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## Iran Says Its Land-to-Sea Missiles Can Now Travel 700 Kilometers



A display featuring missiles and a portrait of Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in Tehran, Sept. 27, 2017. Photo: Nazanin Tabatabaee Yazdi / TIMA via Reuters.

**BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF**

Iran has extended the range of its land-to-sea ballistic missiles to 700 kilometers (435 miles), a senior Iranian military official said on Tuesday amid rising tensions with the United States over Tehran's missile program.

US President Donald Trump pulled out of an international

agreement on Iran's nuclear program in May and reimposed sanctions on Tehran, saying the deal was flawed because it did not include curbs on Iran's development of ballistic missiles or its support for proxies in Syria, Yemen, Lebanon and Iraq.

Iran, which says its missile program is purely defensive, has threatened to disrupt oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz in the Gulf if the United States tries to

strangle Iranian oil exports.

"We have managed to make land-to-sea ballistic, not cruise, missiles that can hit any vessel or ship from 700 km," Amirali Hajizadeh, head of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards' air space division, was quoted as saying by Fars news agency.

Hajizadeh said the Guards focused on extending the land-to-sea missile's range after Iranian

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## Teen Charged With Hate Crime After Assault on Crown Heights Jewish Man

**BY ALGEMEINER STAFF**

A Brooklyn teenager has been charged with a hate crime following an unprovoked attack on a Jewish man in the New York borough's Crown Heights section.

Local news outlet Crown Heights Info reported that the incident occurred on Monday afternoon at the intersection of Empire Boulevard and Albany Avenue. The victim was accosted as he was crossing the street by a black teenager carrying a wooden stick. When the victim realized he was about to be assaulted, he attempted to flee into a dry cleaning store owned by a friend and was struck by the



Police in Crown Heights arresting a teenager who assaulted a Jewish man with a stick. Photo: crownheights.info.

assailant on the back and shoulder as he ran. The stick broke in half and the assailant then threw the second piece into the store, striking both the victim and another bystander and causing further injuries.

The assailant was apprehended minutes later by police and Jewish community Shomrim. Arresting officers said the teen had been released less than 30 minutes prior to the violent assault, after he was caught shoplifting from a neighborhood bodega. He has now been charged with felony assault, menacing, harassment, criminal possession of a weapon, as well as a hate crime.

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## Perpetual Palestinian Refugees

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## Opinion.

## The Man Who Chose Israel

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I am the CEO of the Israel Scholarship Education Foundation. This organization, founded in 1977, helps young people in Israel's periphery and development towns to excel in their education and future careers, providing them with scholarships from their BA studies to a potential Ph.D. Recently, I have had the pleasure of knowing someone who exemplifies everything ISEF seeks to embrace and encourage.

Dr. Yitschak Biton today holds a medical degree and is considered a leader in his field. He was an ISEF scholar from his first day in medical school and was also involved in volunteering with underprivileged children.

He feels very lucky in his life and has enjoyed success in the military, academic, and medical fields. He has won several major awards and has also been the recipient of generous professional and financial offers from prestigious institutions in the United States.

But he feels luckiest of all to have been born an Israeli, and thus has decided to return to Israel and give back to the country that has given him, and all of us, so much.

Yitschak was born in the city of Lod in central Israel. His grandparents were part of the mass aliyah of Sephardic Jews from

Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria. Like their fellow olim, they left all their wealth behind for the opportunity to live in Israel. They truly believed that, in doing so, they were playing a part in the Geulah, the redemption of Israel. In this cause, his family has sacrificed a great deal. Indeed, his father was severely injured in a terror attack while serving in the Israeli security services.

Because of all this, Yitschak's connection to Israel is very deep: a combination of religion, ideology, and family.

He served as an officer in the IDF and graduated from the officer's training course with honors. After his service, with ISEF's help, he studied at the Hebrew University's Hadassah Medical School. Eventually, he became a cardiologist specializing in electrophysiology. This involves medical intervention in dangerously irregular heart rhythms through techniques such as ablation, medications, pacemakers, and implantable defibrillators.

Following his studies in Jerusalem, Yitschak was invited to New York to work on the problem of sudden cardiac death. He published scholarly articles and won an award in his field. He was then invited to a two-year fellowship at Harvard's Mass General Hospital in the field of cardiac electrophysiology.

Eventually, he was offered a position at Harvard University, as well as private employment at a salary of \$550,000 a year.

He turned them both down.

Yitschak did so in order to work at his

alma mater, Hadassah and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He did this because he felt a very strong need to give back to his country, and he knew that there are very few in Israel who specialize in his vital, life-saving field.

In the end, Yitschak consulted his mentor, Nina Weiner, the president of ISEF for 40 years and now its chairwoman emerita, to ask her opinion. Her reply was in accord with his own instincts and was a major determinant in his decision to go back to Israel.

Yitschak's entire family lives in Israel, and his desire to be close to them was another important part of his decision. As a Jew, he values family. And, of course, Yitschak is a Zionist and has strong feelings of commitment and belonging to Israel. Finally, he believes that it is important to keep Israel at the frontier of medicine and science, a goal to which he can make a major contribution.

Today, Yitschak is a cardiologist specializing in interventional electrophysiology, which is the current cutting edge in the field. He is going to work at one of the best hospitals in Israel, Jerusalem's Hadassah Medical Center, and the Hebrew University. He believes it is a great privilege and a mitzvah to work in the holy city. His hope is to advance the field of electrophysiology together with his highly-trained colleagues.

I strongly believe that Israel is a place of innovation and hope, a home to many, many good people. However, Israel must work to keep those people and not allow them to drift away into high-prestige, high-paying jobs



Dr. Yitschak Biton.

overseas. Many people in Yitschak's position go to the US and are made offers even more lucrative than he received. The professional and financial rewards make it very difficult for them to return.

It is my hope that Israel will be able to bring more of its talented sons and daughters back to work in the homeland. In particular, this will help continue Israel's proud history of innovation. The stent and the implantable defibrillator were both originally developed in Israel, and who knows what accomplishments Israel could attain if it works to retain people like Yitschak.

Ultimately, all Israelis must make individual choices whether to stay in Israel or seek success overseas. Yitschak has made his choice, and he is proud of it. ISEF continues to embrace and encourage all Israelis to develop their talents to the highest degree, and is doing its utmost to ensure that the Jewish State continues to benefit from those talents for decades to come.

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## America Wouldn't Let Her In, So Why Should Israel?

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Some American pundits are slamming Israel for denying entry to Palestinian-American student Lara Alqasem. Perhaps they should take a look at America's own laws concerning the admission of extremists before they throw mud at Israel.

In 2014, Ms. Alqasem became a member of the anti-Israel group Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) at her home campus, the University of Florida. She didn't join as some passing lark; she was an activist who rose through the ranks, becoming vice president of the chapter, and then serving as president in 2016-2017.

SJP is not a group that merely criticizes Israel. It supports Palestinian terrorists. In recent years, it has issued statements and held events praising and defending, among others, convicted Jerusalem supermarket bomber Rasmia Odeh; convicted Palestinian sniper and bomb-maker Samer Issawi; and Palestinian stabbers Fadi Aloon and Fadil Qawasmi.

With that kind of track record, if Alqasem was a non-American applying to enter the United States, she would not be admitted.

US law specifies several categories of people who are denied admission, including those who "espouse" terrorism. Look at the section called "Inadmissible Aliens" in 8 US Code 1182, (a)(3)(B)(i)(IV)(bb). It bars

any "representative of ... a political, social, or other group that endorses or espouses terrorist activity."

That sounds to me like a pretty good description of Students for Justice in Palestine.

The grounds for exclusion don't stop there. Consider (a)(3)(A)(iii)(VII). It denies admission even if the applicant doesn't represent a pro-terrorist group, but is just an individual who "endorses or espouses terrorist activity or persuades others to endorse or espouse terrorist activity or support a terrorist organization."

That sounds to me like a pretty good description of Lara Alqasem.

And then there's (a)(3)(A)(iii). An applicant is denied if he or she intends, even "incidentally," to engage in "any activity" that has as one of its purposes "opposition ... to the Government of the United States by force, violence, or other unlawful means."

I would call support for anti-Israel terrorism an activity that promotes opposition to Israel by force.

And by the way, although this does not apply to Lara Alqasem, it's worth noting that



An aerial view of the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

US law also targets foreigners if they have certain political opinions. According to (a)(3)(A)(iii)(D)(i), you cannot immigrate to the United States if you are someone who "is or has been a member of or affiliated with the Communist Party or any other totalitarian party, or subdivision or affiliate thereof, domestic or foreign."

Columnists Bret Stephens and Bari Weiss, writing in *The New York Times* this week, acknowledged that SJP "has received funding and other assistance" from American Muslims for Palestine, some of whose leaders have ties to the terrorist group Hamas.

Despite that connection, they say that Israel should admit Alqasem. Stephens and Weiss usually are on the right side when it comes to Israel. But once in a while, they're wrong. And they're wrong on this one.

They offer two arguments: one strategic and one principled. The strategic argument is that expelling visitors such as Alqasem "powerfully reinforces the prejudice of those visitors (along with their supporters) that Israel is a discriminatory police state."

That makes no sense to me. Alqasem and her friends in SJP obviously are Israel-haters through and through. Their words and deeds irrefutably demonstrate their hatred. They have believed that Israel is a "discriminatory police state" and worse since long before Alqasem was detained. Keeping her out of the country she hates won't make her hate it any more than she already does.

JNS editor-in-chief Jonathan S. Tobin has

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## World News.

# Expert: 'Large Share' of Brazil's Jews Will Vote for Right-Wing Presidential Candidate Bolsonaro

BY BEN COHEN

Opinion in Brazil's Jewish community remains divided over Jair Bolsonaro, the right-wing politician widely expected to win the second round of the Latin American country's presidential election on Oct. 28, a leading political analyst told *The Algemeiner* on Monday.

"The Brazilian Jewish community is split on Bolsonaro," said Dr. Guilherme Casarões — a professor of international relations at the EAESP University in São Paulo and a contributor at the Instituto Brasil Israel — during a discussion of an election that has been dominated by accusations against the 63-year-old former army officer of racism, homophobia, and an unhealthy nostalgia for the military dictatorship that ruled Brazil from 1964 until 1985.

"My guess is that there is a large share of Brazilian Jews who will vote for Bolsonaro with reservations, moved by their disgust for the PT (the left-wing Workers' Party that governed Brazil between 2003-16)," he said.

Casarões added that "there are smaller fractions of the community who will vote for Bolsonaro out of conviction, or who will vote for (rival PT candidate Fernando) Haddad either because of ideological affinity or because they see Bolsonaro as a threat to democracy."

Bolsonaro has appealed for the support of Brazil's Jewish community, the second-largest in Latin America, with an uncomplicated embrace of the State of Israel. "My heart is green, yellow, blue and white," Bolsonaro famously told a meeting at a Jewish center in Rio de Janeiro in 2017, in a reference to the colors of the Brazilian and Israeli flags.



Brazilian presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro.  
Photo: Reuters / Diego Vara.

After he was stabbed at a street rally in southeastern Brazil in September, Bolsonaro demonstratively chose to make his recovery at the Albert Einstein Hospital, a Jewish institution, in São Paulo. But when some of Bolsonaro's supporters enthusiastically proclaimed that their candidate would be "protected" at the hospital by the Mossad, Israel's secret service, Brazilian Jewish leaders felt compelled to dismiss this assertion — along with the allegation that Bolsonaro would have risked assassination had he been treated at an Arab community-owned hospital — as a "frivolous" attempt to "import international conflicts into Brazilian society."

Yet it is Bolsonaro himself who sets the example when it comes to bombastic communications. A former congressman who served with nine different right-wing parties over 27 years, Bolsonaro has earned international notoriety for a string of abusive statements targeting women and minorities. In 2014, for example, he told a rival congresswoman that she "wasn't worth raping," while in 2016,

he referred to a group of black activists as "animals" who should "go back to the zoo." Interviewed in 2011 by *Playboy* magazine, he flatly rejected the notion that he could ever love a son who was gay with the quip, "I would prefer my son to die in an accident than show up with a mustachioed man."

"Although I personally don't like to call him a fascist, he is certainly stirring fascist sentiments among his voters," Dr. Casarões observed. "And this is unfortunate, because many Bolsonaro's supporters who do not support violence ended up turning a blind eye to his controversial statements against minorities and in favor of torture and dictatorship, out of sheer hatred of the PT."

The PT's dismal record during 13 years of government certainly helped to lay the groundwork for Bolsonaro's radical presidential bid. The party's last president, Dilma Rousseff, was impeached in August 2016 because of a corruption scandal, while her charismatic predecessor Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, or Lula, is currently serving a 12-year prison sentence on charges of corruption and money laundering. During the PT's latter years in power, a growing economic crisis resulted in a recession this year, while inflation reached a 12-year high.

Casarões said that while Brazil's predominantly middle-class Jewish community had been appreciative of Lula's more conservative economic policies, "as the economy plummeted under President Rousseff, leading to massive deindustrialization, the community also suffered, especially among businesspeople and liberal professionals."

On Israel, too, Casarões highlighted a distinction between the Lula and Rousseff presidencies.

"Lula's relationship with Israel was good: bilateral trade skyrocketed and Brazil worked for a free trade agreement between the Mercosur trade bloc and Israel," he argued. "Also, despite intense relations with Arab countries, Lula tried to maintain an even-handed approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, having paid official visits to both countries in 2010."

By contrast, Casarões said, "relations under Rousseff were marked by growing tension." During the summer 2014 war between Hamas and Israel in Gaza, Rousseff denounced Israel for committing a "massacre" and withdrew the Brazilian ambassador from Tel Aviv. Two years later, relations worsened when the Brazilian government refused to accept the credentials of Israel's nominated ambassador, Dani Dayan, because of his previous role as chair of the Yesha Council, a group representing Israeli communities in the West Bank.

Meanwhile, "Bolsonaro's pro-Israel views have been nurtured in the past few years," Casarões continued, identifying four key factors behind the candidate's backing for the Jewish state.

"First, Bolsonaro sees Israel as a role model in military technology and public safety policies, which speaks to his background as an army captain," Casarões said. "Second, Bolsonaro stresses Israel's democratic character to oppose the PT's alignments with authoritarian Arab governments across the Middle East and Africa."

Thirdly, Casarões said, in electoral terms, support for Israel was an important means of

# Netanyahu Thanks Australian PM for Consideration of Jerusalem Recognition, Embassy Move



Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Aug. 24, 2018. Photo: Reuters / David Gray.

BY JNS.ORG

During a phone call with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison revealed he was thinking about recognizing Jerusalem as the Jewish state's capital and moving his country's embassy there from Tel Aviv, according to Netanyahu.

Netanyahu later took to Twitter to thank Morrison — the head of Australia's Liberal Party who became prime minister in August — for the consideration.

The Israeli prime minister's office said the



two leaders also discussed "steps to continue strengthening bilateral relations."

The United States recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital late last year and relocated its embassy there in mid-May. Guatemala subsequently followed America's lead.

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**Missiles**

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei asked the military a decade ago about the possibility of "hitting ships" with ballistic projectiles.

He did not give details on the previous range of the missiles. In 2008, Iran displayed a ground-to-sea missile that it said could travel about 290 kilometers (180 miles).

On Monday, the US special envoy on Iran, Brian Hook, said that Tehran's ballistic missile program was exacerbating tensions in Yemen, Iraq and Syria. "We are accumulating risk of regional conflict if we do not do more to deter Iran's missile proliferation in the Middle East," Hook said.

The Islamic Republic's government has

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**Hate Crime**

Monday's attack came one day after two Jewish men were injured in a hate crime attack in Boro Park. A Jewish man walking home from synagogue was kicked and beaten by an assailant who jumped out of his car to carry out the attack. A second Jewish man who came to the first man's aid was similarly chased and attacked by the assailant.

Evan Bernstein — the New York/New Jersey regional director of the Anti-Defama-

tion League — paid tribute to law enforcement officers for taking swift action in both cases.

"We are deeply disturbed by and unequivocally condemn these horrific attacks, and thank the New York City Police Department and its Hate Crimes Task Force for taking swift action and for investigating a bias motive," Bernstein said in a statement. "We cannot allow events such as these to become the new normal. We will continue to offer our support in responding to hate, so that New York City remains safe and inclusive for all."

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winning the backing of Brazil's community of Evangelical Christians, who now make up nearly 30 percent of a population that was almost exclusively Catholic just 50 years ago. Finally, Casarões suggested that Bolsonaro's views on Israel might help him become friends with the Trump administration.

"He has been promising to shut down the Palestinian Embassy in Brasília, while transferring Brazil's Israel Embassy to Jerusalem," Casarões said. "He will probably try to change Brazil's long-standing stance on the two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."



## U.S. News.



The controversial flyer comparing U.S. President Donald Trump to Nazi leader Adolf Hitler  
Photo: Israel Hayom.

## Dallas Politician's Comparison of Trump to Hitler Shocks Local Jews

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/  
JNS.org

Jews in Dallas, Texas, have condemned Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price for sending out a "highly inappropriate and offensive" political flyer comparing US President Donald Trump to genocidal Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, the Dallas Morning News reported.

In the ad, Price urges his constituents to vote Democrat in the upcoming midterm elections and lists points showing "similarities" between Trump and Hitler, including that they both "used racism to rise to power," "proposed mass deportations" and "promised to make Germany/America great again."

The Southern Methodist University

Human Rights Program joined the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas and its Jewish Community Relations Council, the local branch of the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee and the Dallas Holocaust Museum in issuing a statement condemning the ad on Friday.

"This reference diminishes the inexpressible horror perpetrated and orchestrated by Adolf Hitler with the systematic murder of 6 million Jews and millions of other victims. To use his name and portrayal as a comparison in a political advertisement demeans the memory and humanity of those who perished and cheapens our political process," the statement said.

Despite the uproar, Price, who has served in his position for the past 33 years and is not up for re-election until 2020, said he stands by his ad.

## Netanyahu Blasts B'Tselem as 'Disgrace' Ahead of Its UN Security Council Address

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a conference of Christian media gathered in Israel on Sunday night that the anti-Israeli army group B'Tselem is a "disgrace," ahead of the group's leader addressing the UN Security Council this week.

In response to a question by Israel Hayom editor-in-chief Boaz Bismuth, the prime minister said, "How do I define B'Tselem? It's a disgrace. That is how I define B'Tselem."

B'Tselem director Hagai El-Ad is expected to address the UN Security Council's monthly meeting on the Middle East on Thursday, led by Bolivia as it holds the rotating UNSC presidency this month. Although he addressed an informal gathering of the chamber in 2016 along with the radical group Americans for Peace Now, the upcoming address will be his first formal speech in front of the council.

UN Middle East envoy Nickolay Mladenov will give a synopsis of the latest in the region. Also invited to speak are Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon; Palestinian observer in the United Nations Riyadh Mansour; and US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley.

Haley announced last week that she will leave her role at the end of the year.

"This is not only a shame and a disgrace for the organization, but it also crosses red

lines for those foreign countries with an anti-Israel agenda that finance and then invite [B'Tselem] to give testimony again us," said Danon in a statement. "We will expose not only Palestinian incitement and lies, but also those of Hagai El-Ad and B'Tselem. We will continue to defend Israel and the truth."

B'Tselem, founded in 1989, responded that it would "continue to document and publish the reality of the occupation which the government tries to hide, including this week, in which Israel intends on committing the war crime of demolishing Khan al-Ahmar and forcibly transferring its residents."

"Robbing millions of people of their political rights and holding them under military rule for generations is not a domestic issue," added the organization, "but one of international consequences and concerns."



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem September 5, 2018.  
Photo: REUTERS/Ronen Zvulun.

## Michigan Lecture Comparing Netanyahu to Hitler Included Odious Antisemitic Image

BY JNS.org

A lecture at the University of Michigan several weeks ago that consisted of a slide comparing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Adolf Hitler included another antisemitic image, JNS has learned.

Student Alexa Smith captured the images from the slideshow, given by former Black Panther leader Emory Douglas, and posted them on social media.

Regarding the additional image, Smith said: "These images come from the playbook of Hitler and Goebbels. They invoke the most classical—and most genocidal—antisemitic conspiracy theories."

The University of Michigan defended the lecture. "The image that offended a number of our students was on a single slide among nearly 200 other slides that were presented over the course of an hour," said University President Mark Schlissel. "It juxtaposed photos of Israel's prime minister and Hitler."

"Israel was not singled out here as imagery critical of many other political leaders was also a part of the talk," he continued. "This was the point of the talk itself—that imagery can be a powerful component of movements aimed at social justice."

Schlissel response evoked a strong reaction from Smith.

"It is perverse and profoundly offensive for President Schlissel to play down the seriousness of our community's concerns by declaring that the slide equating the Prime



A slide that was part of a presentation at the University of Michigan comparing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Hitler.  
Photo: Alexa Smith.

Minister of Israel to Hitler was 'one of nearly 200 slides' as if, in context, this was 'no big deal,' said Smith.

"President Schlissel is not recognizing the unequivocally antisemitic content of this entire lecture, or the effect it had and continues to have on U-M's Jewish students, some of whom were REQUIRED [emphasis hers] to sit through it in order to obtain our degrees," continued Smith.

"President Schlissel said the 'point of the talk itself' was 'that imagery can be a powerful component of movements aimed at social justice,'" she added. "Perhaps he has forgotten that imagery can also be a powerful component of mass genocide. The lecture dehumanized an entire people and, in the context of other incidents happening on this campus, it must be considered one of many examples of a hostile and unsafe environment for my classmates and me."

## 'Christ at Checkpoint' Hosting Antisemitic Speaker at Oklahoma 'Peacemaking' Confab

The Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA) has condemned organizers and planners of the "Christ at the Checkpoint" Conference for hosting Rev. Dr. Stephen Sizer, a well-known purveyor of anti-Zionist and antisemitic conspiracy theories.

The conference is currently taking place in Oklahoma City as part of the organization's concerted effort to turn Middle America away from supporting Israel.

One of the key points in the Christ at the Checkpoint 'manifesto' is that, "for Palestinian Christians, the occupation is the core issue of the conflict."

"Sizer's presence at a 'peacemaking' conference hosted in part by the United Methodist Church Foundation in Oklahoma is a shock," said Dexter Van Zile, senior Christian media analyst for CAMERA. "Sizer's animus toward Israel and his disdain for Jews is well-documented. He has demonized Israel and its supporters in the US before audiences in Iran and Malaysia. He has posted antisemitic links on his social media accounts."

Sizer retired as a priest in the Church of England after a series of scandals prompted church officials to instruct him to remain silent about issues related to the Middle East. After retiring, he participated in a pro-Hezbollah conference that took place earlier this year in London.



A nun hurries by the separation wall toward the checkpoint from Jerusalem on her way to the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem on December 11, 2008. Photo: Yossi Zamir/Flash90.

"Sizer promotes a theological and political antisemitism that has made Jewish life increasingly difficult in England," said Van Zile. "Why are Oklahoman Methodists helping to import his message to America's heartland?"

He also posted a link in 2015 to a 9/11 conspiracy theory article titled, "9/11 Israel did it," and attended a 2014 conference in Iran devoted to promoting Holocaust denial. Panel discussions at the conference included "Zionist fingerprints on the 9/11 cover-up," and "US-Israeli dual citizens working in the interest of Israel: the case for treachery."

"Christ at the Checkpoint has long been a forum for bigots and antisemites," said Yona Schiffmiller, director of the North America desk at NGO Monitor. "Predictably, this gathering seems poised to follow in that

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## U.S. News.

# Session at Immigrant Youth Group Conference Equates Israel With Nazi Germany, Says It's 'for White Jews Only'

BY SHIRI MOSHE

A pro-Israel group on Thursday denounced an “antisemitic” session recently hosted by an immigrant youth organization, which compared Israel with Nazi Germany and equated the movement for Jewish self-determination with white supremacy and genocide.

Handouts distributed to attendees at the “Palestine Without Borders” presentation at the 2018 United We Dream National Congress — which took place in Miami, Florida between October 5-7 — featured a number of disputed allegations, among them that Zionism seeks an “exclusively Jewish state that necessitates the wiping out” of Palestinians.

They also branded Israel as a “white dominant empire” and a “settler colony,” whose government seeks to maintain “a majority of ... white Jewish people.”

According to a video of the workshop, which was led by activists from the Houston, Texas chapter of the anti-Zionist group Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), one speaker described Zionism as “genocide and colonization” for “the indigenous people of Palestine,” and accused Israel of practicing “ongoing apartheid.”

“It’s basically a racialized law system,” akin to Nazi Germany, apartheid South Africa, and Jim Crow, he said.

He further argued that Israel — which collectively brought in tens of thousands of Ethiopian Jews during major airlift operations in the 1980s and 1990s, and where the majority of Jews from Middle Eastern communities that were decimated by antisemitic violence and persecution during the 20th century found refuge — is “for white Jews only.”

Audience members were also shown a widely-contested series of maps purporting to depict “Palestinian loss of land” from 1946 to 2000. The maps contend that all of the territory that comprises modern-day Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza Strip was originally exclusively “Palestinian land,” with the exception of small tracts of privately-owned “Jewish land.”

These allegations “slandered countless Jews and others who believe in both Jewish and Palestinian rights to self-determination,” the group StandWithUs warned, and effectively denied that Jews were indigenous to the Levant — a long-standing historical claim backed by genetic evidence.

They likewise “demonized Israel as a symbol of white supremacy” — an ideology that is “partly driven by racism towards Jews,” StandWithUs noted. “Blaming Jews, who have time and again been victims of racism and genocide, for an ideology that has led to atrocities against them is beyond offensive, as is erasing the fact that most Israelis would be considered people of color in America today.”

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**‘Peacemaking’**

dubious tradition. The decision to give a platform to a 9/11 conspiracy theorist—a participant in Iranian Holocaust-denial conferences—and to those who try to engage avowed terrorist organizations in ‘non-violence training’ exemplifies the radical agenda of this gathering’s organizers.”

Despite his troubled past, Sizer is scheduled to speak on Oct. 17 at the conference organized by officials from Bethlehem Bible College in the West Bank and staffers from the United Methodist Church Foundation in Oklahoma.

“Sizer has encouraged his followers to visit explicitly antisemitic websites,” said Van Zile. “Do conference organizers truly think that he is a ‘peacemaker?’”

Local Christians affiliated with the United Methodist Church Foundation in Oklahoma, who helped organize the “Christ at the Checkpoint” Conference, should have prevailed upon Palestinian Christians from the West Bank to keep Sizer off the agenda.

“Sizer was sanctioned by his superiors in the Church of England before his retirement and his books were remaindered by his publishers because of his irresponsible posts and undeniable animus,” said Van Zile. “Prominent Methodists played a significant role in organizing and publicizing this conference. Why are they helping Sizer get a stage in the US when his own church and book publishers decided to keep him at arm’s length?”

He added that “for Christian organizations to assist in the broadcasting of antisemitic conspiracy theories is profoundly irresponsible.”

“At a conference about a crucially important domestic issue, spreading hate related to a conflict abroad is utterly reprehensible,” the group added.

“American Jews have a long history of supporting immigrants, making it particularly shameful that SJP brought anti-Semitism into this conference,” said Talia Lerner, SWU’s southern campus coordinator. “At a time when Americans are so divided, we should be coming together against hate instead of having groups like SJP fan the flames.”

Nofar Salman, a Jewish Agency Israel fellow at the multi-campus Houston Hillel, shared a photo of the SJP handout on social media on Saturday, writing, “We are not scared of your lies and accusations. We will not be shut down. We will keep our head high with pride because truth and justice are on our side.”

“SJP is targeting the Jewish students on



Members of Students for Justice in Palestine speak at the “Palestine Without Borders” session at the 2018 United We Dream National Congress. Photo: Youth Empowerment Alliance.

campus and we will NOT be victims of anti-Semitism and twisted lies,” she added.

United We Dream and SJP did not immediately answer requests for comment.

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## Opinion.

# Merkel's Approach to Israel Has Not Progressed



GEORGE N. TZOGOPOULOS  
THRACE

German-Israeli relations are difficult in view of Germany's Nazi past. Angela Merkel does not ignore her country's history, and has played a significant role in strengthening the bilateral relationship. However, new security challenges and problems require solutions. Merkel's recent visit to Jerusalem showed that her approach to Israel needs readjustment to address urgent issues on a practical, not only a theoretical, level.

Chancellor Angela Merkel's contribution to the economic take-off of Germany and the stabilization of the Eurozone is unquestionable. But the legacy she wants to leave behind when her fourth (and possibly final) term expires in 2021 should also include achievements beyond the spheres of the economy, growth, and trade. While Berlin leads global economic affairs, its foreign policy initiatives remain poor. Also, its ambivalent stance during the migrant crisis has caused serious concern about Europe's vulnerability vis-à-vis the rising danger of Islamic radicalization and its influence on tides of antisemitism.

Merkel's priorities and weaknesses were apparent during her recent visit to Israel. On the economic side, Germany is very interested in Israel's technology and innovation. German companies, both multinational and medium-sized, invest heavily in Israeli startups and sectors such as sustainable transportation.

Also, a few months ago, Germany signed a lease agreement with Israel Aerospace Industries for its Heron TP medium-altitude long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle.

Chancellor Merkel and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signaled their interest in signing additional business accords by touring an exhibit on innovation that included presentations by both Israeli and German companies. The two countries are making a joint effort to facilitate scientific collaboration in several fields of research. A recent analysis by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research names Bar-Ilan University, among others, as a leading Israeli institution cooperating with German partners.

Bilateral trade volume is increasing. Last year, according to German statistics, German exports to Israel amounted to €4.3 billion and imports to €1.9 billion, which are respective increases of 8 percent and 13.7 percent over 2016. From an Israeli standpoint, the German market is significant for two main reasons. First, not only is it large, but it offers the opportunity for highly diversified exports with no dominant sector. Products exported include machinery, chemicals and oil distillates, metals, pharmaceuticals, navigation instruments, and more. And second, by reaching the German market and succeeding in it, Israeli companies have an easier time expanding their presence in other EU countries.

Despite their economic harmony, Berlin and Jerusalem do not share the same views on security. In her public remarks, Merkel stressed the importance of Israel's security. But her theoretical approach vis-à-vis the Jewish state remains grounded in her 2008 Knesset speech,

in which she mentioned Israel's security as part of her own country's *raison d'être*. Germany considers it a responsibility to (often, if not always) avoid joining other countries in supporting anti-Israel votes at the UN.

While this may be true, on difficult issues the Chancellor continues to refrain from taking critical steps to demonstrate that she does indeed value Israel's security. By supporting the JCPOA, for instance, she is turning a blind eye to Tehran's ballistic missile program and its destabilizing activities throughout the Middle East. Her primary concern is German investments in Iran, not Tehran's problematic foreign policy.

As far as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is concerned, Berlin lacks the political gravitas to play a role. Merkel's foreign policy on this matter consists of little more than vague statements. During her recent trip to Israel, she said she would phone PA President Mahmoud Abbas and ask him questions about Gaza. She also said her country is making efforts to advance an Israel-Gaza deal, without revealing details. Berlin supports the idea of a two-state solution but is unable to push for its implementation.

Moreover, the Chancellor sees Israeli settlements as an obstacle to peace. Before her arrival in Israel, there were media reports that she might cancel the visit if the village of Khan al-Ahmar were demolished. (She later denied she had conditioned her visit in this way.)

Another problem is Merkel's ambivalent policy during the migrant crisis. Vacillating between an "open-door" approach, the need to appease the ire of Bavaria's Christian Social Union, and concern about new terror attacks



German Chancellor Angela Merkel enjoys a rare light moment with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu at the exclusive Davos annual summit. Photo: GPO.

in Germany, she has failed to offer practical answers to the problem of Islamic radicalization in Europe. The domestic political cost for the Chancellor has been the rise of the Alternative for Germany party (AfD).

Many AfD members admire Israel for its security achievements against Muslim violence, and a Jewish sub-group was recently formed within the party's ranks. Still, the future course of AfD cannot be anticipated. A new wave of antisemitism might emerge in Germany to amplify an existing stream of antisemitic statements and acts. Merkel's diagnosis of the degree of risk led her to enhance the legal framework and appoint the first-ever antisemitism commissioner, Felix Klein. It is debatable whether these measures will suffice.

German-Israeli relations will be always difficult and sensitive as they are inextricably linked to the memory of the Shoah. Although cooperation and friendship between the two states have strengthened during Merkel's administration, new challenges require difficult decisions. Influenced by her own economic successes, the Chancellor is keen to find mild compromises that balance divergent positions. But these tactics are not sufficient where security and antisemitism are concerned.

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# The Dangers of Grievance Studies



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The world of academia has been riveted by the full account of an elaborate hoax that resulted in several high-profile academic journals publishing articles based on ludicrous notions and fake field research, but couched in the language of social justice and identity politics.

The hoax was the brainchild of three academics — editor and writer Helen Pluckrose, mathematician James Lindsay, and philosopher Peter Boghossian — none of whom are likely to receive "A" list university posts now that they have performed this valuable service. Over a period of about a year, the three of them concocted 20 hoax papers relating to themes like identity, sexuality, body shape, and the significance of "intersectional" struggles. By the time they called a halt to the project, seven of these hoaxes had been published in various academic journals, essentially confirming their initial suspicion that, as long as it is in the proper political packaging, there are plenty of journal editors out there receptive to any old garbage.

One paper about "rape culture" in dog

parks in Portland, Oregon received a special citation from the journal that published it. Another paper, on how "masculinist and Western bias" in the science of astronomy "can best be corrected by including feminist, queer, and indigenous astrology," was enthusiastically received by academic reviewers with a request for only minor revisions. Most spectacularly, the feminist social-work journal *Affilia* published a hoax paper titled "Our Struggle Is My Struggle: Solidarity Feminism as an Intersectional Reply to Neoliberal and Choice Feminism" that was composed of passages lifted from Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf* with, in the words of the three hoaxers, "fashionable buzzwords switched in."

Many academics have protested that the hoax project was unethical because its methodology hinged upon dishonest dealings with the editors and peer reviewers of the journals where these papers were published. There is some merit to that argument, but more importantly, we can learn a great deal about human behavior from these types of underhand experiments. When the controversial American social psychologists Stanley Milgram and Philip Zimbardo carried out their respective studies of obedience more than 50 years ago — in Milgram's case by setting up unknowing subjects to believe that they were inflicting electric shocks on others at the behest of an "authority figure," in Zimbardo's

by placing student volunteers in "guard" and "inmate" roles in a laboratory "prison" — these were similarly denounced as unethical. But they also demonstrated that willfully engaging in state-sanctioned brutality is something that all human beings are vulnerable to, even when doing so violates the values and standards taught to them all their lives.

The focus of this present hoax was not, of course, as dramatic as the exploration of human cruelty. Its framework of inquiry was restricted to academic journals only. And its purpose was to establish whether what the authors call "grievance studies" — the collection of disciplines spanning gender, race, and culture that are served by the journals in question — is "corrupting academic research." Their short answer is "yes."

At stake here is more than the irresponsible use of facts by academics or the ideological assumptions behind much research in social science. Ultimately, we are dealing with what the hoaxers rightly identify as a crisis in epistemology — the venerable branch of philosophy concerned with what we know and how we know it, ranging from simple observations ("it's raining") to more complex judgments ("you did the right thing").

The scientific standards and rationalist principles that underlie the exploration of what constitutes truth are being assailed by what the hoaxers call "the identitarian madness coming out of the academic and activist left." Madness



A display erected by Penn Students for Justice in Palestine during its "Israeli Apartheid Week" campaign. Photo: Penn SJP.

it may be, but at the same time, it has become a useful tool for scholars who "bully students, administrators, and other departments into adhering to their worldview."

Increasingly, students are taught that the veracity of a particular claim cannot be separated from the identity of the person making it — and that suggesting otherwise is a surrender to patriarchy and racism.

Central to this approach as well — as my colleague Jonathan S. Tobin recently pointed out in a different context focusing on environmental activists — is the abandonment of the skepticism that is so essential to the scientific method. Ideological conviction and an in-built bias towards some human identities over others, rather than testing and observation, has become the standard by which we ascertain what is true, and therefore what is false as well.

While the three hoaxers don't claim that the entire university system has been consumed by identity politics and its dubious methods of attaining the truth, the problem is evidently

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## Opinion.

# The Price of Saudi Friendship



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In one sense, the disappearance of Washington Post journalist Jamal Kashoggi after he entered Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, last week is pretty much business as usual for the Riyadh regime. Saudi Arabia is a tyrannical theocracy run as a family business by the descendants of Ibn Saud, the kingdom's first monarch, and doesn't take kindly to critics of the royal family like Kashoggi.

Repression of dissent in such a nation is taken for granted. Indeed, the fact that Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the de facto ruler of the country, is considered a supporter of modernization speaks volumes about how reactionary he and his government are. If allowing women to drive cars is considered a sign of liberalism, then you know you're talking about a place that has at least one foot still firmly planted in the Middle Ages.

But for the Saudis to abduct and possibly murder a man who is a US resident and a writer for a major American newspaper is the sort of thing that can't be swept under the rug. The United States simply cannot let such an outrage go unanswered, and Washington is not going to have much choice but to punish the Saudis in some manner.

For those who want the United States to have a moral foreign policy, the Kashoggi incident is a reminder of the cost of an alliance with an unsavory, if friendly, government. The same can be said for Israel, which has an increasingly close strategic relationship with the Saudis, even if it is conducted under the table rather than out in the open.

Moreover, some are claiming that the fault here is not only with the Saudis, but also with Donald Trump. His critics claim that his blasé approach to human rights has given a green light to both the Russians and the Saudis to engage in attacks on their critics on foreign soil.

Trump's lack of interest in spreading American values about freedom abroad is not a secret. Nor is his soft spot for certain authoritarians, such as Russian leader Vladimir Putin and, more recently, North Korean head Kim Jong-un and the Saudi royals, with whom he did a sword dance last year during a visit to the desert kingdom.

But the notion that the current administration is more lenient with foreign despots than his predecessor doesn't stand up to scrutiny. Though Democrats, who often sound as if they'd like to go to war against Russia over its meddling in the 2016 election, prefer not to remember this, President Barack Obama mocked the notion that Russia was a geostrategic foe during his foreign-policy debate with Mitt Romney and promised Putin's deputy that he would be "more flexible" after his election. Nor was his relationship with the Saudis any less obsequious, as he gave them a pass on all their human-rights violations and actually bowed to King Faisal in another of the most cringe-inducing moments of his presidency.

Nor is the willingness to give allies a pass for horrible behavior a recent development. The United States embraced the Soviet Union and its genocidal leader, Josef Stalin, during World War II. During the Cold War, a series of Democratic and Republican administrations made nice



Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Photo: Bandar Algaloud / Courtesy of Saudi Royal Court / Handout via Reuters.

with a variety of Third World miscreants in the search for allies against the communists. In an imperfect and dangerous world, you can't always pick your friends or stick only to friendships with those you can be proud of.

This dilemma was best summed by British Prime Minister Lord Palmerston, who famously told the House of Commons in 1848 that "Her Majesty's government" had "no eternal allies, and we have no perpetual enemies. Our interests are eternal and perpetual, and those interests it is our duty to follow." The Saudis are a classic example of such an ally of convenience.

That has been the case for decades as the kingdom looked to the United States for protection against its foes and, in exchange, assured a steady supply of oil to the West. Yet even nowadays, when America has secured a degree of energy independence, the alliance is still a good deal for Washington. In a Middle East threatened by radical Islamist groups, as well as Iran's spread of terrorism and its quest for regional hegemony, the Saudis are a key factor in holding the line against forces that threaten US interests.

The same is also true for Israel. While the Saudis were once among the most implacable enemies of the Jewish state, now they look to Jerusalem as a strategic asset that can help protect them against Iran. The Saudis have made it clear to the Palestinians that they must make peace with Israel and to expect no support if they continue to reject negotiations. Indeed, the Trump administration, and in particular presidential son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner, is counting on the Saudis to help in their efforts to negotiate a deal between Israel and the Palestinians. While that deal is unlikely to happen, there's no question that the Saudis are playing a productive role in the region that Israel values. That is also true of Egypt, whose military government is a staunch foe of radical Islamists, but has an even worse human-rights record than the Saudis.

None of that erases the Saudi record on human rights or its record of supporting radical Islamist groups. Nor is it likely that a monarchy whose legitimacy depends on its role as the guardian of Islamic holy places will ever bring their close ties with Israel into the open, no matter what the Palestinians do.

But while the Saudis need to be reminded that the West won't tolerate their agents kidnapping and murdering their opponents on foreign soil, the idea that the United States or Israel should discard the kingdom isn't sensible. As long as the Iranians — who are just as bad if not worse on human rights — pose a deadly threat to the world, America and Israel will need to work with the Saudis. Doing so isn't pleasant, but in the dangerous neighborhood that is the Middle East, the enemy of our enemy is, if not our close friend, still an important ally that must be endured.

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# New York Times Straddles Question of Hamas Control of Gaza 'Protests'



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Differences between left-of-center news coverage in the Wall Street Journal and that newspaper's more conservative opinion page used to generate jokes about "two newspapers for the price of one."

Now the *New York Times* seems as if it's trying to copycat the Journal's approach with its own straddle, at least when it comes to the crucial question of whether Hamas, the terrorist group that controls Gaza, is behind the protests there.

Recent *New York Times* news coverage of the Gaza violence highlights the Hamas role. But an op-ed the newspaper published had minimized it.

A news article by Isabel Kershner in Saturday's *Times* reported:

*Hamas, the Islamic militant group that controls Gaza, has been arranging weekly demonstrations along the Israeli border for the past six months to protest the blockade of the impoverished Palestinian territory and demand a return to land in what is now Israel. After attendance and international attention began to wane in recent weeks, Hamas created special units to expand the protests, which they call "The Great Return March."*

Another article by Kershner, in the October 5 *Times*, used similar language. It reported, "Hamas, the Islamic militant group that controls Gaza, has been orchestrating weekly demonstrations along the Israeli border for the past six months to protest the blockade of the impoverished Palestinian territory and demand a return to land in what

is now Israel. As attendance and international attention have waned in recent weeks, Hamas has ratcheted up its activities, creating special units to expand the protests."

Compare Kershner's unqualified statements that the protests are arranged or orchestrated by Hamas with the claims that were made in an April 27 *Times* op-ed. That opinion piece, by Fadi Abu Shammalah, appeared under the headline "Why I March In Gaza." He wrote, "The Israeli military portrays the action as a violent provocation by Hamas, a claim that many analysts have blindly accepted. Those depictions are in direct contradiction with my experiences on the ground.... At the border, I haven't seen a single Hamas flag.... The Great Return March is not Hamas's action. It is all of ours."

It's difficult to reconcile the op-ed with the news articles. Maybe April 27 was early enough in the protests that Hamas' role hadn't yet become dominant. Or maybe at that point, the Israeli military had figured it out, but the *Times* op-ed editors hadn't. I've had my complaints with Kershner in the past, and I still wish she'd call Hamas a terrorist group rather than "militant." But in this case, she deserves credit for plainly saying what readers of the *Times* op-ed might otherwise not know, which is that the protests are a Hamas production.



Tear gas canisters are fired by Israeli troops at Palestinian demonstrators during a protest marking al-Quds Day, (Jerusalem Day), at the Israel-Gaza border east of Gaza City June 8, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Mohammed Salem.

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significant enough for us laypeople to worry about it. From a Jewish philosophical perspective, there is no serious quarrel with the scientific method; Maimonides wrote that "knowledge of the Divine cannot be attained except through knowledge of the natural sciences."

But far more practically, we shouldn't shy away from saying that the academic study of the Nazi Holocaust — particularly as carried out in Israel by Yad Vashem and

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made a similar argument regarding Alqasem. He wrote this week that keeping anti-Israel radicals out of Israel "is handing Israel's opponents an unearned propaganda victory since it bolsters their lies about Israel being an apartheid state." I disagree. Those who falsely call Israel an apartheid state will continue to do so, whether Israel admits or denies entry to foreign extremists. Their lies are not "bolstered" by Israel taking the same modest border-control actions that the United States itself takes every day.

The second Stephens-Weiss argument is one of principle. They say that liberal democracies such as Israel should show "deep tolerance for opinions [they] find foolish [or] dangerous,"

other institutions — provides us with a model to examine human suffering that is far more rigorous than anything purveyed by the identitarians. Because if this darkly amusing hoax has taught us anything, it's that the study of grievances is too important to be left to the practitioners of grievance studies.

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and refrain from "expelling visitors who favor the BDS movement" because democracies have to make room for all kinds of views.

That argument is highly misleading. Alqasem is being denied entry not because of her "opinions" or what she "favors," but because of her actions. She has been (up until at least last year) a leader of an organization whose activities include publicly cheerleading for terrorists. That is not an opinion on Israel's borders or housing construction policy. That is actively promoting the cause of those who murder Israelis. And those who promote that evil cause have no place in Israel.

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## Impressions.

### Unseen Photos of Missing Navigator Ron Arad Emerge

BY HANAN GREENWOOD/JNS.org

The Israeli Air Force has released several previously unseen photos of Israeli Air Force navigator Lt. Col Ron Arad, who has been classified as “missing in action” since October 1986, when his plane went down over Lebanon and he ejected and was captured by local Shi’ite terrorist group Amal.

The captured navigator was handed over to Hezbollah and later may have been handed over to Iran.

He has not been seen or heard from since 1988, and is widely presumed to be dead.

The photos, posted on the IAF’s Facebook page, show Arad before his capture. In one photo, Arad is seen in his flight suit, looking to the side. Another photo shows him with a group of soldiers and a third shows him in casual dress, presumably on leave, posing with a group of friends.

Israel has made considerable efforts to try to find Arad or learn his fate.

Evidence led officials to conclude that he probably died in captivity between 1995 and 1997.

However, in October 2016, a joint investigation by the Mossad intelligence agency and military intelligence, based on new information received in the



Missing Israeli navigator Ron Arad. Photo: Israeli Air Force Archives/Facebook (Israel Hayom).

previous two years, concluded that Arad had most likely died in 1988, two years after he was captured.

In the absence of concrete evidence, the state has refrained from officially declaring Arad a fallen soldier whose burial place is unknown.



Arad shown with a group of friends. Photo: Israeli Air Force Archives/Facebook (Israel Hayom).

### BBC Perpetuates Narrative of Perpetual Palestinian Refugees

BY ADAM LEVICK

On October 8, the *BBC* published a video segment by Paul Adams, titled “After 70 years, who are the Palestinian refugees?” The segment was filmed at the Burg Al-Barajneh “refugee” camp in Beirut, and focused on Palestinian fears that, under the new US peace plan, they’ll never be allowed to return “home.”

Though the official UNRWA figure calculates

employment and property rights. Yet, note how Adams failed to draw the most intuitive conclusion from this fact: that the refugee issue — and the fact that so many Arabs of Palestinian descent identify as “refugees” — is perpetuated by Arab states (and UNRWA,) who refuse to encourage the full integration of Palestinians into their countries. Nor, did Adams ask why such “refugee camps,” run by UNRWA in Lebanon, Jordan, and within the Palestinian Authority have never been converted to



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

more than five million Palestinian refugees, the overwhelming majority of these “refugees” — as we’ve noted repeatedly — are merely Palestinians descendants (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc.) of the original 711,000 actual refugees from 1948 — who, unlike every other refugee population on the planet, are automatically granted refugee status, even those who have citizenship in other countries.

As Einat Wilf, co-author of the book *The War of Return* observed about the fiction that there are millions of Palestinian refugees:

*almost all [Palestinian refugees] (upward of 80 per cent) are either citizens of a third country, such as Jordan, or they live in [Palestinian territories] where they were born and expect to have a future...*

*....The remaining 20 per cent of the descendants...are inhabitants of Syria and Lebanon who are by law denied the right to citizenship granted to all other Syrians and Lebanese.*

The number of actual refugees from 1948 is believed to be closer to 20,000.

As you saw in the clip, a Palestinian professor in Lebanon was interviewed, and explained that Palestinian “refugees” in Lebanon — many of whom have lived in the country for generations — are truly second class citizens and are denied basic

ordinary cities.

Adams’ other Palestinian interviewee — a young woman also several generations removed from the actual refugees of 1948 — insisted on her inalienable “right of return” to Israel. But *BBC* viewers were not reminded that such descendants of refugees don’t in fact have such a legal right to “return,” and that Israel would of course never engage in an act of national self-immolation by allowing millions of Palestinians to become citizens of the state.

Adams, in his final thoughts on the problem, opined that for such Palestinians living in camps in Lebanon and Jordan, their refugee status is the only thing they possess. Yet hope based on a right (of return) they don’t have, and on a future vision of life (in Israel) that will never be brought to fruition, is not a possession. It’s a handicap, and a cynical formula for perpetuating Palestinian victimhood that continues to be amplified and legitimized by media outlets like the *BBC*.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff against IRINA ZAYETS, 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 August 21, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn NY 11201 on November 8, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 2827 Ocean Parkway Unit # 4A, Brooklyn, NY 11235 and 2827 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11235 and 2827 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Block 7260 Lot 1001, 1002 and 1012. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of real property, situate and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$648,903.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 2431-13.Helene Blank, Esq., Referee CHJNC502  
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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, FSB, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, -against- OPHELIA MCGHEE; OVEDIA MCGHEE; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; JIMIYU EVERETT, Index No.17897/13. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, July 31, 2018 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on August 21, 2018, Betty Lugo, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 223 Chauncy Street, Brooklyn, New York 11233 at public auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adam

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Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 8, 2018 at 2:30 P.M. 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 known as Block: 1687; Lot: 56 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 17897/13. The approximate amount of judgment is \$547,029.98 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
AJ; 10/5/12/19/26

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 2005-AP3, Plaintiff -against- MARIA POSNER A/K/A M. POSNER A/K/A MARIA POSNET, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ALLIANCE MORTGAGE BANKING CORP, CHEMICAL BANK, THE FIRE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, GEORGE BRYANT, HENRY CLARK, SHAWN CAMPBELL, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 20, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on November 8, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 309 ARLINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. ALL that certain plot, piece of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 3927 Lot: 61 Approximate amount of lien \$479,903.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 501183/2015 JEFFREY R. MILLER, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: September 26, 2018 FILE #: WELLS 66757  
AJ; 10/5/12/19/26

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate-holders of the CWABS 2005-06, Plaintiff AGAINST Woodrow Lynch, Albi B. Etoh, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 8/16/2018 and entered on 9/12/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 08, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 883 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 County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1704, LOT: 67. Approximate amount of judgment is \$497,543.45 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 509810/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 10/5/12/19/26

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor

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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 12/2/15 and entered on 12/7/15, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 08, 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; 10/5/12/19/26

Notice of Formation of EJ 18th Avenue LLC. Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/6/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 7302 18th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
AJ; 10/5/12/19/26; 11/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST THAKOR MADHOO, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 27, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 15, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 205 HALE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3960, LOT 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$651,242.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 512152/2015. LEONARD C. SPECTOR, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 57525  
AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTREST BY PURCHASE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff against JESSIE LOZADA, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered March 27, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 15, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 167 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Block

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4129 Lot 23. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$328,267.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506966/2014. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee YCHC190  
AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff, vs. KATHY R. JONES, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order to Amend Caption duly filed on October 31, 2017, and Order Pursuant to CPLR 2004 Extending the Time to Set Sale, Ratify Sale Nunc Pro Tunc and Amendment of Caption filed on August 22, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 15, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1239 East 88th 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 8067 and Lot 23. Approximate amount of judgment is \$518,052.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 4095/2013. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523. Attorneys for Plaintiff. Cash will not be accepted.  
AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON (FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK), AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF MASTRALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-3; Plaintiff(s) vs. GREGORY H. DWECK; ROBYN E. DWECK; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about March 8, 2018, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On November 15, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 601 HAMPTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11235-3709 Block: 08731 Lot: 0054 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, Kings County, City of New York, designated as Lot Numbers 30 to 34 inclusive in Block 19 on Map of Manhattan Beach Estates, Inc., Supplement C., and filed June 28, 1909, as Number 1530D. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$2,183,157.20 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 501101/2015 Angelyn Johnson, Esq., Referee  
AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff-against- HARVEY B. PACHT A/K/A  
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## Tradition.

## Four Dimensions of the Journey



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

Within the first words that God addresses to the bearer of a new covenant, there are already hints as to the nature of the heroism he would come to embody. The multi-layered command "*Lech lecha* – go forth" contains the seeds of Abraham's ultimate vocation.

Rashi, following an ancient

*the Holy One said to Abraham, "Abraham, many good deeds are in you. Travel about from place to place, so that the greatness of your name will go forth in My world."*

Abraham was commanded to leave his place in order to testify to the existence of a God not bounded by place – Creator and Sovereign of the entire universe. Abraham and Sarah were to be like perfume, leaving a trace of their presence wherever they went. Implicit in this midrash is the idea that the fate of the first Jews already prefigured that of their descendants who



exegetic tradition, translates the phrase as "Journey for yourself." According to him, God is saying "Travel for your own benefit and good. There I will make you into a great nation; here you will not have the merit of having children." Sometimes we have to give up our past in order to acquire a future. In his first words to Abraham, God was already intimating that what seems like a sacrifice is, in the long run, not so. Abraham was about to say goodbye to the things that mean most to us – land, birthplace and parental home, the places where we belong. He was about to make a journey from the familiar to the unfamiliar, a leap into the unknown. To be able to make that leap involves trust – in Abraham's case, trust not in visible power but in the voice of the invisible God. At the end of it, however, Abraham would discover that he had achieved something he could not have done otherwise. He would give birth to a new nation whose greatness consisted precisely in the ability to live by that voice and create something new in the history of mankind. "Go for yourself" – believe in what you can become.

Another interpretation, more midrashic, takes the phrase to mean "Go with yourself" – meaning, by travelling from place to place you will extend your influence not over one land but many:

*When the Holy One said to Abraham, "Leave your land, your birthplace and your father's house..." what did Abraham resemble? A jar of scent with a tight-fitting lid put away in a corner so that its fragrance could not go forth. As soon as it was moved from that place and opened, its fragrance began to spread. So*

would be scattered throughout the world in order to spread knowledge of God throughout the world. Unusually, exile is seen here not as punishment but as a necessary corollary of a faith that sees God everywhere. *Lech lecha* means "Go with yourself" – your beliefs, your way of life, your faith.

A third interpretation, this time more mystical, takes the phrase to mean, "Go to yourself." The Jewish journey, said R. David of Lelov, is a journey to the root of the soul. In the words of R. Zushya of Hanipol, "When I get to heaven, they will not ask me, why were you not Moses? They will ask me, Zushya, why were you not Zushya?" Abraham was being asked to leave behind all the things that make us someone else – for it is only by taking a long and lonely journey that we discover who we truly are. "Go to yourself."

There is, however, a fourth interpretation: "Go by yourself." Only a person willing to stand alone, singular and unique, can worship the God who is alone, singular and unique. Only one able to leave behind the natural sources of identity – home, family, culture and society – can encounter God who stands above and beyond nature. A journey into the unknown is one of the greatest possible expressions of freedom. God wanted Abraham and his children to be a living example of what it is to serve the God of freedom, in freedom, for the sake of freedom.

*Lech Lecha* means: Leave behind you all that makes human beings predictable, unfree, delimited. Leave behind the social forces, the familial pressures, the circumstances of your birth. Abraham's children were summoned to be

the people that defied the laws of nature because they refused to define themselves as the products of nature. That is not to say that economic or biological or psychological forces have no part to play in human behaviour. They do. But with sufficient imagination, determination, discipline and courage we can rise above them. Abraham did. So, at most times, did his children.

Those who live within the laws of history are subject to the laws of history. Whatever is natural, said Maimonides, is subject to disintegration and decline. That is what has happened to virtually every civilisation that has appeared on the world's stage. Abraham, however, was to become the father of an *am olam*, an eternal people, that would neither decay nor decline, a people willing to stand outside the laws of nature. What for other nations are innate – land, home, family – in Judaism are subjects of religious command. They have to be striven for. They involve a journey. They are not given at the outset, nor can they be taken for granted. Abraham was to leave behind the things that make most people and peoples what they are, and lay the foundations for a land, a Jewish home and a family structure, responsive not to economic forces, biological drives and psychological conflicts but to the word and will of God.

*Lech Lecha* in this sense means being prepared to take an often lonely journey: "Go by yourself." To be a child of Abraham is to have the courage to be different, to challenge the idols of the age, whatever the idols and whichever the age. In an era of polytheism, it meant seeing the universe as the product of a single creative will – and therefore not meaningless but coherent and meaningful. In an era of slavery it meant refusing to accept the status quo in the name of God, but instead challenging it in the name of God. When power was worshipped, it meant constructing a society that cared for the powerless, the widow, orphan and stranger. During centuries in which the mass of mankind was sunk in ignorance, it meant honouring education as the key to human dignity and creating schools to provide universal literacy. When war was the test of manhood, it meant striving for peace. In ages of radical individualism like today, it means knowing that we are not what we own but what we share; not what we buy but what we give; that there is something higher than appetite and desire – namely the call that comes to us, as it came to Abraham, from outside ourselves, summoning us to make a contribution to the world.

"Jews," wrote Andrew Marr, "really have been different; they have enriched the world and challenged it." [6] It is that courage to travel alone if necessary, to be different, to swim against the tide, to speak in an age of relativism of the absolutes of human dignity under the sovereignty of God, that was born in the words *Lech Lecha*. To be a Jew is to be willing to hear the still, small voice of eternity urging us to travel, move, go on ahead,

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HARVEY PACHT, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 14, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on November 15, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, known and designated as Unit No. 136 in the condominium known as "The Brook Club Condominium", together with a .5989% undivided interest in the common elements. Block: 8060 Lot: 1180 Said premises known as 8110 AVENUE L 3, UNIT NO. 136, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$333,455.75 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 2351/2014. STEVEN J. BAKER ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 5025.1838 AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Enjoy My Kakes & Katering,LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 04/25/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it maybe Served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to : The LLC 106 marcy place apartment 2C bronx, NY 10452. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2/9/16

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST Abbeola Aaron AKA Abbeola O Aaron, Alvin Ashby and Marcia Croal, 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 Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 15, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1091 E 96TH 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 New York, BLOCK 8184, LOT 31. Approximate amount of judgment \$412,546.22 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 501950/2012. Leonard C. Spector, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 57257 AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2/

Notice of formation of 101 Mersereau LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 09/19/2018. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been

continuing Abraham's journey toward that unknown destination at the far horizon of hope.

Shabbat Shalom

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designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 101 Mersereau LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2/9/16

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: SUPERNAL LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/18/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall mail copy of the process to: The LLC 22 N6th Street,APT 41 Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/19/26; 11/2/9/16/23

LEGAL NOTICE OF POSTPONE-MENT OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff -against- RIFKA GRUNBAUM, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 14, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on October 25, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Beach 46th Street, distant 320 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Beach 46th Street with the westerly side of Surf Avenue; being a plot 112.43 feet by 127.16 feet by 121.88 feet by 138 feet. Block: 7038 Lot: 61. Said premises known as 4601 BEACH 46TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$1,404,855.36 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 21292/2013. PHILIP L. KAMARAS, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 5025.2122 The above sale, originally scheduled for October 11, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. has been postponed. The new sale date has been rescheduled for October 25, 2018 at the same time and place. PHILIP L. KAMARAS, ESQ., Referee AJ; 10/19

MANHATTAN AVENUE VENTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/02/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 132 Greenpoint Avenue, Suite B-1, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 10/19/26; 11/2/9/16/23

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC).NAME: REQUIRED SAFETY LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 10/09/2018. Office location: Richmond 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: Required Safety LLC 229 Colony Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/19/26; 11/2/9/16/23



## Social.



Prince Harry and his fiancée Meghan Markle. Photo: Screenshot.

## British Jews Congratulate Princess Meghan and Royal Family on Baby News

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

A Jewish group in the UK congratulated the royal family and the Duchess of Sussex, Meghan, on the news that she was expecting a baby with the Duke of Sussex, Prince Harry.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews posted on Twitter on Monday the message, “B’sha’a tova u’mutzlachat,” which are Hebrew well wishes commonly given to a pregnant woman. It added, “We wish all the

royal family health and happiness on the news that the Duchess of Sussex is expecting a baby.”

Kensington Palace announced on Sunday that the Duke and Duchess of Sussex are expecting their first child together. The baby is due this coming spring.

The baby will be seventh in line to the British throne after Prince Charles, Prince William and his three children, and Prince Harry.

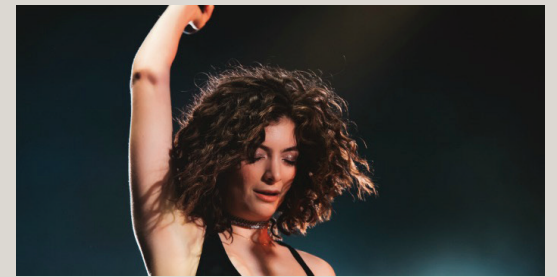
The couple got married in May.

## New Zealand Activists Raise Funds for Palestinian Charity After Fine by Israeli Court

BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Two New Zealand anti-Israel activists have raised NZ\$14,000 (\$9,108.40) as of Sunday for charity after being fined by an Israeli court for their role in persuading pop star Lorde to cancel a concert in Tel Aviv last year.

Justine Sachs and Nadia Abu-Shanab said last week they would not pay the fine of 45,000 shekels (\$12,423.05) awarded to three Israeli teenagers, calling the court’s ruling a “stunt” intended to intimidate Israel’s critics.



New Zealand singer Lorde. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Instead, they asked people to donate money through website “givealittle.co.nz” to the Gaza Mental Health Foundation, a volunteer group that raises funds for mental health and women’s empowerment groups in the Gaza Strip.

As of Sunday, they raised NZ\$14,000, according to the website.

“Given that we’ve actually had this kind of push upon us – we felt that it was expedient to actually recenter the issue back on Palestine,” Abu-Shanab told Radio New Zealand.

The case arose from an open letter that Sachs and Abu-Shanab wrote to Lorde, a New Zealander, on the website thespinoff.co.nz in December urging her to call off her planned concert.

Lorde canceled her concert in Israel that same month after a campaign by the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) group, which campaigns against Israel, that included the open letter published by Sachs and Abu-Shanab.

## NFL Player Gets Schooled About Jewish Food, Hebrew Slang

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

A NFL player recently accepted an invitation from a sports anchor to try Jewish food for the first time and learn about Jewish culture.

Chicago Bears running back Tarik Cohen is often mistaken for being Jewish because of his last name. He told *ChicagoBears.com* on Thursday, “When I first got drafted, a lot of people asked me if I was Jewish. It was a cool way to get introduced to their culture.”

Adam Lefkoe, who is Jewish and the co-host of the *Bleacher Report* program “Simms and Lefkoe: The Show,” said when he discovered that Cohen is not from the same faith, he had to invite him to try Jewish food and learn about the culture. Together with Lefkoe’s co-host, former NFL quarterback Chris Simms, they went to a deli in New York City and had Cohen taste

bagels with cream cheese and lox, a pastrami sandwich and matzah ball soup.

Cohen enjoyed the matzah ball soup, and afterward Lefkoe tried teaching him some Jewish slang. Lefkoe then presented the athlete with a Chicago Bears yarmulke, which Cohen described as a “Jewish fitted hat.” At the end of their meal a group of men, including Lefkoe and Simms, raised Cohen up and down on a chair, which is popular to do at Jewish celebrations.

Cohen does not know the origin of his last name, has no known Jewish relatives and has never attended a bar mitzvah, though he is interested in going to one, according to *ChicagoBears.com*. The running back said, “I’ve heard they’re lit, so I’d like to show up at one. I’ve just got to get my Chicago Bears Jewish fitted cap and I’ll be ready to go.”

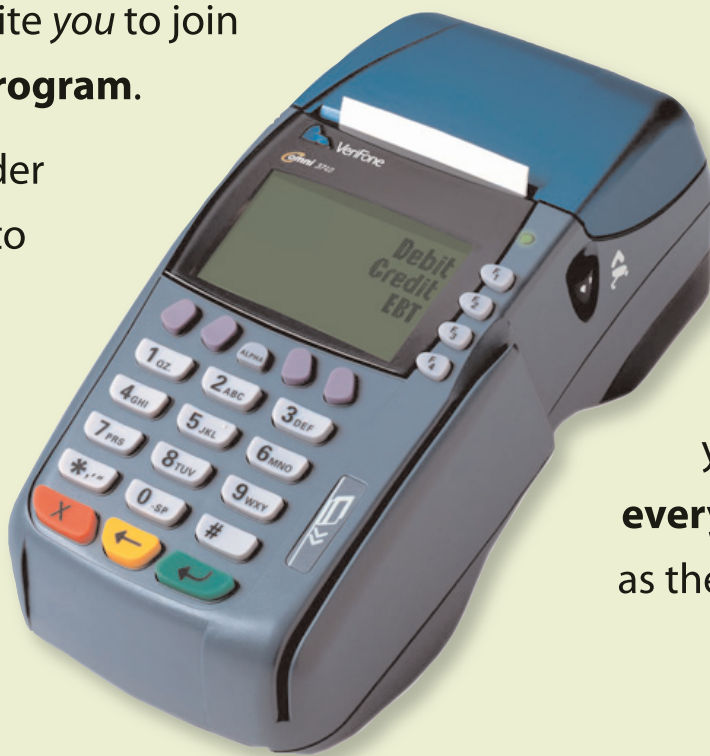


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