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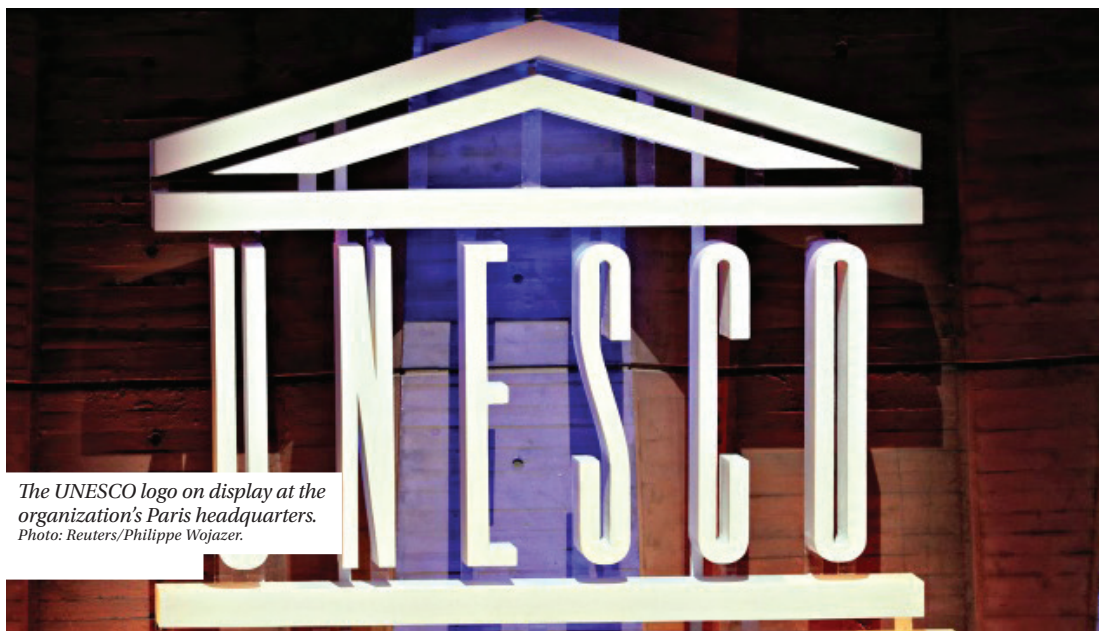
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## UNESCO Slammed by US Religious Freedom Commission



The UNESCO logo on display at the organization's Paris headquarters. Photo: Reuters/Philippe Wojazer.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

UNESCO, the cultural and educational agency of the United Nations, was sharply attacked on Thursday by the US Commission on International Religious Freedom for undermining the historic connection between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel.

"The idea that there's a question about the Jewish histor-

ical presence in the Holy Land and specifically at these sites is unacceptable and diminishes the religious rights of the Jewish people," Commission head Gary Bauer said in a statement.

Bauer was referring to two resolutions adopted by UNESCO on October 10, which refer to Jewish holy sites in the West Bank cities of Hebron and Bethlehem solely as "Palestinian sites."

"UNESCO has no business pronouncing on territorial sovereignty or arbitrating territorial

disputes," Bauer said.

Consistent anti-Israel bias at UNESCO led both the United States and Israel to announce their respective withdrawals from the agency in October 2017.

"This decision was not taken lightly, and reflects US concerns with mounting arrears at UNESCO, the need for fundamental reform in the organization, and continuing anti-Israel bias at UNESCO," a State Department spokesperson said at the time.

## Rights Group Accuses Palestinian Authority, Hamas, of Using Systematic Torture

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Security forces of the West Bank-based Palestinian Authority and Gaza's rival Hamas group routinely arrest and torture critics and opponents to try to stifle dissent, Human Rights Watch said on Tuesday.

Officials of the PA and Hamas denied the allegations of systematic abuse, made by the New York-based rights



Omar Shakir, Israel and Palestine Director at Human Rights Watch, gestures during a news conference in Ramallah, Oct. 23, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Mohamad Torokman.

group, and said they were ready to investigate reports of mistreatment.

In a report, Human Rights Watch said it documented more than two dozen cases of Palestinians detained by the PA or Gaza's ruling Hamas Islamists "for no clear reason beyond writing a critical article or Facebook posting or belonging to the wrong student group or political movement."

Palestinian forces in the West Bank and in Gaza often put detainees into painful stress positions for prolonged periods — a practice similar to that which Israel has inflicted

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## Opinion.

## A Call to GA Participants



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First, permit me to open this column by expressing my distress that for the first time, the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) are holding their General Assembly (GA) in Tel Aviv rather than Jerusalem. I doubt this was a coincidence. Israelis are delighted with the US government's relocation of its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. I hope JFNA's diversion of the GA from Jerusalem does not reflect an anti-Trump paranoia.

One should assume that the representatives of the Federations are more conscious of their Jewish identity and better informed than the average American Jew. They are surely concerned with the loss of Jewish identity among increasing numbers of young Americans of Jewish ethnic origin who were not even provided with an elementary Jewish education. Lacking any foundation of Jewish identity, many are alienated from Israel and seek to distance themselves from Zionism and the Jewish state.

Some leading American Jews falsely accuse Israel of not supporting them and of conducting an extremist policy in Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip. In addition, they accuse Israel of discriminating against non-Orthodox Jews as exemplified by Prime

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's retraction of an agreement to create an egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall. One might argue that he should have ignored haredi extortion and dissolved the government. But, rightly or wrongly, he gave precedence to the urgent security issues of the day.

Besides, American Jewish progressives, few of whom visit the Western Wall, would have been nonplussed had their rabbis not whipped up hysteria over the issue.

So, my message to American Jewish leaders is not to blame Israel for your shortcomings and the escalating intermarriage rates.

Take responsibility, prioritize Jewish education, and overcome Jewish illiteracy. That should be your overriding concern and objective. You should also realize that the creation of a Jewish state following the Shoah was supported by all Jews and was a key component in fostering a healthy Jewish identity among the entire Jewish people.

Unfortunately, today this is not the case and I lay the responsibility primarily on Jewish leaders — especially since the election of President Donald Trump. In the past, mainstream Jewish organizations strove to be nonpartisan. But alas, no longer, with the majority of the non-Orthodox strongly opposed to their president. This would not be so bad if they did so as Americans, but to do so as an expression of their supposed Jewish identity, or in their capacity as Jewish leaders, is incomprehensible.

What is utterly outrageous is the attitude

displayed by Jews toward Trump's Israel policies. Trump is your president and as Americans you can hate him or love him. But as Jews you should appreciate what he has done for us by being the first American president to openly ally himself with Israel and avoid moral equivalency by telling the truth about Palestinian duplicity and terror.

He transferred the United States Embassy to Jerusalem, which may mean little to you but overjoyed Israelis. His predecessors promised to do so but always backed out. He merged the Jerusalem consulate with the embassy to ensure that there is one clear message directed toward the Palestinians. He told the Palestinians that he would take punitive steps if they refused to negotiate peace, and closed their Washington mission. He warned them that he would not tolerate hundreds of millions of dollars being paid as an inducement for killers and their families. He exposed the sham of the "5 million" Palestinian refugees and curtailed funds to UNRWA, an organization that perpetuates the refugee problem.

Unlike former President Barack Obama, who appeased the Iranians who have pledged to destroy us, Trump applied sanctions and warned that he would not tolerate Iranian nuclear weapons. For the first time, the United States has spoken up uninhibitedly for Israel at the United Nations and other international bodies. Trump even orchestrated a joint state-



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

ment with Russian President Vladimir Putin supporting Israel's security.

That is why Trump has a 69% approval rating in Israel and almost 80% of Israeli Jews approve of his handling of US-Israel relations. As committed members of the American Jewish community, even the liberals among you who clearly dislike Trump (as is your right) should recognize and appreciate what he has done for Israel.

Finally, while you may not like Netanyahu (that, too, is your right), Israelis would undoubtedly re-elect him today. As residents of a country on the other side of the world, you should display respect for the will of the majority of a democratic Jewish state — a beacon of light in a region that has returned to the Dark Ages.

You should respect our security requirements, which are endorsed by the clear majority of the nation. A two-state solution

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## Universalism, Particularism, and Enduring Antisemitism



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Antisemitism is the world's oldest hatred. This hatred has been justified on religious, economic, political, and social grounds. A cogent philosophical theory of antisemitism is nevertheless overdue. This theory should explain the persistence and ubiquity of antisemitism throughout the ages.

Why have doctrines and religions as diverse as Hellenism, Christianity, Islam, Nationalism, Communism, and Intersectionality attacked Jews? A *prima facie* explanation is that Judaism, as a distinct ideology, invites hostility from alternative worldviews. But this thesis does not explain why Judaism, which shies away from expansionism and does not seek proselytes, is viewed as a threatening doctrine. The thesis also does not account for the scarcity of antisemitism in belief systems as diverse as Hinduism, the Druze religion, Zoroastrianism, contemporary conservatism, and liberal democracy.

In order to philosophically understand hostility towards Judaism, it is helpful to place ideologies in a spectrum ranging from absolutely universalistic to entirely particularistic. Universalistic ideologies such as Hellenism, Christianity, Islam, and Communism have historically attacked Jews and Judaism. The survival of a particularistic Jewish identity makes a mockery of their claims to

ideological superiority and universal truth. On the other end of the spectrum, nationalism and nativism are particularistic ideologies that resent the cosmopolitanism that Jews embody.

Intersectionality illustrates how conventional labels like left-wing and right-wing obfuscate the ideological nature of antisemitism. In theory, intersectionality advocates universalistic values dear to Jews, such as social justice and equality. In practice, its exclusive focus on the interests of "oppressed minorities" makes it a particularistic movement. Advocates of intersectionality view Jewish socioeconomic achievements and Zionism as hostile to the particularistic interests they claim to represent, though Jews have invariably been an oppressed minority throughout most of their history.

On the other hand, liberal democracy, contemporary conservatism, Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, and the Druze religion are doctrines that accommodate Judaism. Liberal Democracy, like Judaism, blends elements of particularism and universalism: It integrates

particularistic interests into a pluralistic political system that serves universal values. Contemporary conservatism is also philosemitic because it balances universalism and particularism. Conservatives treasure the industriousness of Jewish communities and respect Jewish religious distinctiveness. Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, and the Druze religion accept Judaism because they are themselves particularistic faiths.

It is important to note that particularistic faiths such as Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, and the Druze religion are amicable towards Judaism while particularistic political doctrines are not. Particularistic faiths are not bothered by different religious beliefs as they do not seek proselytes. Particularistic political doctrines, on other hand, demand collective submission to their norms and values. Because Jews subscribe to separate religious laws and beliefs, they have been viewed as a threat to social harmony since the time of the Pharaohs.

One national movement did not embrace antisemitism, even over many decades. The 19th century Italian unification movement, or *Risorgimento*, was friendly towards Jews and Judaism. This was in part because Italian Jews were only a small minority, and in part because Italian patriots considered Jews natural allies against a Catholic Church hostile to Italian unification. Yet even Italian nationalists eventually turned against their fellow Italians. In 1938, Mussolini's fascist regime introduced antisemitic legislation that culminated in the deportation of thousands of Italian Jews to Auschwitz.

These events illustrate why both political  
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White nationalists participate in a torch-lit march on the grounds of the University of Virginia ahead of the Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 11, 2017. Photo: REUTERS/Stephanie Keith.



## World News.

## Finland Invests In Contracts With Israel to Boost Its Naval-Defense Systems

BY JNS.ORG

Finland has been relying on Israeli weaponry to strengthen its navy, according to *Defense News*.

With its presence in the Baltic Sea to protect against Russian interests, the Finnish Defense Forces has undergone a \$1.5 billion naval boost that will include a \$500 million investment for ships consisting of surface-to-surface missiles, ship guns, sea mines and torpedoes.

"It's critical that Finland has a modern navy that is fit for purpose. The Baltic Sea has become a possible focal point for tension between East and West," said Jussi Niinistö, Finland's Defense Minister. "We are dealing with a more unpredictable Russia. Increased military cooperation with partners will also see the Navy more engaged in joint international exercises in the region, especially with our Nordic neighbors and NATO forces."

The Finnish navy awarded contracts worth almost \$185.76 million in July to Israel Aerospace Industries to receive the Israeli Gabriel missile system between 2019 and 2025. The defense system will be installed on Hamina-class missile boats, in addition to

the new Squadron 2020 vessels, expected to begin construction in 2019.

Israel Aerospace Industries was picked over Norwegian technology firm Kongsberg, European missile manufacturer MBDA, American multinational corporation Boeing, and the Swedish aerospace and defense company Saab.

The Gabriel missiles are anti-ship missiles that were first developed after missiles sank an Israeli ship along the northern Sinai shores just months after Israel won the 1967 Six-Day War, killing 47 Israeli officers and sailors, and injuring 100.



Israeli Gabriel anti-ship missile on display at the Clandestine Immigration and Naval Museum in Haifa, Israel. Photo: Bukvoed/Wikimedia Commons.

## Mnuchin Discusses Iran Oil Sanctions With Saudi Prince

BY JNS.ORG

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin discussed Iran oil sanctions on Monday during his meeting with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, which took place amid increased tensions between the United States and Saudi Arabia over the death of journalist and Saudi dissident Jamal Khashoggi, causing Mnuchin to cancel a speaking engagement at a Saudi investment conference that began on Tuesday.

"To make clear @stevenmnuchin1 cancelled his speaking engagement at Saudi investment conference. He is in Saudi (as part of 6 country Middle East trip) visiting the Terrorist Financing Targeting Center and having meetings in preparation for Iran sanctions," Tony Sayegh, Mnuchin's spokesperson, posted on Twitter.

"In his meeting with the Saudi Crown Prince, @stevenmnuchin1 addressed combating terrorist financing, implementing Iran sanctions, Saudi economic issues and the Khashoggi investigation," said Sayegh in a separate tweet.

The two "stressed the importance of the Saudi-U.S. strategic partnership and the future role of this partnership in accordance with the Kingdom's Vision 2030," according to the Saudi Press Agency.

"The bilateral relations between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United



U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin. Photo: Ricky Harris/The White House.

States of America were also reviewed on both the trade and investment sides, and the opportunities for their development," reported the agency. "The meeting touched on a number of issues, including joint efforts in the fight against corruption and the financing of terrorism."

The visit follows Mnuchin's first stop in Israel on Sunday, where he met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying that America would increase its participation in infrastructure projects in addition to "ramping up the pressure" against Iran.

"We have seen in recent years that pressure is the only thing that arrests the forward movement of the Iranian nuclear program, and pressure is the only thing that rolls back Iran's aggression in the region," Netanyahu told Mnuchin.

## Iran Still Weighing Nuclear Deal Exit, Foreign Minister Zarif Says



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, May 15, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Francois Lenoir.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Iran's foreign minister on Monday would not guarantee that the Tehran regime would remain a party to the 2015 nuclear deal, following the US President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the deal in May.

In an interview with Japanese news agency Kyodo News, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said his country would independently determine whether the economic and political benefits of remaining in the deal outweigh the costs.

"We will make that decision based on our own evaluation of our national security and interests," Zarif said. "We are not working against any deadline."

The US withdrawal from the JCPOA — the technical name for the 2015 deal — was accompanied by a renewal of tough sanctions on Tehran, with a new round that targets the Iranian oil industry scheduled to take effect on Nov. 4. Iran has warned that if the remaining parties to the JCPOA — the UK, Germany, France, Russia and China — fail to offset the impact of the sanctions, it may quit the deal.

Zarif did not rule out the prospect of direct negotiations with the Trump admin-

istration, without expressing any hope that such talks would eventually proceed.

"We do not have preconditions, but we can say that what is required for dialogue is mutual respect, not mutual confidence," Zarif said. "Usually people who engage in negotiation do not necessarily have trust and confidence in each other, but it requires mutual respect."

Zarif charged that the Trump administration had undermined all its international agreements by leaving the JCPOA. "The United States has failed to respect its legal obligations, its treaty obligations," he said. "Unfortunately, the way that the United States has acted has created conditions that would basically undermine the utility of negotiation."

Zarif did not deviate from the official line that Iran will carry on "business as usual" with its global trading partners after Nov. 4.

"For the time being, we are selling our oil (and) we are able to maintain our economy," he said. "Many countries have shown readiness to do business with Iran."

Besides the three European countries, other countries that attach great importance to the nuclear deal, including Russia, China and Japan, "are ready to implement their part," Zarif said.

## Netanyahu: Chinese Vice President to Visit Israel

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan on Monday, saying it represents "the most important visit by a Chinese leader in the last 18 years."

The two will chair the fourth annual Israel-China Innovation Conference at the Foreign Ministry on Wednesday, where eight joint agreements are expected to be signed related to innovation, science and technology, agriculture, life sciences and digital health. Netanyahu and Wang will sign the conference's new multi-year plan.

"It's a sign of our growing friendship," said Netanyahu. "The fact that the vice president of China came to Israel at my invitation for the

Prime Minister's Innovation Conference is a tremendous compliment to Israel, and a reflection of the growing ties between China and Israel."

Last year, the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology opened Israel's first university campus in China.

Nevertheless, the Israeli government made waves last month as it awarded contracts to Chinese companies to construct and manage crucial Israeli ports in Haifa and Ashdod.

"China is not on our side," said Brig-Gen. (res.) Shaul Chorev, a former Deputy Commander of the Israeli Navy, adding that it supports Iran and Pakistan.

In July, China announced that it will give \$15 million in assistance to the Palestinian Authority.



## World News.



SodaStream's "Holy Turtle" in action off the coast of Honduras. Photo: Screenshot.

## SodaStream Cleans Up Massive Trash Collection Off the Coast of Honduras

BY JNS.org

Israeli startup superstar and home-based soda-device-maker SodaStream announced on Monday that it has sent a delegation to the coast of Honduras to clean up a massive collection of floating trash off of Roatán.

CEO Daniel Birnbaum said the "Holy Turtle"—a 1,000-foot-long device towed by ship and purchased from an American company—has already been dispatched off the Roatán coast along with 150 SodaStream executives from 45 countries. Cleanup procedures will be witnessed by local Honduran officials, schoolchildren and officials from the Plastic Soup Foundation, which works to clean plastics out of the world's oceans.

"We can't clean up all the plastic waste on the planet, but we each need to do whatever we can," Birnbaum said in a statement.

According to SodaStream, the project was inspired by a 2017 *BBC* documentary about the trash off of the coast of Honduras.

Junk cleaned from the water will be turned into an art installation dedicated to "reducing consumption of single use plastic in all forms,

including plastic cups, straws, bags and bottles."

In the past, SodaStream has partnered with the Israel Union for Environmental Defense to raise awareness and combat plastic pollution, and joined with an organization called Trees for the Future to plant thousands of trees in Brazil.

SodaStream was singled out for a targeted campaign by the Boycott Divest and Sanction (BDS) movement, which attacked the company for creating the soda machines and accessories in Mishor Adumim, a Jewish community located in Judea, an area they say belongs exclusively to Palestinians.

BDS urged consumers not to buy SodaStream products, despite the fact that of their 1,300 employees, only 350 were Israeli Jews; another 450 were Israeli Arab and 500 Palestinian Authority Arabs. In 2016, the pressure against SodaStream and its spokeswoman, actress Scarlett Johansson, resulted in the closing of the plant and all the Palestinian Authority workers losing their jobs.

It subsequently moved its facility to the Bedouin town of Rahat in the Negev Desert, where it hired hundreds of new employees, including local Bedouins.

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Torture

on Palestinians in its custody, the report said.

"The habitual, deliberate, widely known use of torture, using similar tactics over years with no action taken by senior officials in either authority to stop these abuses, make these practices systematic. They also indicate that torture is governmental policy for both the PA and Hamas," it said.

In the 25 years since Palestinians gained a degree of self-rule under interim peace deals, "their authorities have established machineries of repression to crush dissent," the report added.

In comments to Reuters, Palestinian Authority and Hamas officials denied any pattern of mistreatment.

"We do not have a policy of torture. This is a violation of the law," said Eyad Al-Bozom, spokesman of the Hamas-run Interior Ministry in Gaza.

"We have taken action against officers who violated the law, including issues of

torture. Some were detained and put on trial, others were demoted," he said.

Major-General Adnan Al-Dmairi, spokesman for the Palestinian Authority's security forces, said: "Arrests are being carried according to the law and we are committed to upholding the law."

The rights group, urging a cut-off of foreign aid to Palestinian security forces in the West Bank, said evidence it collected contradicted contentions that abuse occurred only in isolated cases and that wrongdoers were held to account.

Human Rights Watch said it had met Palestinian intelligence services in the West Bank but was unable to accept a Hamas offer to come to Gaza because Israel refused to grant permits to HRW officials to cross into the enclave.

In May, Israel revoked a work permit issued to Omar Shakir, Human Rights Watch's local representative, accusing the US national of supporting a boycott against it, an allegation he denied. Shakir challenged the decision in an Israeli court, and the case is continuing.

Hamas, which advocates Israel's destruction, wrested control of the Gaza Strip from Fatah forces loyal to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in 2007.

"As the Fatah-Hamas feud deepened despite attempts at reconciliation, PA security services have targeted supporters of Hamas and vice versa," Human Rights Watch said.

## 'One Less Holocaust Denier on This Earth:' Robert Faurisson, Notorious French Nazi Apologist, Dead at 89

BY BEN COHEN

Robert Faurisson — the French academic honored by the Iranian regime and convicted in France during a four decade-long career as one of the world's leading Holocaust deniers — died on Monday morning at the age of 89, his family announced.

Faurisson's sister, Yvonne Schleiter, told the *AFP* news agency that her brother had just returned from a visit to England when he collapsed in the hallway of his home in Vichy — the spa town in central France that served as the headquarters of the pro-Nazi French government during World War II.

Jewish leaders remembered Faurisson — who received an award in 2012 for his "courage, resistance and fighting spirit" from then-Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad — as fanatically-driven by his hatred of Jews.

"There's one less antisemite and one less Holocaust denier on this earth, which is a welcome development," Abraham Foxman — the former national director of the Anti-Defamation League who now heads the New York-based Center for the Study of Antisemitism — told *The Algemeiner* after learning of Faurisson's death.

Serge Klarsfeld, the French Holocaust scholar whose work helped convict Nazi war criminals including Klaus Barbie and Maurice Papon, remarked that Faurisson had been "one of the pioneers of Holocaust denial."

"What he wrote was repulsive, annoying and painful to me," Klarsfeld told the French newspaper *Le Figaro*.

A far-right political activist who was once arrested on suspicion of membership of the OAS — the French terrorist group that violently opposed Algerian independence during the 1960s — Faurisson had become an outspoken Holocaust denier by the late 1970s, from his perch as a professor of literature at the University of Lyon.

After publishing an essay denying the existence of the gas chambers in 1978 — the same year that the Vichy official in charge of Jewish affairs, Louis Darquier de Pellepoix, claimed that "only lice were gassed in Auschwitz" — Faurisson went on to articulate the basic credo of Holocaust deniers across the world.

"The claim of the existence of gas chambers and genocide of Jews by Hitler constitute one and the same historical lie," Faurisson infamously declared during a French radio interview in 1980. That "lie," he continued, "opened the way to a gigantic political and

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remains the long-term goal, but today that would lead to the emergence of a terrorist state that could become a launching pad for Iran, a country committed to our destruction. This view unites the government and opposition and has the greatest consensus of any issue since the failed Oslo Accords.

Israel is not perfect, and I have frequently penned criticisms of aspects of our policies. You, too, may feel free to criticize us, but you should hesitate before condemning our security policies. It is we and our children — not you — who will live or not with the



French Holocaust denier and Nazi apologist Robert Faurisson. Photo: Screenshot from YouTube.

financial fraud of which the principal beneficiaries are the State of Israel and International Zionism, and the principal victims the German and the entire Palestinian people."

Among Faurisson's closest partners in purveying Holocaust denial were Ernst Zundel, a Toronto-based publisher later imprisoned by both Canada and Germany, and the US-based "Institute for Historical Review" — an ostensibly "academic" forum where Holocaust denial mixes with strident antisemitism and anti-Zionism. One of Faurisson's biggest obsessions was with the famous diary kept by the Dutch-Jewish teenager Anne Frank, who died in the Belsen concentration camp, which he insisted was a fake.

Described by the French historian Valerie Igounet as having "lusted after scandal," Faurisson occasionally made the headlines as a result. In 1981, the well-known American left-wing academic Noam Chomsky contributed the preface to Faurisson's book *The Question of the Gas Chambers*, on the grounds, as he put it, that "it is too easy to defend the freedom of speech of those who don't need defending." On the subject matter of the book, Chomsky conceded that while he "knew little" of Faurisson's work, he still could find "no proof whatever" that Faurisson was "really an antisemite or a Nazi."

Ejected from his academic post in 1991 after the French Parliament passed legislation outlawing Holocaust denial, Faurisson continued to push his revisionist agenda as ostentatiously as possible. He became a regular fixture on Iranian media, delivering the keynote address at an international conference to "review" the Holocaust in Tehran in Dec. 2006.

At home in France, meanwhile, Faurisson teamed up with the antisemitic comedian Dieudonné M'bala M'bala, who embraced the Holocaust denier as a fellow "insolent outcast."

In 2008, much to Faurisson's amusement during an 80th birthday celebration, the Holocaust denier was presented with an award by one of Dieudonné's assistants, who entered the stage dressed in a striped concentration camp uniform embossed with a yellow star.

consequences. And differing on individual policies should not deter you from supporting our one and only Jewish state.

These are your challenges. Give your children a Jewish education and provide them with a Jewish identity. Teach them the history of the Jewish people and explain to them how powerless we were until the establishment of a Jewish state, just 70 years ago.

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U.S. News.

# George Mason University Students Condemn Antisemitism After Local JCC Vandalized

BY BEN COHEN

Student leaders at George Mason University in Virginia condemned antisemitism on Thursday, after a nearby Jewish community center was vandalized with 19 swastikas earlier this month.

The measure — passed by the school's Student Senate — came some 18 months after the same JCC was defaced with the symbol of the SS Nazi military unit and the words, "Hitler was right."

It embraced the Jewish community as "a vital part of the Mason community," and pledged not to "stand for hatred and acts of malice."

The resolution was sponsored by student senator Max Kim, and co-sponsored by Amir Mahmoud, chairman of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Committee.

McKenna Bates, speaker pro tempore of the Student Senate, said following the resolution's passage that her school "does have an antisemitism problem," though she and many of her friends are working to address the issue.

"Tuesday afternoon, before I attended a private event with Ron Dermer, my other club (the Israel Student Association) hosted a kiosk in the university's main food court," she explained on social media on Thursday. "Our kiosk was centered around media bias, which is something that I've been focused on since this summer."

"During this kiosk, I was told that Palestinian lives matter more than Jewish lives, and that the murder of Jews is justified because Palestinians are at the bottom of the oppression system and thus any expressions of resistance are ultimately justified," she added. "Unfortunately, I hear

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and religious universalism and political particularism threaten Jews and Judaism. Jewish communities should avoid supporting political and religious movements that espouse universalistic goals while advocating particularistic political doctrines.

Difficult choices must sometimes be made. Should Jewish communities support progressive politicians who strengthen anti-Jewish ideologies in the name of religious tolerance and diversity, or should they applaud nationalists who criticize multiculturalism and cultural relativism?

The best course of action is never clear. In these cases, Jewish communities would be well advised to endorse diversity premised on common values. Multiculturalism within the framework of a covenant that commits all communities to common principles is intelligent. This strategy has been recommended by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, the former Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom.

It is not by chance that antisemitism is the world's oldest and most resilient hatred. Without intending to, Jews and Judaism challenge powerful doctrines. Because political doctrines rarely balance universalism and particularism and because the world's leading religions are universalistic, Jews have endured hatred over the course of millennia.

The 20th century witnessed the defeat of virulently particularistic and universalistic doctrines like Nazism and Communism. Since the 1960s, Catholicism and mainstream Protestantism have radically toned down their universalistic ambitions. These developments have contributed to a significant diminution of antisemitism around the world and augur well for the future.

In the 21st century, the chief threats to Jews and Judaism originate from Islamism — an aggressively universalistic doctrine — and from aggressive nationalist movements. Leftist politicians embracing intersectionality also pose a threat. However, their inability to solve real-world problems will probably make these ideologies lose steam in coming decades.

For the world to emancipate itself from antisemitism, religions and political movements will have to accept individual freedom of conscience and cultural pluralism, which are essential if universalism and particularism are to coexist. That universalism and particularism can, in fact, coexist and thrive together is demonstrated by 3,000 years of Jewish history. When the world finally understands the merits of embracing universal values without shedding ethnic identity, Jews and Judaism will be genuinely understood and universally accepted.

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these kinds of remarks so often that not only am I desensitized — I subconsciously normalize these statements."

Bates said that she had become so used to such treatment, that "events are weird to me if they don't have some kind of protester telling me that Jews deserve to die or spouting some other kind of hatred."

"The fact that I and my peers have come to expect this is awful," she continued, calling the passing of the antisemitism resolution "a step in the right direction, one that I can deepen to begin to change the attitudes towards Jews on campus."

The measure was also applauded by George Mason's Hillel chapter, which thanked Kim and Bates for their work. "We can always count on you to help empower and protect the Jewish community at Mason," the group wrote.

George Mason has less than 1,000 Jewish undergraduates, from a broader population of



George Mason University's School of Public Policy. Photo: Ron Cogswell.

some 25,000. The school is also home to the anti-Zionist club Students Against Israeli Apartheid, which support the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel.

In 2016, George Mason hosted the annual gathering of National Students for Justice in Palestine, a leading anti-Zionist group. An Israeli flag was reportedly used as a doormat during the conference.

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## Opinion.

# For Palestinians, Selling Land to a Jew Is Punishable by Death



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After the barbaric story we have all followed of Jamal Khashoggi and his horrific murder at the hands of admitted Saudi agents, we can see a growing campaign on the part of Middle Eastern governments to intimidate, frighten, and ultimately neutralize prominent critics. This sometimes includes the less barbaric, but likewise criminal attempt to cut people's reputations into pieces in order to terrify them into silence. The United States must take strong action to protect its citizens and residents from Middle Eastern governments that wish to silence them.

Unfortunately, numerous worldwide governments have failed this test, routinely apprehending the very citizens they are meant to protect before meting out brutal interrogations or extraditing them to criminal states.

During World War II, Nazi Germany dispatched secret police forces to hunt down known or suspected dissidents — a tactic aptly termed *Nacht und Nebel* (Night and Fog) to describe the darkness that surrounded the victims' sudden disappearance. During the Cold War, the Soviet Union earned a brutal reputation for summoning or detaining men and women only for them to then disappear forever. Argentina's military juntas were especially notorious for their practice of putting detained citizens aboard aircraft and casting them into the sea. It is thought that

between 1976 and 1983, up to 30,000 people were killed or disappeared this way, earning them one of history's most haunting names: *Los Desaparecidos* — "the disappeared." In Iran, this seems to be a problem on repeat: following riots in 1999, 2003, 2009, and even this year, hundreds of Iranian protesters — most of them students — were detained, with dozens yet to be so much as located.

Just last week in the Middle East, another man disappeared; this time, he was an American citizen.

A Palestinian-American whom, according to Arab-language media reports, is named Isam Jalal Akel, lives in Jerusalem and was discreetly apprehended by Palestinian Authority (PA) police. His arrest has been something of a shadow play. The Palestinian Authority did not disclose their detainment of the man to Israeli military and police commanders, as they're required to. In a sharp break from international diplomatic protocol, even the American embassy wasn't informed of the arrest, though the man holds an American passport.

And what was his "crime"? Doing business with a Jew. He had been involved, it is alleged, with the sale of a home in East Jerusalem to a Jewish buyer. In the morally skewed universe of the Palestinian Authority, that is, quite literally, a capital crime.

The concept of killing a man for doing business with a Jew was put into force by the Jordanians in 1948 during the kingdom's occupation of Judea and Samaria. From there, it would be incorporated into the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO)'s legal code in 1979, which enforced the penalty of execution on any of those "traitors" caught "transferring

positions to the enemy." Since then, the law has been further clarified. The term "positions," as it turns out, refer to any sort of land or real estate. "Transferring" has been elucidated by PA President Mahmoud Abbas to include any act of "diverting," "selling," or even just "renting" a property. As for the "enemies," this refers to "an enemy state or one of its subjects," which, coming from the PLO, refers explicitly to Jews. The law has been reaffirmed by Palestinian officials on several occasions — in 1973, 1979, 1997, 2010, 2014, and 2018.

But the truth is that this kind of Jew-removal goes back farther than Abbas, the PLO, or the Jordanians: it is reminiscent of a series of laws enacted in Nazi Germany in late 1930s, to other acts of discrimination in Europe and the Arab and Muslim world for centuries.

And since Mahmoud Abbas recently assured his captive populace that "in a final resolution, we would not see the presence of a single Israeli — civilian or soldier — on our lands," it seems quite clear that the Palestinian Authority is dead serious about bringing these appalling Nazi, European, and Islamic *Judenrein* policies back to life.

The Palestinian Authority has only twice judicially executed those convicted of selling a property to a Jew, and Mahmoud Abbas said in 2014 that although still a clear-cut capital crime, those engaged in real estate dealings with Jews would be punished with life imprisonment — with hard labor. But even as Abbas said that, official Fatah spokesman Osama al-Qawasmi noted on the record that any such "traitors are destined to die a humiliating death."

After the Oslo Accords, the Palestinian leadership could legally kidnap those suspected of dealing with Jews. In 1996,



Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas on September 27, 2018. Photo: UN Photo/Cia Pak

the newly-minted PA security forces were accused by Israel of kidnapping and killing alleged land dealers. The next year, Amnesty International reported that "dozens of those suspected of selling land to Jews were arrested and ... held without charge or trial." The report noted, "Torture during prolonged incommunicado detention of this group has been systematic," adding that "extrajudicial killings by the PA targeted those ... allegedly involved in selling land to Jews."

That year, the disappearance of 70-year-old Farid Bashiti, accused by the PA of selling property to Jews, made international headlines. His family was told by Palestinian officials that he died in a car accident, a lie that quickly came undone after he was found bludgeoned to death, with his hands cuffed and skull crushed. Farid was denied a Muslim burial, and his family was forbidden to erect a mourner's tent.

Though the PA fraudulently denied ordering his death, the Palestinian Minister of Justice Freih Abu Middein gloated about the murder, saying that "everybody now realizes the danger of selling land to a Jew."

Yes, fear is what they are seeking to instill. And it is up to the United States and other governments around the world to stand up to this barbaric practice.

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## The Washington Post Soft-Pedals the BDS Movement

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*Washington Post* coverage of the anti-Israel boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement is, with growing frequency, violating the newspaper's own policies and standards. US-designated terrorist groups support BDS and its supporters openly call for the end of the Jewish state. Yet, these facts cannot be found in *The Post's* pages.

Instead, the paper has decided to white-wash BDS.

Take, for example, a recent *Washington Post* op-ed by Stanford University Professor David Palumbo-Liu, a BDS advocate. Palumbo-Liu defended the decision of a University of Michigan professor and fellow BDS supporter, John Cheney-Lippold, to refuse to write a letter of recommendation for a student's study-abroad program in Israel.

On October 3, the University of Michigan sent Cheney-Lippold a disciplinary letter, characterizing his actions as falling "far short of the University's and College's expectations," and noting that the professor had "used the student's request as a platform to express your own personal views."

"A student's academic merit should be the primary guide for determining whether to write a letter," the university explained.

Palumbo-Liu defended Cheney-Lippold, but omitted key components of the university's decision. In fact, as the university explained in its letter, Cheney-Lippold had previously written letters of recommendation for study in Israel for two other students, admitting that at the time, "I wrote letters for them because I did not have tenure." Additionally, the professor used "class time for both courses" he teaches to discuss his "views on the BDS movement."

Worse still, Palumbo-Liu defended BDS as merely seeking "the end of Israeli occupation of Arab territory, the full equality of Palestinian citizens of Israel and the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes." Its supporters, he declared, "include Bishop Desmond Tutu and 2018 Nobel laureate George P. Smith."

But that is an inaccurate and misleading description of BDS, which seeks to unfairly malign the world's sole Jewish state, singling it out for opprobrium. And its advocates also include US-designated terrorist groups like Hamas, whose charter calls for the genocide of Jews and Israel's destruction. Bishop Desmond Tutu, meanwhile, has supported recognizing Hamas as a legitimate political entity and compared its leaders — who target civilians, use

human shields, and run a kleptocratic Islamist theocracy in Gaza — to Nelson Mandela, the South African anti-apartheid leader.

BDS activists and leaders are clear on their true objectives, even while *The Post* and Palumbo-Liu obfuscate. BDS co-founder Omar Barghouti has openly called for the end of the Jewish state of Israel. According to US Congressional testimony by a former US Treasury Department terror analyst named Jonathan Schanzer, some BDS groups have links to terrorist organizations like the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

No other country in the world faces a systematic campaign to boycott it — only the world's sole Jewish state. But in Israel, Arabs sit on the Supreme Court, hold elected offices, and enjoy a higher standard of living and greater political freedoms than anywhere else in the Middle East. By contrast, Palestinians living under the rule of Fatah in the West Bank or Hamas in the Gaza Strip do not have free and fair elections, and those who practice religions other than Islam face punishment or death.

Indeed, two days before Palumbo-Liu's October 13 op-ed in the *Post*, the Arab-Israeli journalist Khaled Abu Toameh noted that a Palestinian man in Jericho was sentenced by a Fatah-controlled Palestinian Authority (PA) court to "one year in prison for 'insulting' the prophets." BDS supporters, however, were silent — just as they were when the PA's prime minister, Rami Hamdallah, admitted on March 16, 2016 that torture "happens" in PA-run prisons. Their concern for Palestinians is feigned. But their obsession with and hatred of Israel is very real.

Yet the *Post* perennially misleads about the nature of BDS. An October 8 report described BDS activities as merely ranging from "discouraging the purchase of goods

produced in Israeli settlements to pressuring international companies not to conduct business in Israel and urging celebrities not to visit or perform in the Jewish state." Two other recent *Post* articles, both on the University of Michigan controversy, also omitted key details about BDS.

As the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA) has detailed, one October 9 dispatch falsely claimed that BDS supporters "distinguish" between the Israeli government and Jews. However, a mere five days before that article was published, BDS activists "disrupted the presentation of an Israeli Holocaust film in Berlin," noted *The Jerusalem Post*.

CAMERA has, on several occasions, sent *Post* staff Congressional testimony highlighting the BDS movement's ties to terrorist-linked entities, as well as statements by BDS activists like Anna Waltzer, who exhorted: "We need to wipe out Israel."

The *Post*, it seems, has its narrative. And the paper isn't going to let facts get in its way.

*The Washington Post's* own policies and standards, listed on its website, state that the "first mission of a newspaper is to tell the truth as nearly as the truth may be ascertained." Further, "the newspaper shall tell ALL the truth so far as it can learn it, concerning the important affairs of America and the world."

The English philosopher and writer Aldous Huxley purportedly said: "Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored." Nor do they cease to exist because *The Washington Post*, which fancies itself a purveyor of truth, refuses to print them.

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## Opinion.

# How Turkey Is Spreading Its Radical Islamist Agenda to Europe



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With less than two million people, Kosovo, which declared its independence from Serbia in 2008, is the home of over 800 mosques. Now the Islamic Community of Kosovo is building the “Central Mosque” at an estimated cost of \$35 to \$40 million. Turkey’s Directorate of Religious Affairs (the Diyanet) is financing the project.

The Diyanet also financed the building of a similar mosque on a 10,000-square-meter parcel of land in Tirana, Albania — the largest mosque in the Balkans — along with dozens of other mosques across neighboring countries.

Diyanet is the official Turkish state institution whose role is “to execute the works concerning the beliefs, worship, and ethics of Islam, enlighten the public about their religion, and administer the sacred worshiping places.” Diyanet is also responsible for the religious affairs of the Turkish diaspora. In Germany alone, it administers 970 mosques, run by imams trained by the organization.

Austria was the first country to realize that the mosques built with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s money are used for political purposes to promote his Islamic agenda. In June 2018, Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz ordered the closing of seven mosques built by Diyanet, and deported 60 imams and their families with ties to Turkey as part of the “fight against political Islam.”

In February 2016, German law enforcement agencies revealed that clerics from the organization were involved in espionage against followers of Erdogan’s arch-rival Fethullah Gülen’s followers. Two years ago, Cumhuriyet, an independent Turkish newspaper, reported that Diyanet was very active in collecting intelligence, specifically on the activities of Gülen sympathizers in 38 countries across Europe, including Germany and the Balkans. Accusations of espionage by the organization have existed since the 1990s,



Iranian President Hasan Rouhani (l) with Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Russian President Vladimir Putin. Photo: Reuters/Umit Bektas.

but these revelations pointed to far more extensive operations than were previously thought.

Meanwhile, Diyanet has extended its religious program to countries whose connection to Ottoman history is tenuous. The president of Diyanet, Ali Erba, said that it has extremely strong relations with Balkan countries, and stressed that this cooperation will continue in the future, especially in relation to religious education, services, and publications. He emphasized the importance and affinity of Turkey to the Balkans and added, “The Balkans have a special place for us. Our historical ties will continue as they have done in the past.”

Ironically, while most of the Balkan countries suffer from unemployment, lack of foreign investments, and rampant poverty, Erdogan’s investments are focused on mosques and religious educational institutions at a time when Kosovo’s unemployment rate is 30%.

Lulzim Peci, the former Ambassador of Kosovo to Sweden and Executive Director of the Kosovo Institute for Policy Research and Development (KIPRED), is one of the most critical voices in Kosovo against Erdogan’s Islamist scheme. He agrees that the mosques built in Kosovo are political establishments meant to promulgate Erdogan’s vision. “In the case of Kosovo and Albania, the tens of millions of dollars invested in building mosques has to do with the symbol of Turkish supremacy and influence, not only religious but also political,” says Peci.

Erdogan’s enormous investments in Ottoman symbolism are designed to influence the mindset of the population in Kosovo

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**Strangers**

*And the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot sat by the city gates. When he saw them, he rose to meet them and bowing low, he said, “I pray you now, Ad-nai, turn aside to your servant’s house and tarry all night and bathe your feet and you shall rise up early and go on your way.” (19:1–2)*

As there is no contextual element to suggest that Lot might be speaking to G-d, it seems clear, in this case, that *Ad-nai* refers to the visitors.

The simplest reading then of both texts — the one concerning Abraham, the other, Lot — would be to read the word consistently as “sirs.” Several English translations indeed take this approach. Here, for example, is the New English Bible’s:

*The Lord appeared to Abraham... He looked up, and saw three men standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the opening of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. “Sirs,” he said, “if I have deserved your favour, do not pass*

*by my humble self without a visit.”*

Jewish tradition, however, does not.

Normally, differences of interpretation of biblical narrative have no halakhic implications. They are matters of legitimate disagreement. This case of Abraham’s addressee is unusual, however, because if we translate *Ad-nai* as “G-d,” it is a holy name, and both the writing of the word by a scribe, and the way we treat a parchment or document containing it, have special stringencies in Jewish law. If, by contrast, we translate it as “my lords” or “sirs,” it has no special sanctity. Jewish law rules that in the scene with Lot, *adonai* is read as “sirs,” but in the case of Abraham it is read as “G-d.”

This is an extraordinary fact, because it suggests that *Abraham actually interrupted G-d as He was about to speak, asking Him to wait while he attended to the visitors.* According to tradition, the passage should be read thus:

*The Lord appeared to Abraham...He looked up and saw three men standing over against him. On seeing them, he hurried*

# Media Story on Australian Election Contains Blood Libel



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An Australian by-election has taken on local, national, and international significance, as Australia’s ruling Liberal party fought to hold its a one-seat majority in the parliament. (They didn’t succeed.)

It is not for us to take a public stance on the outcome of the Wentworth by-election. However, it is no secret that the Liberal candidate Dave Sharma, a former Australian ambassador to Israel, was and is a great friend of the country and the Jewish community.

By virtue of this and Wentworth’s large number of Jewish constituents, a controversy broke out as Prime Minister Scott Morrison floated a trial balloon that he was “open” to moving the Australian embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Given the timing, he was accused of trying to cynically buy Jewish votes through foreign policy.

This is a legitimate debate to be had. But an opinion piece by award-winning journalist Tony Walker — republished by the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)* — goes too far, leading off, “In the Gospel of Matthew 26:15, it took 30 pieces of silver for Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus. In modern Australian politics it has taken the prospect of a loss of a by-election for a political leader to opportunistically upend longstanding policy.”

It’s one thing for Walker to suggest that Jewish voters in Wentworth have been paid

off for their vote. It’s quite another to draw a parallel with the story of Judas and the 30 pieces of silver. When applied to Jews, this is a classic antisemitic trope.

The 30 pieces of silver have been used through the centuries in antisemitic incidents, while the betrayal of Jesus by Judas has been used to charge Jews with deicide and portray them in the worst possible light.

As explained in *The Forward*:

*Although, in our ecumenical age, Christian churches may have dropped the charge of deicide against the Jews, “Judas,” even if uttered — as it generally is — without the slightest anti-Semitic intent, conjures up an old and still potent image of the Jew as a Jesus Christ killer. ...*

*Although Judas was thus only one of Jesus’ Jewish disciples, his name has screamed “Jew” to Christians, both in New Testament times and later. Indeed, he became for Christianity the prototype of the Jew: the treacherous, devilish, money-grubbing figure that all Jews were said to resemble.*

Perhaps Walker was making a veiled reference to Australian leader Scott Morrison’s well known Christian background. Either way, within the context of the story, this shocking antisemitic trope should never have appeared in a mainstream media article.

Shame on Tony Walker and shame on ABC for publishing it.

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*from his tent door to meet them, and bowed down. [Turning to G-d] he said: “My G-d, if I have found favour in Your eyes, do not leave Your servant [i.e. Please wait until I have given hospitality to these men].” [He then turned to the men and said:] “Let me send for some water so that you may bathe your feet and rest under this tree...”*

This daring interpretation became the basis for a principle in Judaism: “Greater is hospitality than receiving the Divine Presence.” Faced with a choice between listening to G-d, and offering hospitality to what seemed to be human beings, Abraham chose the latter. G-d acceded to his request, and waited while Abraham brought the visitors food and drink, before engaging him in dialogue about the fate of Sodom. How can this be so? It seems disrespectful at best, heretical at worst, to put the needs of human beings before attending on the presence of G-d.

What the passage is telling us, though, is something of immense profundity. The idolaters of Abraham’s time worshipped the sun, the stars, and the forces of nature as G-ds. They worshipped power and the powerful. Abraham knew, however, that G-d is not *in* nature but *beyond* nature. There is only one thing in the universe on which He has set His image: the human person, *every* person, powerful and powerless alike.

The forces of nature are impersonal, which is why those who worship them eventually lose their humanity. As the book of Psalms puts it:

*Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands.*

*They have mouths, but cannot speak, Eyes, but cannot see;*

*They have ears, but cannot hear, nostrils but cannot smell...*

*They that make them become like them, And so do all who put their trust in them. (Psalms 115:4–8)*

One cannot worship impersonal forces and remain a person; compassionate, humane, generous, forgiving. Precisely because we believe that G-d is personal, someone to whom we can say “You,” we honour human dignity as sacrosanct.

Abraham, father of monotheism, knew the paradoxical truth that to live the life of faith is to see the trace of G-d in the face of the stranger. It is easy to receive the Divine Presence when G-d appears as G-d. What is difficult is to sense the Divine Presence when it comes disguised as three anonymous passers-by. That was Abraham’s greatness. He knew that serving G-d and offering hospitality to strangers were not two things but one.

In one of the most beautiful comments on this episode, Rabbi Shalom of Belz notes that in verse 2, the visitors are spoken of as standing above Abraham (*nitzavim alav*), while in verse 8, Abraham is described as standing above them (*omed aleihem*). At first, the visitors were higher than Abraham because they were angels and he a mere human being. But when he gave them food and drink and shelter, he stood even higher than the angels.

By choosing the most radical of the three possible interpretations of Genesis 18, the sages allowed us to hear one of the most fundamental principles of the life of faith: We honour G-d by honouring His image, humankind.

Shabbat Shalom



## Impressions.

# A New Neighborhood in Hebron

BY JEROLD AUERBACH

The upcoming Torah reading on Shabbat — Chaye Sarah — recounts Sarah's death in "Kiryat Arba, now Hebron." Abraham, in his grief, approached Ephron the Hittite to purchase a burial place. To assure its indisputable permanence he paid the full price of four hundred shekels of silver for the Cave of Machpelah. In time, it also became the burial site of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, and Rebecca.

Ever since, Machpelah and the Temple Mount in Jerusalem have remained the most revered Jewish holy sites. Centuries before King David

Jewish past as possible.

Recently, Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman approved a plan, endorsed by the cabinet, to build a new housing complex in Hebron, the first major Israeli building project there in nearly two decades. To be known as the Hezekiah Quarter, located near the Hebron Yeshiva on land owned by the Chabad Hassidic movement, it will provide space for 31 apartments, two kindergartens, a dormitory, and a public park. It is a sharp rebuke to the recent UNESCO identification of Hebron as part of "occupied Palestine." The Hebron Jewish community, currently numbering eighty families, responded enthusiastically: "Building in the City

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### Turkey

and increase the pro-Turkish-Islamist sentiments among the present and future generations. The Islamic ideology that Diyanet promotes caused wide-spread indignation even in Turkey. Diyanet stated that girls can become pregnant and therefore get married at the age of nine years old and boys at the age of 12. Thus, the concerns over Diyanet activities are not limited to building mosques, but its cultural and societal influence based on radical Islam.

"Unfortunately, Albanian mosques thus are confirming the thesis of Swiss Islamist Saida Keller-Messahli in her book *Islamic Centrifuge in Switzerland*, where Albanian mosques in fact are radical centers serving this kind of Islamic agenda for the radicalization of Albanian Muslims in favor of Erdogan's politics," says Xhemal Ahmeti, a historian and expert on Southeast European issues.

Visar Duriqi, a Kosovo journalist specializing in religious affairs, said that the project for the construction of the mosque with Turkish funds sends a clear political message by Erdogan to the effect that he has control over this region.

Mosques are increasingly being used to spread Islamist ideologies to a point where only limited room is left for actual prayers. In the countries with majority Christian populations in the Balkans, such as Serbia, Macedonia, and Croatia, Turkey is investing in major development projects, while in Albania the investments are geared mainly toward building Islamic religious institutes. "It has been shown that the most powerful and sustainable influence in this region, especially among Albanians, is made precisely through the instrumentalization of the religion," says Neziri.

To be sure, anyone who follows Erdogan's ambitions in the Balkans cannot escape the conclusion that the Turkish leader had a specific, well-articulated Islamic agenda that he is determined to entrench in the psyche of the Balkan people by building mosques and appointing imams that follow his doctrine. It is part and parcel of Erdogan's vision to restore elements of the Ottoman Empire under his leadership.

Erdogan himself and many other Turkish officials have openly spoken about their dream that by 2023 — the centenary of modern Turkey — the country will enjoy as much sway and influence that was once enjoyed by the Ottomans. Erdogan uses Diyanet as one of his main vehicles to that end. For the Balkan states, this will certainly turn out to be nightmarish unless they prevent Erdogan from exploiting them in the name of Allah, while debasing Islam to serve his long-term, menacing plot.

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*The Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron. Photo: Sarah Junik*

relocated his throne from Hebron to Jerusalem, Hebron Jews formed a unique community of Jewish memory. Designated as a city of refuge and a priestly city, Hebron became the site of a massive shrine, known as Machpelah, built during the reign of King Herod.

But in the mid-13th century Muslim rulers prohibited Jews and other "infidels" from worshipping there. Following their expulsion from Spain two centuries later, handfuls of Jews built a community of study and prayer in Hebron. Over time, Hebron became a sacred place of Jewish residence and worship. By the late 19th century archaeologists had testified to its antiquity and artists depicted its hallowed allure. With yeshivas, a medical clinic, and a paved road linking Hebron to Jerusalem, it became a flourishing Jewish community. But during Arab riots in 1929, 67 Hebron Jews were murdered; scores were assaulted, mutilated, and terrorized. Hebron became *Judenrein*.

During the Six Day War, Hebron, along with Jerusalem, was restored to Jewish control. For the first time since the 13th century, Jews could pray inside the Machpelah enclosure. One year later a group of predominantly religious Zionists, led by Rabbi Moshe Levinger, came to Hebron to celebrate Passover and restore the Jewish community there. Ever since, Hebron Jews have embraced the synthesis of religion and nationality that sparked the settlement movement. Their passionate blend of Judaism and Zionism continues to arouse the wrath of secular Israelis and Diaspora Jews. But every autumn, thousands of Jews (I was twice among them) visit Hebron for Shabbat Chaye Sarah. Inside Machpelah on that day, when history, memory, and ritual are entwined, the boundaries of time collapse and Jews burrow as deep into the

of the Patriarchs by the Israeli government is a Zionist, just, necessary, and blessed step."

But on the Israeli left, predictably, Meretz Party chairman Tamar Zandberg, naming the existing Jewish enclave in Hebron "the most extreme, dangerous, and destructive settlement," condemned the decision to expand the Jewish community. Peace Now, appropriately joined by the Hebron (Arab) municipal government, has appealed the decision. Unnoticed was the fact that the Hezekiah Quarter, named after the King of Judah between 715-686 BC, was under Jewish ownership until 1948.

In Hebron, 500 Jews are confined to a tiny sliver of land, where they are greatly outnumbered by thousands of Palestinian residents. Of necessity, following devastating terrorist attacks, it is constantly patrolled by IDF soldiers. The newcomers will not be noticed by 215,000 Palestinians on the affluent side of the security barrier, who inhabit the Arab sector of Hebron. It is the commercial hub of the West Bank, with multi-story shopping malls and two universities.

Returning to the Land of Israel, and rebuilding ancient Jewish communities there, has always defined Zionism. Hebron is no exception. Those on the Israeli left could benefit from a history lesson that would restore Hebron to its deserved importance in the Land of Israel ever since Abraham's purchase. It is difficult to conceive of the State of Israel "occupying" one of its two holiest ancient capitol cities in the biblical homeland of the Jewish people.

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MADISON HNJ LLC. Qual. with NYS on 5/9/2018. Juris.: NJ, filed 5/21/2010. Office: Kings County. The Secretary of the State of NY ("SSNY") is designated as agent and shall mail a copy of process to: Howard Friedman, 942 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11221. Address in juris. is: 1000 S. 2nd St., Harrison, NJ 07029. The office where the Cert. of Formation is: Sec. of State, 33 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful act.  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: TML CONSULTING,LLC.Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 02/09/2018 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 2015 Foster Ave. apartment #53 Brooklyn, NY 11210 purpose: All lawful activity  
AJ; 9/28; 10/5/12/19/26;11/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series NC 2005-HE8, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series NC 2005-HE8, Plaintiff AGAINST Alisa Smith a/k/a Allisa Smith Skeffers; Arieta Smith; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 16, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 8, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 525 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4955 Lot 66. Approximate amount of judgment \$706,479.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#

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521173/2016. Gregory Laspina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: September 17, 2018 57530  
AJ; 10/5/12/19/26

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  
AJ; 10/5/12/19/26

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; JIMYU 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 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

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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 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

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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 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,

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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

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff-against- HARVEY B. PACTH A/K/A HARVEY PACTH, 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 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 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 4I Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 10/19/26; 11/2/9/16/23



## Tradition.

## G-d and Strangers



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

*G-d appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men were standing over against him; and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent entrance, and bowed down to the earth...* (18:1-2)

Thus *Parshat Vayera* opens with one of the most famous scenes in the Bible: Abraham's meeting with the three enigmatic strangers. The text calls them men. We later discover that they were in fact angels, each with a specific mission.

The chapter at first glance seems simple, almost fable-like. It is,



however, complex and ambiguous. It consists of three sections:

Verse 1: G-d appears to Abraham.

Verses 2-16: Abraham meets the men/angels.

Verses 17-33: The dialogue between G-d and Abraham about the fate of Sodom.

The relationship between these sections is far from clear. Do they represent one scene, two or three?

The most obvious possibility is three. Each of the above sections is a separate event. First, G-d appears to Abraham, as Rashi explains, "to visit the sick" after Abraham's circumcision. Then the visitors arrive with the news that Sarah will have a child. Then takes place the great dialogue about justice and the imminent punishment of the people of Sodom.

Maimonides suggests that there are only two scenes: The visit of the angels, and the dialogue with G-d. The first verse does not describe an event at all; it is, rather, a *chapter heading*. It tells us that the events that follow are all part of a prophetic revelation, a divine-human encounter.

The third possibility is that we have a single continuous scene. G-d appears to Abraham, but before He can speak, Abraham sees the passers-by and asks G-d to wait while he serves them food. Only when they have departed – in verse 17 – does he turn to G-d, and the conversation begins.

The interpretation of the chapter affects – and hinges upon – the way we translate the word *Ad-nai* in Abraham's appeal: "Please *Ad-nai*, if now I have found

favour in your sight, do not pass by, I pray you, from your servant" (18:3). *Ad-nai* can be a reference to one of the names of G-d. It can also be read as "my lords" or "sirs." In the first case, Abraham would be addressing G-d. In the second, he would be speaking to the passers-by.

The same linguistic ambiguity appears in the next chapter (19:2), when two of Abraham's visitors – now described as angels – visit Lot in Sodom:

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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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SHI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2006-HE2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE2, Plaintiff AGAINST YVEROSE LAMOUR SEVERE INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATRIX TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, MITCHELL SEVERE, HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, SHEILA SEVERE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, WANDA SEVERE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 04, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 29, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 804 EAST 40TH, BROOKLYN, NY 11210. 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 5014, LOT 62. Approximate amount of judgment \$786,570.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 500864/2015. STEVEN NAIMAN, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 58003 AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST

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JOSEPH CAMPISI, RYAN SARACO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 06, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 29, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1934 PROSPECT PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1465, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$524,555.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 5843/13. EDWARD MARK RAPPA-PORT, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 57876 AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

BERGER FINK LLP filed Cert. of Registration with the SSNY on 8/14/18. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLP, 26 Court St., Penthouse, Brooklyn, NY 11242. Purpose: Law. AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30

MOMENTUM LLC LC filed Arts. of Org. with the SSNY on 8/10/18. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 26 Court St., 11th Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11242. Purpose: any lawful act AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, LP, Plaintiff against RODNEY LIVINGSTONE A/K/A RODNEY LIVINGSTONE A/K/A LIVINGSTONE A/RODNEY, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered May 9, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 29, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1092 East 54th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Block 7757 Lot 72. 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 \$725,267.19 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 21583/10. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee RSHC106 AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. GLEN R. EDMONDS, ROCHELLE JOHN-EDMONDS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on August 21, 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 29, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 429 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improve-

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ments thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1677 and Lot 48. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 1597/15. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530. Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff against WILLIAM A. STALLONE, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 29, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 29th day of November, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, together with any improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, designated on the Tax Map of the City of New York, for the Borough of Brooklyn, as said Tax Map was on May 27, 1981, for Block 7949, Lot 235, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Preston Court distant 527.85 feet Westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of Preston Court with the Westerly side of East 56th Street; RUNNING thence Northerly at right angles to Preston Court and part of the distance through a party wall 165.73 to land now or formerly of the right of way of the Long Island Railroad Company; THENCE Westerly along said land of the Long Island Rail Road Company 20.01 feet to a point; THENCE Southerly at right angles to Preston Court 165.34 feet to the Northerly side of Preston Court; THENCE Easterly to the Northerly side of Preston Court 20 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises known as 21 Preston Court, Brooklyn, NY. 11234. (Block: 7949, Lot: 235). Approximate amount of lien \$ 303,103.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500904-14. Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street, Suite – 700 White Plains, N.Y. 10606 (914) 949-2574 AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY PNC BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff against FIVEL SOFER, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered June 8, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 29, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 715 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Block 5399 Lot 72. 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 \$428,191.23

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plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 6496/13. Joel Eliot Abramson, Esq., Referee PNNC039 AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LEMON NAILS & SPA, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 08/23/20018. 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: Jessica C Alulema 90-23 1 149th St., Apt. 5 K Jamaica, NY 11435. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30

STATEWIDE FUNERAL SERVICE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/05/18. 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, 1814 East 22nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MFRA TRUST 2014-2, Plaintiff, -against- ELIECER TORRES; ARTURO TORRES; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SCHAEFFER LANDING NORTH CONDOMINIUM; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; KINGS SUPREME COURT; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; MIKE BLACK; MRS. BLACK (FIRST NAME REFUSED), Index No. 20760/2013. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, September 20, 2018 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on September 26, 2018, Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 440 Kent Avenue, Unit 14A, Brooklyn, New York 11211 A/K/A Two Schaefer Landing, Brooklyn, New York 11211 at public auction at 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 29, 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: 2134; Lot: 1272 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 20760/2013. The approximate amount of judgment is \$999,811.56 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

HANDY GIRL PROPERTIES, LLC Authority filed with secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 10/05/2018. Office location: Kings county. LLC formed in Nevada on 09/17/2018. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served SSNY shall Mail copy of process to: Registered Agents inc. 90 State St. STE 700 office 40 Albany, NY 12207. Address of the LLC 515 E. 7th St., Apt. 2 K Brooklyn, NY 11218. Certificates of form on file with Nevada secretary of state 101 North Carson St. suite #3 Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30



## Social.



Chef Guy Vaknin on "Shark Tank." Photo: Screenshot.

## Two Kosher Businesses Compete for Investments on 'Shark Tank,' One Leaves With a Deal

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Two kosher businesses were vying for investments Sunday night on ABC's "Shark Tank," and one of them left with a deal from two of the show's tycoons.

Israeli-born chef Guy Vaknin, who owns the kosher-vegan food chain Beyond Sushi, entered the Shark Tank seeking a \$1.5 million investment in exchange for 25 percent of his West Coast business and five percent of his East Coast business. His restaurants, which have a large vegan menu including salads, wraps, dumplings, and sushi rolls, mostly offer grab-and-go meal options and the company is projected to reach \$5.6 million in sales for 2018. Beyond Sushi employs more than a hundred people, has six New York locations, and another location is set to open in Manhattan this year, according to *The Forward*.

Guest Shark Matt Higgins partnered up with Lori Greiner and together they offered Vaknin \$1.5 million for a 30 percent partnership in West Coast operations and a 15 percent partnership in East Coast operations, an offer that the chef accepted. The deal was Higgins' first on "Shark Tank."

Mother and daughter Sara and Marilyn Polon were also seeking an investment on "Shark Tank" Sunday night for their company Soupergirl, which creates kosher handmade, plant-based nutritious soups. Soupergirl began as a small, local business in Washington DC, but can now be found in 50 natural food stores, 20 box food stores, and two retail stores. Although the company is currently valued around \$5 million, none of the Sharks made Soupergirl an offer because the product margins were too low.

## Rappers Cardi B and Rich the Kid Perform at Lavish Bar Mitzvahs in NYC

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Rappers Cardi B and Rich the Kid performed at two separate extravagant bar mitzvahs in New York City over the weekend, Page Six reported.

Howard Lutnick, the CEO of the financial services company Cantor Fitzgerald, hired Rich the Kid and DJ Irie to perform at an over-the-top bar mitzvah celebration that he threw for his son Ryan at the Metropolitan Museum's Temple of Dendur, the same location as Vogue's annual Met Gala. One hundred children and 200 hundred adults attended the bash and catering

was done by an iconic restaurant in Paris called Caviar Kaspia.

The performance by Kid probably cost "between \$200,000 and \$300,000," an insider told Page Six.

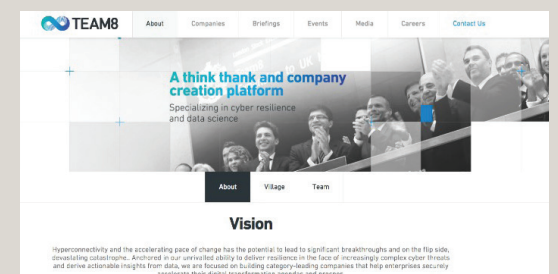
Meanwhile downtown, at a restaurant and lounge called Tao, Cardi B performed at celebration for a bar mitzvah boy named Jake, who also had the Knicks City Dancers at his party. Cardi B called the party "epic" on Instagram, according to Page Six, and regarding her fee, a source told the publication that the "Bodak Yellow" singer "wouldn't get out of bed for less than half a million."

## Israel's Team8 Launches \$85 Million Cybersecurity and Data Fund

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Team8, which creates cybersecurity firms, launched on Tuesday a second fund of \$85 million to build about eight cybersecurity and data companies over the next five years.

The new investors include Walmart, Airbus, Softbank, Moody's Investors Service, Dimension Data, Munich Re, Scotiabank and Barclays. Team8's existing investors, including Microsoft's venture-capital arm M-12, Cisco, Nokia, Innovation Endeavors, Bessemer Venture Partners and Temasek also joined in.



The "About" page on the Team8 website. Photo: Screenshot.

Team8 said its coalition of partners will focus on cybersecurity as a catalyst for growth, infrastructure that is designed to be resilient and data science as an enabler of business growth.

Team8, which was founded by former leaders of Israel's military intelligence unit 8200, has raised more than \$260 million including the new investment.

Last week, Team8 said former National Security Agency director Mike Rogers was joining its board of advisors. It also announced the acquisition of its portfolio company Sygnia by Singapore's Temasek for \$250 million.



Cardi B. Photo: Instagram.

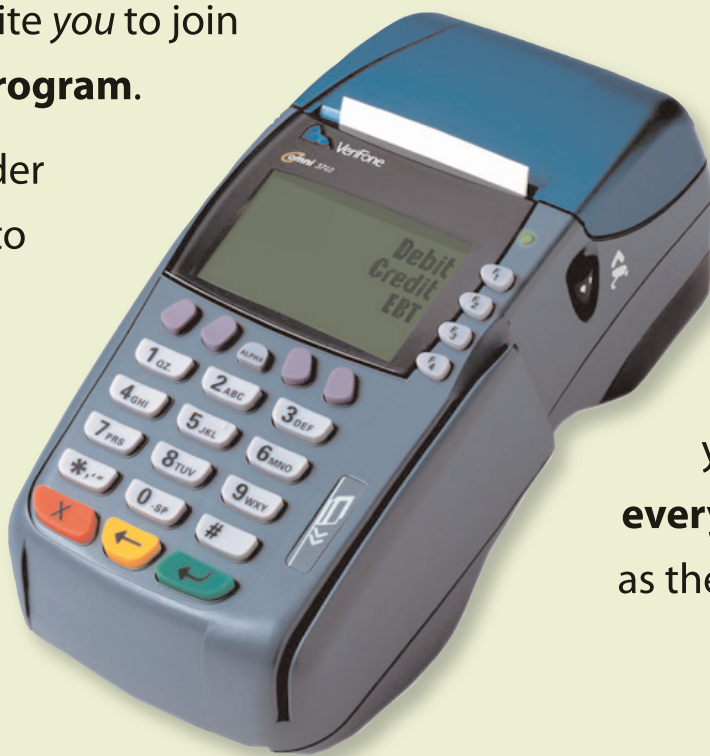


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