everyone is silent. Palestinian blood in the

West Bank and Gaza is far more valuable than Palestinian blood in other parts of the globe.

Palestinians who are killed by IDF fire can be used as a tool, whether by Arab countries or the Western world, to undermine and weaken Israel. Human rights groups in the West and in Israel also invest most of their energies and attention to the Palestinian issue in Israel. The equation is plain to see: When Israel or the Jews can't be blamed for killing Arabs, it's not interesting.

Throughout the war in Syria, Abbas' silence on the plight of the Palestinians there has been deafening. He has never repudiated Assad or Iran for killing Palestinians. He seeks the best of all possible worlds: support from both Iran and the Arabs. And it appears that he has been successful.

During the atrocities perpetrated in Iraq several years ago, a downtrodden Yazidi woman held a placard that said: "The tragedy of the Yazidi people is that the Jews aren't their enemy." How right she was.

Dr. Edy Cohen is a researcher at the BESA Center and author of the book *The Holocaust in the Eyes of Mahmoud Abbas (Hebrew)*. BESA Center Perspectives Papers are published through the generosity of the Greg Rosshandler Family. A shorter version of this article was published in *Israel Hayom* on August 8, 2018.

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## Impressions.

# John McCain Was a True Friend of Israel

BY JACKSON RICHMAN/  
JNS.org

A longtime friend of the State of Israel, McCain visited the country countless times. His first visit came in 1979, when he traveled with Washington Democratic Senator Henry “Scoop” Jackson, who “had the special respect of the Jewish people — the kind of respect accorded to brave and faithful friends,” McCain said in 2008 in front of the annual AIPAC Policy Conference.

McCain took Jackson’s mantle, and never looked back.

“My friends, as the people of Israel know better than most, the safety of free people can never be taken for granted,” McCain said at that conference. “And in a world full of dangers, Israel and the United States must always stand together.”

In July 2017, after McCain was diagnosed with glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, “Godspeed, @SenJohnMcCain. A hero. A fighter. A friend. Israel is with you.”

“I am deeply saddened by the passing of John McCain, a great American patriot and a great supporter of Israel. I will always treasure the constant friendship he showed to the people of Israel and to me personally,” Netanyahu posted on Twitter on Sunday. “His support for Israel never waived [sic]. It sprang from his belief in democracy and freedom. The State of Israel salutes John McCain.”

McCain blasted Israel’s treatment under the administration of former President Barack Obama and opposed the Iran nuclear deal.

“There’s a real crisis going on. And that is these negotiations with Iran, which many of us believe are fatally flawed,” McCain told CNN in 2015. Regarding the relationship between Obama and Israel, McCain said that “no other president has had such difficult relations with the state of Israel since it became a country.”

The previous year, McCain stood with Israel during its confrontation with Hamas. “It’s a matter of capabilities, rather than intent, to say the least,” he said, pushing back on the narrative that there were more deaths among Palestinians than Israelis.

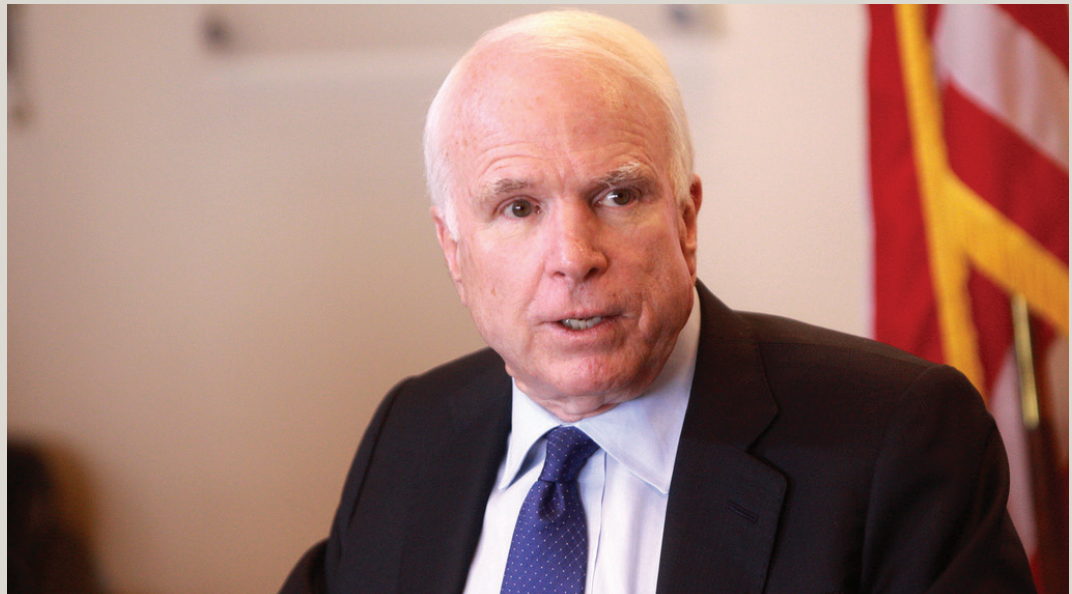
McCain said that the lower number of Israeli casualties was because of “Iron Dome, which is an Israeli-US cooperation result, [not because] Hamas, a terrorist organization, hasn’t tried.”

In fact, the senator added, Hamas is “indiscriminately targeting civilians, while Israelis are going so far to warning the people in Gaza of impending strikes. There’s a dramatic difference here.”

Additionally, McCain blasted the Obama administration’s decision to abstain from UN Security Council Resolution 2334 in 2016, which condemned Israeli construction in the West Bank. He said the US decision to abstain on the resolution made America “complicit in this outrageous attack” against Israel.

Despite the frosty relationship between McCain and Donald Trump, the senator applauded the president for his strategy to combat the Iranian threat. However, McCain gave a lukewarm response to Trump relocating the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

“I have long believed that Jerusalem is the true capital of Israel. However, issues surrounding the final and permanent status of Jerusalem must ultimately be resolved by Israelis and Palestinians as part of an internationally supported peace process,” McCain said. “Any future relocation of the US embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem should be part of a comprehensive diplomatic strategy in coordination with regional partners to achieve peace and security between Israelis and Palestinians.”



John McCain. Photo: Gage Skidmore via Flickr

McCain’s support for Israel encompassed his lifelong friendship with former Connecticut Democratic-turned-Independent Senator Joe Lieberman, whom McCain regretted not picking as his running mate in 2008, according to McCain’s final book. McCain called Lieberman “the finest man I have ever known in my life.”

For his part, Lieberman said in a statement that “America has lost one of the greatest patriots and public servants in our history. And I have lost a dear friend.”

He continued: “I was lucky to know him and work with him, and am comforted now by great memories of our times together and by the words he spoke to me last summer when he was recovering from the brain-cancer surgery: ‘I want to live as long as I can, but if my life ends soon as a result of this cancer, I will have been blessed to have lived a great life. So I am going to go forward with a lot of gratitude and joy every day I can.’”

Condolences from other prominent members of the Jewish community poured in following the news of McCain’s passing.

“I didn’t agree with John McCain [on] every issue, but he was a great and good man who loved his country more than life itself,” Democratic strategist Mark Mellman said. “Every American should be grateful to him. He earned the respect and admiration of all of us.”

“Senator McCain was a statesman and a national treasure — and an avid supporter of Israel, an ally he first visited nearly 40 years ago,” said American Jewish Committee CEO David Harris. “Our nation has lost a brave patriot, a dedicated

public servant, a rare voice of independence and authenticity, and a leader of conscience. He lived a life of dignity and honor. He will be sorely missed.”

The Jewish Democratic Council of America wrote in a statement: “We honor Sen. McCain’s remarkable legacy and principled leadership, especially on issues related to national security and foreign policy. During his 60 years of service to our country, Sen. McCain rose above politics and represented his values. He was a true giant in the Senate, and he will be deeply missed. Our prayers are with

the Sen. McCain family tonight. May his memory be a blessing.”

“When Israel needed a strong, supportive voice in the Senate, Senator John McCain was always there. When the US armed forces needed a strong, supportive voice in the Senate, Senator John McCain was always there,” ZOA president Mort Klein said on Monday. “Senator John McCain’s passing is a great loss to America, Israel, and the world.”

“He worked tirelessly to support democratic values abroad, strengthen relations with US allies around the world,” the Jewish Policy Center said on Monday. “Always mindful of Israel’s security needs, he supported Israel’s missile defense and other defense programs and believed American security was enhanced by cooperation with the Jewish State.”

“Throughout his congressional career, Senator McCain stood with Israel because throughout his life he stood up for America’s allies and our shared democratic values,” AIPAC said in a press release. “As chairman and longtime member of the Armed Services Committee, Senator McCain consistently worked to ensure that Israel had the critical resources to defend herself. In times of crisis, his eloquent voice could always be counted on to speak out in solidarity with the Jewish state.”

“The pro-Israel community has lost a stalwart friend, and our country has lost one of her bravest heroes,” AIPAC added. “May his patriotic life inspire us all.”

*Jackson Richman is the Washington Correspondent for JNS.org.*



# Legal Notice.

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Benessere Capital LLC, App for Auth filed with SSNY on 05/21/18. Cert. of Frmn filed in DE on 10/02/12. Office Location: Kings County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 154 Calyer St, Brooklyn, NY 11222. The address of the office required to be maintained in the jurisdiction of its frmn is: 1201 N. Orange St, Ste 600, Wilmington, DE 19801. The name and add of the Secretary of State in its jurisdiction of organization where a copy of its articles of organization is filed is Secretary of the State of DE, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: HOME FRITE DEKALB LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 03/19/2018. 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: Ian Vernon 50 Howard Ave. unit 3L Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: all lawful activity

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Notice of Formation of 673 ANN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/19/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 271 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC). Name: The Locals Food Group Holdings LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 01/22/2018. 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: The Locals Food Group 332 Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: all lawful activity

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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 September 13, 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 #

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, series 2006-9, Plaintiff AGAINST Todd Milner; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 31, 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 September 13, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 619 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238-4129. 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 1155 Lot 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$822,695.83 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500138/2015. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: July 19, 2018 56132

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AF2, Plaintiff AGAINST Roberto Martinez; Deborah Martinez; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 4, 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 September 13, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 938 Herkimer Street, 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 1714 Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,100,693.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 504322/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: July 16, 2018 55980

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR VOLT ASSET HOLDINGS NPL3, Plaintiff against DAPHNE RODNEY, 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 June 29, 2018 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 September 13, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 716 Logan Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Block 4457 Lot 25. 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 \$471,392.39 plus interest

and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 511699/2014. Dana L Jenkins, Esq., Referee VERJJC253

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File No.: 2014-5350/C CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Estate of Ingeborg Bergstrom, William Kent Bergstrom, NYC Human Resources Administration, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Greta Werenskiold aka Greta Irene Werenskiold, 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, a copy of this Citation and the full accounting shall be served on Kate Christoforos, Esq., as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Greta Werenskiold aka Greta Irene Werenskiold, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 111-17 120th Street, S. Ozone Park, NY 11418, 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 Greta Werenskiold aka Greta Irene Werenskiold, 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 27th day of September, 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 \$13,564.47 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 claim of NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$227,639.98 should not be paid to the extent of the net distributable estate, Dated, Attested and Sealed 1st day of August, 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; 8/10/17/24/31;

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST David L. Newby, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/28/2017 and entered on 4/28/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 20, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 390 Madison Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221. 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: 1825, LOT: 24. Approximate amount of judgment is \$849,187.10 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21785/2011. Gregory T. Cerchione, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 8/17/24/31; 9/7

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-7AX, Plaintiff AGAINST Ravindra Singh, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/2/2015 and entered on 12/7/2015, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 20, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 7 Cyrus Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11229. 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: 8876, LOT: 2720. Approximate amount of judgment is \$663,977.75 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 39459/07. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Kent D. Arthur, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 8/17/24/31; 9/7

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS BER-LINE REALTY LLC, Plaintiff against NISSAM KASSAB, MAGGIE KASSAB, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 26, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 20th day of September, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Westerly side of East 7th Street, 300 feet Southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Westerly side of East 7th Street and the Southerly side of Avenue U; RUNNING THENCE Westerly parallel with Avenue U, 120 feet; THENCE Southerly parallel with East 7th Street, 24 feet 11 inches; THENCE Easterly parallel with Avenue U and part of the

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: HUAN XI FA DA LLC. Articles of organization filed with secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 07/24/2017. Office location: Kings County . SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Huan XI FA DA LLC 5305 7th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: all lawful activity

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: ILIANAL-BEAUTY LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 05/29/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ILIANALBEAUTY LLC 1479 Macombs Rd. , Apt.5B Bronx, NY 10452 Purpose: all lawful activity

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: LIGHTING UP YOUR HEART, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/31/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: United States corporation agents, inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2007-2 ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff against ELI ARJE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 20, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 27th day of September, 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 City of New York, County of Kings and State of New York, known and designated as Unit #2D and Parking Space 13 as shown and laid out on a certain map entitled "Map of 355 Kings Highway Condominium and filed in the Office of Register of the City of New York, County of Kings on 3/16/2006 as CRFN No. 2006000151884 together with an undivided 0.03185% and 0.0026 interest in the common

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## Tradition.

## The Story We Tell



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

The setting: Jerusalem some twenty centuries ago. The occasion: bringing first fruits to the Temple. Here is the scene as the Mishnah describes it. Throughout Israel, villagers would gather in the nearest of 24 regional centres. There, overnight, they would sleep in the open air. The next morning, the leader would summon the people with words from the book of Jeremiah (31:5): "Arise and let us go up to Zion,

out in our parsha:

*"My ancestor was a wandering Aramean. He went down into Egypt and lived there as a stranger, few in number, and there became a great nation, strong and numerous. The Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. We cried out to the Lord, God of our ancestors. The Lord heard our voice and saw our suffering, our toil and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with terrifying power and signs and wonders. He brought us into this place and gave*



to the House of the Lord our God."

Those who lived near Jerusalem would bring fresh figs and grapes. Those who lived far away would bring dried figs and raisins. An ox would walk ahead of them, its horns plated with gold and its head decorated with an olive wreath. Someone would play a flute. When they came close to Jerusalem they would send a messenger ahead to announce their arrival and they would start to adorn their first-fruits. Governors and officials of the city would come out to greet them and the artisans would stop their work and call out, "Our brothers from such-and-such a place: come in peace!"

The flute would continue playing until the procession reached the Temple Mount. There, they would each place their basket of fruit on their shoulder – the Mishnah says that even King Agrippa would do so – and carry it to the Temple forecourt. There the Levites would sing (Psalm 30:2), "I will praise you, God, for you have raised me up and not let my enemies rejoice over me."

The scene, as groups converged on the Temple from all parts of Israel, must have been vivid and unforgettable. However, the most important part of the ceremony lay in what happened next. With the baskets still on their shoulders the arrivals would say, "I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." Each would then hold their basket by the rim, the Cohen would place his hand under it and ceremoniously wave it, and the bringer of the fruit would say the following passage, whose text is set

*us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And now I am bringing the first fruit of the soil that you, O Lord, have given me."* (Deut. 26:5-10)

This passage is familiar to us because we expound part of it, the first four verses, in the Haggadah on Seder night. But this was no mere ritual. As Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi explained in his *Zakhor*: Jewish History and Memory, it constituted one of the most revolutionary of all Judaism's contributions to world civilisation.

What was original was not the celebration of first fruits. Many cultures have such ceremonies. What was unique about the ritual in our parsha, and the biblical worldview from which it derives, is that our ancestors *saw God in history rather than nature*. Normally what people would celebrate by bringing first-fruits would be nature itself: the seasons, the soil, the rain, the fertility of the ground and what Dylan Thomas called "the force that through the green fuse drives the flower." The biblical first-fruits ceremony is quite different. It is not about nature but about the shape of history, the birth of Israel as a nation, and the redemptive power of God who liberated our ancestors from slavery.

This is what was new about this worldview:

1. Jews were, as Yerushalmi points out, the first to see God in history.
2. They were the first to see history itself as an extended narrative with an overarching theme. That

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elements of the Condominium described in the Declaration of Condominium entitled "The 355 Kings Highway Condominium" recorded in CRFN #2006000151583. This unit is also described and designated as Tax Lot 1024 and 1013 in Block 6653 of the Borough of Brooklyn on the tax map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York as Condominium Plan No. 1494. Said premises known as 355 Kings Highway, #2D, Brooklyn, NY, 11223. (Block: 6653, Lot: 1024 & 1013). Approximate amount of lien \$ 582,425.77 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 8719-13. Hon. Randolph Jackson, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street - Suite 700 White Plains, New York 10606 (914) 949-2574 AJ; 8/24/31; 9/7/14

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff, vs. ELIZABETH MATHEW, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order to Amend Caption duly filed on July 10, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 27, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 689 Madison Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1642 and Lot 81. Approximate amount of judgment is \$836,135.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 3057/2007. Helene Blank, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted. AJ; 8/24/31; 9/7/14

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff AGAINST Ilda Clarke; Daniel Clarke; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 28, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on September 27, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1057 East 95th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. 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 8164 Lot 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$389,164.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 506396/2014. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: August 3, 2018 56541 AJ; 8/24/31; 9/7/14/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: The Wolf In

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Me LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 08/15/2018. 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: The Wolf In Me LLC 100 Dupont St. APT LL6 Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 8/24/31; 9/7/14/21/28

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS NYMT LOAN TRUST 2013-RP1, Plaintiff, vs. PATRICIA CHARLES-GITTENS, LANCE CASSIUS GITTENS, et al., Defendants PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County on October 17, 2017, I, Yolanda A. Corion, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on September 27, 2018 at Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, at 2:30 PM, the premises described as follows: 3316 Clarendon Road Brooklyn, NY 11203 SBL No.: 4950 - 7 ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 7009/2014 in the amount of \$381,340.16 plus interest and costs. Brettanie L. Hart Saxton, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel.: 855-227-5072 AJ; 8/24/31; 9/7/14

REFeree's NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF SW REMIC TRUST 2014-2 WITHOUT RECOURSE, Plaintiff - against - DARREN DOWNES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 3, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 27th Day of September, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 546 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. (Block: 1517, Lot: 117) Approximate amount of lien \$625,716.67 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501136/2014. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: August 2, 2018 AJ; 8/24/31; 9/7/14

Notice is given that Articles of Organization for Haviland Drive, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on June 27th, 2018. The office of the LLC shall be located in Kings County, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon

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him or her is: 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 210, Brooklyn, NY 11228. The purpose of this limited liability company is Asset Management. AJ; 8/24/31; 9/7/14/21/28

ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2016-1488/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Unknown Distributees, Attorney General of the State of New York, Agnes Greenbaum, a/k/a Agnes Wilcek Greenbaum, Pavel Goldberger, a/k/a Paul Goldberger, Magda Berkowitz, Lifeline Ambulance, SeniorCare Emergency Medical Services. To Pavel Goldberger, a/k/a Paul Goldberger and Magda Berkowitz, being the alleged paternal first cousin, and alleged maternal first cousin respectively, of Lorraine Goldberger, a/k/a Lilian Goldberger, whose whereabouts are unknown, if living, and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown; and to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Lorraine Goldberger, a/k/a Lilian Goldberger, the decedent herein, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained by the petitioner herein; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Lorraine Goldberger, a/k/a Lilian Goldberger, deceased, who at the time of her death was a resident of 315 West 57th Street, New York, New York 10019. A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on October 5, 2018, at 9:30 A.M. in Room 509, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the distributees at which time proof pursuant to SCPA Section 2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that the balance of the funds be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees; (iii) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings to the attorney for the petitioner for legal services rendered to the petitioner herein; (iv) that the claim of Agnes Greenbaum, a/k/a Agnes Wilcek Greenbaum in the total amount of \$1,603.00 for payment of funeral related expenses for decedent be allowed and paid; (v) that the claim of Lifeline Ambulance in the amount of \$325.00 for an unpaid co-payment be allowed and paid; (vi) that the claim of SeniorCare Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$275.00 for non-emergency ambulance transportation be allowed and paid; (vii) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited

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## Social.



Playwright Neil Simon arrives for a program honoring him as the 2006 Mark Twain Prize recipient at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, Oct. 15, 2006. Photo: Reuters / Jonathan Ernst.

## Tony Award-Winning Playwright Neil Simon Dies at 91

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Jewish playwright Neil Simon, who became one of Broadway's most prolific and popular writers as he combined humor, drama, and introspection in works such as "The Odd Couple," "The Goodbye Girl," and "Lost in Yonkers," died on Sunday at the age of 91, his representatives said.

Simon died at New York-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City of complications from pneumonia, Broadway theater representatives DKC/O&M said in a statement on Sunday. Simon was admitted to the hospital a few days ago and the pneumonia was in his lungs, Simon's longtime publicist Bill Evans said in a Sunday phone interview. Evans said he gave Simon a kidney in 2004.

"It was wonderful to be in his life and for him to be in my life," Evans said, calling Simon a major figure in American culture. "It has been so great to be part of all of it."

Simon drew on his tumultuous New York Jewish upbringing in many of his works.

A new Simon play almost every theatrical season was a Broadway staple from 1960 through the mid-1990s, placing him in the ranks of America's top playwrights. He wrote more than 40 plays that were funny, moving and immensely popular — sometimes shifting from slapstick to melodrama with the turn of a phrase.

At one point he had a record four plays running simultaneously on Broadway.

Simon was called "not just a show business success but an institution" by one New York critic. While his voice and comedy were decidedly East Coast and often reflected an ethnic Jewish experience, Simon's works played to packed houses around the world.

He won Tony Awards for "The Odd Couple," "Biloxi Blues," and "Lost in Yonkers," and a fourth for his overall contribution to American theater. He was nominated for 13 other Tonys.

"Lost in Yonkers" (1990), a painfully funny story about the relationship between an abusive mother and her grown children, also won the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1991.

Simon's childhood was marred by the breakup of his parents. At first he was reluctant to draw on that pain, fearing it would make his plays too dark.

Later in his career he would use his own painful experiences, such as in the semi-biographical "Brighton Beach Memoirs," to give his work more depth.

But being entertaining was his primary goal.

"When I was a kid, I climbed up on a stone ledge to watch an outdoor movie of Charlie Chaplin," Simon once told Life magazine. "I laughed so hard I fell off, cut my head open and was taken to the doctor, bleeding and laughing."

"My idea of the ultimate achievement in a comedy is to make a whole audience fall onto the floor, writhing and laughing so hard that some of them pass out," he said.

Simon's plays made him a wealthy man and many were turned into films, which made him even wealthier and earned him four Academy Award nominations. Among his works appearing on movie screens were "Barefoot in the Park," "Plaza Suite," "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues," and "Broadway Bound." "The Odd Couple" was even made into a successful television sitcom.

Early Simon works were sometimes deemed too sentimental or commercial by critics but as his career entered its third decade, the plays grew more serious, more mature. Frank Rich of The New York Times wrote of "Biloxi Blues" (1985) that Simon "at last begins to examine himself honestly, without compromises, and as a result is his most persuasively serious effort."

Marvin Neil Simon was born on July 4, 1927 in the New York City borough of the Bronx, son of Irving, a garment salesman, and Mamie Simon.

After attending New York University and the University of Denver and serving in the US Air Force Reserve, Simon and his mentor, older brother Danny Simon, worked together in the 1940s writing comedy sketches for radio performer Goodman Ace.

Simon and Danny, whose living arrangements once inspired Neil's "The Odd Couple," then moved to television, working with such popular entertainers as Sid Caesar, Phil Silver, and Jackie Gleason, and with other writers including Mel Brooks and Woody Allen.

But Simon did not like television work and in 1960 came up with "Come Blow Your Horn," which became a modest Broadway hit. It was followed by "Barefoot in the Park" in 1963, which ran for more than 1,500 performances. Simon would go on to dominate the 1960s with "The Odd Couple," "Sweet Charity," "Plaza Suite," and "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers."

In the '70s he turned out "The Prisoner of Second Avenue," "The Sunshine Boys," and "California Suite," while his '80s works included "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues," "Broadway Bound," and "Rumors." Simon continued into the next decade with "Lost in Yonkers," "Jake's Women," "The Goodbye Girl," and "Laughter on the 23rd Floor."

## Retired Baseball Star Alex Rodriguez Wishes Fans 'Shabbat Shalom'

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Former New York Yankees baseball player Alex Rodriguez told his fans, "Shabbat shalom," on Friday in a video posted on Instagram.

In the clip, Rodriguez was sitting at an ice cream shop with his girlfriend, singer Jennifer Lopez, and their children from separate marriages.



Alex Rodriguez. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

The 43-year-old Rodriguez, who is not Jewish, said he, Lopez, and their children were gearing up for a "family night," and added, "What's everyone doing this Friday night? Shabbat shalom."

His semi-autobiographical trilogy — "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues," and "Broadway Bound" — was a fixture on Broadway in the 1980s.

### Creative 'pinball machine'

Simon once compared his own creative process to a pinball machine, such as when he was writing "Lost in Yonkers." The creative concept, he said, began "to move circuitously around in my brain, bouncing off one neuron to another, like a pinball that hits every number of the board repeatedly, rolls down, hits the flippers, and goes bouncing back up for another go at every bell-ringing number again."

Simon's plays were usually set in New York with characters whose problems were similar to those experienced by Simon.

"Chapter Two," for example, dealt with a writer whose first wife had died, trying to open himself to love a new woman. Simon's wife of 20 years, Joan Baim, died of cancer in 1973, after which he married actress Marsha Mason, who starred in the 1979 film version of "Chapter Two." Mason also won an Oscar for 1977's "The Goodbye Girl," another Simon play he adapted for the screen.

Simon received Kennedy Center honors in 1995 from President Bill Clinton for his contribution to the arts and popular culture in the 20th century.

"He challenges us and himself never to take ourselves too seriously," Clinton said in presenting the award. "Thank you for the wit and the wisdom."

Simon was married five times, twice to actress Diane Lander. He is survived by wife Elaine Joyce and his three daughters from different marriages, Evans said.

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The Story

vision was sustained for the whole of the biblical era, as the events of a thousand years were interpreted by the prophets and recorded by the biblical historians.

3. The theme of biblical history is redemption. It begins with suffering, has an extended middle section about the interactive drama between God and the people, and ends with homecoming and blessing.

4. The narrative is to be internalized: this is the transition from history to memory, and this is what the first-fruits declaration was about. Those who stood in the Temple saying those words were declaring: *this is my story*. In bringing these fruits from this land, I and my family are part of it.

5. Most importantly: the story was the basis of identity. Indeed, that is the difference between history and memory. History is an answer to the question, "What happened?" Memory is an answer to the question, "Who am I?" In Alzheimer's Disease, when you lose your memory, you lose your identity. The same is true of a nation as a whole. When we tell the story of our people's past, we renew our identity. We have a context in which we can understand who we are in the present and what we must do to hand on our identity to the future.

It is difficult to grasp how significant this was and is. Western modernity has been marked by two quite different attempts to *escape from identity*. The first, in the eighteenth century, was the European Enlightenment. This focused on two universalisms: science and philosophy. Science aims at discovering laws that are universally true. Philosophy aims at disclosing universal structures of thought.

Identity is about groups, about Us and Them. But groups conflict. Therefore the Enlightenment sought a world without identities, in which we are all just human beings. But people can't live without identities, and identity is never universal. It is always and essentially particular. What makes us the unique person we are is what makes us different from people in general. Therefore, no intellectual discipline that aims at universality will ever fully grasp the meaning and significance of identity.

This was the Enlightenment's blind spot. Identity came roaring back in the nineteenth century, based on one of three factors: nation, race or class. In the twentieth century, nationalism led to two World Wars. Racism led to the Holocaust. Marxist class warfare led eventually to Stalin, the Gulag and the KGB.

Since the 1960s, the West has been embarked on a second attempt to escape from identity, in favour not of the universal but the individual, in the belief that identity is something each of us freely creates for him- or herself. But identity is never created this way. It is always about membership in a group. Identity, like language, is

essentially social.

Just as happened after the Enlightenment, identity has come roaring back to the West, this time in the form of *identity politics* (based on gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation). This will, if allowed to flourish, lead to yet more historical disasters. It is a major threat to the future of liberal democracy.

What was happening in Jerusalem when people brought their first-fruits was of immense consequence. It meant that that they regularly told the story of who they were and why. No nation has ever given greater significance to retelling its collective story than Judaism, which is why Jewish identity is the strongest the world has ever known, the only one to have survived for twenty centuries with none of the normal bases of identity: political power, shared territory or a shared language of everyday speech.

Clearly, not all identities are the same. Characteristic of Jewish identities and others inspired by the Hebrew Bible are what Dan McAdams calls "the redemptive self." People with this kind of identity, he says, "shape their lives into a narrative about how a gifted hero encounters the suffering of others as a child, develops strong moral convictions as an adolescent, and moves steadily upward and onward in the adult years, confident that negative experiences will ultimately be redeemed." More than other kinds of life story, the redemptive self embodies the "belief that bad things can be overcome and affirms the narrator's commitment to building a better world."

What made the biblical story unique was its focus on redemption. In partnership with God, we can change the world. This story is our heritage as Jews and our contribution to the moral horizons of humankind. Hence the life-changing idea: Our lives are shaped by the story we tell about ourselves, so make sure the story you tell is one that speaks to your highest aspirations, and tell it regularly.

Shabbat shalom.

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Gaza

to a different conclusion, however, and recognize that their unwillingness to accept Israeli peace offers has left them in the cold and come to the negotiating table. And the longer these Palestinians hold out for their unattainable, maximalist demands, the more Jews will move to Judea and Samaria.

The Palestinians missed a chance to reach an agreement in 1979, when only about 10,000 Jews lived in the territories. Soon there will be 500,000. They could have stopped the influx of Jews any time had they agreed to peace. To the extent that settlements are a problem, it is one of their own making.

It is still theoretically possible to create a contiguous Palestinian entity in the West Bank, but that would require the evacuation of a minimum of 40,000 Israelis. Given the upheaval and difficulty caused by the removal of 9,000 from Gaza, the likelihood of such a mass evacuation is remote.

The status quo will prevail unless and until the Palestinians negotiate an agreement that might lead to linking the West Bank with the state in Gaza. The Palestinian Authority leadership, however, has pinned its hopes on the international community forcing Israel to capitulate to their demands, something that will never happen so long as Israel remains independent — and partly so long as the United States stands in the way.

Recognizing Gaza as the Palestinian state is no panacea. The international community and Arab states will not be mollified, but that is too bad. They will no longer be able to say that the Palestinians do not have a state. Let the EU and other critics focus on trying to turn Gaza into a functioning, economically viable, and peaceful state. That is the true one-state solution.

Mitchell Bard, Executive Director of AICE and Jewish Virtual Library, has written 24 books including: *The Arab Lobby*, *Death to the Infidels: Radical Islam's War Against the Jews*, and *After Anatevka: Tevye in Palestine*.

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UNRWA

viewed the then-UNRWA General Commissioner Peter Hansen, who admitted frankly: "Oh I am sure that there are Hamas members on the UNRWA payroll and I don't see that as a crime. Hamas as a political organization does not mean that every member is a militant and we do not do political vetting and exclude people from one persuasion as against another."

More than a decade later, nothing has changed. The fact that Hamas members are embedded in UNRWA's ranks is neither an unfortunate coincidence nor a simple oversight, but the logical consequence of an aid agency that has morphed into a thinly-masked political organization with a radical agenda.

An investigation by UN Watch last year unearthed some disturbing facts. UNRWA teachers praised Hitler and celebrated Palestinian terrorists as "martyrs." Another teacher called for the murder of Jews, while other colleagues propagated conspiracy theories and Holocaust denial. In addition, the teaching and learning materials used in UNRWA schools are full of antisemitic content. The State of Israel does not exist on maps, and children learn that Jews have no rights whatsoever in the region, but only "greedy ambitions."

Why does this matter for peace? Because UNRWA is creating a climate in which hatred and violence become legitimate political and ideological options for Palestinian children. And if UNRWA also promises those millions of Arabs who are citizens of other countries the right to relocate to Israel, then Israel would no longer exist as a Jewish state.

UNRWA is actively working against two states for two peoples — the dominant paradigm of US foreign policy from Clinton to Bush and Obama. If the agency gets its way, the only country in the world in which Jews are a majority would simply cease to exist. This is not the pathway to peace. It's a recipe for perpetual failure and conflict. It's time to acknowledge that reality and introduce real reform at UNRWA.

Joshua S. Block is CEO and President of The Israel Project. He is a former Clinton administration official and spokesman at the State Department's USAID. He got his start on Capitol Hill in the office of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and was a spokesman for the Clinton/Gore and Gore/Lieberman presidential campaigns. Follow him on Twitter @JoshBlockDC.

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to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (viii) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA Section 307 where required or directed; and (ix) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed, August 20, 2018 (Seal) Hon. Nora S. Anderson,

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Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York County 11 Park Place, Suite 1008 New York, New York 10007 (212) 896-3310 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. AJ/8/24/31; 9/7/14

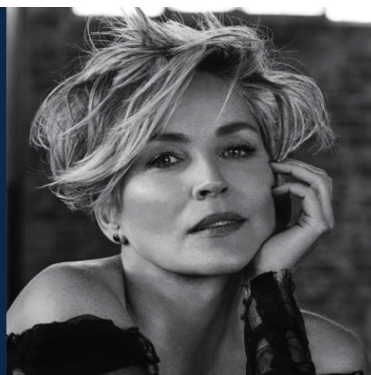
Notice of Formation of LLC. Ateret of Midwood LLC (LLC) filed Arts. of Org. with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/21/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served and SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at c/o Moses Scharf, 1410 East 10th St., Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: any business permitted under law. AJ/8/24/31; 9/7/14/21/28

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Quality Standard Cleaning L.L.C. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 05/01/2018 Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail process to: legalinc corporate services Inc. 1967 Wehale Drive suite 1 086 Buffalo, NY 14221. Purpose: all Lawful activity AJ/8/24/31; 9/7/14/21/28

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. JOSHUA SPEARS A/K/A JOSHUA J. SPEARS; TAMMY D. PATE-SPEARS A/K/A TAMMY PATE-SPEARS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 08, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 06, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1372 East 59th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 7883 and Lot 75. Approximate amount of judgment is \$452,313.35 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2756/13. Jeffrey Robert Miller, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted. AJ/8/31;

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