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Pompeo Laments Lack of Arrests Decade After Deadly Mumbai Terror Attacks



The "Nariman Lighthouse" monument, commemorating the victims of the 2008 Mumbai attacks. Photo: Reuters / Francis Mascarenhas.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Monday marked the tenth anniversary of the deadly series of terrorist attacks in the Indian city of Mumbai with a pledge to bring its authors to justice.

"The United States is committed to seeing that those responsible for this attack face

justice," Pompeo said in a statement.

During four days of terror in Mumbai in the final week of November 2008, Islamist terrorists belonging to the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) group carried out 12 coordinated shooting and bombing attacks across four days, murdering 166 people and wounding more than 300. Among their targets was Nariman House — the Jewish community center operated by the

Chabad movement in Mumbai. Other targets included a Catholic college as well as hotels, restaurants and a cinema.

The murders at the Chabad center occurred one day after residents were taken hostage inside the building. Six people were killed during the siege at Nariman House, including Rabbi Gavriel Holzberg and his wife Rivka, who was six months

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Czech President Miloš Zeman Calls for European Solidarity With Jewish State

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Addressing the Knesset on Monday during a visit to Jerusalem, Czech President Miloš Zeman delivered a message of "solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people."

"[Israeli] Prime Minister [Benjamin] Netanyahu said the Czech Republic is Israel's best friend in Europe," Zeman noted. "I wonder, why only Europe? Anyway, I am the best friend of Israel in my whole country."

"We Europeans... I speak about the EU, in fact, are



Czech President Miloš Zeman delivers a speech during a special session held in his honor at the Knesset in Jerusalem, Nov. 26, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ammar Awad.

sometimes hesitating," Zeman said. "We sometimes are cowards. It is very impolite, isn't it? But I am afraid it is frank. And that's why it is necessary all the time the solidarity with Israel. Because [if we] betray Israel, we betray ourselves."

Zeman criticized "political correctness," and emphasized that he purposely used the term "Islamic terrorism."

The Czech president also reiterated his support for moving his country's embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

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Opinion.

BDS Is a Bust in the Middle East, but It's Alive in America



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BDS activists who think they are succeeding in isolating the State of Israel aren't paying attention to the news. On Sunday, reports surfaced that negotiations about building a gas pipeline that connects Israel's natural-gas resources to Cyprus, Greece, and Italy have finally succeeded. The pipeline network will reportedly be the longest and deepest ever built. Initial estimates of the cost to build it start at \$7 billion.

And the good news for friends of Israel doesn't stop there. And that should influence the way we think about BDS and its purpose.

Part of the background to this deal is the fact that the European Union invested \$100 million in a feasibility study on importing Israeli natural gas to the continent. That's why the plan, dubbed the EastMed Pipeline Project, will give both Cyprus and Israel preference over other potential importers of gas into Europe.

The project, which will hopefully be completed over the next five years, will provide Israel's already prosperous economy with another boost. But the preference for Israeli imports also signals that Arab influence over Europe that is

rooted in its ability to export oil and gas is waning. With Europeans wanting alternatives to both Arab and Iranian oil, as well as Russian natural gas, Israel will not only profit from the transaction; its standing as an important economic and military power will also grow.

The fact that Italy, Greece, and Cyprus are now prepared to join Israel and Egypt in joint military and civil exercises to protect both the pipeline and regional security is equally important. Despite continued threats from Iran, Hezbollah, and Hamas, the notion that the Jewish state stands alone can no longer be sustained.

Nor was that the only good diplomatic news for Israel in the past week.

As part of Israel's continuing efforts to foster better relations with Africa, Idriss Déby, the president of Chad, arrived in the country for a state visit. Though in some ways a typical Third World authoritarian — Déby is a graduate of the late Libyan dictator and terror funder Moammar Qaddafi's World Revolutionary Center — he now looks to the West and Israel for aid in the fight against the Boko Haram Islamist terrorists who threaten his country.

The visit is part of what appears to be a successful effort to normalize relations with the nations of Sudan, Niger, Mali, and Chad — all of whom have populations that are predominantly Muslim. During the press conference with the Chadian leader, Israeli

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hinted that he would again travel to unspecified Arab countries — he was recently in Oman for an official visit — a step that would again indicate that talk of Israel being isolated is a fantasy.

Just as important were reports emanating from the MED 2018 Conference held in Rome last week that Arab countries who usually used such international forums for Israel-bashing were no longer doing so. Arab indifference to Palestinian efforts to revive interest in their cause is painfully obvious. This trend stems more from antipathy to Palestinian rejectionism and the recognition that Israel is the best ally the Arab world has against the threat from Iran than any affection for Zionism. But it's also the latest proof that Arab nations are as wary of schemes to create a Palestinian state that is likely to be dominated by radicals as most Israelis.

All that is bitter news indeed for supporters of BDS. They blithely talk about how disdain for Israel is widespread. Even many friends of Israel sometimes succumb to the councils of despair. Some on the right exaggerate the strength of its enemies. Similarly, many on the left assume that their criticisms of the Netanyahu government's policies about settlements or the peace process are so widely shared that it is only a matter of time before it faces total isolation as an "apartheid" state.

Both are wrong.



Signs at a pro-BDS protest in New York following the US decision to move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. Photo: Reuters/Carlo Allegri.

Israel's enemies haven't given up, and their hatred — rooted, as it is, in the powerful virus of antisemitism that continues to fester and grow around the world — isn't going away. It's also true that the hostility of academic elites and many in the media remain a powerful force seeking to delegitimize Zionism. Yet neither trend can erase the fact that Israel is more powerful and accepted today than it has ever been.

But all the good news about Israel gaining acceptance in ways that its leaders could only dream about a few decades ago should also remind us of what is at stake in the battle over BDS.

BDS advocates have had a few successes, such as the decision of the Airbnb home-rental company to single out Jews living in

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AP 'Clarification' Casts Iranian Threats as Israeli Perception



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After reporting yesterday that "Iran has never threatened to attack Israel," the Associated Press' "clarification" today unfortunately casts those very real threats as a matter of Israeli perception, as opposed to reality. The November 24 article by Nasser Karimi, dateline Tehran, outrageously claimed:

Iran supports militant groups like Hezbollah and Hamas that are pledged to Israel's destruction. Iran has never threatened to attack Israel, but has vowed to retaliate if it is attacked.

Iran has threatened to annihilate Israel on countless occasions. In April 2017, Iran paraded a missile inscribed with the words "Death to Israel."

Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei tweeted on June 3, 2018:

Our stance against Israel is the same stance we have always taken. #Israel is a malignant cancerous tumor in the West Asian region that has to be removed and eradicated: it is possible and it will happen. 7/31/91 #GreatReturnMarch.

In its Sept. 25, 2018 report ("Israel's Eradication — An Ideological And Practical Goal of Iran's Islamic Revolution Regime"), MEMRI documented the following threats, all from June of this year:

Basij Deputy Commander Gen. Mohammad Hossein Sepehr said at a June 2 conference honoring Iranian athletes who refused to participate in a sports event with Israeli athletes: "Khamenei said that the Zionist regime will not exist in another 25 years. With God's help, we promise to destroy Israel."

Guardian Council secretary Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati said on June 5: "I am officially announcing that Israel's life has reached its end. Soon we will celebrate the destruction of this [Israeli] regime in Palestine, so that we will be able to purge the Muslims' first qibla [direction of prayer, a reference to Jerusalem] of them. Participating in a [Qods Day] march is a duty for all Muslims. The minimum mission we can carry out is participating in a Qods Day march [in order to] announce to the oppressed Palestinian people that they can be certain that we are with them and support them."

Basij commander Gholam-Hossein Gheib Parvar said at a June 8 Qods Day march in Tehran: "Our aspiration and the aspira-



Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei gestures before delivering a speech in Mashad, on March 21, 2018. Photo: Leader.ir / Handout via Reuters.

tion of every freedom-seeking country is the destruction of the Zionist regime."

Expediency Council member Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Ejei also said at the Tehran Qods Day march on June 8: "All Muslims, in Iran and worldwide, feel a responsibility to support the Palestinian people, and hope to see the destruction of Israel with their own eyes soon... Certainly, with effort and persistence, this event [i.e. the destruction of Israel within the next 25 years] can happen sooner."

Iranian President Hassan Rohani said on June 7, 2018: "I expect all our dear people of Iran to send this message... to the tyrannical Zionist regime: The Iranians have not forgotten Palestine and Jerusalem, and the liberation of Jerusalem remains the sacred aspiration of the Iranian people and of all Muslims, [as demonstrated by] their participation in the great Qods Day march. The day is not far off when the honorable Palestinian people will return to its home and the Muslims will be able to worship in Jerusalem, their first qibla."

Also on June 7, the IRGC invited the people to show up enthusiastically en masse for this year's Qods Day: "The only strategy that is helpful and accepted in the matter of the Palestinian cause is the strategy of 'Palestine from the river to the sea,' the Palestinians' return to their homeland, the holding of free elections, and the [Palestinians'] determination of the destiny of the state [of Palestine] as they will it."

Ayatollah Jafar Sobhani said on June 7: "Israel is a cancerous tumor that for over
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World News.

Kurdish Jew Who Made Aliyah as Child Undertakes Emotional Visit to Birthplace

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A Kurdish Jew who made aliyah to Israel from the northern Iraqi city of Halabja in 1953 returned to his birthplace on Sunday for the first time, Kurdish news outlet NRT reported.

Shaul Alizar was six years old when his family emigrated from Halabja to the Jewish state, along with most of the Kurdish community. A friend of Alizar's told NRT that he had "a long-held desire to visit the city and see where he had spent his early years."

Kurdish journalist Draw Mahdi, who accompanied Alizar, said that his companion had "remembered some places in Halabja, especially in his old neighborhood, and the Sheikh Smail graveyard." Mahdi said that Alizar also had fond memories of a local Muslim cleric, Sheikh Hisamadin, whom he recalled as being "kind" to the Jewish community in Halabja.

Mahdi added that Alizar appeared to be filled with "joy and wonder" when he got out of the car in Halabja for the first time since his childhood.

An official census in 1930 recorded the presence of 400 Jews in and around Halabja. According to the website of Beit Hatfutsot, the Tel Aviv-based Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, a Jewish traveler named Bentzion Israeli visited

Halabja in 1934 and reported he had encountered about 50 impoverished Jewish families who maintained both a Jewish school and a Beth Midrash, or "House of Learning."

Halabja is generally known as the city whose residents were gassed en masse on March 16, 1988, when the regime of the late Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein launched a chemical weapons attack that murdered up to 5,000 Kurds and badly injured 10,000 more. The massacre at Halabja was part of the three-year genocidal "Anfal" campaign waged by Hussein in the name of "Arabizing" Iraqi Kurdistan.

In January 2010, Ali Hassan al-Majid — a first cousin of Hussein's and one of his leading ministers — was executed by order of an Iraqi court after he was found guilty of ordering the chemical attack on Halabja.



Kurdistan-born Israeli Shaul Alizar visits his birthplace, the city of Halabja. Photo: nrttv.com.

British PM Condemns 'Antisemitic Threats' Against Jewish Women in Public Life

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

British Prime Minister Theresa May took time away from the pressures of Brexit with a forceful condemnation of antisemitism as it impacts Jewish women in public life, in a speech on Monday night.

May was addressing a reception at the her 10 Downing Street residence in London attended by delegates to the Sara Conference on women and antisemitism, held earlier in the day at the Houses of Parliament. At that event, a number of Jewish women parliamentarians spoke of their experiences of antisemitic, misogynistic abuse from far-right and far-left provocateurs.

The prime minister said that 2018 had been "the year in which Parliament heard women MPs, many of whom are here today, describing the deluge of vile misogynistic and antisemitic threats they receive on a near-daily basis."

Said May: "The research published at today's conference, showing that Jewish women politicians are more likely to attract

the attentions of far-right hate groups, was deeply disturbing. But I doubt it came as much of a surprise to those who have been on the receiving end.

In both data and anecdote, the evidence is clear: in 2018, in the United Kingdom, Jewish women are increasingly coming under dual attack. Abused for being women and abused for being Jewish.

These attitudes are not limited to the far right. As is so often the case with antisemitism, bigotry directed at Jewish women also comes from those who would never consider themselves to be racist, including within the women's rights movement itself.

Some Jewish women have been told that they're not 'real' feminists unless they publicly disavow Israel's right to exist, or been thrown off pride marches for flying rainbow flags that feature the Star of David. And as one British Jew put it earlier this year, 'Going on a ... women's rights march can be a tricky affair when you find yourself marching alongside people carrying banners merging the Israeli flag with a swastika.'

This kind of double-standard is often

Top US Jewish Groups Call for Sponsors to Pull Support of Roger Waters' Mexico Tour



Roger Waters. Photo: Jethro via Wikimedia Commons.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Top US Jewish groups are urging sponsors of anti-Israel activist and ex-Pink Floyd frontman Roger Waters' upcoming concert tour in Mexico to withdraw their support.

In recent years, the aging rock star has spoken out against Israel's West Bank security barrier and become a vocal proponent of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement.

Waters is set to perform seven times over the next two weeks in Mexico City, Guadalajara and Monterrey. He has spent the past month and a half touring South America and Central America, including stops in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Colombia and Costa Rica.

Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (CoP) Chairman Arthur Stark and Executive Vice Chairman and CEO Malcolm Hoenlein said their appeal to the sponsors was based on the "hostile, bigoted, and antisemitic comments made by Mr. Waters on numerous occasions."

"He continues to espouse these offensive views — and should not be given a stage to spread his anti-Israel and anti-Jewish messages," Stark and Hoenlein declared.

They continued:

"In the aftermath of the events in Pittsburgh and with the rise of antisemitism globally it is essential that we speak up clearly and demand zero tolerance of intolerance, no excuses and no exceptions. Those who purchase tickets should know the nature

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Czech President*

"I am no dictator unfortunately, but I promise I'll do my best," he said in an oblique reference to opposition he has faced — both in

justified by the old canard that antisemitism isn't really racism, as racism can only 'punch down' and Jews are universally wealthy and powerful — an argument that is, in itself, deeply antisemitic.

I have no time for equivocation. Antisemitism is racism — and any 'equality' movement that indulges or ignores it is not

of the person they are supporting. And we believe the vast majority would not want to do so. Mr. Waters has not only espoused his views but he has pushed other entertainers to boycott Israel, often using extreme methods and pressure. His comments are not based on a criticism of a particular policy, but of Israel's right to exist."

"We call on elected officials in all the countries where Waters will appear to make clear their rejection of his offensive and inciteful comments."

Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) Associate Dean and Global Social Action Agenda Director Rabbi Abraham Cooper singled out Citibank in his own statement on the Waters tour, saying, "In 2018 Jews in the Americas and Europe have to deal with surging and even deadly antisemitism. Against this backdrop it is inconceivable that a global corporate giant would be a financial enabler of a musician whose concerts' trademark is a giant floating pig with a star of David and who daily demeans the largest Jewish community in the world — the Jewish state of Israel. We expect Citibank to be responsive to our community's justified concerns and fears. At the minimum Citibank should suspend all future sponsorship of this bigot."

Citibank face similar pressure ahead of a Waters tour of North America two years ago, prompting the company to clarify that it was not a sponsor of the tour, but had simply offered a "limited time pre-sale of tickets for cardmembers for select shows," a Citibank public affairs official said at the time.

"We have no plans to work with this artist in the future," the official added.

his own country and the rest of Europe — on the matter.

In 2017, Zeman was honored with a "Warrior for Truth" award at The Algemeiner's annual gala in New York City.

worthy of the name."

May added, "Antisemitism and misogyny have no place in this country." She concluded, "When I look around this room and see so many brave, dedicated men and women, I know that hatred will be defeated."

World News.



The European Youth Forum logo. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

World's Largest Youth Organization Adopts Official IHRA Definition of Antisemitism

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The European Youth Forum (YFG) has passed a motion condemning antisemitism and adopting the official International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of it.

At a meeting of its General Assembly on November 24, YFG delegates voted in favor of the motion, "Combating Antisemitism: Young people's responsibility," by an overwhelming margin.

The YFG is the largest youth organization in the world, representing 104 smaller groups, including tens of millions of young Europeans.

According to a European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS) press statement, the motion:

- Adopts the IHRA working definition of antisemitism.
- Commits to address instances of antisemi-

tism among lay leadership, secretariat, and member organizations.

- Encourages all its 41 National Youth Councils and 63 International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations to adopt and apply the IHRA working definition of antisemitism.
- Commits to provide opportunities for educational trainings on antisemitism to member organizations.
- Encourages alliances in youth organizations be it value based, youth branches of the political parties, or national youth councils.

These measures will make the YFG a partner in combating antisemitism in institutions of higher learning, connect Jewish groups with non-Jewish youth organizations on the issue, and put YFG's members in service of combating antisemitism in Europe.

Israeli Health Ministry Data Shows 'Haredi' Areas Hardest-Hit by Measles Outbreak

BY JNS.org

According to a nine-month study conducted by Israel's Ministry of Health, cities with large haredi populations suffered the highest number of measles cases in an outbreak that has infected thousands of people.

Of the 2,040 cases of measles reported in the last nine months, 874 cases occurred in Jerusalem, 266 in Beit Shemesh, 149 in Tzfat, 97 in Bnei Brak and 95 in Beitar Illit.

Israel's second-most populous city, Tel Aviv, recorded 52 cases, while the small ultra-Orthodox community of Or HaGanuz in the north reported 22. Kiryat Ye'arim, an ultra-Orthodox town near Jerusalem, suffered 19 cases.

Just two patients were reported in Haifa, Israel's third-largest city, and only four in Rishon Letzion, Israel's fourth-largest city.

The Health Ministry's data showed that 614 patients were aged 1 to 4 years old; 399 between the ages of 5 and 9; 358 infants under the age of 1; and 265 between ages 10 and 19, meaning that 80 percent of the cases were reported in patients aged 19 and younger.

Jerusalem has attempted to stop the spread of measles by expanding the opening

hours of children's health clinics, with special ambulances being dispatched to haredi neighborhoods to make vaccination as convenient as possible.

Last week, a 3-week-old baby was hospitalized in Bnei Brak after contracting the illness from his unvaccinated mother, who was infected by another family member. The baby was reported to be in stable condition.



Vaccination is encouraged to prevent measles. Some 753 cases of measles have been reported to authorities in Jerusalem, with more than 1,300 cases since the beginning of 2018. Photo: Miriam Alster/Flash90.

Maryland Circuit Court Rules University Chabad Center Razed Due to Compliance

BY JNS.org

A Maryland circuit court ruled last week that the recently built, \$1 million Chabad Center at Towson University and Goucher College must be demolished by Dec. 21, citing a violation of property law.

Baltimore County Circuit Court Judge Kathleen Cox said on Nov. 21 that Chabad failed to comply with a setback covenant.

"It is clear as day to me that no matter what I rule, there will be an appeal," Cox said on Sept. 5. "You all are locked in this battle that I think, procedurally, is in a posture that doesn't serve either side well."

It is currently unknown if the ruling will be appealed.

"The court has ordered that the Chabad Center of Towson be bulldozed. It's time for us to stand up," Chabad of Towson wrote on the Chabad Lubavitch Community News Service. "We cannot let this heartless injustice occur. Not now. Not ever."

The Chabad of Towson also wrote about how its couple, Rabbi Mendy and Sheiny Rivkin, has influenced the Jewish community since moving there in 2008 and therefore needing to expand their space.

"Plans were tweaked and public hearings were attended to ensure that everything and everyone was toeing the line," wrote Chabad of Towson. "Chabad went above and beyond the legal requirements in order to make certain that everyone was satisfied."

"As construction progressed on the new Chabad House, a neighbors' association focused their efforts on preventing Jewish students from having a home on Aighburth Road," they added. "Not having any legal recourse, the neighbors and their attorneys, seemingly fueled by prejudice, combed through old documents until a covenant that neither side had been aware of was unearthed."

"Neighbors want Hasidic Jewish organization, Friends of Lubavitch, which runs the Jewish outreach program, Chabad, to raze the building," according to The Baltimore Sun. "But the Jewish outreach group proposed moving it backward 62 feet instead."

That request was denied by the court.

A crowdfunding campaign with a goal of \$500,000 has been set up by Friends of Towson Chabad to cover legal fees behind the case.

Chabad of Towson is being represented by prominent lawyer Nathan Lewin.

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Perception

70 years has occupied the first qibla of the Muslims. The Imam [Ayatollah Ruhollah] Khomeini called the last Friday of Ramadan Qods Day, and created a great plan for the eradication of this false regime."

The MEMRI report also contains links to numerous threats from previous years. The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs ("Iranian Official and Social Media Call for the Destruction of Israel After the JCPOA") has also extensively documented Iranian calls for Israel's destruction.

After CAMERA contacted the AP to request a correction of the absurd assertion that Iran has never threatened to attack Israel, the news agency today published the following "clarification" that fails to make clear that, contrary to yesterday's report, Iran has on many occasions threatened to attack Israel:

In a story Nov. 24, The Associated Press reported that Iran frequently condemns Israel and predicts its demise. The story should have made clear that Israeli officials view any such comments from Iran as existential threats.

While AP says that "Israeli officials view" Iranian statements about Israel's upcoming demise as threats, a few days ago the news agency had no difficulty identifying an Israeli minister's statements about a Hamas leader's

limited time on this earth as a threat. Thus, the November 21, 2018 AP article stated, as it should have ("Israeli Cabinet Minister: Gaza Leader's Days Are Numbered"):

A senior Israeli Cabinet minister on Wednesday threatened to kill the leader of the militant Hamas movement ruling Gaza, vowing that another "large campaign" looms in which Israel will hit the militants hard.

Housing Minister Yoav Gallant, a former military general who commanded the Gaza region, said Hamas leader Yehiyeh Sinwar should "recalculate his route" before the next engagement.

"Yehiyeh Sinwar's time is limited. He will not end his life in an old folks' home," he said, at the Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Conference. "He has to behave himself."

The original Associated Press falsehood that Iran has never threatened to attack Israel appeared in countless media outlets around the world, including Haaretz, The New York Times, The Daily Mail, U.S. News and World Report, and many more. The subsequent "clarification" likewise appears in numerous outlets. In some online news sites, the problematic clarification simply replaced the entire original story, which is undoubtedly a significant improvement.

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Mumbai

pregnant at the time.

Commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Mumbai atrocities, Pompeo said it was "an affront to the families of the victims that, after ten years, those who planned the Mumbai attack have still not been convicted for their involvement."

Continued Pompeo: "We call upon all countries, particularly Pakistan, to uphold their UN Security Council obligations to implement sanctions against the terrorists responsible for this atrocity, including Lashkar-e-Taiba and its affiliates."

The secretary of state pointed out that the

State Department's "Rewards for Justice" (RFJ) program continues to offer \$5 million in reward money for information leading to the capture of the Mumbai masterminds. A statement from the program on Monday confirmed that the US was "committed to working with our international partners to identify and bring to justice those responsible for the 2008 Mumbai attack."

Monday's announcement marked the third RFJ reward offer seeking information on the perpetrators of the Mumbai attack, the State Department said. In April 2012, it announced reward offers for information that brings to justice LeT founder Hafiz Mohammad Saeed and Hafiz Abdul Rahman Makki, another senior LeT leader.

U.S. News.

House of Representatives to Vote on Bipartisan Bill to Stop Use of Human Shields

BY JNS.org

The US House of Representatives is soon expected to pass a bipartisan bill that would enact sanctions on those who use human shields in war.

The Senate unanimously passed its version in October.

Introduced by Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-Wis.) and Rep. Tom Suozzi (D-N.Y.), and co-sponsored by 25 representatives, the Sanctioning the Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act would officially condemn the US-designated terrorist group Hezbollah's use of human shields "as a gross violation of internationally recognized human rights." It also calls for the United States to introduce a resolution at the UN Security Council to clinch backing for a resolution slapping

sanctions on Hezbollah for the use of humans as military shield.

The bill mandates the president to impose sanctions on any foreign state government agency that "knowingly and materially supports, orders, controls, directs or otherwise engages in" the exercise of human shields by the terrorist organizations Hezbollah and Hamas.

The president may waive sanctions for up to 120 days if he or she reports to Congress saying that a waiver is crucial to national-security interests.

US President Donald Trump signed the bipartisan Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act last month that expands and strengthen the limits of economic sanctions against Hezbollah.

It enables sanctions against not just foreign governments, per the 2015 version



Hezbollah terrorists on parade. Photo: File.

with the same title, but also against foreign individuals and companies aiding the group's fundraising or recruitment activities, including backing its media outlets.

Man Arrested After Allegedly Attempting to Run Over Jews Near Los Angeles Synagogue

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A man has been arrested in Los Angeles after allegedly attempting to run over two Jews near a synagogue in the city on Friday night in what police are investigating as a potential hate crime.

Mohamed Mohamed, 32, is being held on \$55,000 bail and has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with a vehicle.

The incident took place on North La Brea Avenue in the Hancock Park neighborhood of Los Angeles.

One of the Jews targeted told CBSLA that he and his friend "both scrambled in different directions so he [the driver] slammed on his brakes and missed us thank God."

Security footage shows that the suspect then reversed and tried to hit them again.

"He clearly was going at us and it was even more clear on round two," the intended victim said.

The driver missed them again and subsequently crashed after running a stop sign.

"Why he chose us? Probably because of the yarmulkes on our heads," the intended victim added. "This guy had a thirst for blood on his fingers. You could clearly see in his face that he wanted to do something."

"There definitely was a God watching us," he said.



Some people in a Hancock Park neighborhood said a driver targeted them because they are Jewish. Now police are investigating the incident as a possible hate crime. Joy Benedict reports.

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Earlier this month, 33-year-old Steven Szwet was arrested over a string of incidents in the North Hollywood-Valley Glen area in which three Orthodox Jewish women had their wigs ripped from their heads in public.



An LAPD vehicle. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

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Beginning in the early 1990's, when I began hosting Israel's then-Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at Oxford, I was blown away by his passion for his Jewishness and his unyielding pride in Israel. He launched defenses of the Jewish state before thousands of Oxford students with unsurpassed eloquence. Even as anti-Israel students chanted, "Netanyahu you should know, we support the PLO," Bibi stood proud and tall and earned standing ovations from even hostile students who were mesmerized by the force with which he championed his embattled country and persecuted people.

There is little doubt that Benjamin Netanyahu has earned his place among modern history's most significant Jewish leaders. Lovers and haters alike have to admit how difficult it would be to chronicle the annals of the Jewish state without devoting considerable space to "King Bibi," as *Time* magazine crowned him in 2012. Having maintained formidable political influence for an astonishing 25 years, Bibi has occupied the top seat longer than any other prime minister, with his latest stint nearing a decade.

And if that fact tells us anything, it's that his political competitors are having a hard time convincing the electorate that they can replace him.

It's not for lack of trying.

In just the last few weeks Israel was rocked with political upheaval. Unlike previous attempts, which came from the left-wing opposition, this time the shot at dethroning the prime minister came from right-wing members of Netanyahu's own coalition. Following the quickly-negotiated and highly controversial ceasefire that ended the last round of fighting between Israel and Hamas terrorists, Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman resigned from his post in protest

of Netanyahu having "capitulated to terror." The departure of his Yisrael Beiteinu party from Netanyahu's coalition left the ruling body with just 61 seats, a razor-thin margin that few expected to hold. Those fears were solidified the next day, when Naftali Bennett threatened to tear the coalition apart unless he was named minister of defense. Moshe Kahlon, leader of the Kulanu party, warned his constituents to expect snap elections far before those scheduled for November 2019.

With his back against the ropes, Netanyahu — by now acting defense minister — managed to deliver a scathing reprimand to those former political allies leaving, or threatening to leave, his coalition. Speaking from the headquarters of the Defense Ministry, Netanyahu struck an uncharacteristically cryptic and foreboding tone, warning that Israel was in one of its "most complex security situations" yet. "You only see a partial picture of a wide-scale campaign that we are in the middle of," he declared, later insisting that "in such a moment you don't topple a government ... and you don't desert."

Apparently aware of how impulsive it might seem, Bennett walked back his demands and promised to help keep the government in place. Lieberman continued to lambast the prime minister but was already out of the coalition.

As the dust began to settle a simple truth was reaffirmed: Netanyahu is a political force of nature.

Still, with his coalition brought to its lowest possible number, Netanyahu remains especially vulnerable. His opponents on the left certainly seem to think so, considering the recent reports of hushed meetings between the center-left's political power-players — Ehud Barak, Tzipi Livni, and Moshe Ya'alon — who are likely planning a union of their own.

As Netanyahu finds himself beset on all sides by increasingly determined competition, it's fair for Israelis to conduct an appraisal of his performance. In the realm of security and especially in opposing Iran, Netanyahu has been unmovable. And in the field of international diplomacy, Netanyahu is at the top of his game.

Just yesterday, Israelis woke to the

shocking and welcome news that the president of Chad was arriving for a visit. Though the majority-Muslim, Arabic-speaking nation does not have any diplomatic relations with Israel, President Idriss Déby paid the first ever presidential visit to Israel since its founding.

This came on the heels of a string of diplomatic victories for Israel on the African continent. With three Africa trips in just two years, the prime minister has himself visited Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Liberia. As for the higher-hanging fruit, Israel has, under Bibi's leadership, ramped up its connections with Muslim states in Africa, including Mali, Somalia, and the Republic of Guinea, which recently renewed diplomatic relations with Israel for the first time in nearly 50 years.

Far more impressive are the inroads Netanyahu has made in the Gulf.

In the past few months, the world has witnessed a rapport between Israel and many of the Gulf states that just months ago would have been unthinkable.

Since late October alone, Israel witnessed its outspoken Minister for Culture and Sport Miri Regev touring the grand mosque of Abu Dhabi before attending an international Judo tournament where the Israeli national anthem "Hatikva" rang out in the Emirati arena. Days later, Israel's Minister of Communications Ayoub Kara formally addressed a conference in Dubai.

Now add to that the retired Saudi officials who recently shared a stage with retired Israeli peers, the unofficial yet very real Israeli diplomatic outpost in Abu Dhabi, and the reliable rumors of deep cooperation between Israeli, Egyptian, Jordanian, and Gulf intelligence directorates, and you have a true diplomatic revolution.

Farther south, Netanyahu again made modern Israeli history during his visit to Oman, where he sat for a remarkably amiable meeting with Sultan Qaboos. Though Yitzhak Rabin visited the city in 1994, that was due only to the involvement of both leaders in the Oslo Accords. This time, the meeting took place despite the cast-iron wrench lodged in the peace process. Furthermore, the Sultan implied an openness to normalizing relations with the Jewish state. Tellingly, though the

Rabin meeting was kept secret until after it had ended, this one was reported by Oman's state-run news service.

And according to the prime minister's Arabic spokesman Honi Marzouk, the Kingdom of Bahrain is "the next destination for Netanyahu."

Of course, all of these effects can be attributed to a host of other geopolitical forces, from the rise of President Trump and his stalwart support of Israel to the Gulf States' growing concern about Iran. Still, the buck has to stop somewhere. If Netanyahu is to be held accountable for failure, regardless of how far down the ladder it occurs, it's only fair that we credit him with these successes.

On the security front there is the constant threat of Iran and its proxy army Hezbollah. Bibi has kept the terror group from getting their blood-soaked hands on sophisticated weaponry making its way across Syria from Tehran. Here, he has been aggressive in his willingness to strike high-risk targets throughout Syria, but also deployed the interpersonal skills that have allowed him to keep the Russians generally aware of and agreeable to Israel's security needs.

As for Iran, Netanyahu has fought like a lion to stop their nuclear ambitions. From his warnings of a nuclear Iran at the UN to the magnifico speech he delivered to a joint session of Congress, Bibi has made this his single most important issue. Which, one might argue, explains why he seems to have tentatively succeeded. True, it was President Trump who left the catastrophic Iran deal and our president deserves enormous credit. However, it is simply both wrong and impossible to discount Netanyahu's herculean efforts in proving to Americans in general, and President Trump in particular, just how dangerous to the Middle East this deal was.

All in all, Israel has found in Benjamin Netanyahu a bold and able leader whose rare communication gifts have lent Israel a sorely-needed global voice. And it behooves the Jewish people, who find endless reasons to criticize Netanyahu, to give some credit where it is justly earned.

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Once Again, the Media Ignores Violence Against Israeli Jews

BRADLEY MARTIN
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American and European media outlets have produced dozens of stories about the Netanyahu government possibly falling apart after agreeing to a ceasefire with the terrorist organization Hamas. What they conveniently forgot to mention is what led to this situation.

After an intelligence-gathering mission by the IDF went awry, resulting in the killing of an Israeli special-forces officer, Hamas launched an unprecedented attack on Israeli civilians, firing nearly 500 rockets at communities in southern Israel.

In this latest barrage of rocket attacks, one Israeli was killed and well over 100 were injured,

while rockets directly hit homes in the southern cities of Sderot and Ashkelon. A civilian bus carrying Israeli soldiers was hit by an anti-tank missile and erupted in flames. Warning sirens wailed as the night sky blazed with the light of incoming Hamas rockets. Schools in the south canceled their classes, and communities were instructed to remain near bomb shelters.

As an American newly arrived in Israel, I am appalled by the international and American press' willingness to ignore this large-scale terror attack against the Jewish state.

Weeks after the shooting that killed 11 Jews at a Pittsburgh synagogue in the deadliest assault on Jews in US history, the media couldn't wait to talk about President Trump and white supremacists. Yet when Palestinians target Israelis — Jewish civilians — mum's the word as to reporting on the terrorists involved.

The media's failure to report and



Rockets fired by Palestinian terrorists in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip toward Israel, Nov. 12, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ahmed Zakot.

condemn antisemitism wherever it manifests itself is a breach of journalistic standards. But when has the mainstream media's efforts to find moral equivalency between Islamic terrorists and Israel ever taken a back seat to truth in reporting?

So, what exactly did the press report?

In the limited coverage offered, the *BBC* described the terror attacks as "deadly fire traded across the border." *Time* described Hamas' bombardment of Israeli men, women, and children as an "exchange" of heavy fire. These and other outlets also conveniently ignored that Palestinians in Gaza have been launching incendiary kites and balloons since May 2018, resulting in the burning of at least 2,260 acres of woodland and 1,500 acres of agricultural crops. Some of these balloons reached schoolyards in Israel.

The mainstream media seems to be at a loss when Palestinians are implicated in

attempts to murder Jews. Similarly, one would think they would finally call out people like newly elected Minnesota Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. Out of 105 news stories written in the aftermath of her election day victory, not a single one mentioned that she believes that Israel is "evil." But why would they? Women's March co-founder Linda Sarsour justified Hamas' rocket attacks against Israeli civilians, yet she is hailed as a feminist hero by the American mainstream press. But just so there is no doubt that Hamas or any of these people actually care about Palestinian lives, the man who was murdered in one of the Hamas rocket attacks was a Palestinian father of six and a contractor gainfully employed in Israel.

Fighting against antisemitism or any bigotry should never be a partisan issue. It shouldn't matter whether you are politically on the left or the right when it comes to denouncing attempts to murder Jews. When the press refuses to report on the perpetrators of hate, they become accomplices to these heinous acts.

So forgive me if I take it a bit personally when a genocidal terror group puts a bullseye on my and my neighbors' backs, and the media chooses to ignore those pulling the trigger because it doesn't fit their narrative.

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Impressions.

The One Easy Answer: Blame the Jews

BY JEREMY ROSEN

Every year when we come around to reading about Joseph and his brothers, I am reminded of a part of the Yom Kippur Ashkenazi service. In particular, the poem *Eyleh Ezkera*. Most of the poems, *Piyuttim*, were composed in medieval times. They are usually repetitious, veritable puzzles of references, associations, and quotations. Not to mention that they stretch out our services beyond forbearance. *Eyleh Ezkera* is one of them. But it is also beautifully crafted and very moving. The author and date are unknown.

For over ten years now I have spent Yom Kippur with my Persian community. *Eyleh Ezkera* is not in our Yom Kippur liturgy, although some say it on Tisha B'Av. But it is so moving that when there is a break in our service, I say it then.

Eyleh Ezkera is based on a series of Talmudic narratives about rabbis who were martyred during the Roman occupation of the land of Israel and wars against the Jews, sometime between the first century and the end of the second. Although the ten martyrs mentioned in the poem lived at different times, they are brought together in the text for heightened impact. So it is clear that the unidentified ruler is a Roman. And as the Roman Empire metamorphosed into a Christian empire, the poem was in all likelihood written while the Crusaders murdered their way across European Jewry.

The anonymous ruler in the poem seems to have studied the "Old Testament" and Jewish Law. This also hints at the various medieval disputations Christian monks imposed on the Jews, where they often used Old Testament texts to try and prove that they were right and Judaism wrong. The only consequence that made sense to them was for the Jews to convert. And the more Jews resisted, the more they were hated. Sadly, the same thing happened under Islam too, though not quite as often.

In brief, the story of the poem is that a non-Jewish ruler has read the story of Joseph being sold into slavery by his brothers. He then calls in the rabbis and asks them what Jewish Law has to say about a kidnapping. The rabbis reply that it deserves the death penalty. He then says that as the original guilty parties are no longer alive, and the rabbis are descendants of Joseph's brothers, they must pay the penalty and die. The rabbis seek to understand God's intentions and the reply they get is that they must accept the Divine Decree. All of them are cruelly put to death.

In some ways, this story about a non-Jewish ruler and a Biblical text is reminiscent of another Talmudic story. When Alexander the Great passed through the Middle East, the non-Jewish peoples surrounding Judea all appeared before him with claims against the Jews based on Biblical texts. For example, the Egyptians wanted the return of the gold and silver that the Jews were given when they left Egypt. The Jews argued that then they would claim much more compensation for all the years of their unpaid slavery. The Egyptians ran out of the court in disarray.

Hatred of Jews is an ongoing pathology spanning the centuries. Attempts were always made to use Jewish texts against Jews to show how malevolent they were. Many of the attacks on Jews came from other Jews, whether apostatized or not. As indeed is the case today. Atheists often use Biblical texts to show how primitive and dangerous Jews are. George Steiner wrote a play in which

Hitler claims that Israelite massacres of Canaanites were a model for his genocide. And Israeli Shlomo Sand has argued that there never was a Jewish people. We have always had our home-born detractors. The most famous Jewish anti-Zionist, Noam Chomsky, may be over the hill, but he still has plenty of acolytes.

In 1963 I spoke at a Cambridge Union debate in the UK that sought to condemn the establishment of Israel. I said that for generations in every country Jews had been told to go home. In my hometown of Wallingford, Jews had lived there in the 13th century until they were expelled at the request of the local population. And now 800 years later local yahoos would often shout at us as we walked through town, "Yids go home." Yet when in fact the Yids did try to go home, they were told to go back. We won that debate. But the old tropes have never ceased in Britain and now are back in fashion.

I mention all this because the disease of anti-Jewish hatred has never gone away. It merely lies dormant like cancer in remission until some new

tions to American students who want to go to visit or study in Israel. Various civil protest movements have extended their campaigns beyond local issues to try to exclude Jews for supporting Israel. This is the rise in antisemitism that does not get reported.

Instead, the left-wing media and some Jewish organizations revel in hyping attacks on Jews that come from the lowest levels of society. Most of the assaults on Jews in Brooklyn are by young thugs who are just as likely to attack each other. Swastikas are usually the handiwork of white supremacists, not known for the sharpness of their thinking or their sanity. Louis Farrakhan has been around for a long time. So has David Duke of the KKK. There is indeed a rise in Jihadi violence. But most Muslims in the US just want to live in peace and earn a living.

In the US in general, the majority live in peace. Occasionally violence erupts as it always has. But more often than not, it comes from those who are mentally disturbed. The USA was born out of violence, guns, and protests. Yet most of us — white, black, Catholic, Muslim — manage to get on. That



The plundering of the Judengasse during the Fettmilch riot, 22 August 1614. Engraving by Matthäus Merian in 1628. Photo Wikimedia.com

set of circumstances allows it to break out again. Not that I am either surprised nor particularly worried. Just amazed at human stupidity and prejudice. What makes antisemitism unique is that it is shared by the lowest and the highest of classes. The brute thugs and the super-sophisticated intellectuals.

The United Nations General Assembly's Fourth Committee, which is also known as the Special Political and Decolonization Committee, supposedly represents "the World." This past week it passed nine resolutions condemning Israel alone. Neither they nor the mainstream media seem at all concerned that 500 rockets were aimed from Gaza at civilian communities in Israel. Or that instead of using aid from Arab countries (with Israel's support) to help the poor and unemployed, Gaza prefers to use it to buy arms.

Jews are made to feel uncomfortable on university campuses around the world, simply because they support Israel as a Jewish homeland. This anti-Israelism remains the one common cause that seems to unite right and left and is now spurred on by new generations and new opponents. On many university campuses, professors select Israel above all other nations for condemnation. They often try to marginalize or block Israeli students and lecturers on their campuses, and refuse to give recommenda-

does not mean the animus and prejudices of all sorts are not still alive.

We were fooling ourselves if we thought that antisemitism had disappeared. And if the left wing of the Democratic party achieves dominance, you can be sure it will increase. As we say at the Passover table, "In every generation, people try to destroy us, and yet we survive because God saves us." Which is all well and good, but as a child, I always used to wonder why God put us in this position in the first place. Could someone else not have been chosen? The irony is that antisemitic acts sort out the goats from the sheep. Those whom it makes stronger and those who chicken out (to mix my metaphors and creatures).

Joseph did his best for Egypt and averted a catastrophe. The good things he did were soon forgotten. Using him as an excuse to attack the Jews reminds us that a place that was good for the Jews turned into one that was not. We must not let this happen again.

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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

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 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

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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2006-2, Adjustable Rate Mortgage Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-2, Plaintiff AGAINST Edward Vaysman; Malka Lowensohn a/k/a Malka Vaysman; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 4, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on December 13, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1137 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. All that certain plot piece or

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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 5495 Lot 883. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,175,926.50 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511754/2014. Aaron Maslow, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: October 18, 2018 58354 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc. sbm ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Carmelle Telemaque, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/12/2018 and entered on 9/20/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 13, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1112 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. 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: 5588, LOT: 12. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,321,559.13 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 502336/2014. Jack Segal, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS GRAND BANK, N.A., Plaintiff against MARIE GLEASON, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 24, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 13th day of December, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 2850 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229. (Block: 8914, Lot: 279). Approximate amount of lien \$ 445,747.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501000-14. Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST Eric D. Games, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Delia Curtis, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/18 and entered on 10/18/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 13, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as

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245 E 46th 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 County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4851, LOT: 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$780,358.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 505910/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc. sbm ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Carmelle Telemaque, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/18 and entered on 10/22/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 13, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1220 East 102nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8266, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment is \$385,921.01 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 508306/2013. Randolph Jackson, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff against LOUIS L. FESTAGALLO A/K/A LOUIS FESTAGALLO AND CATHERINE FESTAGALLO, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 18, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 13th day of December, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: 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, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Avenue M, distant eighty feet from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Troy Avenue with the northerly side of Avenue M; RUNNING THENCE northerly and parallel with Troy Avenue 100 feet; THENCE westerly and parallel with Avenue M, 20 feet; THENCE southerly and again parallel with Troy Avenue, and part distance through a party wall 100 feet to the northerly side of Avenue M; THENCE easterly along the northerly side of Avenue M, 20 feet to a point or place of the BEGINNING. TOGETHER with the easement and right of way for the purpose of a driveway in, to and over a strip of land 3 feet 6 inches in width fronting on Avenue M immediately adjoining the premises herein described on the easterly side thereof, and running northerly to garage, erected or to be erected. SUBJECT, however, to a similar easement and right of way for the purpose of a driveway, in and to and over a strip of land 3 feet 6 inches in width fronting on the northerly side of Avenue M, being the easterly 3 feet 6 inches in width on the premises herein described, as running northerly to the

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garage, erected or to be erected. Said premises known as 4311 Avenue M, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234. (Block: 7841, Lot: 5). Approximate amount of lien \$ 299,408.58 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 510166-17. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee. DeRose & Surico Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 213-44 38th Avenue Bayside, NY. 11361 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff -against- GISELE CADET AKA GISELE NICHOLAS ADA GISELE NICOLAS CADET AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF THE ESTATE OF GERARD CADET; ETC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated September 11, 2017 and entered on September 26, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on December 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 57th Street, distant 300 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 57th Street with the southerly side of Linden Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 30 feet by 100 feet by 30 feet. Block: 4682 Lot: 22 Said premises known as 116 EAST 57TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$621,435.76 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 7244/2011. AARON D. MASLOW, ESQ., Referee Westernman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 1201 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

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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 MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FM1, Plaintiff AGAINST SHERYLL MIZELL, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 26, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on December 13, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 287 EMPIRE BLVD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn,

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County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1308, LOT 61. Approximate amount of judgment \$830,653.03 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 508980/2015. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 57311 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST RICARDO JACKSON, ASTRID ARMORER, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 26, 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 December 13, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 530 JEFFERSON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11221. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1654, LOT 22. Approximate amount of judgment \$922,617.75 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 2924/2013. LEONARD C. SPECTOR, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 58508 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff against RUBY STRACHAN; VERONICA STRACHAN; SAPPHIRE STRACHAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 29, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 13th day of December, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City New York, County of Kings and State of New York. Said premises known as 462 East 40th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203. (Block: 4939, Lot: 9). Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,145.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506263-13. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 *For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call 800-280-2832 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

Notice of formation of 1236 Halsey LLC, Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/2018. Office located in Kings County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 1236 Halsey LLC, 1202 Halsey Street Brooklyn NY 11207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. AJ; 11/16/23/30; 12/7/14/21

Notice of Formation of VANDERBILT 331 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 47 S. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217. SSNY designated

Tradition.

Refusing Comfort,
Keeping Hope

JONATHAN SACKS
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The deception has taken place. Joseph has been sold into slavery. His brothers dipped his coat in blood. They bring it back to their father, saying: "Look what we have found. Do you recognise it? Is this your son's robe or not?" Jacob recognises it and replies, "It is my son's robe. A wild beast has devoured him. Joseph has been torn to pieces." We then read:

Jacob rent his clothes, put on sackcloth, and mourned his son for a long time. His sons and daughters tried to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. He said, "I will go down to the grave mourning for my son." (Gen. 37:34-35)

There are laws in Judaism about the limits of grief – *shiva*, *sheloshim*, a year. There is no such thing as a bereavement for which grief is endless. The Talmud says that God admonishes one who weeps beyond the appointed time, "You are not more compassionate than I." And yet Jacob refuses to be comforted.

A Midrash gives a remarkable explanation. "One can be comforted



for one who is dead, but not for one who is still living," it says. In other words, Jacob refused to be comforted *because he had not yet given up hope that Joseph was still alive*. That, tragically, is the fate of those who have lost members of their family (the parents of soldiers missing in action, for example), but have as yet no proof that they are dead. They cannot go through the normal stages of mourning because they cannot abandon the possibility that the missing person is still capable of being rescued. Their continuing anguish is a form of loyalty; to give up, to mourn, to be reconciled to loss is a kind of betrayal. In such cases, grief lacks closure. To refuse to be comforted is to refuse to give up hope.

Yet on what basis did Jacob continue to hope? Surely he had recognised Joseph's blood-stained coat – he said explicitly, "A wild beast has devoured him. Joseph has been torn to pieces." Do these words not mean that he had accepted that Joseph was dead?

The late David Daube made a suggestion that I find convincing. The words the sons say to Jacob –

haker na, literally "identify please" – have a quasi-legal connotation. Daube relates this passage to another, with which it has close linguistic parallels:

If a man gives a donkey, an ox, a sheep or any other animal to his neighbour for safekeeping and it dies or is injured or is taken away while no one is looking, the issue between them will be settled by the taking of an oath before the Lord that the neighbour did not lay hands on the other person's property...If it [the animal] was torn to pieces by a wild animal, he shall bring the remains as evidence and he will not be required to pay for the torn animal. (Exodus 22:10-13)

The issue at stake is the extent of responsibility borne by a guardian (*shomer*). If the animal is lost through negligence, the guardian is at fault and must make good the loss. If there is no negligence, merely force majeure, an unavoidable, unforeseeable accident, the guardian is exempt from blame. One such case is where the loss has been caused by a wild animal. The wording in the law – *tarof yitoref*, "torn to pieces" – exactly parallels Jacob's judgment in the case of Joseph: *tarof toraf Yosef*, "Joseph has been torn to pieces."

We know that some such law existed prior to the giving of the Torah. Jacob himself says to Laban, whose flocks and herds had been placed in his charge, "I did not bring you animals torn by wild beasts; I bore the loss myself" (Gen. 31:39). This implies that guardians even then were exempt from responsibility for the damage caused by wild animals. We also know that an elder brother carried a similar responsibility for the fate of a younger brother placed in his charge, as, for example, when the two were alone together. That is the significance of Cain's denial when confronted by God as to the fate of Abel: "Am I my brother's guardian [*shomer*]?" (Gen. 4:9).

We now understand a series of nuances in the encounter between Jacob and his sons upon their return without Joseph. Normally they would be held responsible for their younger brother's disappearance. To avoid this, as in the case of later biblical law, they "bring the remains as evidence." If those remains show signs of an attack by a wild animal, they must – by virtue of the law then operative – be held innocent. Their request to Jacob, *haker na*, must be construed as a legal request, meaning, "Examine the evidence." Jacob has no alternative but to do so, and by virtue of what he has seen, to acquit them. A judge, however, may be forced to acquit someone accused of a crime because the evidence is insufficient to justify a conviction, while still retaining lingering private doubts.

So Jacob was forced to find his sons innocent, without necessarily trusting what they said. In fact Jacob did not believe it, and his refusal to be comforted shows that he was unconvinced. He continued to hope that Joseph was still alive. That hope was eventually justified: Joseph was still alive, and father and son were ultimately reunited.

The refusal to be comforted sounded more than once in Jewish history. The prophet Jeremiah heard it in a later age:

*This is what the Lord says:
"A voice is heard in Ramah,
Mourning and great weeping,
Rachel weeping for her children
Refusing to be comforted,
Because her children are no more."
This is what the Lord says:
"Restrain your voice from weeping,
And your eyes from tears,
For your work will be rewarded," says the Lord.
"They will return from the land of the enemy.
So there is hope for your future," declares the Lord,
"Your children will return to their own land."
(Jeremiah 31:15-17)*

Why was Jeremiah sure that Jews would return? Because they refused to be comforted – meaning, they refused to give up hope.

So it was during the Babylonian exile, as articulated in one of the most paradigmatic expressions of the refusal to be comforted:

*By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept,
As we remembered Zion...
How can we sing the songs of the Lord in a strange land?
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
May my right hand forget [its skill],
May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth
If I do not remember you,
If I do not consider Jerusalem above my highest joy.
(Psalms 137:1-6)*

It is said that Napoleon, passing a synagogue on the fast day of Tisha B'Av, heard the sounds of lamentation. "What are the Jews crying for?" he asked one of his officers. "For Jerusalem," the soldier replied. "How long ago did they lose it?" "More than 1,700 hundred years." "A people who can mourn for Jerusalem so long, will one day have it restored to them," the Emperor is reputed to have replied.

Jews are the people who refused to be comforted because

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Legal Notice.

LEGAL NOTICE

Board, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, John Smith (name refused), Jane Smith (name refused), Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on October 22, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on December 20, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 4922 11th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS and State of New York. Block: 5639 Lot: 59 Approximate amount of lien \$278,518.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 511161/2016 Steven Naiman, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: November 06, 2018 FILE #: SAN CONSUMER 71222 AJ; 11/16/23/30; 12/7/

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.; Plaintiff -against- NUCHEM SCHWARTZ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated April 11, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on December 20, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Neptune Avenue with the westerly side of Highland Avenue; being a plot 50 feet by 60 feet by 50 feet by 60 feet. Block: 6998 Lot: 25 Said premises known as 4000 HIGHLAND AVENUE A/K/A 3901 NEPTUNE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$695,627.66 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 7004/2014. MORRIS MATZA, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 7254.698 AJ; 11/16/23/30; 12/7/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: PINKREBEL FITNESS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 06/11/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Pinkrebel Fitness LLC 950 Underhill Ave., Apt.8C Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 11/16/23/30; 12/7/14/21

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: ESPORA LLC .Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 10/31/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served .

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SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Espora LLC 335 68th St.Apt. 3R Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 11/23/30; 12/7/14/21/28

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: 942 DUMONT AVE,LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 08/07/2018 . 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: 942 DUMONT Ave,LLC 942 DUMONT Ave Brooklyn, NY 11207. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 11/23/30; 12/7/14/21/28

Notice of formation of Derrick Adams Studio LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/17/2018. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1406 Pacific St., Apt.C5, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: any lawful act AJ; 11/23/30; 12/7/14/21/28

Notice of formation of Aber Inver LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/30/2018. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 107 Berry St., #1L, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: any lawful act AJ; 11/23/30; 12/7/14/21/28

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL3, Plaintiff against KAMWIL DUPONT, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 2, 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 3rd day of January, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 31st Street distant 400 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 31st Street with the northerly side of Tilden Avenue; THENCE westerly parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE northerly parallel with East 31st Street, 25 feet; THENCE easterly again parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet to the westerly side of East 31st Street; and THENCE southerly along said westerly side of East 31st Street, 25 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises known as 108 East 31st Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11226. (Block: 4901, Lot: 21). Approximate amount of lien \$ 560,911.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501492-14. Jacob Gelfand, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street, Suite 700 White Plains, NY. 10606 (914) 949-2574 AJ; 11/30; 12/7/14/21/

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as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 11/16/23/30; 12/7/14/21

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, Plaintiff -against- Yehoshua C. Rubin a/k/a Y.C. Rubin a/k/a Yehoshua Chaim Rubin, Yenty Rubin, Blima Rubin, City of New York Environmental Control

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Jeremy Piven. Photo: Flickr.

Actor Jeremy Piven Talks About Rapping Part of His Bar Mitzvah Torah Portion, New Stand-Up Comedy Career

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Actor and former “Entourage” star Jeremy Piven revealed in a recent interview that he rapped part of his Torah reading at his bar mitzvah.

The Emmy Award-winning actor, 53, spoke to the San Diego Jewish Journal about his new career in stand-up comedy and said he discusses Judaism in his acts. He said, “I talk about my bar mitzvah. I talk about my struggles with my bar mitzvah. How patient [Rabbi] Arnie [Rachlis] was with me and I do a bit about rapping — I actually rapped my haftorah portion because I was not a very good bar mitzvah boy.”

Piven also spoke about growing up in an observant Jewish home and attending the University Synagogue in Orange County, a Reconstructionist temple led by Rabbi Rachlis, who bar mitzvahed the actor. Piven said he continues to practice under Rabbi Rachlis and they remain good friends.

The actor opened up about the role that Judaism and theater played in his life at a young age, saying, “I come from an acting family, and I think that Judaism was very close to all of us as well as the theater. And I think obviously Judaism was our religion and theater is our religion as well so I was very lucky in that way if that

makes any sense ... My father would have a joke — he said we prayed ‘to whom it may concern.’”

In an interview earlier this month with the Jewish Journal, Piven said his family was not as religious now as they were when his father was alive. He said his father was “incredibly religious...but he passed away and we’re not as diligent as he was in terms of visiting temple. We’re just there for the High Holy Days but at the same time I’m lucky enough to have people in my life who are more observant, and also I get to witness many different ways to observe the holidays.”

Piven is scheduled to do two stand-up comedy shows in Israel in January.

During his first time in Israel, in 2016, he had a second bar mitzvah ceremony in Jerusalem. The trip was sponsored by the Omri Casspi Foundation — an organization that organizes visits to Israel for NBA players and celebrities. Following the religious ceremony, Piven was gifted with a personalized prayer shawl and presented with an ambucycle dedicated in his name.

Piven told the Jewish Journal that, during his upcoming acts in Israel, he will talk about his 2016 experience and traveling alongside the NBA players, many of whom had never been to a bar mitzvah or inside a synagogue.

Jewish Band Haim Sells Hanukkah Shirt to Support Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life Synagogue

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

The pop rock band Haim is selling a Hanukkah-inspired shirt and proceeds of all sales will be donated to the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, where 11 people were killed last month in a shooting that took place during Shabbat services.

The band — comprised of Jewish sisters Este, Danielle and Alana Haim — announced the sale on its Instagram page late last week, along with other holiday merchandise. The shirt is designed with a Star of David and various words associated with Hanukkah, including “Dreidel,” “Candle,” “Macca-



The Hanukkah shirt being sold by Haim.
Photo: Haimtheband.com.

bees,” “Eight Days,” “Latkes,” “Lights,” and “Presents.” The shirt also says, “Happy Haimukkah.”

Last year, the band celebrated the first night of Hanukkah with a new original song called “Haimukkah.”

Opinion.

The BBC Fails to Address Airbnb's Anti-Israel Hypocrisy



HADAR SELA/
ISRAEL

Despite having already published a report on exactly the same story late the previous evening, on the morning of November 20 the *BBC News* website published an article titled "Airbnb: Israeli uproar as firm bars West Bank settlements."

A video embedded into the article also appeared separately on the *BBC News* website's Middle East page, under the title "The West Bank homes being dropped from Airbnb."

In that filmed report from Gush Etzion — where Jews purchased land long before the Jordanian invasion and occupation in 1948 — viewers were told that:

Built on land occupied after the 1967 Six-Day War, the settlements are seen as illegal under international law.

In the written report, readers were similarly told:

Jewish settlements in territory occupied by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war are considered illegal under international law, though Israel disputes this.

Obviously, this story in particular requires full audience understanding of the topic of "settlements" and "international law"; nevertheless, the *BBC* elected once again to ignore its editorial obligation of "due impartiality" by erasing from view the existence of legal opinions that contradict the *BBC's* selected narrative.

BBC editorial guidelines relating to due impartiality on "controversial subjects" state:

When dealing with "controversial subjects," we must ensure a wide range of significant views and perspectives are given due weight and prominence, particularly when the controversy is active.

The *BBC's* standard portrayal of "international law" here obviously does not meet those criteria. It purports to inform audiences what

is "illegal," but does not provide them with sufficient information or access to alternative views in order to enable them to reach their own conclusions and opinions on the issue.

For example, the written report included uncritical amplification of a claim that dovetails with the standard *BBC* framing of the conflict:

Airbnb said it had made the decision because settlements were "at the core" of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The *BBC* did not bother to enhance readers' understanding of the story by pointing out that the conflict predates "settlements" by several decades.

Linking to a report produced by the political NGOs Human Rights Watch and Kerem Navot, which is actually a political campaign focusing exclusively on Jewish Israelis, the written article told readers that:

Human Rights Watch called Airbnb's decision "a positive step" and urged other tourism companies, such as Booking.com, to follow suit.

In a report released on Tuesday, the New York-based group said "Israelis and foreigners may rent properties in settlements, but Palestinian ID holders are effectively barred."

It said this was the only example the rights body could find "in which Airbnb hosts have no choice but to discriminate against guests based on national or ethnic origin."

The *BBC* did not bother to inform its audiences that Airbnb hosts in a plethora of countries, including Algeria, Malaysia, and Bangladesh would "have no choice but to discriminate against guests based on national or ethnic origin," because those countries do not allow entry to the holders of Israeli passports.

As in the previous report on the subject, readers were not informed that Airbnb does business in numerous other disputed locations — for example, northern Cyprus and Western Sahara.

Hadar Sela is the Managing Editor of BBC Watch, an affiliate of the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA).

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BDS

the West Bank for discrimination. They've also managed to get an in to American Jewish community with the ability of groups like Jewish Voice for Peace to mainstream their anti-Zionist and even antisemitic views about Israel and its supporters.

But while such victories have been far fewer than their defeats, they have still managed to create an atmosphere on many campuses that makes it difficult for Jewish students to speak openly of their support for Israel.

Support for intersectional ideology, which falsely claims the war against the one Jewish state on the planet is analogous to the

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Refusing Comfort

they never gave up hope. Jacob did eventually see Joseph again. Rachel's children did return to the land. Jerusalem is once again the Jewish home. All the evidence may suggest otherwise: it may seem to signify irretrievable loss, a decree of history that cannot be overturned, a fate that must be accepted. Jews never believed the evidence because they had

the Middle East, the Egyptian public ranked as the most hostile towards Israel in the Arab world.

But this hostility has not translated into Egyptian war-making against Israel since 1973. Memories of the pain and sacrifice caused by Egypt's wars against Israel remain so powerful that in the elections held in 2012 after the ouster of the Mubarak regime, only one of the 21 lists called in its campaign platform to prepare Egypt for hostilities against Israel. That party, "Tomorrow," secured less than one percent of the popular vote, proving that pain trumps deeply felt ideological and religious hatred of the Jewish state.

Hamas seems to be treading the same path the Arab states trod.

Contrary to the mantra among politicians and media people that "after every round we return to the same point," Hamas has reacted with the launching of fewer missiles over time.

The most telling was what occurred after the third round in 2014. Fifty missiles were launched during the ensuing three-and-a-half-year lull compared to over 2,000 missiles launched between the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza in 2005 and the first massive round of fighting in the winter of 2008-2009, which was an even shorter interval.

What Israel achieved against Hamas is what General Doron Almog and other military thinkers call "accumulated deterrence." Hamas was continuously more deterred even as it trained and became more lethal.

Hamas, which is ideologically committed to destroying the Jewish state, tested Minister of Defense Avigdor Lieberman's mettle by launching, eight months ago, weekly "marches of return" and daily incendiary balloons. Hamas called his bluff, and the Netanyahu government did not go to war.

This paved the way for a careful strategy of extortion in which Hamas tries to inflict a minimum of violence for maximum dividends, staying just shy of the type of all-out war it assiduously tries to avoid. This strategy annuls "accumulated deterrence," and the dividends Hamas reaps are used to continue the violence and improve the lethality of its troops. The \$15 million in cash recently distributed to Hamas by the Qatari envoy, with Netanyahu's permission, highlighted the effectiveness of this strategy.

This is a losing proposition that can only be changed by another massive round of fighting. The closer the intervals between wars with Israel, the greater the chance that Hamas will not only be deterred but will experience

struggle for civil rights in the United States, has grown in the left, on college campuses, and with popular protest groups like the anti-Trump Women's March. The willingness of those who embrace antisemites gives the lie to the assumption that left-wing Jew-hatred is confined to the fever swamps of American society, as is the case for the far-right.

We should celebrate Israel's successes, which point to the utter failure of BDS on the international stage. But those stories only make it clearer that the real battlefield against BDS is here in the United States, not in the Middle East.

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something else to set against it — a faith, a trust, an unbreakable hope that proved stronger than historical inevitability. It is not too much to say that Jewish survival was sustained in that hope. And that hope came from a simple — or perhaps not so simple — phrase in the life of Jacob. He refused to be comforted. And so — while we live in a world still scarred by violence, poverty and injustice — must we.

Shabbat shalom

the change of heart that affected the Arab states in the 1970s.

There is no good reason to delay the next inevitable round of fighting. Consider the arguments made against another massive round.

The focus on Iran was one of Netanyahu's declared reasons for delaying another war with Hamas. This no longer makes sense, as the US has taken major steps against Tehran. One can even argue that Israel's weakness against Hamas goads Iran on rather than inhibits it.

There was hope that pressure from the Gazan public would force Hamas into a quid pro quo — that concessions granted to Hamas for the sake of peace would result in the group being tamed in the way the Palestinian Authority has been tamed, at least to a degree. Yet after every concession — the latest in the form of pure cash — Hamas responds not with peace but with bolder and more violent efforts at the fence (including crossing it for the purpose of intelligence gathering), and, above all, more missile launches.

Rather than "accumulated deterrence," which Israel achieved in the first three rounds, we are now in an extortion framework. We are seeing provocations increase, with Hamas and its allies launching more and more missiles over the past eight months. At the previous peak in May, a little over a month after the March of Return campaign began, 200 missiles were launched over two days. Last week, 469 missiles were launched over the same period.

One of the greatest acts of political acumen in recent world history was to reward West Germany with the Marshall Plan rather than with the sort of punishment that was meted out to a far more benign Germany after WWI. But this was only a wise move after the total defeat of Nazi Germany.

There are many who want to avoid war and shower Gaza with economic aid before defeating Hamas. This would be an act of political delusion, not acumen.

Solomon, the wisest of men, said there is a time for war and a time for peace. Now, alas, is the time for war.

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Another Round, Not More Extortion, Is Needed in Gaza



HILLEL FRISCH
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To urge a fourth round of warfare against Hamas is no easy matter, least of all at a moment when Israeli decision makers were surprised to learn of an unanticipated fiscal gap of 3.6 percent between state revenue and expenditures. And wars are costly not only in

treasure but in lives.

However, questions about the timing of a fourth round with Hamas must not blind us to the need for it. Only another such round can possibly bring the group to the conclusion the Arab states reached after four rounds of war with the Jewish state in 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973 — that the pain to be suffered is so great, and the chance of eliminating the Jewish state so slim, as to render further violence pointless.

This realization on the part of the Arab states did not stem from a change of heart regarding Israel. In the most recent Pew poll, the most reliable survey of public opinion in