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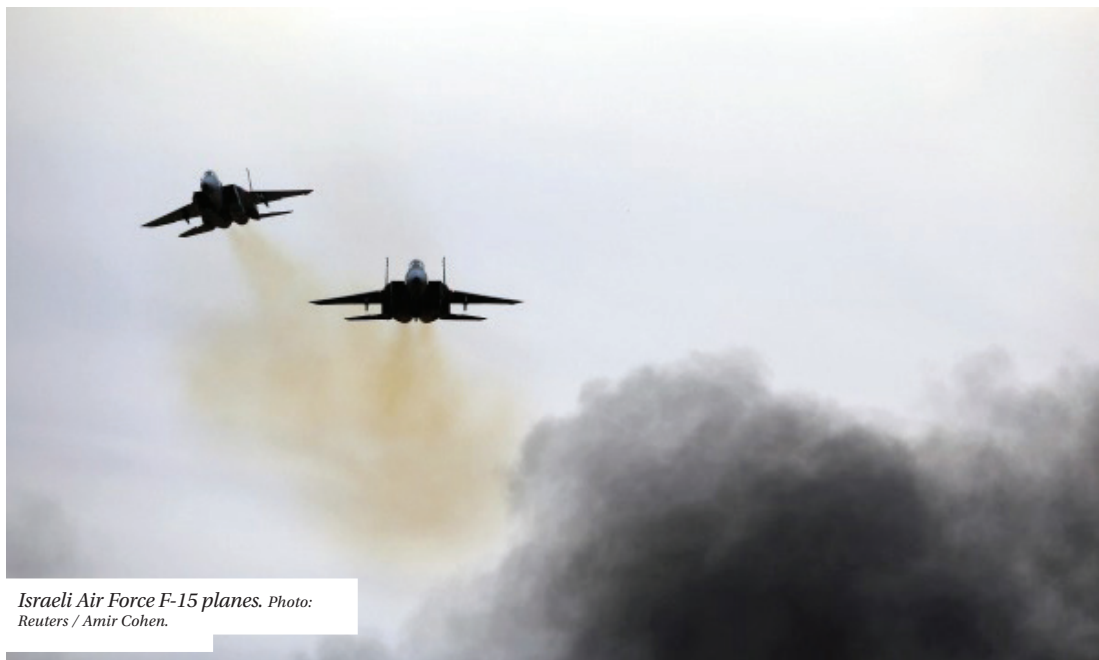
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## Experts Herald New Battle in Secret Israel-Iran War



Israeli Air Force F-15 planes. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

**BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN**

Sunday's Iranian rocket attack on the Golan Heights and the resulting massive Israeli retaliatory strike in Syria against targets connected to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps's Quds Force marked the opening of a new battle in the ongoing secret war between the Jewish state and the Tehran

regime, experts said on Monday.

According to the Hebrew news site *Mako*, the rocket attack was planned in advance by Tehran in a bid to impede Israel's ongoing air campaign against Iranian entrenchment in Syria. The IDF had identified preparations for such an attack for several weeks and readied a response plan.

The purpose of the Israeli operation was to restore deterrence against Iran and destroy high-value

sites, such as ammunition dumps and intelligence installations. According to *Mako*, Iran's ally Russia was informed of the strike just before it was launched.

In an analysis published by the Hebrew news site *Walla*, military analyst Amir Bohbot wrote, "The ayatollahs in Tehran made a decision several months ago to give full backing to the Quds Force commander, Qasem Soleimani,

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## Lawyers for Jihadi Terrorist Shooting Push 'Mossad' Conspiracy Theory in Court

**BY BEN COHEN**

First responders who attended victims of the May 2014 terrorist attack on the Jewish Museum in Brussels gave harrowing evidence in court on Monday of the bloodstained scene they encountered, as lawyers for the Islamist accused of the atrocity held firm to their main line of defense — the conspiracy theory that the operation was carried out by Mossad, Israel's intelligence service.

As the trial of accused terrorist Mehdi Nemmouche entered its second week in a criminal court in the Belgian capital, emergency service workers recalled the fear



Lawyers at the trial of Mehdi Nemmouche in Brussels. Photo: Pool via Reuters.

they experienced as they tended to victims, not knowing whether the shooter was still in the area. Charlyne Lietard, a nurse, told the court the four victims were "people who appeared to have been executed, given the precision of the shots." Three of the victims — Emmanuel and Miriam Riva, an Israeli couple who were visiting the museum, and Dominique Sabrier, a museum volunteer — had died by the time the first-responders reached them. The fourth victim — Alexandre Strens, who worked at the museum as a receptionist — passed away in a hospital two weeks later.

Belgian media reports of Monday's hearing all noted that

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## Undermining Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy

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## Opinion.

## Young American Jews Say 'IfNotNow Doesn't Speak For Us'

STEPHANIE MARGOLIS,  
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NEIL DASGUPTA

We are young Jews from across the United States. We represent the left, right, and center of the political spectrum. We are Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Mizrahi, Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform. Yet, despite our differences, we are united in our view of the group IfNotNow (INN): they do not speak for us.

INN claims that Jewish institutions systematically censor the truth about Israel, taking advantage of our naivete and selling us a utopian image of the Jewish state that ignores its flaws. But this is not our experience.

We remember our youth as a time of joyous simplicity. Our Hebrew schools and families taught us the virtue of "Tikkun Olam" (repairing the world) and encouraged us to pursue justice. Israel was naturally a shared value for us.

Our youth in summer camps, synagogues, and day schools was suffused with education about Israel, and what it meant for the Jewish people. We were encouraged to unequivocally support the right of the Jewish people to a country of their own in their ancestral home. However, we also learned very early on that, as Zionists, we could love Israel while criticizing it at the same time.

Growing up, our educators and families did minimize our exposure to the worst of

the conflict between Israel and its neighbors. We understand that they were preserving our innocence and do not blame them. We recognize that this is a privilege robbed from Israeli and Palestinian children, who must live within the conflict. No child should be exposed to war or terror, and we are grateful that we were able to mature before learning about the harsher realities in more depth.

University life was a whole new world that tested our knowledge and identities. However, instead of abandoning our values, our passion for Israel has only deepened. Exposure to different narratives and historical contradictions has motivated us to strengthen ourselves and our Jewish communities. We strive to meet our intellectual, social, and political challenges with engagement, understanding, pride, growth, and solidarity with other marginalized groups.

We continue to see Israel as a dynamic country involved in some of the most amazing technological, cultural, and humanitarian pursuits. The revival and resilience of this nation, surviving and thriving against all odds, is part of what makes us proud to be Jewish and supportive of Israel. And we also see a country only 70 years young, which is still a work in progress.

Debates about religion and state, struggles for social and economic justice, and tensions with neighbors are all part of Israel too. As young Jews, we differ about how to solve these problems, but we are united in our dream of a more just and peaceful future for

all people in the region.

We also understand that there are no easy solutions — and no amount of slogans, chants, or entitled outbursts against Birthright Israel by IfNotNow and other groups can change the reality on the ground.

Palestinian leaders have rejected every major peace proposal since the 1937 Peel Commission Plan. In 2000 and 2008, the Israeli government offered to leave almost all of Gaza and the West Bank for the creation of a Palestinian state, in return for peace. Palestinian leaders said no, and refused to even make a counter-offer. In 2005, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon withdrew all Israeli soldiers and civilians from the Gaza Strip, despite harsh criticism from his own political party. As we all know, the result was not "freedom and dignity for all" (INN's slogan), but a brutal takeover by Hamas, which oppresses its own people and uses Gaza as a launching pad for terror attacks against Israelis.

Israel's attempts to "end the occupation" have been met with suicide bombings, rockets, terror tunnels, and genocidal rhetoric by terrorist groups. They have been met with Fatah rewarding terrorism, spreading antisemitism, and denying any Jewish connection to Israel in the Palestinian media, education system, and beyond. By ignoring these realities, INN perpetuates the conflict and reinforces a black and white narrative that fuels hostility against Israelis and Jews around the world.

INN is far from the first to promote external



IfNotNow protesters disrupt a Boston Red Sox baseball game. Photo: IfNotNow via Twitter.

pressure on Israel without holding Palestinian leaders accountable. While INN might argue that this is legitimate because Israel has stronger defensive capabilities, nothing can justify giving Hamas and Fatah's systemic exploitation of Palestinian suffering, nor their ongoing aggression against Israelis, a free pass.

Furthermore, in taking "no position" on Zionism or Israel's right to exist, INN emboldens extremists who want the Jewish state dismantled. Pushing an immoral approach that has only pulled Israelis and Palestinians further apart is not revolutionary. In fact, it only serves to entrench the status quo.

As young Jews who want to stand on the right side of history, the lack of a clear solution to the conflict is deeply frustrating. Yet it is unthinkable for us to ignore the concerns of Israelis or Palestinians because of our frustration. The shallow, one-sided propaganda and instant social media gratification sold by INN is not a substitute for genuine engagement

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## New York Times Columnist Cheers for Boycotting Israel



IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

"Time to break the silence on Palestine," is the headline over *New York Times* opinion columnist Michelle Alexander's article, and a pretty good indication of where it's going, because there's no "silence" to break on the issue, and because "Palestine" isn't a country and never has been.

Alexander uses the approaching Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday to accuse Israel of having "adopted some practices reminiscent of apartheid in South Africa and Jim Crow segregation in the United States."

Alexander's analysis is so far off the deep end that it almost doesn't merit a response.

She refers to "[o]ur elected representatives, who operate in a political environment where Israel's political lobby holds well-documented power," hyperlinking to *The Washington Post* home page rather than to any actual documentation of such power. Is her innuendo that Israel controls *The Washington Post*? Never mind that the lobby isn't "Israel's" but America's, consisting of American Jews and Christians who support Israel for many excellent reasons.

Alexander trades in double negatives: "This is not to say that anti-Semitism is not real." She can't quite bring herself to say that antisemitism is real. Anyone wondering about that, however, might examine Alexander's

own column, which obsesses, using a classically antisemitic trope, about Jewish financial power. "Many civil rights activists and organizations have remained silent as well, not because they lack concern or sympathy for the Palestinian people, but because they fear loss of funding from foundations," she writes. As if pro-Israel Jews control the big foundations? Alexander also cheers, for *Times* readers, as an example of "moral clarity," the United Methodist Church pension fund's boycott of the five largest Israeli banks. Alexander concedes that "while criticism of Israel is not inherently anti-Semitic, it can slide there." She seems not even the slightest bit aware that her own column is a demonstration of precisely that phenomenon.

Alexander seems totally unfamiliar with the reality of Israel. She writes of King, "Like many black leaders of the time, he recognized European Jewry as a persecuted, oppressed and homeless people striving to build a nation of their own." Yet Israel is a home not only for "European Jewry," but for Jews from Yemen, Morocco, Iraq, Ethiopia, Egypt, Syria and many other Middle Eastern and African countries where they were brutally persecuted, expelled and oppressed until they found refuge in Israel. It is also home to a population of Jews who have dwelled there for many centuries.

Alexander writes that King "said on national television that it would be necessary for Israel to return parts of its conquered territory to achieve true peace and security and to avoid exacerbating the conflict." But

Alexander makes no mention of the reality that Israel did indeed return the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt as part of a peace agreement, or that Israel has withdrawn from Gaza and Arab population centers in the West Bank.

Alexander mentions a Reconstructionist rabbi. "During more than 20 visits to the West Bank and Gaza, he saw horrific human rights abuses, including Palestinian homes being bulldozed while people cried — children's toys strewn over one demolished site — and saw Palestinian lands being confiscated to make way for new illegal settlements subsidized by the Israeli government," she writes. She doesn't mention or even acknowledge the tears or strewn toys of Israeli Jewish children caused by Arab suicide bombings and rocket attacks on Israeli civilian targets.

It's a sad day when a *New York Times* op-ed columnist — not a guest contributor, but a regular columnist — can mark Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a piece applauding a boycott of Jewish banks. King is an American hero because he fought *against* bigotry. It's perverse.

The American Jewish Committee called Alexander's op-ed "shameful." That's close, but perhaps too kind. "Shameless" is more like it.

Maybe — hopefully — one of *The New York Times'* Zionist voices such as Bret Stephens, Bari Weiss or Matti Friedman will rise to the occasion with a powerful rebuttal of Alexander, the way Stephens did recently when another *Times* op-ed columnist, Michelle Goldberg, defended anti-Zionism. But there's something vile about the notion that something as blatantly bigoted as a

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## World News.

# Israel Reopens Hermon Ski Resort After Iranian Missile Soars Over Golan Heights

BY JNS.ORG

The popular Hermon ski resort in the northern Golan Heights will open again for visitors after being closed due to the launch of an Iranian rocket over the area and Israel's subsequent military response.

The Israel Defense Forces shuttered the snowy site amid concerns for public safety in case of a possible military escalation.

"Given the situation, it has been decided that the Hermon site will not open to visitors Monday," the army said in a statement early on Monday morning, which was publicized on the Hermon ski website.

On Sunday, a medium-range Iranian surface-to-surface missile was launched over the Hermon mountain area before it was intercepted by an Iron Dome missile-defense system. Reports on Monday indicated that the Iranian-made missile carried a 440 pound to



An Israeli soldier skis on snow-covered Mount Hermon in the Golan Heights in northern Israel on Jan. 21, 2019. Photo: Basel Awidat/Flash90.

half-ton warhead and had a range of 155 miles.

Israel responded by hitting numerous Iranian targets in Syria, including a site just outside the Damascus International Airport.

At 6,500 feet, Mount Hermon is Israel's largest mountain, and is an attraction for skiers and families who come to play in the rare snow.

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**Conspiracy Theory**

Nemmouche sat impassively throughout the testimonies, as did his alleged co-conspirator, Nacer Bendrer, who is suspected of supplying the weapons used in the attack. At one point, Nemmuouche asked for, and was granted, a copy of a Power Point presentation shown to the court by police investigators at the crime scene. However, when court judge Laurence Massart asked him a question, Nemmuouche — a French jihadi who traveled to Syria in 2013 where he joined ISIS — refused to answer, speaking only to his lawyers.

Nemmouche's trial is expected to conclude by the beginning of March. If found guilty, he faces a sentence of life imprisonment. But when his lawyers present the case for the defense, they will argue that Nemmuouche was not the killer, and that the four victims were murdered as part of "a targeted execution by Mossad agents."

Given the overwhelming material evidence against Nemmuouche that has already been gathered — his fingerprints on the handgun and his DNA on the Kalashnikov rifle used in the attack, as well as several witnesses confirming that the loud, guttural voice caught on the video of the attack was his — observers of the trial have remarked on

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**Young American**

Judaism teaches us to see dignity in all human beings and pursue justice because of that. As disappointing as discourse about Israel has been at times, we still maintain

— hope. We still believe young American Jews can come together, educate themselves,

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**New Battle**

despite domestic criticism of continued Iranian consolidation in Syria, and despite Israeli determination and the price Iran will have to pay."

"The purpose of the launch" at the Golan, he said, "was to create a balance of terror between Iran and Israel and to exert pressure on the Israeli government not to attack Iranian

his apt choice of Brussels lawyer Sébastien Courtoy to head his legal team.

Among Courtoy's other clients are Laurent Louis, a Belgian Holocaust denier and former member of the country's parliament, and Dieudonné M'bala M'bala, a French antisemitic propagandist who describes himself as a comedian, and whose favored theme is mocking the Holocaust. In 2012, Dieudonné presented Courtoy and his fellow lawyer in Nemmuouche trial, Henri Laquay, with the "Golden Quenelle" Award — named in honor of the inverted Nazi salute adopted by Dieudonné's followers in France and Belgium.

A 2015 profile of Courtoy called him "the Vergès of the Islamists" — a reference to the late French lawyer Jacques Vergès, whose client list famously included Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, left-wing terrorist Ilich Ramirez ("Carlos the Jackal") Sanchez and Holocaust denier Robert Faurisson.

The same profile quoted a Brussels lawyer's description of Courtoy as an "antisemitic Don Quixote" who saw Jewish conspiracies lurking behind every corner. In 2006, after his former schoolteacher criticized him for defending Islamists in court, Courtoy demanded police protection from what he insisted was a Mossad plot to silence him.

and be part of the solution. It starts with putting the slogans aside, recognizing the rights and dignity of Israelis and Palestinians, and approaching both peoples with the respect and agency they deserve.

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targets in Syria."

"Israel's response," he noted, "was crushing."

Nonetheless, Bohbot said, there was no reason for complacency. "The public must understand that the Iranians are cooking up a more severe response and it will come," he said. "It does not have to be on the border or in the home front, but it can also be expressed through terror."

# Israel, US Defense Ministries Successfully Test Arrow-3 Missile-Defense System



The "Arrow II" intercepting missile launcher at the Palmachim Israeli Airforce base on May 9, 2014. Photo: Hadas Parush/Flash 90.

BY JNS.ORG

A little more than a day after Israel pounded Iranian targets in Syria in reprisals for a missile launched on the Golan Heights, Israel's Defense Ministry and the US Missile Defense Agency successfully tested the Arrow-3 missile-defense system.

The test, conducted in partnership between Israel Aerospace Industries and the Israeli Air Force, caused loud explosions near the Palmachim Air Base and was heralded as a success.

"This successful test provides confidence in Israel's capability to protect itself from existing threats in the region," said Missile Defense Agency Director Lt. Gen. Samuel Greaves. "My congratulations to the Israel Missile Defense Organization, the Israeli Air Force, our MDA team and our industry partners. We are committed to assisting the government of Israel in upgrading its national missile defense capability against emerging threats."

The test run was in the works before Iran

fired a medium-range missile at the Golan Heights on Sunday, which was intercepted by the Iron Dome missile-defense system. Israel responded by hitting multiple targets belonging to Iran in Syria.

Arrow-3 contractors included the Israel Aerospace Industries MALAM division, Elbit Systems' Elisra division, IAI's TAMAM division, IMI and Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, as well as America's Boeing.

Arrow-3, which is designed to intercept ballistic missiles from outer space, neutralizing them before they even enter Earth's atmosphere, is considered the most state-of-the-art interceptor and the only one that crashes into missiles, rather than detonating them with warheads.

It will serve as the top of the multi-layer Israeli air-defense system, joining the ranks of Arrow-2, David's Sling and Iron Dome.

Tuesday's test follows another successful trial in February 2018. Previous tests detected flaws that have since been fixed.

"The Iranians are determined to complete their settlement in Syria, and as of now they are not in a place where they would like to be," he added. "They do not have an airport or the scope of ammunition they would like at this time, nor the range of missiles, defense systems, intelligence bases, and the range of armed militias they would like to have throughout Syria and certainly near the Israeli border. But they are definitely working 24/7 to meet this goal."

In a series of tweets on Monday, Amos Yadlin — head of the Tel Aviv University-affiliated Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) think tank — warned that the situation could easily deteriorate further.

"The risks of the IAF should be presented clearly," he wrote. "The downing of an Israeli aircraft, friction with the Russians, and a proper escalation to be weighed against the battle gains."

"At the moment," he continued, "all parties are not interested in a comprehensive war. At the same time, wars break out even when neither side wants them."

"The Russians could prevent the escalation of the conflict in Syria if they were to work with the Iranians to remove them from Syria," he noted. "They do not do so and at the same time send messages to Israel not to attack

Damascus International Airport. Despite the Russian warnings, Israel attacked at night, but late at night, with the intention of not harming civilian and Russian aviation."

Dr. Shimon Shapira of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs think tank took a more pessimistic view, writing, "This attack indicated Iran's readiness to ratchet up the level of violence and take greater risks of a strong Israeli reaction, thereby leading to a military deterioration with Israel."

"If reports that some of the targets attacked by Israel were close to the Qods Force command building in the Damascus region are true, from the viewpoint of Iran, it can no longer tolerate Israeli attacks," he added. "This is certainly the case after the end of Israel's ambiguous policy of claiming the military actions and its readiness to take direct responsibility for attacks on Iranian targets in Syria."

"Therefore, it would seem that at this stage, we are facing a new strategic situation with regard to Israel's dealing with Iran in Syria," Shapira concluded. "At its foundation lies the risk that Iran, through the Qods Force, will intensify its reactions to Israeli attacks on Syria and is even prepared to enter into a limited conflict with Israel."



## World News.



*Nauplius graveolens, or "fragrant star," a wildflower that grows in desert areas of Israel.*  
Photo: Dead Sea and Arava Science Center.

## Israeli Scientists Discover Encouraging Anti-Cancer Properties of Desert Plant

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Israeli scientists have seen encouraging results in their study of the anti-cancer properties of a desert plant that grows wild in the Jewish state.

According to Hebrew news site Walla, the plant is the "fragrant star" or *kochav reichani* in Hebrew. It is a desert bush plant that grows throughout the south and east of Israel, in the Arava, Negev and Judean Deserts, and close to the Dead Sea. Also known by the scientific name *Nauplius graveolens*, it is known for its medicinal properties, being long used to treat pain, digestive problems and birth complications.

Following up on previous studies, scientists at the Arava branch of the Dead Sea and Arava Science Center used an extract of the plant to treat mice with lymphoma. After 24 to 48 hours, 50 percent of the cancer cells died, while healthy cells were left unharmed.

Dr. Rivki Ophir, who headed the research

team at the Yair Research Center, said that the processes observed were "very similar to the processes that allow conventional chemotherapy to fight human cancer cells."

"The results of the study are very encouraging," she stated. "Although this is a preliminary study that has not yet been tried in humans, and we do not yet know which types of cancers it can help, the potential is clear — the fragrant star has medical value. If one of the pharmaceutical companies decides to invest in this unique plant, we may be able to bring good news to cancer patients."

"Our findings are not a coincidence," she added. "The Arava, it is said, is a unique area that allows the natural development of desert plants with many medicinal properties, because they survive severe stress conditions including lack of rain, extreme heat, radiation, and more. To survive, they produce unique organic materials."

## Israel Prepares for Historic Visit by Mali Prime Minister

BY JNS.ORG

Prime Minister of Mali Soumeylou Boubèye Maïga is expected to visit Israel in the coming weeks, reported Israel's Channel 13 on Monday.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met last year with Malian President Ibrahim Keita on the sidelines of a summit with West African leaders in Liberia, where the two agreed to seek "warm relations," according to a statement from the Prime Minister's office.

Mali cut ties with Israel following the Yom Kippur War in 1973, when Israel faced a surprise attack from neighboring Arab countries on the holiest day on the Jewish calendar.

This development comes after a major attack by an Islamic terror group killed 10



*Malian Prime Minister Soumeylou Boubèye Maïga.* Photo: Screenshot.

UN peacekeepers from Chad, wounding at least 25 others in Mali on Sunday in what the Al-Qaeda-linked Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimen group said was a response to Chadian President Idriss Déby's renewed diplomatic relations with Israel.

such a boycott is inside the bounds of acceptable discourse is precisely Alexander's point, and one the *Times* implicitly endorses with its decision to publish her column.

*Ira Stoll was managing editor of The Forward and North American editor of The Jerusalem Post.*

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**Boycotting**

boycott of Jewish banks — by a Christian church, no less! — is something to be politely debated, with voices on each side, on the *Times* op-ed page, as if it were immigration policy or the optimal marginal tax rate. That advocacy for

## Central Synagogue in Bulgarian Capital Vandalized by Rock-Throwing Assailant

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Rocks were thrown through the windows of the Great Prayer Hall of the Central Synagogue in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia on Saturday by an unidentified assailant as onlookers watched.

No one was hurt in the incident, which took place just more than a week after antisemitic graffiti was scrawled on a monument in the city to victims of the Communist regime that ruled Bulgaria from the end of World War II until the fall of the Soviet Union, with which it was allied.

In a statement, the World Jewish Congress (WJC) expressed solidarity "with our community in Bulgaria in decrying this despicable act of vandalism against a center of Jewish life in Sofia," and noted it was "further outraged by the utter lack of attention this desecration was given by passersby."

"We urge the authorities to take every measure possible to ensure their safety and well-being in the face of a spate of antisemitic incidents of late, and recognize that this cannot be treated as a simple act of criminal vandalism," WJC CEO and Executive Vice President Robert Singer said.

"Jews in Bulgaria are proud members of



*Members of Bulgaria's Jewish community attend a service at the Central Synagogue in Sofia, March 10, 2013.* Photo: Reuters / Stoyan Nenov.

society, and their security must be of utmost importance and concern, as with all citizens of Bulgaria," he added. "It is absolutely unacceptable that the community should have to live in fear or trepidation for their lives or their property, simply due to their identity as Jews."

"We trust that the police and government will treat this incident with the severity it deserves, and do everything in their power to prevent such acts of hatred from happening again, including around-the-clock protection of Jewish communal property," Singer concluded.

Around 2,000 Jews live in Bulgaria today. Almost all of the country's pre-World War II Jewish population of nearly 50,000 people survived the Holocaust, but most later left for Israel after its establishment in 1948.

## Israel and Chad Officially Reestablish Diplomatic Ties, as Netanyahu Visits N'Djamena

BY BARNEY BREEN  
-PORTNOY

Israel and Chad officially reestablished diplomatic ties on Sunday, nearly five decades after they were severed.

The announcement was made by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Chadian President Idriss Deby at a meeting in N'Djamena.

"Chad is a very important country and a very important country for Israel," Netanyahu said at a joint press conference with Deby. "We have a partnership in trying to forge a prosperous and secure future for our countries and in a larger sense for Africa and beyond."

"There is a lot that we can do together and we discussed how to deepen our cooperation in every field beginning with security, but also agriculture, food, water, energy, health and many more," the Israeli leader added. "And I believe that this cooperation will build a better, safer and more prosperous future for both our peoples."

"It's significant for us that Chad is a country with a Muslim majority that seeks the friendship of Israel," Netanyahu pointed out. "There are many such countries, but in Africa this is particularly significant."

In his own remarks, Deby said, "Chad will do everything it can to strengthen the ties between the two countries and the bilateral cooperation in various matters."

"I note with satisfaction our shared view on the need to combine forces to tackle terrorism, which spares no country," he stated.

Deby also expressed his hope of seeing

Israel "live in peace and security next to a Palestinian state."

Netanyahu's trip to Chad came two months after Deby visited Israel.

Israel and Chad had friendly relations in 1960s after the north-central African nation was granted independence from France. But, like a number of its sub-Saharan neighbors, Chad cut off ties with the Jewish state in the early 1970s, due to pressure from the late Libyan ruler Muammar Gaddafi.

Before his departure for N'Djamena late Saturday night, Netanyahu told reporters at Ben-Gurion International Airport, "I am now leaving on another historic and important breakthrough, to Chad, a huge Muslim country bordering Libya and Sudan. This is part of the revolution that we are doing in the Arab and Islamic worlds. I promised you that this would happen. There will be more major news. There will be more countries."

"This is very disturbing and even causes outrage in Iran and among the Palestinians who are trying to prevent this," he went on to say, "They will not succeed."



*Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shakes hands with Chadian President Idriss Deby, Jan. 20, 2019.* Photo: Kobi Gideon / GPO / Handout via Reuters.



U.S. News.

# Former Women's March Leader Upbraids 'Antisemite' Linda Sarsour for Posting Article Claiming Jews Are Waging War on Black People

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

The article promoted by Sarsour was penned by Jodi Jacobson, president and editor in chief Anti-Israel activist and Woman's March co-chair Linda Sarsour was excoriated as an "antisemite" on Sunday by a former ally who once headed the DC chapter of the popular political movement.

Mercy Morganfield, who is also the daughter of famed American blues singer-songwriter Muddy Waters, took to Facebook to upbraid Sarsour after the latter posted a link to an article that accused the Jewish community of waging a "profound war on black people."

Highlighting the offending paragraphs in a screenshot, Morganfield began, "This is How S\*\*t Gets Started."

She continued, "Linda Sarsour is an antisemite and even when she is apologizing to the Jewish community on the one hand, she is condemning it on the other. She can't help it. This is who she is and as long as the five board members are in power you will continue to see these sharp divisions they themselves foster."

Alluding to the failure of Women's March leaders to fully repudiate infamous antisemite Louis Farrakhan, long a source of concern among mainstream Jewish groups, she added, "During this entire fiasco who has continually attacked whom? Jewish people asking you to condemn an antisemite and antisemitism is not an attack. Writing that Jewish people are waging war on black people is an attack. It is vicious. It is vile. And it is not true. They are their own worst enemy. An appalling lack of judgment on Linda's part. On this day, during this ongoing controversy." of Rewire.News, a progressive website focusing on reproductive rights and other social causes.

# ADL Offers Reward of Up to \$5,000 for Info on Latest Anti-Jewish Assault in Crown Heights

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Anti-Defamation League is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrator of an alleged assault on a Jewish woman in Brooklyn's Crown Heights neighborhood on Friday — the latest in series of such incidents in which Jews have been targeted in the area.

The woman, according to police and media reports, was punched in the arm by a passerby, without provocation.

Last weekend, a Jewish man was punched to the face and thrown to the ground in Crown Heights. And another Jewish man in the neighborhood was punched in the stomach on Wednesday.

"We remain deeply concerned about these alleged acts of violence and the escalating climate of tension and fear that has followed," Evan R. Bernstein — regional director of the ADL New York / New Jersey — stated. "We all must work together to address these tensions and remain vigilant in making sure our communities are safe for all residents."

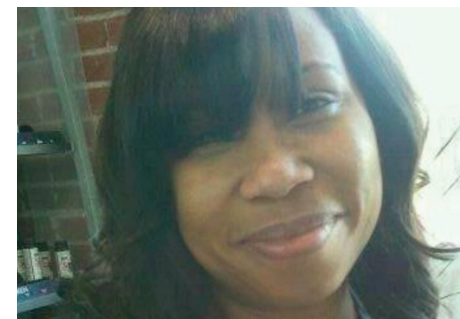
"We hope this reward facilitates the swift apprehension of the person(s) responsible, and we thank the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force for investigating," he added.

In an interview with The Algemeiner last month about the spate of violent attacks against Jews in Crown Heights in recent months, Rabbi David Niederman — president of the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg and North Brooklyn — said, "It's terrible that one doesn't feel safe stepping out of his home at any time of the day."

On Saturday, Sarsour had used an address to thousands of demonstrators in Washington, DC, to advocate on behalf of the BDS movement against the Jewish state. She called on protesters to stand up for "free speech and our constitutional right to boycott, divestment and sanctions in these United States of America."

Fellow Women's March co-leader Tamika Mallory — who just a few days earlier declined to affirm that the Jewish people were native to the Middle East — stood next to Sarsour and nodded as the pro-BDS remark was made.

Morganfield had previously called out the leaders of the Women's March for their insensitivity to the Jewish community. In November 2018, Morganfield accused Mallory in a lengthy Facebook post of deploying "antisemitic rhetoric," adding, "Tamika and Linda have betrayed all women by their subservience to



Mercy Morganfield. Photo: Facebook.

radical religious beliefs that do not believe in equal rights for women...All six [Women's March leaders] should step down. It is a board of six friends and zero accountability."

In a separate Facebook post on Saturday, Morganfield lamented that Mallory had become "the face of antisemitism."

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## Opinion.

# Anti-Israel Hit Job Conflates Press Freedoms in Israel and Palestinian Territories



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If you were a writer spotlighting Israeli Arab media issues for a magazine like the *Columbia Journalism Review*, your reporting would include interviews with veteran Israeli Arab journalists, media personalities, news directors, and other heavyweights who have since retired or moved on to other things.

Your context would also note that the only free Arab media outlets in the Mideast are in Israel.

You would certainly make a crystal clear distinction between Israeli Arab media outlets (under the jurisdiction of Israel) and Palestinian media outlets (in the West Bank, under the jurisdiction of the Fatah-run Palestinian Authority — or in Gaza, under the Hamas regime).

And you absolutely wouldn't let yourself be played into promoting those government-controlled Palestinian news services.

Unfortunately, Jerusalem-based freelance journalist Miriam Berger managed to do all that and smear Israeli press freedom in a mere 1,426 words:

*The struggle to create a sustainable and independent Palestinian press inside Israel reflects many of the pressures facing these communities. Stories about Palestinian citizens of Israel are often not heard, even though the citizens themselves are a crucial component of the stories others tell. And journalists say there are few good options for Arabic-speaking reporters in the country.*

There are plenty of successful veteran Israeli Arab journalists who would likely share their warts-and-all insights on maintaining a balance between their professional life and

personal identities. A who's who of Israeli Arab journalists would include personalities such as

- Lucy Aharish — the first Arab Muslim news presenter on mainstream Hebrew-language Israeli TV.
- Ali Waked — head of *i24 News*' Arabic division.
- Zouheir Bahloul — longtime sports journalist and recently retired Knesset member.
- Khaled Abu Toameh — *The Jerusalem Post*'s Palestinian affairs correspondent.
- Ayman Sikseck — *Haaretz* columnist whose short stories, poems, and literary criticism have raised his profile.
- Shibel Karmi Mansour — Druze news anchor on TV and radio.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Instead, Berger's window into Israeli Arab journalism is provided primarily by Majd Daniel, Ameer Khatib, and Rafaat Abu Aish — a trio of obscure twenty-something freelancers living in Israel. (Unlike regular journalists who are directly employed by a news service and receive a regular salary, freelancers are their own bosses and are paid on an hourly or daily basis.)

These three haven't been around long enough to have a broader view of the Israeli Arab media landscape. Thus, we're treated to chestnuts like this:

*"I cannot be a Palestinian journalist in a medium that broadcasts the news in this way," he says, declining to go into specifics. "When I left i24News I was looking for a medium that's talking like me, that has the same point of view, an agenda that I agree with basically."*

Blurring the differences between Israeli Arabs and Palestinians doesn't serve anyone's interests, especially when writing for foreign audiences. People seeing the *Columbia* headline declaring that "Palestinian citizens of Israel struggle to tell their stories" will assume that this is another story about "occupation."

Berger repeatedly refers to "Palestinian

citizens of Israel," "the Palestinian press inside Israel," and "Palestinians inside Israel" in the reporters' voice. One freelancer refers to himself as a "Palestinian Arab."

The result simply conflates Israeli Arabs and Palestinians. And that's a shame, because the Israeli press — whether in Hebrew, Arabic, or any other language — enjoys press freedom, while the Palestinian press operating in the West Bank and Gaza does not. So the conversation that the *Columbia Journalism Review* wants to have about Israeli Arab journalism is skewed from the get-go.

If Berger is opening the door on press freedom in the West Bank and Gaza, then she needs to elaborate on the Palestinian Authority's most recent restrictions on online expression, and Hamas detaining (and assaulting?) the director of the Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate.

But that would spoil the mood that Berger and her freelancers want to create.

From the article, you get the impression that there's no truly independent journalism for Israeli Arabs. The most popular site for Israeli Arab news, *Panet*, is brushed off with an anonymous smear ("several journalists dismissed its content as 'yellow news'") even though it addresses important local issues such as crime and education. Neither does Berger give the dignity of a mention to respected, professional news sites such as *Al Sonara* and *Kul al-Arab*, both Nazareth-based. Another site, *Bokra*, is mentioned in terms of advertising revenue without getting its due as a professional outlet.

Then there's Israel's national broadcaster, *Kan*, and its Arabic version, *Makan*, which is dismissed with a bah-humbug:

*Makan is quite popular on Facebook and has a large following among Palestinians. But, despite its popularity, young journalists such as Daniel aren't interested in working there.*

*"I don't want to work with an Israeli channel and use their language," he says. On*

vote the following day. And sure enough, Corbyn's motion lost by the predicted margin, as the rebel Conservatives and Northern Ireland Unionists, who only 24 hours earlier inflicted abject humiliation upon the prime minister, came to her rescue so as not to risk a Corbyn government.

Ah, people will say, but these are distinctly abnormal times in Britain, and that's why May's government survived. To say that, and nothing more, is to coddle Corbyn with a generosity that he does not deserve. Being singularly unable to bring down the weakest government the British people have known in their lifetime is a sign of his profound political failure. As each day passes, he is less likely to realize his goal of a general election.

All of which means that Corbyn has to think and talk about a subject he would rather avoid: Brexit. It's here that we get to one of the Monty Python-esque ironies of this mess. Theresa May, who supported remaining in the European Union, leads a party whose majority is clamoring to leave. But for Corbyn, who personally loathes the EU as a bankers club that ultimately serves American corporate and national security interests, it's the other way around.

Now that he can't shift the public focus by forcing a general election, Corbyn is effectively boxed into the Brexit debate. Each option available to him carries significant risks.

If Corbyn backs a deal that sees Britain



Low Memorial Library at Columbia University. Photo: Alex Proimos.

*Makan, terms like "occupation" and "nakba" are not allowed. "The Israeli narrative totally differs," Daniel says. "As a Palestinian journalist [at Makan] I can't be free."*

That would be news to *Makan* talk show host Eman Al-Qassam Suleiman, who provides free-wheeling, open discussion with lawmakers, academics, businessmen, and other notables on the topics of the day.

Yet Berger's report subtly promotes one problematic TV station. Daniel and Khatib both work for *Musawa TV*, which is linked to and receives funding from the Palestinian Authority.

*Both say that Musawa offers them the best working conditions, in terms of pay, resources, and editorial standards.*

*The channel also has a complicated status. Musawa started in 2015 as Palestine 48. The channel began as a project of the Palestinian Authority (PA), which Israel bans from operating outside of parts of the West Bank. Soon after its launch, Israel shut down the channel for its relation to the PA. A few weeks later, the channel relaunched as Musawa. It is now produced by Al Arz Production company, an Israeli company in Nazareth, where the office is based. But in its current form it remains connected to the PA, and is broadcast via Ramallah, where the PA is based.*

...  
*Daniel says he thinks criticism of politicians is important. On Musawa, he says, "you can criticize the members of the Israeli parliament and [Arab] coalition. It's not a big space, but you can." For the PA, however, "you can't criticize," says Daniel.*

Shame on Miriam Berger and the *Columbia Journalism Review* for this unprofessional and unhelpful piece.

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## Know Your Enemy: Jeremy Corbyn's Brexit Test



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They used to call them "pea-soupers": dense, choking fogs caused by smoke from burning coal that frequently enveloped London until the middle of the last century, leaving a person unable, according to legend, to see further than their outstretched hands. That more or less describes the situation of the British people with regard to their impending departure — Brexit — from the European Union.

Those Jews outside the United Kingdom who are following the Brexit debacle with particular interest are probably concerned that, from somewhere within the depths of this political fog, there's the possibility that Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn will become prime minister. They are concerned because Corbyn has presided over his party's

emergence as — to quote Conservative Prime Minister Theresa May during this week's House of Commons debate on Labour's no-confidence motion in her government — "the banner under which racists and bigots whose worldview is dominated by a hatred of Jews could gather."

I'm not going to rule out the prospect of Corbyn becoming prime minister of the United Kingdom, if only because nothing can be ruled out at this moment. But I am going to argue that getting there will require Corbyn to navigate a road more twisted and strewn with obstacles than his many adversaries around the world might appreciate.

To begin with, despite being blessed with the kind of political opportunity that most opposition leaders pray for — in this case, the crushing of May's Brexit plan by the largest House of Commons majority against a British government in nearly a century — not one single political pundit or member of parliament gave a second thought to the idea that Corbyn might actually win the no-confidence

remaining in a customs union with the EU — an outcome that the pro-Brexit camp believes is just as bad as remaining in the EU itself — he has to go against his own hard-left political leanings, as well as subject himself to the scorn of the working class, pro-Brexit voters that he believes can be won back to the Labour Party. If he comes out against a second referendum on Brexit — a position for which there is strong support throughout Labour's ranks — he has to contend with potentially alienating the younger voters who want Britain to remain inside the EU. If he decides to put country before party by joining May in negotiating a cross-party consensus on a revised Brexit deal — a task that is nearly impossible — he may find himself making compromises he wished he hadn't in order to prop up a dying Conservative government.

None of these avenues provides Corbyn with a clear means of escaping the Brexit debate, so that he can channel, as one of his leading supporters explained to *The New York Times*, "the existing economic anger and, rather than mobilizing it against migrants, mobilize it against elites and the establishment that have rigged the economy." As long as the subject remains Brexit, Corbyn will be feeling queasy.

Corbyn's present position is that he wants May to guarantee that a no-deal Brexit will be avoided, but without having to participate in the negotiations himself. The deadline for

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## Opinion.

# Netanyahu's Welcome 'Ambiguity' Breach



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In a virtually unprecedented move, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu acknowledged on Sunday that the IDF has been "working with impressive success to block Iran's military entrenchment in Syria."

Breaking with Israel's policy of operational "ambiguity," Netanyahu not only stated generally that the Israeli military has struck Iranian and Hezbollah targets "hundreds of times" in recent years, but went into uncharacteristic detail about the latest strike. "Just in the last 36 hours, the air force attacked Iranian warehouses with Iranian weapons at the international airport in Damascus," he said. "The accumulation of recent attacks proves that we are determined more than ever to take action against Iran in Syria, just as we promised."

Netanyahu made these statements at his weekly cabinet meeting, exactly one week after US National Security Adviser John Bolton came to Jerusalem to reassure him that Washington would be "very supportive" of continued Israeli military action in Syria.

Nevertheless, Netanyahu's so-called "breach" of ambiguity reportedly caused a stir among unnamed members of Israel's defense establishment, who were horrified that the prime minister of all people would reveal such sensitive information to the enemy. You know, as though the world previously assumed that the attacks on Iranian and Hezbollah bases and weapons convoys had been carried out

by, say, Norwegian forces.

More ridiculous was the response of former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, whose pathetic attempts over the years to return to the political arena and topple Netanyahu have been utterly fruitless. Barak had the gall to accuse Netanyahu of spilling state secrets at the expense of national security for "personal promotion" ahead of the April 9 Knesset elections.

Barak knows that in the age of the Internet, traditional Israeli ambiguity has lost all relevance. We Israeli journalists groan every time the military censor forces us to preface reports of Israeli operations with the phrase, "According to foreign media reports." It is altogether an antiquated requirement — just as Barak is a failed "has been" whose claims about Netanyahu constitute a clear case of the pot calling the kettle black.

Furthermore, the battle against Iran is not merely military. It also involves no small amount of psychological warfare. By taking credit for successful airstrikes, Netanyahu was not breaching ambiguity; he was conveying to the mullah-led regime in Tehran that its aim to wipe Israel off the map is backfiring. He was also saying that the slated US withdrawal from Syria will not put a dent in Israel's resolve and ability to eliminate the Iranian threat.

Which brings us to Tehran's reaction to Netanyahu's pronouncement. On Tuesday, Iran's Foreign Ministry asserted both that claims of hundreds of successful Israeli operations in Syria were a "baseless ... attempt to conceal [Israel's] ongoing failures in the region," and denied that Iran even has a military presence there.

On Wednesday, however, the commander

of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, Mohammad Ali Jafari, announced, "The Islamic Republic of Iran will leave its military advisers and its weapons in Syria."

Issuing conflicting and contradictory statements about its military prowess and presence is par for the course among the tyrants of Tehran. Like all Islamist regimes, Iran alternates between portraying itself as a victim and a victor. Fluctuating this way within the space of 24 hours is a good indication that the ayatollahs are running scared.

Netanyahu exposed something "unambiguously" valuable this week: Tehran's fear that its initial smug elation at the news of

a US pullout from Syria was premature.

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Dec. 24, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen / File.

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a final deal with the EU is March 29, which is why there is so much hair-pulling going on in London and Brussels as the clock winds down. But from Corbyn's vantage point, that's one hell of a long time from now; a whole nine weeks, more or less, in which he will be under enormous pressure to declare precisely where he stands. If he fails this coming test, his leadership of the Labour Party might not survive.

But before you start feeling too optimistic, even if Corbyn was somehow ousted as

Labour leader, it's still unlikely to mean an end to the antisemitism that has scarred his party. Indeed, as things stand now, his successor would probably come from the same hard-left factions that produced Corbyn himself. This is the new era of British politics, and its pernicious challenges, currently exemplified by Corbyn, will outlast him.

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The second key element lies in the prologue to the covenant.

God tells Moses:

"This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and tell the people of Israel. 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to Me. Now, if you obey Me fully and keep My covenant, you will be My treasured possession, for the whole earth is Mine. You will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation...'" (Ex. 19:3-6)

Moses tells this to the people, who reply: "We will do everything the Lord has said" (Ex. 19:8). Until the people had signified their consent, the revelation could not proceed. The principle at stake was that there is no legitimate government without the consent of the governed, even if the governor is Creator of heaven and earth. I know of few more radical ideas anywhere.

To be sure, there were sages in the Talmudic period who questioned whether the acceptance of the covenant at Sinai was completely free. There is a famous statement in the Talmud:

"And they stood under [normally translated as, "at the foot of "] the mountain" (Ex. 19:17) — this teaches that the Holy One, blessed be He, overturned the mountain above them like a cask and said to them, "If you accept the Torah, it is well, but if not, this will be your burial place."

What the sages are doing here is to question whether the Israelites really had a free choice at Sinai. They had not yet entered the land. They were dependent on God for their food, water and protection. Where could they go, and to whom could they turn, if they said no to God?

The Talmud itself says that "Nonetheless, they re-accepted it in the days of Ahasuerus," that is, at the time described in the book of Esther — one of the only two books in the Bible that does not contain the name of God. In that context there could be no question of divine coercion. However, at the simplest level, this is the significance of the two covenant renewal ceremonies, one at the end of Moses' life, as the Israelites were about to enter the land (Deut. 29-31), the other at the end of Joshua's life, when the people had conquered the land (Joshua 24). The covenant was renewed precisely so that no one could say that it had been entered into coercively when there was no alternative.

At the heart of Judaism is the idea — way ahead of its time, and not always fully realised — that the free God desires the free worship of

free human beings. God, said the rabbis, does not act tyrannically with His creatures.

The third, equally ahead of its time, was that the partners to the covenant were to be "all the people" — men, women and children. This fact is emphasised later on in the Torah in the mitzvah of Hak-hel, the septennial covenant renewal ceremony. The Torah states specifically that the entire people is to be gathered together for this ceremony, "men, women and children" (Deut. 31:10-13). A thousand years later, when Athens experimented with democracy, only a limited section of society had political rights. Women, children, slaves and foreigners were excluded. In many respects this held true until very recently. In Britain, women did not get the vote until 1918. In America, women's suffrage was complete only in 1920, though some states had enacted it earlier.

According to the sages, when God was about to give the Torah at Sinai, He told Moses to consult first with the women and only then with the men. This is the meaning of the verse "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and tell the people of Israel" (Ex. 19:3). The house of Jacob, our sages tell us, refers to the women. The Torah, Israel's "constitution of liberty," includes everyone. It is the first moment, by thousands of years, that citizenship is conceived as being universal.

Perhaps the greatest testimony to the politics of the Hebrew Bible was given by Jean-Jacques Rousseau, in an unpublished manuscript discovered after his death:

*The Jews provide us with an astonishing spectacle: the laws of Numa, Lycurgus, Solon are dead; the very much older laws of Moses are still alive. Athens, Sparta, Rome have perished and no longer have children left on earth; Zion, destroyed, has not lost its children.... What must be the strength of legislation capable of working such wonders, capable of braving conquests, dispersions, revolutions, exiles, capable of surviving the customs, laws, empire of all the nations...to last as long as the world?...any man whosoever he is, must acknowledge this as a unique marvel, the causes of which, divine or human, certainly deserve the study and admiration of the sages, in preference to all that Greece and Rome offer.*

With the revelation at Sinai, something unprecedented entered the human horizon, though it would take centuries, millennia, before its full implications were understood. At Sinai, the politics of freedom was born.

Shabbat shalom

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to be bound, individually and collectively, by a moral code and by a covenant with God.[1]

Standard works on the history of the politics of freedom trace it back through Marx, Rousseau and Hobbes to Plato's *Republic*, Aristotle's *Politics*, and the Greek city states (Athens in particular) of the fifth century BCE. This is a serious error. To be sure, words like "democracy" (rule by the people) are Greek in origin. The Greeks were gifted at abstract nouns and systematic thought. However, if we look at the "birth of the modern" — at figures like Milton, Hobbes and Locke in England, and the founding fathers of America — the book with which they were in dialogue was not Plato or Aristotle but the Hebrew Bible. Hobbes quotes it 657 times in *The Leviathan* alone. Long before the Greek philosophers, and far more profoundly, at Mount Sinai the concept of a free society was born.

Three things about that moment were to prove crucial. The first is that long before Israel entered the land and acquired their own system of government (first by judges, later by kings), they had entered into an overarching covenant with God. That covenant (*Brit Sinai*) set moral limits to the exercise of power. The code we call Torah established for the first time the primacy of right over might. Any king who behaved contrarily to Torah was acting *ultra vires* (beyond legitimate authority), and could be challenged. This is the single most important fact about biblical politics.

Democracy on the Greek model always had one fatal weakness. Alexis de Tocqueville and John Stuart Mill called it "the tyranny of

the majority." J.L. Talmon called it "totalitarian democracy." The rule of the majority contains no guarantee of the rights of minorities. As Lord Acton rightly noted, it was this that led to the downfall of Athens: "There was no law superior to that of the state. The lawgiver was above the law." In Judaism, by contrast, prophets were mandated to challenge the authority of the king if he acted against the terms of the Torah. The classic example is the accusation God tells Elijah to make to King Ahab for seizing Naboth's vineyard: "Thus says the Lord: Would you murder and take possession?" (Kings 21:19).

Individuals were empowered to disobey illegal or immoral orders. The first example was the Hebrew midwives who "feared God and did not do what the Egyptian king had commanded" (Ex. 1:17). Another key moment was when King Saul ordered his servants to kill the priests of Nob, who had given shelter to David, "But the king's servants would not raise a hand to strike down the priests of the Lord" (Samuel 22:17). It was on this tradition that Calvin — inspiration of the seventeenth-century Puritan radicals in England and America — drew, when he said "prophets and teachers may take courage and thus boldly set themselves against kings and nations." It was on the same tradition that Thomas Paine based his pamphlet *Common Sense* (1776), widely credited at the time as the inspiration that led to the American revolution. Historically, it was the covenant at Sinai and all that flowed from it, not the Greek political tradition, that inspired the birth of freedom in Britain and America, the first people to take that road in the modern age.



## Impressions.

# Why Intersectional Ideology Undermines the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The alliance between African-Americans and Jews during the struggle for civil rights has often been invoked when tensions between the two communities have arisen in the decades since the 1960s. Yet the memory of blacks and Jews working together is important not so much for what a few heroes did a half-century ago, but because it sets an example to be emulated by subsequent generations. Since then, Jews and blacks have *sometimes* fallen out over issues like affirmative action. But the two communities have still generally found themselves on the same side of many, if not most, of the great issues of the day.

However, intersectional ideology may succeed where others who sought to sow strife between blacks and Jews failed. That theory holds that the struggle for civil rights in this country is linked to the Palestinian war on Israel, and has gained more notoriety in the last few years as it has been championed by leaders of the anti-Trump movement.

The attempt to tie civil rights, as well as the cause of equality for women, to both anti-Zionism and the BDS movement received a full airing at the various demonstrations organized by the Women's March and related groups last weekend. Speeches and statements by March leaders Tamika Mallory and Linda Sarsour illustrated the way that hate for Israel has become thoroughly integrated into the agenda of some on the left. Indeed, those themes were sounded even at events sponsored by groups that sought to disassociate themselves from the national group after it became tainted by antisemitism, as Rabbi Nicole Guzik of Sinai Temple noted when she explained why she walked out of the Los Angeles March.

But even more disappointing is the attempt to use the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to twist the great civil rights leader's legacy to put him on the side of BDS and the war on Israel.

That was the conceit of a *New York Times* op-ed by columnist Michelle Alexander on Sunday, in which she sought to claim that King would have joined the attack on Israel if he were alive today.

King was inexorably drawn to any fight against injustice. But the idea that he could have been convinced that the Jews — alone of all the peoples of the world — should be denied a state and rights that no one would think to deny anyone else requires not merely a suspension of disbelief, but a deliberate attempt to deny things that he actually said and believed.

Speaking of those who were early champions of what we now call intersectionalism, King said: "Peace for Israel means security, and we must stand with all our might to protect her right to exist, its territorial integrity. ... Israel is one of the great outposts of democracy in the world. ... Peace for Israel means

security and that security must be a reality."

He also famously responded to a questioner who attacked Zionism by saying, "When people criticize Zionists, they mean Jews. You're talking anti-Semitism."

But as Alexander's article illustrates, those who seek to re-imagine King as an enemy of Zionism, rather than as its friend and advocate, are not deterred by the facts.

In its depiction of the conflict between Israel

versy over rescinding an honor to Angela Davis, a member of the Communist Party USA and a supporter of the Black Panthers, a murderous group of violent thugs that preyed upon blacks and whites in the 1960s when King was advocating non-violence. Davis, who was personally involved in terrorism, was going to be honored by the Birmingham Civil Rights Museum, but the plans were canceled when members of the Jewish community protested. They rightly considered



Visitors to the Martin Luther King memorial in Washington, DC marking Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Photo: Reuters/Allison Shelley.

and the Palestinians, Alexander's article is a compendium of half-truths and outright lies. The struggle between the two sides is a complex one in which both sides have suffered, but in Alexander's cartoonish version, only the Palestinians have rights. That the Palestinians have repeatedly refused offers of peace, including statehood, is never mentioned. Nor does she (or her editors) think it necessary to detail that the Israeli security measures she laments were rendered essential by terrorism.

But her column is not about ending the Israeli "occupation" of the West Bank or Jewish settlements. To the contrary, her beef is with Israel's existence as a Jewish state in the pre-1967 borders. Her support for BDS is rooted in the same conviction that motivates its other supporters: a false vision of Israel as a colonial state and the imperative to eliminate it, rather than merely place a Palestinian state alongside it. In her reading, Zionism — the national liberation movement of the Jewish people — is, alone of all such ideas, illegitimate. So while Alexander pays lip service to concerns about antisemitism, she ignores the fact that a movement dedicated to destroying the sole Jewish state is by definition an expression of Jew-hatred.

Interestingly, Alexander cites the contro-

that her backing of BDS, as well as her support for the antisemitic Soviet regime's repression of Jews and other dissidents, rendered her ineligible for such an honor.

We don't have to engage in counter-factual theorizing about what King would have done had he not been assassinated to understand that his faith in non-violence and support for the rights of the Jewish people would have always placed him on the other side of the argument from an advocate of violence like Davis and BDS supporters who wish to wipe Israel off the map.

A lot has changed since King was murdered in 1968 — a point in time when it would have been unimaginable for the *Times* to publish a screed calling for Israel's destruction. That it thinks it appropriate to attack Jewish rights on a day dedicated to commemorating the struggle for civil rights for all people is a bitter irony that a man like Martin Luther King would have viewed as a betrayal of the legacy of brotherhood for which he gave his life.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST Dolores E. Clarke and Milton B Clarke, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated February 09, 2017 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 February 07, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 941 ASHFORD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4403, LOT 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$419,490.04 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 506248/2015. Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 59904  
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SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE J.P. MORGAN ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-A5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff against ISAAC SHOUELA, A/K/A ISAAC SHOELA, ELI SHOUELA A/K/A ELI SHOUELA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 25, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 7th day of February, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain lot, 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, known and designated as Lots Numbers 63 and 64, Block 6826, on a certain plan of lots called "Brooklyn Harlem" (temporary Name) surveyed for Wood Harmon & Co., March 1902 by Samuel H. McElroy, C.E. and C.S. and filed in Kings County Register's Office, March 23, 1902, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Easterly at East 21st Street, 40 feet as shown on said plan; Southerly by Lot 62 in Block 100 feet as shown on said plan; Westerly by lots 26 and 25 in said Block 40 feet as shown on said plan; Northerly by Lot 65 in said Block 100 feet as shown on said plan. Said premises known as 1946 E. 21st Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11229. (Block:

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6826, Lot: 27). Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,153,565.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 20507-13. Bartholomew M. Verdirame, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street - Suite 700 White Plains, New York 10606 (914) 949-2574  
AJ; 1/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2005-11, Adjustable Rate Mortgage Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-11, Plaintiff AGAINST Abraham Brander; David Brander; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 5, 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 February 7, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 872 Bedford Avenue, Unit 4, Brooklyn, NY 11205. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 1900 Lot 1704. Approximate amount of judgment \$292,175.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511965/2014. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 21, 2018 60115  
AJ; 1/4/11/18/25

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Upper Level F & R Cleaning Service LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/2018. 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: Fatima 2080 Wallace Ave. Suite 429 Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 1/4/11/18/25; 2/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Amarnauth Ramotar; et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/11/18 and entered on 6/11/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 14, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 97-24 Drew Street a/k/a 442 Drew Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. 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: 4185, LOT: 43. Approximate amount of judgment is \$405,883.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504301/2014. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www. Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Betty Lugo, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1

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CIAL CREDIT SERVICES NEW YORK, INC., Plaintiff against MARCO FUENTES A/K/A MARCOS FUENTES; WILFREDO A. FUENTES; JANE FUENTES (REFUSED FIRST NAME), et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 28, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 14th day of February, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 205 29th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11232. (Block: 665, Lot: 52). Approximate amount of lien \$ 893,360.06 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 505007-15. Bruno Codispoti, 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; 1/11/18/25; 2/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST ANNISA DANCE and RUSSELL DANCE, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 01, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on February 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 686 WORTMAN AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4546, LOT 100. Approximate amount of judgment \$844,763.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511425/2014. David J. Hernandez, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 60105  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Ernest L. Spence; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 3, 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 February 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 602 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4325 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$979,521.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 508760/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for

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the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 4, 2018 59666  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Roger Wagner; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 19, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 442 Amber Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 4518 Lot: 121. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,028,687.30 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 19707/2012. Henry J. Achiron, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 5, 2018 59448  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1

"Notice of Formation of a Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC). The name of the PLLC is: Family Health Care PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 12/11/2018. The County in which the Office is to be located: KINGS. The SSNY is designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is: 2116 BATH AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11214. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff AGAINST Karine Grunfeld, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 10, 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 February 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1421 EAST 23rd STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 7677, LOT 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$540,641.29 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 515262/2015. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 59944  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS NYMT LOAN TRUST 2013-RP1, Plaintiff, vs. PATRICIA CHARLES-GITTENS, LANCE CASSIUS GITTENS, et al, Defendants NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT in pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County on October 17, 2017, I, Yolanda A. Corion, Esq., the

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Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on February 21, 2019 at Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, at 2:30 PM, the premises described as follows: 3316 Clarendon Road Brooklyn, NY 11203 SBL No.: 4950 - 7 ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 7009/2014 in the amount of \$381,340.16 plus interest and costs. Brettanie L. Hart Saxton, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel.: 855-227-5072  
AJ; 1/18/25; 2/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against ANDREA DANCE A/K/A ANDREA L. DANCE, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered April 10, 2017, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 21, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1099 Stanley Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Block 4506 Lot 31. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$927,403.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 511630/2014. Jeffrey Robert Miller, Esq., Referee XCHJC362  
AJ; 1/18/25; 2/1/8

## SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS Index No. 516406/2017 Original Summons and Complaint Filed: August 23, 2017 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 31 Lorimer Street, #D Brooklyn, New York 11206 Block: 2240 Lot: 1033 CITIBANK, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- ABRAHAM HAUT, THE BOARD OF MANAGERS/DIRECTORS OF THE 31 LORIMER STREET CONDOMINIUM; CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.) TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS/DIRECTORS OF THE 31 LORIMER STREET CONDOMINIUM: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance to the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner,

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## Tradition.

# Mount Sinai and the Birth of Freedom



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

The revelation at Mount Sinai – the central episode not only of the *parsha* of Yitro, but of Judaism as a whole – was unique in the religious history of mankind. Other faiths (Christianity and Islam) call themselves religions of revelation, but in both cases the revelation of which they spoke was to an individual (“the son of God,” “the prophet of God”). Only in Judaism was God’s self-disclosure not to an individual (a prophet) or a group



(the elders) but to an entire nation, young and old, men, women and children, the righteous and not-yet-righteous alike. From the very outset, the people of Israel knew something unprecedented had happened at Sinai. Moses had no doubt that it was an event without parallel:

*“Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created man on earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of? Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived?” (Deut. 4:32-33).*

For the great Jewish thinkers of the Middle Ages, its significance was primarily epistemological. It created certainty and removed doubt. The authenticity of a revelation experienced by one person could be questioned. One witnessed by millions could not. God disclosed His presence in public to remove any possible suspicion that the presence felt, and the voice heard, were not genuine.

Looking at the history of mankind since those days, it is clear that there was another significance also – one that had to do not with religious knowledge, but with politics. At Sinai a new kind of nation was being formed, and a new kind of society – one that would be an antithesis of Egypt, in which the few had power and the many were enslaved. It was to be, in Abraham Lincoln’s words in the Gettysburg Address, “a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that *all men are created equal.*” Indeed without the

covenant at Mount Sinai, Lincoln’s words might have been inconceivable. For nowhere else do we find anything like the politics of Mount Sinai, with its radical vision of a society held together not by power but by the free consent of its citizens

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and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Trial is desired in the County of Kings. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that the object of this action is foreclosure of a mortgage given by Abraham Haut, in the amount of \$300,000.00, on the property commonly known as 31 Lorimer Street, Unit D, corresponding to block 2240, lot 1033, in Kings County, New York. Date: New York, New York August, 2018 AKERMAN LLP By: /s/ Kathleen R. Fitzpatrick Kathleen R. Fitzpatrick, Esq. Jordan M. Smith, Esq. 666 Fifth Avenue, 20th Floor (212) 880-3800 kathleen.fitzpatrick@akerman.com jordan.smith@akerman.com Attorneys for Plaintiff Citibank, N.A. At an IAS Term, Part FRP-1 of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Kings, at the Courthouse, located at 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York on the 11th day of December, 2018. PRESENT: Hon. Noach Dear, J.S.C. SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS Index No. 516406/2017 ORDER GRANTING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION CITIBANK, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- ABRAHAM HAUT, THE BOARD OF MANAGERS/DIRECTORS OF THE 31 LORIMER STREET CONDOMINIUM; CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.) Defendants. Upon the Affirmation of Jordan M. Smith dated August, 2018, and exhibits 1 through 3 thereto, and the supplemental summons attached as exhibit 3, and it appearing that time for service of process on the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium, one of the defendants to this action to foreclose an interest in real property, should be extended, and that service of the summons and complaint upon

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the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium may prove impossible pursuant to CPLR 311(a), in which case service by publication would be appropriate under CPLR 311(b), 315, and 316, NOW, upon motion of Akerman LLP, attorneys for CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff in this action, for an order extending time to serve the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium, and allowing service of the supplemental summons by publication upon the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium, one of the defendants herein, pursuant to CPLR 311(b), 315, and 316, it is now, ORDERED, that pursuant to CPLR 306-b, good cause being shown, and it being in the interests of justice, the time to serve the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium is extended until one hundred twenty days after entry of this order in the Office of the Clerk of Kings County; and it is further, ORDERED, service of this order and a supplemental summons directed to the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium and reflecting CitiMortgage, Inc.’s current counsel, may be made pursuant to CPLR 311(a), 315, and 316 by publication of said order and supplemental summons in two newspapers at least one in the English language, hereby designated as most likely to give notice to the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium, particularly (1) Brooklyn Daily Eagle, published in Kings County, and (2) Algemeiner Journal, published in Kings County, together with a notice to the defendant, a brief statement of the object of this action, and a brief description of the property, once a week for four (4) successive weeks, and it is further ORDERED, counsel for CitiMortgage, Inc. shall thereafter file proof of service with the Clerk of this Court ENTER: Hon. Noach Dear J.S.C. AJ; 1/18/25; 2/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-API, Plaintiff AGAINST Anthony Kerr, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/5/17 and entered on 9/26/17, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 21, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 25 Stephens Court, Brooklyn, NY 11226. 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: 5223, LOT: 86. Approximate amount of judgment is \$597,595.72 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501070/2014. Steven J. Baker, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 1/18/25; 2/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, FSB, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, -against- OPHELIA MCGHEE; OVEDIA MCGHEE; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.;

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MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; JIMIYU EVERETT, Index No.17897/13. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, July 31, 2018 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on August 21, 2018, Betty Lugo, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 223 Chauncy Street, Brooklyn, New York 11233 at public auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adam Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on February 28, 2019 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 1687; Lot: 56 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 17897/13. The approximate amount of judgment is \$547,029.98 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS SANTANDER BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK, V. VERONA DALLAS, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 30, 2018, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein SANTANDER BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK is the Plaintiff and VERONA DALLAS, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on February 28, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1305 EAST 83RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236: Block 8074, Lot 28: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504788/2015. Joel Abramson, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. For sale information, please visit [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) or call (800) 280-2832 AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

REFEE’S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff – against – RIFKY GRUNHUT, A/K/A RIVKY GRUNHUT et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 3, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the room 261, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 28th Day of February, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, County of Kings, State of New York. Premises known as 1139 42nd Street, Brooklyn, (City of New York) New York 11219. (Block: 5592, Lot: 64) Approximate amount of lien \$772,321.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11902/2013. Mark Longo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY

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14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: January 9, 2019 AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

REFEEREE’S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-FXD1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-FXD1, Plaintiff – against – CHRISTOPHER BRANDON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 4, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in room 261, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 28th Day of February, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1091 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, (City of New York) NY 11236. (Block: 4746, Lot: 29) Approximate amount of lien \$244,005.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 508192/2014. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: January 11, 2019 AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST ANDREW GRANT, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-10-2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on 2-28-2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 433 Jerome Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, SBL: 4030/39. Approximate amount of judgment \$753,960.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #503926/2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee Carter Conboy Case Blackmore Maloney & Laird, PC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, NY 12211 26743 60164 AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff against MICHAEL ADLER, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered December 13, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 28, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1343 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Block 7634 Lot 13. All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$585,478.20 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 6409/2013. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee CHJNC500 AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15



## Social.



The Shalva Band following their performance of 'Sound of Silence' on the Israeli TV show 'Rising Star,' Jan. 16, 2019. Photo: Screenshot.

## Musicians With Disabilities Return to Sing Simon and Garfunkel Track in Israel's 'Rising Star' Competition

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

An Israeli band made up of musicians with disabilities touched the hearts of the judges, and made one of them cry, when they performed Tuesday night in the second round of Israel's singing competition "Rising Star," known in Hebrew as "HaKokhav HaBa."

The Shalva Band sang a rendition of "The Sound of Silence" by the famous American duo Simon & Garfunkel. The eight singers are competing on behalf of the Shalva National Children's Center, a Jerusalem-based organization that provides free care, education and support to people with disabilities and their families.

The winner of "Rising Star" will represent Israel in the next Eurovision contest, which will be held in Tel Aviv in May.

One of the judges, Israeli singer Itay Levy, was visibly moved to tears by the band's performance and spoke about his own experiences singing to his mother.

"As a child of a mother with disabilities, every time that she's sad, I call her and sing to her, and then she sings with me, and she forgets the sad day or something that happened to her," Levy told the band. "And it's just amazing. I saw you and I was taken away. How much power singing has, how much power music has. And [when] you sang a song, 'The Sound of Silence,' you moved me. I think you're great and wonderful and moving, and I hope you go as high as possible."

The Shalva Band impressed the judges in the first round of competition with a rendition of the Beatles song "Here Comes The Sun."

## Newly-Born Baby Rhinoceros Takes First Steps at Israeli Zoo

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A new rhinoceros calf has been taking its first steps at Israel's Ramat Gan Safari zoo.

According to Hebrew news site Mako, the baby rhino was born to Keren Peles, an adult rhinoceros who had given birth to another calf, Kifanzi, three and a half years earlier.

Zookeepers were alerted to the birth by a change in Keren's behavior. She began to push her other calf aside, and keepers attempted to place her in a fenced area, but were unable to do so before the birth.



Rhinoceros Keren Peles alongside her 3-week-old calf at the Safari Zoo in Ramat Gan, Israel. Photo: Reuters / Corinna Kern.

The mother and calf were kept in an isolated area for the first few weeks after the birth, until the curious calf managed to escape the enclosure on her own, followed by her mother.

The calf's encounter with its father was less positive, as the bull Atari proved to be aggressive toward her. Keren reportedly fended off Atari and did not allow him to approach the calf.

There have been 31 rhinoceros calves born at Ramat Gan Safari, and the latest has not yet been named. A list of Swahili names has been drawn up, all beginning with the letter K.

## IDF Distributes 10 Tons of Dried Fruits, Nuts to Soldiers for Holiday of Tu B'Shevat

BY JNS.org

In honor of the Tu B'Shevat holiday—the day on the Hebrew calendar marking the "New Year for Trees"—Israel's Defense Ministry purchased 10 tons of nuts and dried fruits to distribute to Israeli soldiers across the country.

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Division acquired 500 kilograms of almonds (1,100 pounds), 1 ton of peanuts, 2.2 tons of raisins, 500 kilograms of walnuts, 1,500 kilograms of dried apricots (3,300 pounds), 500 kilograms of dried cranberries and 1,000 (2,200 pounds) kilograms of banana chips.

In the time of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, farmers measured the age of trees according to the number of times Tu B'Shevat passed, and thereby determine when

a tree was old enough to harvest and use for tithes to the Temple according to Jewish law. The practice of celebrating Tu B'Shevat and the Jewish connection to the Land of Israel began in the third century, when Kabbalists started conducting feasts centered on fruits grown in Israel, particularly the Seven Species that are noted in the Torah.

On Sunday, Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel urged Israeli consumers to begin buying fresh fruits grown in Israel for their Tu B'Shevat celebrations, noting that dried fruits became traditional only due to the difficulty in successfully transporting fresh produce from Israel to places around the world.

Most of the dried fruit available on the market in Israel today is actually imported from Turkey, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

"Farmers are today's pioneers, and Israel's agricultural produce is among the best in the world," Ariel said, adding that dried fruits are less healthy, and are often "full of sugar and artificial coloring."

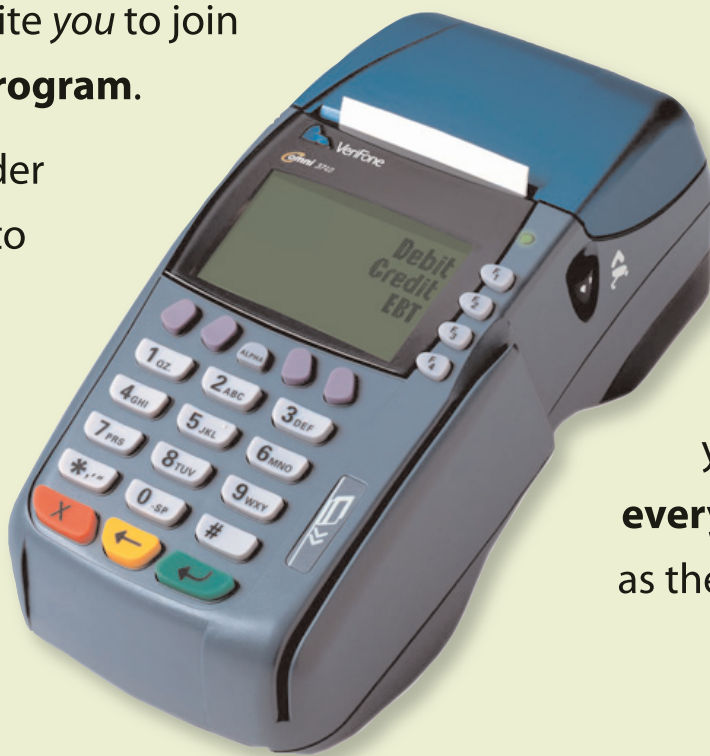


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