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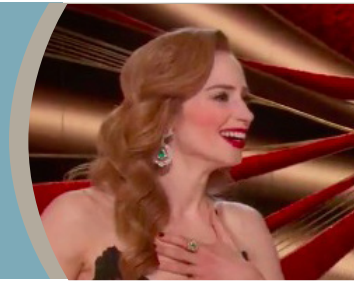
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## Kushner on Trump's Israeli-Palestinian Initiative: 'We Want to Bring Peace, Not Fear'



Jared Kushner. Photo: Reuters / Lucas Jackson.

BY BENJAMIN  
KERSTEIN

White House senior adviser Jared Kushner spoke publicly on Monday for the first time on the details of the Trump administration's yet-to-be-unveiled Israeli-Palestinian peace plan.

In an interview with Sky News Arabia, President Donald Trump's son-in-law, who was put in charge of the Israeli-Palestinian file, said,

"We want to bring peace, not fear."

Kushner described the plan as "very detailed," touching on all aspects of the conflict, including the "redrawing of boundaries and resolving final status issues."

Noting that "very little has changed over the last 25 years," Kushner said the plan sought to "formulate realistic solutions for the issues of 2019, which will improve quality of life."

The plan would "have a broad economic impact, not only on

Israel and the Palestinians, but on the entire region as well," Kushner asserted. "We want to ensure there is free flow of people and of goods. We must create new opportunities."

Noting the intra-Palestinian political divides — with the Palestinian Authority in charge in parts of the West Bank and Hamas ruling the Gaza Strip — Kushner stated, "We want to see the Palestinians united under one leadership, the Palestinians want a non-corrupt government that cares for their own interests."

## Pressure Over Iran Nuclear Deal Forced Zarif to Resign, Ally Says

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Pressure from hardliners over Iran's nuclear deal with world powers forced Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif to resign, an ally said on Tuesday.

Zarif — the US-educated architect of the 2015 pact which curbed Iran's nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief — gave no reason when he announced his decision on Monday, news which sent Iranian stocks lower.



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif speaks at the annual Munich Security Conference in Germany, Feb. 17, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Andreas Gebert / File.

"There were closed-door meetings every week, where top officials were bombarding him with questions about the deal and what will happen next and so on," the ally told Reuters on condition of anonymity.

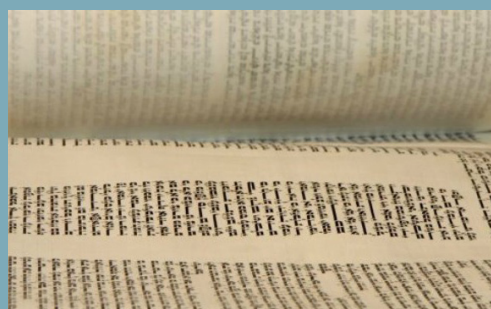
"He and his boss (President Hassan Rouhani) were under huge amount of pressure," the ally added.

Anti-Western factions in Iran criticized Rouhani and Zarif after the US pulled out of the nuclear agreement last May and reimposed sanctions on Iran's economy and its lifeblood oil industry that were lifted under the deal.

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## Opinion.

## Abbas' Popularity Alters Israel's Political Landscape



JONATHAN S. TOBIN  
JNS.ORG

It was a rough week for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He saw his main opponents join forces, and the Blue and White Party that resulted from this merger surpassed Netanyahu's Likud Party in the polls. If that wasn't enough, Netanyahu's decision to encourage one of his coalition partners to take in a party whose leaders are followers of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane set off a storm of criticism from Jews who felt that Netanyahu was wrong to help legitimize an extremist group.

But while Netanyahu has been taking it on the chin, the man that much of the world still imagines is Israel's peace partner seems to have had a very good week. And the explanation for that unexpected development is the reason why Netanyahu's prospects for holding on to his office are not quite as gloomy as his detractors may think.

Palestinian Authority (PA) leader Mahmoud Abbas is currently serving the 15th year of his four-year term as president of the PA (he was elected in January 2005). He is widely reviled by most of those whom he pretends to serve. He remains opposed to negotiating peace with Israel. The kleptocracy over which the 83-year-old presides is a disgrace. He refuses to make peace with Israel,

but is also dependent on security cooperation with the Jewish state.

But Abbas' popularity is suddenly soaring. In the last year, both the United States and Israel have enacted measures to cut back on cash flowing to his regime in order to force him to end the practice of rewarding those who attack, wound, and kill Israelis, Jews, and Americans with salaries and pensions. Last week, Israel tried to force Abbas' hand on the issue of his pay-to-slay policy by deducting some \$138 million from the tax revenue that it collects and then transfers to the PA. But the Palestinian leader refused to budge. To the contrary, he vowed never to accept a single penny of the money that Israel hands over to his government so long as any of it was held back.

In theory, this ought to have generated a revolt from ordinary Palestinians, who shouldn't want the minimal services that the PA performs for them to be impacted for the sake of terrorists. But it has had the opposite effect.

Palestinian social media is buzzing with praise for Abbas' stand. Outside of Gaza, whose people are being starved and squeezed by Abbas' efforts to pressure his Hamas rivals who govern the Strip, there's every sign that his stand is widely applauded by most Palestinians who agree with his decision to keep funding "martyrs."

To some extent, this is a familiar game of "chicken" that Israel's government and Abbas have been playing for years. Neither Netanyahu nor Abbas wants to abandon the security cooperation that both keeps a lid on terrorism (if not eradicating it) and protects

the PA leader and his cronies from Hamas. Israel doesn't want the PA to collapse, which would force it to directly rule the Palestinians in the West Bank, and Abbas and the rest of his corrupt gang that profits from his rule don't want the flow of cash to their families and foreign bank accounts to cease.

But however this standoff is resolved, it goes a long way toward explaining what's been happening prior to the Israel's April elections.

Netanyahu is facing potential political doom because, unlike the last three elections that he won, he isn't facing off against an opponent that is easily labeled as a "leftist" willing to make concessions to the Palestinians in the vain hope of peace. The Israeli left has been marginalized. Instead of a party of peace advocates that can be pilloried for their naïveté, the alternative to Likud is a party led by a trio of former generals.

Netanyahu and his allies are accusing the Blue and White Party — and its leader, Benny Gantz — of being leftist peaceniks flying under false centrist colors. Maybe there's some truth to that argument, as Gantz will likely have to ally himself to the left in order to form a government. But since it counts among its leaders figures like former Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon, who is arguably to the right of Netanyahu, that charge may not stick. Whatever you may think of the new party, its rise, coupled with the collapse of the left, stands as testimony to the post-Oslo sea change in Israeli politics.

Who created that change? For all his tactical cleverness and sure governing skills,



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas addressing the G-77 meeting at the UN's headquarters in New York.  
Photo: UNTV

it wasn't Netanyahu. The person who ensured that the Israeli public would draw conclusions from the last 25 years, and essentially give up on the notion of the Palestinian Authority as a peace partner, is none other than Abbas. Had he really been different from his terrorist predecessor, longtime PLO chief Yasser Arafat, it's conceivable that Netanyahu might have been in the opposition during the last decade.

But by sticking to the language of conflict with Israel and Zionism that is inextricably tied to the sense of Palestinian national identity that Arafat and Abbas fostered, the PA has ensured that most Israelis have stopped believing that peace is an option in the foreseeable future. Gantz is giving Netanyahu a run for his money because much of the Israeli public sees no real difference between their stands on the peace process. If, after staying too long in office, Netanyahu still has a decent chance of leading the next government, it's because a critical mass of Israelis think the coalition of parties of the center and

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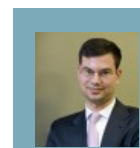
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## New York Times Issues Correction to Front-Page Attack on Netanyahu



IRA STOLL  
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*The New York Times* has already issued a correction to its latest front-page attack on Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

"An earlier version of this article misidentified Moshe Kahlon, a member of Benjamin Netanyahu's government. He is the finance minister, not the foreign minister," the correction says.

If the *Times* is candid with its readers — a big "if" — it'll be the first of several corrections eventually appended to the article.

The *Times* writes, "The pact between Mr. Netanyahu and the Kahanists set off a predictable eruption from liberal Jewish groups like J Street and Americans for Peace, as well as the Union of Reform Judaism, which normally stays out of Israeli politics."

The correct name of the group the *Times* is referring to is not "Americans for Peace" but "Americans for Peace Now."

The *Times* also writes, "In Israel's chaotic parliamentary system, small parties like the ultra-Orthodox Shas can be make or break when it comes to forming a majority coalition after an election, and Mr. Netanyahu has routinely struck deals giving them outsize influence."

Shas has declined in recent years, but for the purpose of general historical context such

as the *Times* is attempting to provide, it is not a "small" party. In 2013 it won 8.75 percent of the vote, enough for 11 seats in Israel's parliament. In 1999 it was the third largest political party in Israel, winning 13 percent of the vote and 17 seats in the 120-member Knesset, drawing not only "ultra-Orthodox" voters. In 1999, the politician who struck a coalition deal with Shas wasn't Netanyahu but rather Ehud Barak of the Labor Party. This may seem like a minor detail, but it undermines the point of the *Times* article, which is that Netanyahu caters to extremists or fringe elements in Israeli politics. It's not a characteristic unique to Netanyahu; rather, it's a standard feature of coalition politics in Israel regardless of the individual or party forming the coalition.

All these errors erode the credibility of

the *Times* coverage. If the newspaper can't get basic factual points right in a front-page news article, why should readers believe the rest of the newspaper's narrative?

What's more, such factual errors aren't rare exceptions, but are typical of *Times* coverage of Israel and Jewish matters. Some previous examples include what the Israeli consul general in New York, Dani Dayan, called the "correction of the year," about Palestinian payments to families of terrorists; confusing Orthodox and Conservative Judaism; and a seven-sentence, "epic" correction of a hatchet-job profile of a prominent critic of the Iran nuclear deal.

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



The New York Times logo. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## World News.

# Jewish Groups, Israeli Officials Welcome UK's Hezbollah Ban

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The British government's declaration on Monday that it would blacklist all wings of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization was warmly welcomed by Jewish groups in the UK and around the world, as well as by Israeli officials.

In a joint statement, Marie van der Zyl, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Jonathan Goldstein, chair of the Jewish Leadership Council, and David Delew, chief executive of the Community Security Trust, said, "The Jewish community, including our organizations and leading community newspapers, have long led the call for this ban."

"The previously held false distinction, between the 'political' and 'military' wings, was denied by even the group's leader Hassan Nasrallah, who said that, 'The story of military wing and political wing is the work of the British,'" they added. "This has led to a situation where Hezbollah supporters were free to parade the flags of this antisemitic terrorist organization on the streets of London. Following today's announcement, we call on all of the relevant authorities to ensure that this will no longer be tolerated."

"The government, and in particular the home secretary and the foreign secretary, have our thanks for their leadership on this issue and we encourage other countries to follow suit," they concluded. "We would hope that all political parties would back this measure to secure our community and the rest of the UK from the murderous, antisemitic terrorists of Hezbollah. It is customary for terrorism proscriptions to be supported on a cross-party basis and we call on MPs and peers to back the motions in both Houses of Parliament this week."

World Jewish Congress CEO & Executive Vice President Robert Singer said, "It is



Hezbollah supporters in Marjayoun, Lebanon, May 7, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Aziz Taher / File.

clear that there is no distinction between the so-called political and military wings of Hezbollah, which has for many years engaged in and promoted terrorist activity around the world. It is absolutely right that the UK no longer makes such a distinction and has recognized Hezbollah for exactly what it is: a terrorist organization. We hope that other countries, as well as the United Nations, the European Union and the Organization of American States will follow this lead and also proscribe Hezbollah outright."

The American Jewish Committee and Anti-Defamation League issued similar statements.

Israeli Public Security and Strategic Affairs Minister Gilad Erdan tweeted, "Thank you to the UK and my friend @sajidjavid for deciding to designate all of #Hezbollah as a terrorist group. All who truly wish to combat terror must reject the fake distinction between 'military' & 'political' wings. Now is the time for the #EU to follow suit! @FedericaMog"

Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon stated, "The separation between the political and armed wings is a false and artificial separation because both are controlled and supported by Iran, and enable the organization to continue to raise funds on European soil. We will continue to lead the struggle for the Security Council to recognize Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, and mobilize the international community against it as it serves as an arm of Iran to spread Tehran's aggression."

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Rouhani — a champion of the nuclear deal — has still not formally accepted Zarif's resignation. And the majority of lawmakers sent Rouhani a letter asking him to keep Zarif on, the *Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA)* reported.

Rouhani has not responded publicly to the letter from lawmakers, but piled praise on Zarif on Tuesday, saying the minister had been at the forefront of the fight against America, *IRNA* said.

Unconfirmed media reports indicated

Zarif resigned because he had not been informed about Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's visit to Tehran on Monday.

In another apparent olive branch, Rouhani said Assad had specifically thanked Iran's Foreign Ministry during his visit.

Zarif was quoted as condemning "factional fighting" in a newspaper interview published on Tuesday — suggesting political tensions may have played a part in his decision.

The *Fars* news agency reported that the interview had taken place last week, before Zarif's resignation.

# Israel's Beresheet Spacecraft Advances on Its Lunar Journey

BY LILACH BAUMER /CTECH

SpaceIL and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) successfully completed Israeli spacecraft Beresheet's first maneuver in orbit, taking into

account the limitations previously identified with the vehicle's star navigation system. The 30-second maneuver, which engaged Beresheet's main engine for the first time, was completed 69,400 kilometers away from Earth.

# EU Presidency Candidate Calls for Europe-Wide 'Pact' to Combat Rising Antisemitism



Manfred Weber, head of the European People's Party grouping in the European Parliament. Photo: Reuters / Alkis Konstantinidis.

BY BEN COHEN

One of the leading candidates to be the next president of the European Commission of the EU has called for a continent-wide pact to combat antisemitism, asserting that the "continuing advance" of anti-Jewish feeling on the continent "should be a wakeup call for us all."

Manfred Weber — a German politician who leads the center-right European People's Party, the largest parliamentary grouping in the European Parliament — told the German news outlet *Die Welt* on Sunday that he would launch an initiative to "send a clear message that antisemitism has no place in Europe."

Alongside Socialist candidate Frans Timmermans, Weber is one of the two front-runners tipped to succeed current incumbent Jean-Claude Juncker as president of the European Commission — the executive branch of the European Union — in elections this May that will pit nationalist "Euroskeptic" candidates against pro-EU rivals in several countries.

Weber told *Die Welt* that if he were elected to the president's post, he intended to form a European "pact" against antisemitism. The pact would include increased legal pressure on internet platforms and social media accounts to "stop the dissemination of antisemitic ideas," Weber said. He added that the pact would require a "common definition of antisemitism valid throughout Europe." Last June, the European Parliament voted for a resolution that called on all the EU's 28 member states

to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's "working definition of antisemitism" — so far, 11 have done so.

Weber's comments came as several fellow German politicians called over the weekend for stronger action against antisemitism. Earlier this month, government statistics showed a 60 percent surge in violent attacks against Jews in Germany during 2018, in keeping with a Europe-wide trend that also saw a sharp increase in attacks on Jews in France and the UK over the last 12 months.

Two of the politicians quoted by *Die Welt* argued that the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign targeting Israel should be regarded as unambiguously antisemitic.

Karin Prien — minister of education in Germany's northern state of Schleswig-Holstein — stated that the term "BDS" was a modern version of Nazi-era slogan, "Kauft nicht bei Juden" ("Do not buy from Jews"). Condemning the aim of the BDS campaign that "the Jewish state should be economically, culturally and politically isolated," Prien denounced its "perfidious message that wants to delegitimize the only Jewish state in the world."

*Die Welt* quoted Christian Lindner, the leader of the liberal FDP party, calling for a clearer understanding of the overlap between anti-Zionism and antisemitism.

"No NGOs that demand a boycott of Israeli products or enterprises, either domestically or abroad, should be financed with state funds," Lindner emphasized.

The next maneuver is planned for Monday night.

Beresheet is currently on its first orbit of Earth after successfully launching on Thursday on the back of a SpaceX rocket, but its journey to the moon may not be all smooth sailing: a Friday update from its operators stated the craft's star-based navigation system is experiencing problems due to glare from the sun.

Beresheet — "Genesis" in Hebrew — is a private venture by Israeli non-profit SpaceIL, in partnership with Israeli state-owned defense contractor IAI. The project, which cost around \$100 million, was funded mostly from donations. Around \$40 million of the sum came from philanthropist and businessman Morris Kahn, who is also SpaceIL's president. Initially founded to compete in Google's

10-year space race competition Lunar X Prize, the organization continued after the competition ended with no winner. Its new mission was not only to reach the moon, but also to inspire Israeli children to take an interest in science and engineering.

The 600 kilogram vehicle is the smallest of its kind to launch and, if it reaches the moon successfully, will be the first non-state-owned spacecraft to do so, making Israel the fourth country to land a vehicle on the moon after the US, Russia, and China.

Beresheet is set to leave Earth's orbit on March 20 and land on the moon on April 11, where it will measure the moon's magnetic fields before breaking down from the sun's heat after a few days.

World News.



Israeli breakfast at a cafe in Tel Aviv, May 30, 2008. Photo: Or Hiltch/Flickr.

# Israel Ranked 10th Healthiest Country in the World

BY JNS.ORG

Israel has been listed as the 10th healthiest country in the world, according to the 2019 edition of the Bloomberg Healthiest Country Index.

The list ranked 169 economies according to factors contributing to overall health.

Though Israel dropped from the ninth slot in 2018, it was still among the top 10. Spain jumped several spots to become listed as the healthiest country in the world—one spot above Italy.

Iceland came in third place, Japan fourth, Switzerland fifth, Sweden sixth, Australia

seventh, Singapore eighth and Norway ninth. The United States came in 35th place.

Factors included life expectancy, tobacco use and obesity, as well as access to clean water and proper sanitation.

Researchers heralded the Mediterranean diet in Spain and Italy for its contribution to overall health.

In 2018, Bloomberg ranked Israel as having the sixth most efficient health-care system in the world, below Hong Kong, Singapore, Spain, Italy and South Korea. The United States ranked 54th place in that survey, tied with Azerbaijan.

# Swastikas, Antisemitic Graffiti Found in Amsterdam Ahead of Sports Match

BY EJP/JNS.org

Swastikas and antisemitic graffiti have been scrawled on buildings in Amsterdam on Friday.

Fans of the soccer club ADO The Hague are suspected of carrying out the attack in a targeted message ahead of a Sunday match against rival Amsterdam club Ajax, who historically refer to themselves as the “Jews.” Ajax supporters like to refer to themselves as the Jews, or the super Jews, a nickname that has often led to antisemitic chanting by opposing fans.

Among the vandalized structures was the statue De Dokwerker, which commemorates a general strike in 1941 to protest the rounding up of Jews by the Nazi occupiers of the city during World War II.

Elsewhere in the city, walls have been sprayed with swastikas and with the letters JHK, or “Jews have cancer.” The graffiti also stated that 020 is not welcome in 070—a reference to the two cities’ postal codes.

“As a club, we emphatically oppose these incomprehensible actions. It is disrespectful and sad,” wrote Mattijs Manders, general manager of ADO The Hague, on the club’s website.

The World Jewish Congress condemned the vandalism and called for punitive measures. “The vandalism carried out overnight in

Amsterdam deserves unequivocal condemnation by both authorities and society at large. Any and all forms of hate speech and expressions are utterly unacceptable, even if carried out in sheer ignorance rather than blind hatred. It is also particularly offensive when the targeted structures include a monument dedicated to the memory of the Holocaust, and its victims and resisters,” said WJC CEO Robert Singer.

“It is all the more troubling that this despicable act was apparently perpetrated by soccer fans, who have blatantly and ignorantly lost sight of the fact that the spirit of sport is camaraderie, not hate speech,” said Singer. “Across Europe today, we are witnessing an inconceivable and worrying rise in antisemitism, racism, discrimination and xenophobia, clothed in extremist behavior and hooliganism, and we must be vigilant in addressing this.”

“We deeply appreciate the ADO football club’s immediate rejection and condemnation of this desecration and urge its leadership to take punitive measures against any supporters found to have been involved in this outrageous act, if it indeed emerges that this was the case,” he added.

Singer said “the World Jewish Congress will reach out to the Dutch Jewish community and to the football club’s leadership to engage them in the educational projects we have already developed with other football clubs.”

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February 16, 2018

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Date	Time	Activities
Thurs. 4/18	12-2 pm	Pick up packages
Fri. 4/19	8:00 pm	Doors Open
4/19 Sedar I	8:30 pm	Ancient Secrets of Judaism
Shabbat 4/20	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
lecture	Q & A: Judaism	
	8:30 pm	Doors Open
4/20 Sedar II	8:30 pm	Exodus: Legend or History
Sun. 4/21	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
lecture	Lecture: 7 Wonders of Our Jewish Nation	
	7:30 pm	Meal/Seuda
Mon. 4/22	12:00 pm	Defending The Faith
lecture	Meal	
	1:00 pm	Spectacular Children’s Program: Arts and Crafts
	7:30 pm	Meal
	7:30 pm	Popular Aish HaTorah Speaker: Matzah = Affliction = Redemption
	12:00 pm	Shomer Shabbos Singles Program With Live Music, Matchmakers & Smorgasbord.
Tues. 4/23	12:00 pm	Meal
lecture	What is kosher food?	
	7:30 pm	Meal/Seuda
Wed. 4/24	12:00 pm	lecture: The Power of Prayer
lecture	Meal/Seuda	
	7:30 pm	The Deeper Beauty of Shabbos
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lecture	Why Bad Happens to Good People?	
	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
Fri. 4/26	12:00 pm	Moral Relativism & Torah
lecture	Meal/Seuda	
	8:00 pm	Post Holocaust – 2 Million
Shabbat 4/27	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
lecture	Jews Vanished- Why? Solution?	
	8:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
lecture	Open Forum	

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### Bogus Purim Service Broken Up

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A group of missionaries in Brighton Beach who rented Public School 225 on the premise they were holding a social, attempted to hold a bogus “Purim Megilla” reading. The missionaries widely advertised their program in Russian as well as English throughout the Manhattan Beach and Brighton Beach area in an effort to entice young people to their service. However, when the real purpose of the “service” was discovered, groups from Boro Park, Flatbush, Crown Heights and Monsey descended on the area to help the

staff of the Beth Shifra Institutions break up the rally. Since many of the protesters missed the Megilla reading, the staff of Beth Shifra held to Megilla readings, so those who were instrumental in breaking up the rally could observe the Mitzva properly. The Beth Shifra rally, held at the Jewish Center of Ocean Parkway, was termed a huge success by the children and parents who attended. There was a live band and a puppet show to entertain the children.



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U.S. News.

# Left-Wing Jewish Group Pickets University of Texas Chabad During Shabbat Services, Citing IDF Event

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A chapter of a left-wing group that aims to decrease Jewish American support for Israel staged a protest outside the University of Texas Chabad House on Saturday, while congregants gathered to participate in morning prayers, the community's rabbi said.

Less than ten people affiliated with the Austin chapter of IfNotNow stood outside the Chabad House — which was set to host a lecture with a former Israeli soldier that afternoon — with signs including "Occupation is not moral," and "My grandma was a survivor, too. Not in my name."

In a statement shared on Sunday and subsequently disputed by IfNotNow, Rabbi Zev Johnson said the group had blocked "the entry and exit to Chabad House," and "shockingly ... spoke to my young children and gave them flyers."

He also accused protesters of taking photos and videos of individuals, including his children — "something which is traditionally prohibited on Shabbat for religious reasons."

Johnson quoted his 4-year-old daughter asking, "What are those people doing outside? They just asked me to leave Chabad and come sing with them Daddy."

He added that his 7-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son were also given a flyer by the protesters, and that they asked him, "Why are these people doing this to us in the middle of Shabbat morning services?"

"It's absolutely unacceptable and unethical that these protesters targeted my children," Johnson argued. "I, as an adult, truly enjoy good conversation with mutual respect, but for [protesters] to engage young children is plain wrong."

Ex-IDF soldier Leibel Mangel — whose talk at the Chabad House touched on his grandfather's experiences in the Holocaust and his own military past — likewise said on Twitter on Sunday that he personally witnessed the children being targeted, "as did everyone in attendance."

Yet IfNotNow Austin rejected the rabbi's account, noting in a statement later on Sunday that the protesters "chose to remain at a respectful distance" because of Shabbat, and were not targeting the prayer services. They rebuffed accusations of

impeding access to the building or recording and photographing any attendees, including the rabbi's children, writing, "Not one of these claims is true."

While Johnson called the event with Mangel "a thoughtful and meaningful conversation ... with no politics but plenty of love and mutual respect," IfNotNow described it as "promoting and justifying violence against occupied Palestinians," and rejected characterizations that it is a marginal group in the Jewish community.

"It's a sad day when an ex-IDF soldier has a platform for propaganda inside a communal space on Shabbat, and a group of Jews outside singing songs like 'Lo Yisa Goy' (A nation shall not raise a sword against a nation and they shall not learn any more war' Isaiah 2:4) and 'Olam Chesed Yibaneh' ('we will build this world with love') is considered 'fringe,'"



Members of IfNotNow Austin protest outside the University of Texas Chabad House, Feb. 23, 2018. Photo: IfNotNow / Facebook.

IfNotNow said.

In an earlier statement, IfNotNow Austin invited UT Chabad "to join us in opposing the occupation," and alleged that "Jews have survived in diaspora for thousands of years, largely through solidarity with other oppressed groups."

# NYC Health Department Urges Orthodox Travelers to Israel to Vaccinate for Measles

BY JNS.org

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is urging all Orthodox Jews who plan to make a trip to Israel to vaccinate their children against the measles virus.

An outbreak of measles believed to be caused by an unvaccinated child who contracted the disease in Israel led to 90 confirmed cases in Brooklyn, NY, between October and February 2019, a high number attributed to low vaccination rates in the ultra-Orthodox community.

The neighborhoods primarily affected were Borough Park and Williamsburg, which had 40 cases each.

Israel's measles outbreak led to the death of two people, including an 18-month-old infant in 2018.



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## Opinion.

## AntiSemites in the United States Congress

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There is a lot of talk these days about white privilege and it is true that white Americans do enjoy many advantages. However, some of the people who are most vocal in making accusations of this type have created a new type of privilege for minorities which is used to shield them from criticism for their own prejudices. We see this often in the willingness of liberals to give a pass or, worse, endorse anti-Semitic views.

I can understand and agree with the outrage expressed toward the governor of Virginia for his insensitivity and tone-deafness when confronted with his inappropriate behavior. What we should not abide is the silence of Democrats to antiSemites in their midst, just as we should not abide Republicans who might turn a blind eye to white supremacists.

Consider Congresswomen Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib. Both women are advocates of the anti-Semitic boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement. Like some BDS proponents, they portray it as a human rights campaign, but they have been told by their Jewish constituents, among others, that the goal is the destruction of Israel. This is why 134 international Jewish organizations from across the political and religious spectrum signed onto a statement opposing BDS.

Their support for BDS alone should merit censure, but both have made incendiary remarks that cannot be excused as "legitimate criticism of Israel." Omar has repeated the slur comparing Israel to Afrikaner South Africa and, in 2012, tweeted: "Israel has hypnotized the world, may Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel." As New York Times columnist Bari Weiss noted, "The conspiracy theory of the Jews as the hypnotic conspirator, the duplicitous manipulator, the sinister puppeteer is one with ancient roots and a bloody history."

On her first day in office, Tlaib displayed a map with a note posted over Israel that reads "Palestine." She also expressed the

popular anti-Semitic canard that Jews have dual loyalty and care more about Israel than the United States. Referring to supporters of anti-boycott legislation, she said, "They forgot what country they represent," Tlaib said in a tweet. "This is the U.S. where boycotting is a right & part of our historical fight for freedom & equality." Later, she claimed the comments were not directed at Jewish members.

Both women are shockingly ignorant when they talk about Israel. Omar, for example, said, "When I see Israel institute a law that recognizes it as a Jewish state and does not recognize the other religions that are living in it, and we still uphold it as a democracy in the Middle East, I almost chuckle, because I know that if we see that in any other society we would criticize it, we would call it out."

Israel is the only country in the Middle East that guarantees freedom of religion. She supports Palestinian rights but does not seem to care that the leaders of the Palestinian Authority deny their people not only religious freedom, but freedom of speech, press, and assembly. It bothers her that Israel is the one Jewish state in the world, but does not "call out" the nations where Islam is the state religion.

As Weiss rightly observed, "those who call themselves anti-Zionists usually insist they are not antiSemites. But I struggle to see what else to call an ideology that seeks to eradicate only one state in the world – the one that happens to be the Jewish one – while emphatically insisting on the rights of self-determination for every other minority."

As in the Northam case, a bipartisan uproar was heard when another white male, Steve King, made outrageously bigoted remarks. The entire House censured him and the Republicans went further by stripping him of his committee assignments. Contrast that with the silence of most Democrats following the anti-Semitic statements by Omar and Tlaib. It took Omar writing that Jews and AIPAC buy politicians before we heard any strong condemnation of her words.

Democrats also took an additional step – they gave both women assignments on key committees and defended them and have yet to rescind them.

House Democratic Caucus chairman Hakeem Jeffries said, "I've found those two new freshmen members to be thoughtful colleagues on a wide variety of issues." House

Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said, "I don't accept the premise" that the members are anti-Semitic.

It was disconcerting for Speaker Pelosi to put Omar on the Foreign Affairs Committee where she will now have a platform to attack Israel whenever Middle East policy is discussed. Omar and Tlaib are both out of step with the bipartisan consensus on the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and it boggles the mind that Omar would be put in a position to undermine it.

Democratic friends of Israel try to make us feel better by saying they are just two members out of the entire Congress who support BDS. I agree. But consider what Rep. Lee Zeldin said: "Instead of the Dems supporting Israel & combatting BDS & anti-Semitism on college campuses & elsewhere, they're now empowering it."

Being a minority does not excuse inappropriate behavior whether it be racist, homophobic, sexist or anti-Semitic. We have seen this double standard repeatedly on college campuses where there is no such thing as free speech when it comes to criticism of minorities; any speech or behavior that the minorities consider inappropriate is dealt with severely. When Jews, or Israel as a euphemism for Jews, are criticized, administrations defend the free speech rights of the antiSemites.

The tacit acceptance of the views of Omar and Tlaib are indicative of a growing normalization of anti-Semitism. Outside of college campuses, anti-Semitism has been almost universally seen as taboo in America. Today, however, critics of Israel increasingly feel impunity. They assert freedom of speech "for me but not for thee" and accuse those who challenge them of McCarthyism. Now major Christian denominations, leaders of the women's march, and elected officials openly advocate the anti-Semitic boycott against Israel. Public figures not only refuse to denounce the rabid anti-Semitism of Louis Farrakhan, they meet with him and court his favor.

I don't know if it is just base politics or this new minority privilege that has prevented the critics of Gov. Northam and Rep. King from being equally vocal in denouncing the statements of Omar and Tlaib.

Politically, they are popular because they are young, outspoken and represent the far

Congresswoman Ilhan Omar Photo: Kristie Boyd,  
U.S. House Office of Photography

left segment of the party. There is also concern that criticizing them would be seen as being anti-Muslim when, of course, that is preposterous. As an orthodox Jew I am thrilled that observant Muslim women are being elected to high government office. It is their hatred of Israel to which I am adamantly opposed.

Pelosi was apparently afraid to answer questions about her decision to put Omar on the Foreign Affairs Committee or her refusal to take her off after her AIPAC comment. Rep. Zeldin, a Republican Jewish male, got a taste of what any critics are likely to experience when Omar accused him of "islamophobia" and said, "Don't mind him, he is just waking up to the reality of having Muslim women as colleagues who know how to stand up to bullies!"

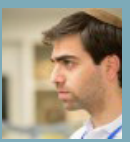
She laid down a marker that anyone who tries to criticize her will mediately be demonized. Both women seem willing to use minority privilege as shields against criticism.

Democrats cannot be intimidated and should not hesitate to condemn the statements by Omar and Tlaib. Furthermore, if Omar makes any additional anti-Semitic remarks she should be removed from her committee assignments. A good first step would be to adopt the resolution introduced by Zeldin rejecting anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hatred in the United States and around the world.

Democrats must show courage if they intend to brand themselves in 2020 as the party of tolerance that fights bigotry in all its forms. It would be a tragedy for the party, the Jewish people, and the country if they follow the example of universities and exempt Jew-hatred.

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## BBC Distorts the Reality of Life in Hebron

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A flashy new feature on the BBC website, entitled "Hebron: One street, two sides," takes one of the most complex places in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and creates a spectacularly misleading and one-sided narrative.

The feature, which seems to be heavily influenced by the Breaking the Silence organization and Palestinian talking points, repeatedly allows the Palestinian subjects to make unsubstantiated claims unopposed, while under-representing the Israeli side of

the story.

The presentation starts with a screen describing Hebron as "the only Jewish settlement ... in the middle of a Palestinian urban centre." This is only half the story. In reality, Hebron has a Jewish history dating back millennia. Despite facing centuries of persecution, discrimination, and massacres in the city under Islamic and Christian control, the Jewish community has always come back and re-established itself.

The text continues, telling readers that "There have been 128 attacks carried out by Palestinians in Hebron and its surroundings 2015-18," without making clear that many of these attacks included murders and attempted murders of civilians, with one particularly gruesome attack on a 13-year-old Israeli child sleeping in her bed, for example.

The interactive website itself features nine video clips from a two-part BBC documentary that first aired in August 2018. Of the nine clips, only two are sympathetic towards the local Jewish community, while the other seven are severely critical of the Jewish community, or sympathetic with the Arab residents of the city.

Four of the nine video clips show video footage from "anti-occupation" organizations, and the Elor Azaria incident is shown on two separate videos. However, no video footage is taken from the Jewish community or pro-Israel organizations showing footage of shootings, stabbing attacks, or riots. The BBC feature promises to show two narratives, but instead shows the Palestinian perspective far more than the Israeli perspective.

Even when speaking to Israeli sources, the videos betray a deep-seated bias. While the Palestinians interviewed uniformly criticize Israel, the Israelis shown do not uniformly support Israel. This creates a net effect of criticizing Israel and playing down the effects and seriousness of terrorism.

Two videos in particular stand out. One, which also serves as the introductory segment in the accompanying two-part documen-

tary, involves footage of an Israeli resident of Hebron climbing up to the roof of a building in order to remove a Palestinian flag.

That this individual gets himself caught up in razor wire and has to be rescued from his predicament while arguing his own political perspective is clearly damaging to Israel, and paints the Jewish side in negative terms.

But is this video relevant? Is it recent?

No. The video was actually originally posted on the YouTube channel of the Israeli non-governmental organization B'Tselem on March 14, 2014.

Nevertheless, the BBC fails to acknowledge that the footage is nearly 5 years old, thus creating the impression that the incident took place recently. This displays a lack of transparency, and is simply dishonest journalism.

Breaking the Silence is a highly politicized organization that collects anonymous testimonies of Israeli soldiers regarding alleged and often unsubstantiated misdemeanors or "war crimes," which it frequently presents to foreign audiences as a means of fighting Israel's "occupation."

In the documentary, Breaking the Silence spokesperson Dean Issacharoff (more about

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## Opinion.

# Can Israel Defeat Hamas Without Toppling It?

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Despite its radical Islamist ideology and long-term commitment to Israel's destruction, Hamas in the Gaza Strip is — for now — avoiding high intensity armed conflict.

Hamas' leader, Yahya Sinwar, has expressed an awareness of the futility of a new war with Israel at this time. Instead, he is focused on other goals: ending the organization's regional isolation, strengthening its iron grip on Gaza, and avoiding an economic meltdown in the Strip, which could endanger his regime.

Hamas is relying on low intensity pressure tactics, such as weekly border rioting, to promote these goals.

It is also actively trying to set up terrorism cells throughout the West Bank and plot mass casualty attacks, which the Shin Bet intelligence agency prevents to a very large degree. Hamas' object is to weaken its arch West Bank rival, the Palestinian Authority (PA), and promote the cause of jihadist violence against Israel — and do all this without leading a trail of fire back to Gaza.

The Gaza-Israel border violence that Hamas has fomented for nearly a year represents a calculated high-risk approach. It is designed to apply pressure on Jerusalem and Cairo to ease security restrictions on Gaza, without allowing the situation to deteriorate into a new war.

Hamas' attempts to reconcile with the PA in Ramallah, which holds the key to budget

allocations for Gaza, have failed, and the group is now engaging with Israel and Egypt to rescue Gaza's economy.

A shared Israeli-Hamas interest in preventing an economic collapse of Gaza has led to regular injections of Qatari cash, a development that has politically damaged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. It has also led to some criticism of Hamas by Gazans, who ask whether the border violence and the casualties it causes are all just for the sake of Qatari money.

At the same time, Hamas, together with Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), the second-largest armed faction in Gaza, has embarked on an ambitious military build-up program involving the domestic production of some 20,000 surface-to-surface rockets, the digging of a network of combat tunnels crisscrossing Gaza, and intensive war training for armed Gazan battalions.

The result is an inherently unstable Gaza arena that could rapidly shift from low-level confrontation to high-intensity armed conflict, sparked by any number of localized tactical incidents.

Therefore, now is the crucial time for Israel to consider the end objective of any future armed conflict in Gaza, despite the lack of any will on Jerusalem's part to enter into one.

In recent years, the IDF Southern Command, which is responsible for much of the war planning for Gaza, has identified a long-term truce as the best of the bad options for Israel. This is based on the understanding that an Israeli invasion of Gaza and subsequent destruction of the Hamas regime would leave Israel in the unenviable position of being directly in charge of some two million mostly hostile Gazans. This could lead to an open-

ended and draining military occupation.

It would be extremely difficult to find alternative rulers for Gaza, with the PA likely unwilling or unable to "ride into Gaza on Israeli tanks" and assume a governing role. The PA would risk its legitimacy and be exposed to even harsher criticism from its Islamist rivals, who are always keen to depict it as a collaborator with Israel.

And even if the PA was willing to take over Gaza at some point, it remains unclear whether it is capable of governing the Strip, as the 2007 Hamas armed coup already demonstrated.

As a result, any post-war Israeli presence in Gaza could drag on for years, and prove costly in both blood and treasure. Alternatively, Israel could demolish the Hamas regime and leave Gaza, putting it on a fast track to a "Somalia model" of anarchy and violence.

Under that scenario, no clear ruling party would emerge to fill the vacuum in post-Hamas Gaza. Multiple jihadist armed gangs that lack a central ruling structure would appear, and Israel would be unable to project its military might to any single "return address" in Gaza. This would result in a loss of Israel's deterrent force on Gaza to keep the region calm. This scenario would be considerably worse than the current status quo.

But a third option, in between the options of leaving Gaza as it is and toppling Hamas, may exist.

Under this third scenario, the IDF would decimate Hamas' military wing in any future conflict, but leave its political wing and police force in place. This would enable a rapid Israeli exit after a war, but avoid a Somalia-like fate for Gaza, with its destructive implications for both Israelis and Gazans.

The question of whether Israel has the option of leaving Hamas' police force and civilian government administration in place in a future war rests largely on how such entities are defined.

On the one hand, Hamas' police force is an intrinsic support system for Gaza's terrorist-guerrilla forces. On the other, the police and domestic security units play a genuine role in keeping order in Hamastan. Such forces have been used to repress ISIS-affiliated cells that challenge Hamas' rule.

In 2008, in response to an onslaught of Hamas rockets, Israel launched Operation Cast Lead with a surprise air attack. Among the over 100 targets that it destroyed, the Israel Air Force bombed 24 Hamas police stations, including Gaza City Police headquarters, where a cadet graduation ceremony was underway. An estimated 40 people, including several dozen police cadets, were killed.

Clearly, in that conflict, Israel identified the Hamas police force as an intrinsic part of the Hamas regime's terrorist assets, and a legitimate enemy target.

Eleven years later, this thinking may have changed somewhat. The reason is due not to any change in the close ties between the domestic armed units of Gaza and the Hamas military wing, but rather, to the fact that Hamas' ability to continue to rule Gaza



Hamas fighters take part in a rally marking the 31st anniversary of the terror group's founding, in Gaza City, Dec. 16, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

after a future war might be in Israel's interest. Compared to the alternative scenarios of indefinite occupation or the "Somalia scenario," a weakened Hamas might be the best and most realistic option.

To be sure, Hamas continues to use its police force to support its terrorist-guerrilla army. The organization uses the Gazan naval police, for example, as a cover for its build-up of naval commando attack cells. For this reason, Israel has repeatedly struck naval police sites in Gaza, including in May of last year during an escalation.

But if the option of launching a powerful future offensive in response to a sudden escalation is to include the possibility of a rapid Israeli exit, a substantial part of Hamas' ability to police and administer Gaza may need to be kept intact.

The IDF's official strategy calls for any future high intensity war to be based on a "rapid, deadly ground offensive towards targets perceived by the enemy as being of value." It also calls for overwhelming firepower in support of such a maneuver, largely based on air power and guided by high-quality intelligence.

If Israel focuses these offensive capabilities on the Izz-ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, but not on the rest of the Hamas regime, it might be possible for Jerusalem to go beyond the objectives of past operations — which stopped at the goal of deterring Hamas and securing a period of calm for the South. It could significantly degrade Hamas' military wing and still leave a Hamas version of the PA behind.

It remains to be seen whether the Israeli defense establishment and cabinet will adopt such an offensive plan in any future conflict. This option would leave the door open for Hamas' military wing to eventually rebuild itself, though that could take many years if sufficient damage is inflicted on its core command structure and armed fighting capability.

Hamas, for its part, is keen to preserve both its "government project" and its armed wing, and has pursued brinkmanship with Israel based on the understanding that Jerusalem is deterred by the idea of toppling the Islamist regime.

Placing a credible threat on just the military wing could go some way towards replenishing Israeli deterrence.

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him and his attempts to smear Israel here) is captured making the claim that

*[A]s a soldier, you don't need a warrant to enter a Palestinian's house. You just decide that you're going to enter it.*

HonestReporting contacted over a dozen former combat and combat support soldiers who served in Hebron. One of them, Amots Muller, even served in Issacharoff's battalion (Nahal 932) at the same time. Some served as many as 10 years ago, while others only left Hebron a few months ago.

All stridently denied Issacharoff's claim, with many calling it "a lie." Repeatedly, and independently, the former soldiers reported that soldiers can only enter a Palestinian house with clearance from higher up the chain of command. (Some said that permission is granted from the battalion commander, while others said it is given by the company commander.) The soldiers uniformly stated that this holds true unless there's an immediate operational need, such as coming under fire from a terrorist. In such cases, soldiers can take initiative, but even then, the activity would need to be coordinated and not done on a whim.

Coincidentally, a number of the soldiers reported being the targets of Palestinian attacks, with one recounting how a brick thrown off a nearby roof flew past his head, while another said that a Palestinian tried to stab him. Throughout the series, not one soldier or former soldier was interviewed about the attacks that they have faced.

One former soldier, Mor Shpaier, who served in 2017 in the Givati Brigade, told HonestReporting:

*Let me tell you that the reality in Hebron*

*is more complex than that of any other army in the world ... the window of opportunity for you to err and hurt a civilian, a Palestinian, or yourself is 24/7.*

Numerous other ex-soldiers reported that Israeli soldiers could enter a Palestinian home spontaneously while in pursuit of a suspect, or if a soldier came under fire and needed cover. However, all made clear that this was the exception rather than the rule.

Another Givati infantry soldier, Itamar Dayani, said:

*[E]ntering a Palestinian home is defined in IDF terminology as a planned mission, and even the smallest of these requires combat planning and the permission of the company commander. ... [I]t would be an operational mistake to enter a home without advance preparation and permission.*

Itamar served as a soldier and commander in Hebron over two stints: for four months in 2015, and another four months in 2017.

Interestingly, another one of the videos taken from the documentary shows Hebron Jewish community deputy spokesman Yishai Fleisher make a claim that Jews can only enter 3% of Hebron. On the website, a text then appears challenging his assertion.

Why is it that the Jewish community's spokesman is challenged, but Breaking the Silence's egregious statement is not?

Why did the BBC give a platform to a political lobby such as Breaking the Silence, without subjecting their claims to even the most basic of fact-checking? And why was an unsubstantiated and seemingly false statement allowed to pass without any examination or comment?

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## How to Debate Israel's National Security Decisions



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In the public debate about Israel's national security in general and a desirable Israeli-Palestinian settlement in particular, the dividing line between "political" and "professional" has been drawn by old elites and interest groups. Proponents of concessions and withdrawals are traditionally cast as

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## Impressions.

# Kansas Should Strengthen Bonds With Israel

BY JAKE LATURNER

Last week, I requested the introduction of legislation that would give Kansas the option of investing in Israel Bonds. While I have long been a supporter of Israel, as Kansas State Treasurer, my primary responsibility is to put the needs of Kansas first. Moving into the world of foreign investing would be a new endeavor for the state, and Israel Bonds could be an excellent entry point into the marketplace — not to mention the perfect opportunity to both show support for Israel and strengthen a long-time trade relationship with a nation that is flourishing.

Under the proposal, the Kansas Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) would be given the option of investing up to 2 percent of the state's idle funds in Israel Bonds. The goal is not to mandate the board to act, but to give them the option if the investment makes sense for Kansas.

Current law only allows the state's portfolio



The Kansas state capitol. Photo: Wiki Commons.

managers to invest in securities issued by the United States and its agencies. When looking at long-term investments, Israel Bonds often see a higher yield than US Treasuries, and have never defaulted on interest and principal payments. This kind of investment option should be available to our state, and could certainly be a good thing for Kansas taxpayers.

The Kansas Legislature has already shown its support of Israel through legislation approved in both 2017 and 2018, which requires certain state contractors to confirm that they are not actively engaging in a boycott of Israel. Receiving wide, bipartisan approval, that legislation sent a strong message that our state wants to further its collaboration with Israel. Now is the time to take the next step.

Israel is often featured on the nightly news with a focus on some geo-political conflict, or images of those supporting the anti-Israeli "BDS movement," which seeks to "Boycott, Divest, and Sanction" the only democracy in the Middle East. What the news is not showcasing is what the world should know about the State of Israel — that despite these challenges, it continues to grow with an economy that happens to be one of the world's most vibrant.

Earning the name "Start-Up Nation," Israel — behind the United States — is home to the highest number of start-up companies in the world, ranking as the third-highest country with the most NASDAQ listed companies. Outside of Silicon Valley, Israel is home to more tech companies than anywhere else.

When looking at Israel's relationship with Kansas specifically, roughly 60 Kansas companies have already begun doing business with Israel, including Aerospace Controls Corporation, Garmin Communications, and

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# Abortion and Jewish Law

BY JEREMY ROSEN

New York's Reproductive Health Act was signed into law by Democratic governor Andrew Cuomo on January 22, to a standing ovation and acclaim by state legislators. This new law allows abortion on the basis of "reasonable and good faith professional judgment based on the facts of the patient's case" when "the patient is within twenty-four weeks from the commencement of pregnancy, or there is an absence of fetal viability, or the abortion is necessary to protect the patient's life or health."

The law allows women to have an abortion up to 24 weeks without question. After 24 weeks, such decisions must be made with a determination that there is an "absence of fetal viability" or that the procedure is "necessary to protect the patient's life or health." That determination must be made by a "health care practitioner licensed, certified, or authorized" under state law "acting within his or her lawful scope of practice." New York's new law does not explicitly define "health."

The context was, and is, a fear that a conservative Supreme Court might revoke or limit the famous *Roe v. Wade* decision to allow abortions. Although many people believe there is no chance of that decision being overturned, the headlong rush to remove as many restrictions as possible is seen as a crucial plank in the Democratic left-wing and secular electorate.

I agree with the idea of minimum state interference in private lives and choices. I believe people have the right to make their own decisions regardless of sex or inclination. With sadness, I recognize that there can be valid reasons for abortions that I do not always consider to be ethically wrong under Jewish law. However, I do not agree that someone can have an abortion on demand, and right up until birth, simply because the mother might not feel well or for trivial reasons. And if that is an exaggerated description of the new situation in New York and similar states, the fact is that the new law allows this in practice.

And now to Jewish law and ethics.

According to the Talmud, the fetus is recognized as such only after 40 days from conception. Before that, it is regarded as liquid and has no legal status. Interestingly, the child's heartbeat can be detected around that time. Therefore, any act to end pregnancy during that period does not offend Jewish law. After that time, only a threat to the life of the mother allows for an abortion, on the grounds of self-defense. The fetus counts as a limb of the mother, which may be removed to save her. Once most of the body has emerged, the fetus has the same status as any other human being.

In recent years, many rabbis have allowed abortions of fetuses that are unviable (i.e., they would not be able to survive unaided outside the womb). Some have also allowed abortions where the mental state of the mother is so severe that carrying to full term might endanger her mental stability.

But waiting 24 weeks or later for an abortion of choice contravenes Jewish law.

All the New York law now requires is that a single medically-qualified individual agrees, and then one can abort all the way up to full term.

There is a surprising anomaly in Jewish law. On abortion, Jewish law is much more open and flexible than many other religions and ideologies. But

according to the Talmud, all non-Jews have a moral obligation to abide by the Seven Commandments given to Noah. One of them is not to murder. Jewish law interprets infanticide as murder. But whereas Torah law is relatively lenient for Jews, it is much stricter for non-Jews — where any kind of abortion is forbidden except in cases of the mother's actual life being in danger. Why is it stricter for non-Jews?

The reason most often given is that, since morally advanced societies are expected to have a heightened sense of the sanctity of life, pagan societies routinely were guilty of infanticide and had less regard for human life. They needed more limitations, safeguards, and protections.

I used to find this offensive to the many non-Jews I knew who had a very highly-developed sense of morality. But now I wonder if I was wrong. It seems that today's dominant view is to not care very much about what happens to unborn children. Many apparently moral men and women are prepared to condone cutting a living organism out of a mother's womb in the name of intersectionality and political correctness.

Although opponents of abortion often exaggerate and go too far the other way, there is enough evidence of babies born viable and left to die, if not actually murdered, to make me wonder what kind of morality the Western world subscribes to.

There is a fascinating debate in the Talmud tractate Sanhedrin between Antoninus and Rebi Yehudah the Prince (the head of the Jewish



Photo: Wikipedia.

community some 1800 years ago in the land of Israel). We don't know whether Antoninus was a real Roman or a symbolic one. Some say he was Marcus Aurelius, who was that rare phenomenon of a sensitive and wise emperor. Others say he was a Roman spokesman for Christianity. Either way, the two men actually consorted and debated in a civilized manner.

The question is: when does the soul enter the human body? Antoninus says at conception. Rebi Yehuda Hanassi says only when the fetus is fully formed. It looks like this debate was as relevant then as it is now. Antoninus was the representative of all that was morally good and caring in the non-Jewish world. In this debate, it is the Jewish spokesman who is more in tune with our modern thinking, while representing a traditional Jewish perspective.

I was educated to think that we tend to become more civilized over time. But that's not necessarily so. The abortion issue in the US today illustrates everything the religious right claims — that society has gone mad and lost its moral bearings.

*Rabbi Jeremy Rosen has worked in the rabbinate, Jewish education, and academia for more than forty years, in Europe and the US. He currently lives in the US, where he writes, teaches, lectures, and serves as rabbi of a small community in New York.*



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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: 594 MARCY LLC articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 12/12/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Felice Priante 1769 W. 13th Street Brooklyn, NY 11223 purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 2/1/8/15/22; 3/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff, vs. GLORIA LOPEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 21, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 14, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 190 Cozine Avenue Unit 6-1J, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York, Block 4415 and Lot 1155. Approximate amount of judgment is \$286,823.65 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 509296/2014. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Schiller, Knapp, Lefkowitz & Hertz, LLP, 200 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 202, Amherst, New York 14228, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST JOHN J. VOTTO, LINDA M. VOTTO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-15-2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 3-14-2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1462 East 65th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. 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: 8386 Lot: 72. Approximate amount of judgment \$607,622.77 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #511154/2014. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Carter Conboy Case Blackmore Maloney & Laird, PC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, NY 12211 26801 61080  
AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NAAC MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff AGAINST SANTO LOPEZ, CRISTOBALINA ARROYO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 02, 2018 I, the

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undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on March 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 100 HENDRIX 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 3933, LOT 24. Approximate amount of judgment \$966,864.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 408/2014. ROBERT HOWE, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 60529  
AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff against BERISH ROTTENBERG, 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 14, 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 March 14, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 4412 10th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Block 5607 Lot 40. 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 \$956,249.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506418/2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee RRJC004  
AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

GROEZ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/09/19. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 17 Spring Hollow Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, Against H. RICHARD ADELMAN, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 2/6/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 3/14/2019 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1146 39th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 5585 and Lot 26. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$890,086.65 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 500644/2015. Gregory Cerchione, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville

Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 1/7/2019 File Number: 27393 MNB  
AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, Against CARMEN MENDEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 5/7/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on 3/14/2019 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 2297 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 8490 and Lot 27. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$392,717.23 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 500833/2014. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 1/7/2019 File Number: 28768 MNB  
AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6, Plaintiff AGAINST MOSES OTOTE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 11, 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 March 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 193 SUMPSTER STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1519, LOT 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,183,755.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 22250-12. ARNOLD JOEL LUDWIG, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221  
AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: AESTHETIC BK LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/09/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC Upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Legalinc corporate services inc 1967 wehrle drive suite 1 #086 Buffalo, NY 14221. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1,

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Plaintiff against RUBY STRACHAN; VERONICA STRACHAN; SAPPHIRE STRACHAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 29, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 21st day of March, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City New York, County of Kings and State of New York. Said premises known as 462 East 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11203. (Block: 4939, Lot: 9). Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,145.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506263-13. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 \*For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call 800-280-2832\*  
AJ; 2/15/22; 3/1/8/

CITATION File No. 20182205 SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: The heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Sally Ann Silverstein deceased, If living, and if any of them be dead to the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Public Administrator of Queens County Shelly Anne Quilty-Lake, Guardian at Litem. A petition having been duly filed by BRUCE MOSKOWITZ who is domiciled at 294 SMOKETREE AVENUE, OAKPARK, California 91377 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, QUEENS County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica Rm 62, New York on April 11, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of SALLY SILVERSTEIN, aka SALLY ANN SILVERSTEIN lately domiciled at 98-40 64 Avenue, Unit 5G, Rego Park, New York 11374, United States admitting to probate a Will dated July 3, 2017 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of SALLY SILVERSTEIN deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to BRUCE MOSKOWITZ Letters of Trusteeship issue to BRUCE MOSKOWITZ f/b/o All Cats and all other Animals In possession of Sally Silverstein at her death Pursuant to EPTL 7-8.1 Dated, Attested and Sealed, February 7, 2019 HON PETER J. KELLY Surrogate James Lim Becker Chief Clerk David S. Shor, Esq. Attorney Salem, Shor & Saperstein, LLP (516)472-7030 3000 Marcus Avenue, Suite 1W6, Lake Success, New York 11042 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.  
AJ; 2/15/22; 3/1/8

File No. 2017-4442 PROBATE CITATION QUEENS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Bruce Povman, Guardian

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at Litem the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Alan Abbey a/k/a Alan N Abbey, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, assignees, administrators and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, Queens County Public Administrator, Daniel Goldberg, Sandra Goldberg Weiner. A petition having been duly filed by Faith Inerfeld Tanner who is domiciled at 6600 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito CA 94530. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd, Jamaica Rm 62, New York, on April 18 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Alan Abbey a/k/a Alan N Abbey lately domiciled at 260-49 A Langston Avenue, Glen Oaks NY 11004 admitting to probate a Will dated October 6, 1999 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Alan Abbey a/k/a Alan N Abbey deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to to Faith Inerfeld Tanner Dated, Attested and Sealed February 8, 2019 HON PETER J. KELLY Surrogate James Lim Becker Chief Clerk Kim L Zinke, Esq. Attorney 917-971-6801 6824 Colonial Road, Suite A1, Brooklyn, NY 11220 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law, You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.  
AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, V. MARCIA A. BECKFORD; ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 04, 2017, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and MARCIA A. BECKFORD; 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 March 28, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1280 E 86TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236: Block 8064, Lot 1: 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 Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 4029/2013 OR 2018-05538. Helene Blank, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Citibank, N.A., as trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Tyrone Lewis a/k/a Tyrone G. Lewis; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 30, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 28, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 102-02 Farragut Road, Brooklyn, NY 11236.

## Tradition.

# The Beauty of Holiness or the Holiness of Beauty



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

In Ki Tissa and in Vayakhel we encounter the figure of Betzalel, a rare type in the Hebrew Bible – the artist, the craftsman, the shaper of beauty in the service of God, the man who, together with Oholiab, fashioned the articles associated with the Tabernacle. Judaism – in sharp contrast to ancient Greece – did not cherish the visual arts. The reason is clear. The biblical prohibition against graven images associates them with idolatry. Historically, images, fetishes, icons and statues were linked in the ancient world with pagan religious practices. The idea that one might worship “the work of men’s hands” was anathema to biblical faith.

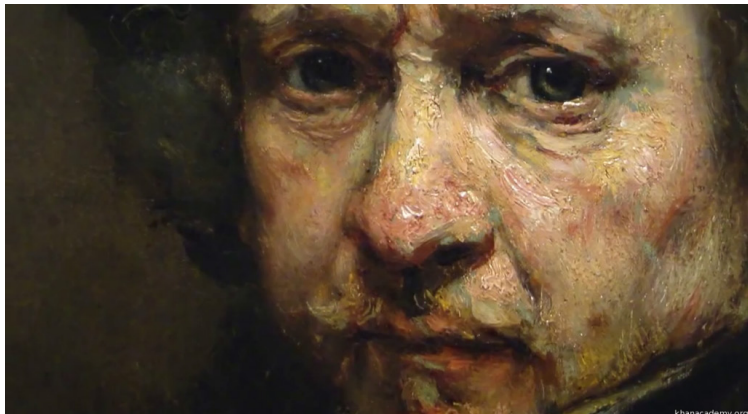
More generally, Judaism is a culture of the ear, not the eye. As a religion of the invisible God, it

*If one is afflicted with melancholy, he should cure it by listening to songs and various kinds of melodies, by walking in gardens and fine buildings, by sitting before beautiful forms, and by things like this which delight the soul and make the disturbance of melancholy disappear from it. In all this he should aim at making his body healthy, the goal of his body’s health being that he attain knowledge.*

The very terms in which Maimonides describes the aesthetic experience make it clear, however, that he sees art in strictly instrumental terms, as a way of relieving depression. There is no suggestion that it has value in its own right.

The strongest positive statement on art of which I am aware was made by Rabbi Abraham ha-Cohen Kook, the first Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of (pre-State) Israel, describing his time in London during the First World War:

*When I lived in London, I would visit the National Gallery,*



attaches sanctity to words heard, rather than objects seen. Hence there is a generally negative attitude within Judaism towards representational art.

There are some famous illustrated manuscripts (such as the *Bird’s Head Haggada*, Bavaria, circa 1300) in which human figures are given bird’s heads to avoid representing the full human form. Art is not forbidden as such; there is a difference between three-dimensional and two-dimensional representation. As Rabbi Meir of Rothenburg (c. 1215–1293) made clear in a responsum, “There is no trespass [in illustrated books] against the biblical prohibition... [illustrations] are merely flat patches of colour lacking sufficient materiality [to constitute a graven image].” Indeed several ancient synagogues in Israel had quite elaborate mosaics. In general, however, art was less emphasized in Judaism than in Christian cultures in which the Hellenistic influence was strong.

Positive references to art in the rabbinic literature are rare. One exception is Maimonides, who says the following:

*and the paintings that I loved the most were those of Rembrandt. In my opinion Rembrandt was a saint. When I first saw Rembrandt’s paintings, they reminded me of the rabbinic statement about the creation of light. When God created the light [on the first day], it was so strong and luminous that it was possible to see from one end of the world to the other. And God feared that the wicked would make use of it. What did He do? He secreted it for the righteous in the world to come. But from time to time there are great men whom God blesses with a vision of that hidden light. I believe that Rembrandt was one of them, and the light in his paintings is that light which God created on Genesis day.*

Rembrandt is known to have had a special affection for Jews. He visited them in his home town of Amsterdam, and painted them, as well as many scenes from the Hebrew Bible. I suspect that what Rabbi Kook saw in his paintings,

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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 8171 Lot 33. Approximate amount of judgment \$853,969.62 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 514002/2015. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: February 8, 2019 61462 AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Trust 2004-S2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff AGAINST Audrey Savin; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 2, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 28, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 8901 Avenue M, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 8068 Lot: 1. Approximate amount of judgment \$393,894.70 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 507884/2015. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: January 15, 2019 60706 AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: TERENCE TCG LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on: 02/13/2019. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of Process to: Tara Enahoro 415 Greene Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11216-1111 purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15/22/29

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff -against- MOSHE LEIB LAX A/K/A MOISHE LEIB LAX; AS CO-EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF CHAIM LAX, DECEASED, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 7, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on March 28, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, The Condominium Unit known as "The 1151 42nd Street Condominium" together with an undivided 39% interest in the Common Elements. Block: 5592 Lot: 2203 Said premises known as 1151 42ND STREET, UNIT #3, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$482,357.51 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser

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shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. Index Number 504537/2013. JOEL E. ABRAMSON, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 9024.87 AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BNC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2, Plaintiff, AGAINST MINERVA A. ALAR AKA MINERVA A. ALAR AKA MINERVA ALAR, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on January 14, 2019. I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 28, 2019 at 2:30 PM premises known as 137 Glen St, Brooklyn, NY 11208. 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. Section 1, Block 4167 and Lot 49. Approximate amount of judgment \$661,922.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #500792/2014. Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: ITM PLAYERS MEDIA LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/18/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of Process to: Peter Thomas Fornatale 55 7th AVE Apt. 1, New York, NY 11217. Purpose: all lawful activities AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15/22/29

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY PNC BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff against FIVEL SOFER, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered June 8, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn NY 11201 on March 28, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 715 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Block 5399 Lot 72. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$428,191.23 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 6496/13. Joel Eliot Abramson, Esq., Referee PNNC039 AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

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

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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; 2/15/22; 3/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff against ANNETTE HURLEY A/K/A ANNETTE CONLIFFE, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered January 28, 2019, 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 March 28, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 159 E. 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. Block 4877 Lot 46. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$536,235.03 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 510311/2017. Cash will not be accepted at the sale. Joel Abramson, Esq., Referee 2267-001342 AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

File No.: 2017-2798/A SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Thomas Hall, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Billie Hall and Jane Hall, if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Being the persons interested, a copy of this citation shall be served on John M. McFaul, Esq., Edward J. Kelly, Esq., and Lisa Barbieri, Esq., as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Thomas Hall, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 35-31 85th Street, unit 5C, Jackson Heights, NY 11372, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Hall, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate’s Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 4th day of April, 2019 at 9:30 o’clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and

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## Social.



Guy Nattiv, center, and his wife Jaime Ray Newman on stage accepting the Oscar for best live action short at the Academy Awards on Feb. 24, 2019. Photo: Screenshot.

## Guy Nattiv's Oscar Win for Short Film 'Skin' Celebrated in His Native Israel

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin congratulated Israeli filmmaker Guy Nattiv for winning the Academy Award for best live action short film on Sunday night for his film "Skin."

The 20-minute movie centers around two gangs who engage in a war after a black man smiles at a 10-year-old white boy inside a supermarket located in a blue collar town.

Nattiv, who also co-produced the film alongside his wife Jaime Ray Newman, was the first Israeli to win an Oscar in 41 years.

Rivlin on Monday took to Twitter to describe the English-language movie as "a gift to our children and grandchildren and for the future we wish for them."

He added, "Proud to be Israeli! Mazal Tov!"

In his acceptance speech, Nattiv, who was joined on stage by his wife, began by saying, "Layla tov, Israel." He then talked about his Holocaust survivor grandparents, noting, "The bigotry that they experienced in the Holocaust, we see that everywhere today in America, in Europe. And this film is about education; it's about

teaching your kids a better way."

At a press conference following the ceremony, Nattiv revealed that a full-length film based on "Skin" would be released in July.

He later told Israel's Channel 12 news via video link from the award ceremony after-party that he would bring the Oscar to Israel because his movie was "half Israeli."

Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein also tweeted about Nattiv's Oscar win. He wrote on Monday, "Warm congratulations to Guy Nattiv on his winning an Oscar! I heard Guy speak excitedly this morning about the Israeli production and the great achievement for Israel, and we are all excited with him. Great pride!"

Israel's Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz welcomed the win, tweeting, "Guy, you made us very proud. Thank you."

Israeli Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon tweeted a message to Nattiv, saying, "You have brought great honor to us and all of Israel at the Oscar ceremony. An exciting and inspiring moment. I hope that many more Israeli children will follow in your footsteps and continue to produce quality groundbreaking cinema for us and the whole world."

## Kim Kardashian West to Debut New Collection of Sunglasses With Israeli Company, Visit Israel Next Month

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Kim Kardashian West will visit Israel next month to promote the debut of her new collaboration with Israeli eyewear brand Carolina Lemke.

The Israel-based sunglasses company is partnering with the makeup mogul and reality TV star to release a new sunglasses line next month. Called the Kim Kardashian West Collection for Carolina Lemke, every pair of sunglasses in the



Kim Kardashian, seen with her child, North, is greeted by priests at the Saint James Armenian Church in the Armenian Quarter in Jerusalem's Old City in 2015. Photo: Hadas Parush/Flash90.

collection will retail for less than \$100, according to Vogue magazine.

Kardashian West will be in Israel from March 19-21, The Jerusalem Post reported, and the sunglasses will be available for purchase on April 3 on Carolina Lemke's website with an early presale at the end of March.

The collection marks the eyewear brand's first expansion into the US market.

Kardashian West recently became a partner in Carolina Lemke and reportedly has plans for more releases under her name throughout 2019, Vogue reported. She told the magazine that her friend, Israeli model Bar Refaeli, who is also a Carolina Lemke partner, introduced her to the brand as well as Lorraine Schwartz, Kardashian West's jeweler who is a fan of the eyewear company.

# Tradition.

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**Holiness**

though, was Rembrandt's ability to convey the beauty of ordinary people. He makes no attempt (most notably in his self-portraits) to beautify or idealise his subjects. The light that shines from them is, simply, their humanity.

*It was Samson Raphael Hirsch who distinguished ancient Greece from ancient Israel in terms of the contrast between aesthetics and ethics. In his comment on the verse "May God enlarge Japheth and let him dwell in the tents of Shem" (Genesis 9:27), he observes:*

*The stem of Japheth reached its fullest blossoming in the Greeks; that of Shem in the Hebrews, Israel, who bore and bear the name (Shem) of God through the world of nations... Japheth has ennobled the world aesthetically. Shem has enlightened it spiritually and morally.*

Yet as we see from the case of Betzalel, Judaism is not indifferent to aesthetics. The concept of hiddur mitzvah, "beautifying the commandment," meant, for the sages, that we should strive to fulfill the commands in the most aesthetically pleasing way. The priestly garments were meant to be "for honour and adornment" (Exodus 28:2). The very terms applied to Betzalel – wisdom, understanding and knowledge – are applied by the book of Proverbs to God Himself as

creator of the universe:

*The law and the Lord founded the earth by wisdom;*

*He established the heavens by understanding;*

*By His knowledge the depths burst apart,*

*And the skies distilled dew.*  
(Proverbs: 3:19–20)

The key to Betzalel lies in his name. It means "In the shadow of God." Betzalel's gift lay in his ability to communicate, through his work, that art is the shadow cast by God. Religious art is never "art for art's sake." Unlike secular art, it points to something beyond itself. The Tabernacle itself was a kind of microcosm of the universe, with one overriding particularity: that in it you felt the presence of something beyond – what the Torah calls "the glory of God" which "filled the Tabernacle" (Exodus 40:35).

The Greeks, and many in the Western world who inherited their tradition, believed in the holiness of beauty (Keats' "Beauty is truth, truth beauty, that is all / Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know"). Jews believed in the opposite: *hadrat kodesh*, the beauty of holiness: "Give to the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalms 29:2). Art in Judaism always has a spiritual purpose: to make us aware of the universe as a work of art, testifying to the supreme Artist, God Himself.

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**Kansas**

Penny & Giles Aerospace. Israel also currently ranks as one of Kansas' top 20 trade partners, with key development in the areas of agriculture, aviation, irrigation, and healthcare.

Currently, 28 states have shown bipartisan support for investing in Israel's debt securities, and proceeds are used for projects such as infrastructure development. Warren Buffett, arguably the world's most renowned and successful investor, stated that "the purchase of Israel

bonds is a sound investment and a deserved endorsement of a remarkable country."

Since the introduction of anti-BDS legislation in Kansas, Kansans from every corner of our state have voiced their strong support for it. In this case, increasing investment options could be a win-win for both Kansas and Israel. I hope this legislation will find the support that it needs to be successful, as yet another way for Kansans to declare, "We stand with Israel."

*Jake LaTurner is the Kansas State Treasurer.*

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**Debate**

guided entirely by professional considerations, while opponents of such ideas are dismissed as driven by ulterior motives and political agendas. This presentation is not only false, but the inverse of the truth.

Former Mossad Director Shabtai Shavit dismissed my opinion piece "Benny Gantz's Dangerous Ambiguity on West Bank Disengagement" as a political treatise undeserving of publication by an academic research institute.

He derides the BESA Center for Strategic Studies, which published the paper and where I serve as a senior research associate, as "painted since its foundation by political colors in line with the number of its skullcap-wearing associates." Had Shavit done his due diligence, he would have quickly learned that even by the parameters of his perverse logic, the BESA Center should be painted by quite different "political colors," given that over 80 percent of its research associates are not "skullcap-wearers."

This mind-boggling stigmatization notwithstanding, it is not the first time that I have been accused of subordinating professional considerations to a political agenda.

In a 2005 war game at the IDF's General Staff, contemplating possible military responses to rocket/missile attacks from the Gaza Strip after the looming unilateral disengagement, I argued that the IDF's operational maneuverability would be severely constrained, and that decisions on operating in Palestinian territory across the border fence would be complex and difficult to make. I further maintained that the IDF would find it exceedingly difficult to respond effectively to Hamas missile attacks launched from densely populated areas.

I was immediately accused of speaking "politically" rather than "professionally." The same thing happened three years later, when I told my fellow General Staff officers of my doubts about the IDF's ability to defend Israel in the event of total withdrawal from the Golan Heights. The formula is clear: officers who

## Gaza's Strawberry Exports Skyrocket Since Last Year

**BY ALGEMEINER STAFF**

In a piece of good news for residents of the Gaza Strip, revenues from the coastal enclave's strawberry exports have risen 290 percent over the previous year.

"Strawberries are an important source of income in Gaza for Palestinian farmers and their families," the Israeli Defense Ministry's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) unit,

which facilitates the exports, said.

"The export and sale of strawberries from the Gaza Strip has yielded revenues of about 13m NIS so far this harvest season, a 290% improvement over last year," COGAT added.



COGAT @cogatonline  
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**Abbas**

the right that he leads is the only government that can be trusted to deal with a PA leader that continues to financially reward terrorism.

Abbas may enjoy his popularity, but if his people actually wanted peace

and a two-state solution, they wouldn't be applauding his intransigence. Until something shifts, Israeli politics will continue to be a battle in which the parties of the left haven't got a chance.

*Jonathan S. Tobin is editor in chief of JNS — Jewish News Syndicate. Follow him on Twitter @jonathans\_tobin.*

downplay the security risks of territorial withdrawals do so on "professional" grounds; those who underscore the dangers attending such withdrawals are driven by "political" considerations.

There lies the crux of the matter. In the debate on Israel's national security in general and a desirable Israeli-Palestinian settlement in particular, the dividing line between the "political" and the "professional" has been drawn by old elites and interest groups that exert overwhelming influence on the public discourse. Thus, proponents of concessions and withdrawals have long been cast as guided exclusively by professional considerations, while their opponents have been dismissed as driven by ulterior motives and political agendas. It is no coincidence that the piece that attracted Shavit's mudslinging — free of rebuttal of a single fact or assertion — has been translated and thoroughly discussed by the influential Palestinian newspaper, Al-Quds Al-Arabi.

In reality, it is difficult to find national decisions — in the social, economic, political, educational, and security fields, among others — that are completely value-free and made on professional grounds alone. A medical prognosis is a strictly professional matter; public health policy decisions reflect a socioeconomic worldview and value system.

This in turn means that when former security officials justify far-reaching territorial concessions "because the preservation of certain values overrides the importance of land," they do so from a clear political vantage point. As such, they have



*Former Israeli armed forces chief of staff Benny Gantz in Munich, Germany, February 17, 2019. Photo: REUTERS/Andreas Gebert.*

no intrinsic advantage over fellow citizens who hold a different view, despite the manipulative substitution of a "professional" prognosis for a politically-motivated view.

In these circumstances, Israelis must demand an open and critical public debate that takes the "assessments" and "recommendations" offered by former security officials for what they are: preconceived political views masquerading as impartial professional prognoses.

*Maj. Gen. (res.) Gershon Hacoheh is a senior research fellow at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies. This article was published by The BESA Center. An earlier Hebrew version of this article was published in Israel Hayom.*

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why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$10,256.05 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds and the funds currently on deposit with the Commissioner of Finance should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said

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alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 15th day of February, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation AJ; 3/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY PURCHASE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff against JESSIE LOZADA, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered March 27, 2017, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 4, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 167 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Block 4129 Lot 23. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$328,267.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506966/2014. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee YCHC190 AJ; 3/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES 2006-HE1, Plaintiff AGAINST BARBARA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SEREATHA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SHAKEYIA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SHAMMEL HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 21, 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 April 04, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 144 CHESTNUT 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 New York, BLOCK 4127, LOT 32. Approximate amount of judgment \$737,451.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 8644/2013. LENORE KRAMER, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 60773 AJ; 3/1/8/15/22/