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French Jews Decry 'Wall of Indifference' Surrounding Antisemitism



One of the antisemitic slogans appearing with increasing frequency in public spaces in France. Photo: Screenshot.

BY BEN COHEN

The representative body of Jews in France called on Tuesday for French society to "break the wall of indifference that surrounds antisemitism," as figures published by the country's Interior Ministry showed a colossal increase of 74 percent in the number of attacks on Jews in 2018.

The increase reflected the

"disturbing liberation" in France from the taboo around antisemitic hatred established after World War II, Francis Kalifat — president of the French Jewish communal organization CRIF — said in a statement.

Kalifat emphasized that incidents recorded only in the last few days "testify to the banalizing and violence of antisemitism in France in 2019."

Among the outrages he cited was the defacing with swastikas

on Sunday of a mural of the late Simone Veil — a Holocaust survivor and pioneer of women's rights in France who was interred last July in the famous Pantheon in Paris that commemorates French citizens of distinction.

Kalifat also pointed out that on Monday, a tree commemorating Ilan Halimi — the young French Jew kidnapped, tortured and murdered by an antisemitic

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Congresswoman Omar 'Apologizes' for Offensive AIPAC Tweet

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Freshman Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (D-MN) attempted to head off a storm of criticism on Monday with a statement saying she was "listening and learning, but standing strong" following the furor over her tweets the previous day that were widely slammed as antisemitic.

While Omar said that she "unequivocally apologized" for causing offense, she also appeared to stick by her earlier false allegation that the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) exercises an outsize influence



Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (D-MN) speaks to the media on Capitol Hill. Photo: Reuters / Joshua Roberts.

in national politics because of its financial clout — a claim that echoes modern antisemitic conspiracy theories about Jewish economic and political power. Omar claimed she was learning about "antisemitic tropes," but her statement did not connect her study of the problem with the sentiments expressed in her tweet.

Omar's statement on Monday came shortly after top Democrats called her Sunday tweets "antisemitic." "Congresswoman Omar's use of antisemitic tropes and

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Opinion.

Why Has Human Rights Watch Become an Anti-Israel Activist Group?

DAVID MAY &
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When Airbnb, the online lodging service, announced in November that it would ban Israeli listings in the disputed West Bank, hardcore anti-Israel groups took an undeserved victory lap. Surprisingly, though, the credit belongs to Human Rights Watch, a non-governmental organization with seemingly no reason to enter into the circus of anti-Israel activism.

With ground support from a big tent of vitriolic groups, it was HRW that pressured Airbnb into boycotting Israel. It was HRW that published "Bed and Breakfast on Stolen Land," a report documenting alleged human rights violations associated with renting Jewish properties in the West Bank. To avoid bad press, Airbnb yanked its Jewish-owned listings one day before the report dropped.

It's unclear exactly when HRW began to juggle both human rights research and anti-Israel activism. One could point to the joint declaration of the 2001 NGO Forum in South Africa, reportedly formulated with Human Rights Watch's assistance, which endorsed sanctions against the Jewish state. It also could have been 2004, when it hired anti-Israel activist

Sarah Leah Whitson. Soon after she took over as Middle East director, HRW endorsed a campaign led by vehemently anti-Israel groups to suspend sales of Caterpillar equipment to the Jewish state after pro-Palestinian activist Rachel Corrie was killed when she stood in the way of an Israeli military bulldozer.

By 2009, the anti-Israel invective reached a fever pitch, prompting HRW founder Robert Bernstein to pen a critical New York Times op-ed. Around this time, HRW became part of the boycott, divestment, and sanctions campaign. The Simon Wiesenthal Center, a group dedicated to countering antisemitism, describes BDS as a "thinly-veiled, anti-Israel and anti-Semitic 'poison pill,' whose goal is the demonization, delegitimization, and ultimate demise of the Jewish State."

Connections to the Palestinian NGO al-Haq may also explain HRW's BDS contortions. The two groups have collaborated since at least 2007, when HRW urged Israel to allow al-Haq director Shawan Jabarin to travel abroad. According to a 1994 Israeli submission to the United Nations, Jabarin is a senior member of the terrorist group known as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. He was detained on seven occasions for his ties to the group, which he denies. In 2007, Israel Supreme Court Justice Elyakim Rubinstein described Jabarin as a "Doctor Jekyll and Mister Hyde," heading an NGO while also belonging to a terrorist group. In 2011, HRW

appointed Jabarin as an adviser.

Labeled a terrorist group by the US, European Union, Canada, and Israel, the PFLP was notorious in the 1960s and 1970s for high-profile hijackings and attacks against Israelis. In October 2001, the group assassinated an Israeli minister. In 2014, the PFLP claimed responsibility for a gruesome attack on a Jerusalem synagogue that left six dead, including three American rabbis.

Jabarin denies his PFLP connections while he continues to assail Israel through his NGO, which has called for a European boycott on Jewish goods from the West Bank and a French financial boycott of Israel. Jabarin submitted several reports to the International Criminal Court as part of an anti-Israel lawfare campaign, and he was instrumental in the recent push in Ireland to criminalize business transactions with Jewish businesses in the West Bank.

Jabarin is not al-Haq's only contribution to HRW. A former legal researcher with al-Haq, Anan Abu Shanab, is currently HRW's West Bank researcher. There is also Charles Shamas, a co-founder of al-Haq, who has been an HRW adviser since at least 2002. Shamas also founded the MATTIN Group, which lobbied Europe to exclude Israeli products from free trade agreements.

HRW has since joined several other controversial BDS campaigns. This includes the malicious 2015 effort to lobby the UN



Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch, speaks at the World Economic Forum in January 23, 2015. Photo: World Economic Forum/Benedikt von Loebell.

to blacklist Israel as an abuser of children in armed conflict. In 2016, the group unsuccessfully petitioned the world soccer federation FIFA to block matches in Israeli settlements.

In January 2016, HRW published "Occupation, Inc.," a report claiming Israeli businesses in the West Bank contribute to Palestinian human rights violations. The UN Human Rights Council, the group former US ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley blasted as a "cesspool of political bias," soon called for a blacklist of companies operating in Israeli settlements, in line with HRW's vision. HRW brass cheered the move and even recommended three companies to blacklist for good measure.

In October 2016, HRW hired BDS advocate Omar Shakir as its new Israel-Palestine director. In 2017 and 2018, HRW began pressuring banks to cease operations in Israeli

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Ilhan Omar's Anti-Semitic Tropes Echo the New York Times



IRA STOLL
BOSTON

Could the intense and outraged reaction to Congresswoman Ilhan Omar's tweet be the key to reforming *The New York Times'* coverage of Israel and Jewish topics?

When Omar tweeted recently suggesting that Jewish campaign contributions had swayed America's Middle East policy, nearly everyone seemed to agree she had crossed some important line.

The speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, and six members of the House Democratic leadership issued a "statement on Anti-Semitic comments of Congresswoman Ilhan Omar," condemning as "deeply offensive" what they called "Congresswoman Omar's use of anti-Semitic tropes and prejudicial accusations about Israel's supporters."

The national director emeritus of the Anti-Defamation League, Abraham Foxman, said, "Rep. Omar's continued blatant anti-Semitism needs to be vigorously condemned by both political parties. There is a need for consequences for such bigoted expressions by elected officials."

Omar herself eventually said, "I unequivocally apologize," though she did proceed in her next sentence to complain about the "problematic" role of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which she likened to the National Rifle Association and the fossil fuel industry.

Even *New York Times* columnist Michelle Goldberg, last seen insisting, "Anti-Zionism Isn't the Same as Anti-Semitism" and defending the movement to boycott, divest from, and sanction Israel, acknowledged, "Omar invoked a poisonous anti-Semitic narrative about Jews using their money to manipulate global affairs." Explained Goldberg, "it's particularly incumbent on Israel's legitimate critics to avoid anything that smacks of anti-Jewish bigotry. And the idea of Jews as global puppet masters, using their financial savvy to make the gentiles do their bidding, clearly does."

Yet the "anti-Semitic trope" for which Omar was widely condemned, the claim that American support for Israel is financially motivated — "it's all about the Benjamins baby," as Omar put it in a reference to the \$100 bills featuring Benjamin Franklin's portrait — is a consistent feature of *New York Times* news and opinion articles. Here are just a few recent examples.

In September of 2018, a front-page *New York Times* news article about Repub-



Congresswoman Ilhan Omar at an event for Hillary Clinton in 2016. Photo: Lorie Shaull via Wikimedia Commons.

lican donors Sheldon and Miriam Adelson described Dr. Miriam Adelson as "Israeli," ignoring that she is also an American. The *Times* article, as I wrote at the time in the *Algemeiner*, tried to make it seem like the Adelsons were buying Trump's positions on things such as the Jerusalem embassy and the Iran nuclear deal in a kind of quid pro quo, using phrases like "return on investment" and "deliver major, long-sought policy victories for conservative Jews like the Adelsons." The *Times* said, "More than a dozen people who know the Adelsons professionally or personally, some of whom are also friendly with Mr. Trump, said in interviews that the durability of Mr. Adelson's relationship with the president hinges not on any personal affinity between the two, but on a mutual appreciation for something both men have built their careers on: the transaction."

In February of 2018, a *Times* op-ed, subsequently corrected, warned that Jewish billionaires were about to drag America into war with Iran. The op-ed claimed, "the analysts claiming close ties between Al Qaeda and Iran come from the Foundation for Defense of Democracy, which vehemently opposes the Iran nuclear deal and unabashedly calls for regime change in Iran, while taking money from hawks like Sheldon Adelson and Paul Singer, who have made clear what their goals are with Iran."

A front-page *New York Times* article from December 2017 reported, "In March 2016, Mr. Trump sought to burnish his credentials as

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Congresswoman

Anti-Semitism is real and I am grateful for Jewish allies and colleagues who are educating me on the painful history of anti-Semitic tropes. My intention is never to offend my constituents or Jewish Americans as a whole. We have to always be willing to step back and think through criticism, just as I expect people to hear me when others attack me for my identity. This is why I unequivocally apologize.

At the same time, I reaffirm the problematic role of lobbyists in our politics, whether it be AIPAC, the NRA or the fossil fuel industry. It's gone on too long and we must be willing to address it.

Ilhan Omar
@IlhanMN

Listening and learning, but standing strong 🙏
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prejudicial accusations about Israel's supporters is deeply offensive," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn and other party leaders said in a statement. "We condemn these remarks and we call upon Congresswoman Omar to immediately apologize for these hurtful comments."

The latest controversy surrounding Omar began on Sunday when she responded to a tweet by journalist Glenn Greenwald, in which he referenced a statement by Republican House Minority leader Kevin McCarthy that "action" should be taken against Omar and fellow Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib for their anti-Israel views.

"GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy threatens punishment for @IlhanMN and @RashidaTlaib over their criticisms of Israel," Greenwald tweeted. "It's stunning how much time US political leaders spend defending a foreign nation even if it means attacking free speech rights of Americans."

Replying to Greenwald, Omar tweeted, "It's all about the Benjamins baby" — with "Benjamins" being slang for \$100 bills.

Batya Unger Sargon — the opinion editor of *BDS Lobby in South Africa Determined to Wreck \$354 Million Dollar Purchase of Local Dairy Giant by Israeli-Led Consortium* — pointed out that Omar's tweet had antisemitic connotations.

"Would love to know who @IlhanMN thinks is paying American politicians to be pro-Israel, though I think I can guess," tweeted Sargon.

Omar responded to Sargon's query with one word: "AIPAC!"

However, AIPAC does not give money to political candidates or sitting officials.

AIPAC later tweeted, "We are proud that we are engaged in the democratic process to strengthen the US-Israel relationship. Our bipartisan efforts are reflective of American

values and interests. We will not be deterred in any way by ill-informed and illegitimate attacks on this important work."

Jonathan Greenblatt — head of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) — weighed in, tweeting, "Words matter Rep. @IlhanMN. Anti-Semitism is on the rise in the US and abroad. The use of this tired anti-Semitic trope about Jews and money is inappropriate and upsetting."

"As Americans and Jews, we expect our politicians to condemn bigotry, not fuel it," he added.

Mark Mellman, president and CEO of the new Democratic Majority for Israel group issued a statement saying, "Congresswoman Ilhan Omar's recent statement reveals both woeful ignorance and flagrant bigotry."

"By suggesting pro-Israel views are paid for, Congresswoman Omar has driven headlong into the gutter, slandering America's pro-Israel community and the vast majority of her colleagues of both parties, in the House and the Senate, who back a strong U.S.-Israel relationship," Mellman added.

Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC) Executive Director Matt Brooks expressed a similar sentiment, saying, "Rep. Omar's suggestion that congressional support for Israel is about money brings a vile antisemitic stereotype into the partisan politics of our day."

The Jewish Democratic Council of America (JDCA) tweeted, "Rep. Ilhan Omar's decision to publicly repeat an antisemitic trope suggesting that Jewish money is directly correlated with political influence is deeply offensive and painful."

Democratic Congressman Max Rose of New York condemned Omar, saying, "When someone uses hateful and offensive tropes against people of any faith, I will not be silent."

"Congresswoman Omar's statements are deeply hurtful to Jews, including myself," he added. "Implying that Americans support Israel because of money alone is offensive enough. But go a step further, and retweet someone declaring their pain at her sentiment is truly unacceptable."

"At a time when anti-Semitic attacks are on the rise, our leaders should not be invoking hurtful stereotypes and caricatures of Jewish people to dismiss those who support Israel. In the Democratic Party — and in the United States of America — we celebrate the diversity of our people, and the Gods we pray to, as a strength," he concluded. "The Congresswoman's statements do not live up to that cherished ideal."

Another New York Democratic congressman, Jerry Nadler, called Omar's remarks "deeply disappointing and disturbing," as well as "hurtful and offensive."

for a "national surge against antisemitism."

"Beyond being a threat to Jews, antisemitism is a signal of the democratic weakening of our country," Kalifat asserted. "On the eve of the anniversary of the murder of Ilan Halimi, CRIF is hoping for a welcome surge from French society to break the wall of indifference that surrounds antisemitism."

French Interior Minister Christophe Castaner headed straight to the site of Halimi's memorial on Monday after learning of the vandalism.

"We are crying tonight like we were thirteen years ago," a visibly moved Castaner told journalists at the site.

"Antisemitism is spreading like poison," Castaner continued. "By attacking Ilan Halimi's memory, it is the [French] Republic that's being attacked."

Perhaps even more worryingly, data on antisemitism recorded by one Jewish organization since the beginning of 2019 indicated that the number of attacks was still on the rise.

BDS in South Africa Determined to Wreck \$354 Million Purchase of Local Dairy by Israeli Led Consortium



Supporters of the BDS movement in South Africa. Photo: Twitter screenshot.

BY BEN COHEN

Shares in South Africa's largest dairy firm plunged by nearly 10 percent on Thursday, as anti-Israel activists attempted to wreck a \$354 million buyout deal with an Israeli-led consortium.

Composed of local, black-owned investment companies and the majority stakeholder, the Tel Aviv-based Central Bottling Co. (CBC), the consortium announced the buyout of South African dairy company Clover on Monday, sending the company's stock soaring by 21 percent.

But after protests from the influential political lobby in South Africa that advocates for an economic and cultural boycott of Israel, Brimstone Investments, one of the four South African partners in the consortium, said on Thursday that it would "reconsider" its participation in the deal, sending Clover's share price tumbling.

News of the Israeli-led buyout earlier in the week had been warmly welcomed by South African financial analysts, who are concerned by the sharp decline in foreign direct investment in the country in recent years.

"Yesterday's South African Rand 4.8 billion takeover offer for Clover Industries by an Israeli-led consortium is notable," wrote leading financial commentator Douglas Hogg on Tuesday.

Despite ongoing international concerns about South Africa's business climate, particularly in the politically-sensitive agricultural sector, the offer for Clover showed that "the smart money is returning to SA," Hogg asserted. "Believe it."

According to figures released in 2018 by UN trade body UNCTAD, foreign investment in South Africa contracted by 41 percent in 2016-17 — the result of investor disappointment in the lack of domestic demand in South Africa, where unemployment currently runs to 26.6 percent of the workforce, with 55 percent of the population living on less than \$75 per month amid rampant public sector corruption. South African President

Cyril Ramaphosa has set himself the goal of securing \$100 billion in foreign investment over the next five years, in a bid to boost employment and increase consumer purchasing power.

Not everyone was cheered by Monday's announcement of what Bloomberg News called a "rarity... foreign takeovers of South African listed-companies." In a statement on Wednesday, BDS South Africa — the pro-boycott lobby's campaigning arm — denounced the Clover deal, accusing CBC of being "complicit in human rights abuses and violations of international law."

One of the allegations leveled at CBC concerned its apparent hosting of a reception for a late former Israeli defense minister, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, whom the South African boycott lobby accused of "presiding over the 2002 storming of Jenin, a refugee camp, leaving hundreds of Palestinians dead." No such "storming" ever took place in Jenin, a Palestinian city in the West Bank where 23 Israeli soldiers and 53 Palestinians were killed during fighting in April 2002.

After meeting on Thursday with representatives of local deal partner Brimstone Investments — which describes itself as "a black controlled and managed investment company" — BDS South Africa declared itself satisfied with a "positive and productive meeting."

"BDS South Africa believes that South African companies are attractive investment opportunities for global investors and that there will be many alternative investors who are not tainted by the violation of international law and human rights," the statement continued.

In a separate statement, Brimstone — which will acquire 15 percent of Clover should the deal go through — said that the company had "taken note of the widespread outrage" at its partnership in a consortium in which an Israeli company owns a 60 percent stake.

"Brimstone has therefore decided to review its role in the proposed transaction," the company's statement went on, ending

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gang in Paris in Feb. 2006 — was chopped down in an act of vandalism. The tree was discovered by municipal workers in the suburb of Sainte-Genevieve-des-Bois — where Halimi's body was discovered — as they arrived to prepare for the annual remembrance ceremony for him that is scheduled for later this week.

The attack on Halimi's memorial, Kalifat continued, came two days after the window of a popular Jewish-owned bakery in Paris was daubed with the antisemitic slogan "Juden!" — the German word for "Jews."

The CRIF statement underlined that the figures issued by the Interior Ministry "do not include acts that did not lead to a complaint, or antisemitic remarks on the internet."

The numbers "therefore only very partially reflect the reality of the 'everyday antisemitism' facing the Jews of France," the statement said.

CRIF's Kalifat added that he was now calling

According to the National Office of Vigilance Against Antisemitism (BNVCA), more than 100 complaints concerning antisemitism have been filed with the authorities since January. "Over the same period, compared to 2018, the figures have almost doubled," said

René Lévy, secretary general of the BNCVA.

Lévy said that of the incidents recorded so far in 2019, around half had involved direct threats, with violent assaults reported in eight of the cases.

World News.



A 'Bagelstein' cafe in Paris targeted with antisemitic graffiti. Photo: Twitter.

'Juden!': Antisemitic Graffiti From Europe's Nazi Past Sprayed on Jewish-Owned Bakery in Paris

BY BEN COHEN

Graffiti declaring "Juden!" — the German word for "Jews" — was discovered early on Saturday morning on the window of a Jewish-owned bakery in Paris, hours before 31 supporters of the populist "Yellow Vest" protest movement were arrested in violent clashes with police in the French capital.

Staff at a branch of the bakery chain "Bagelstein" in the fashionable 4th arrondissement of Paris arrived for work to be confronted with the word "Juden!" spray-painted in large yellow letters under the store's logo.

The vandalism was clearly meant to provoke associations with the persecution of Jews in Nazi Germany that began with economic boycotts and discriminatory legislation in the 1930s, culminating in the Holocaust. Nazi Party street thugs would mark out Jewish-owned stores by painting the words "Juden" or "Jude" on their entrances. The word also featured in popular Nazi slogans of the time, such as "Kauft nicht bei Juden!" ("Do not buy from Jews!") and "Die Juden sind unser Unglück!" ("The Jews are our misfortune!")

The Paris prosecutor's office said the incident was being treated as incitement to racial hatred. The management of the Bagelstein chain had filed a complaint with police after the graffiti was found, co-owner Gilles Abecassis told the AFP news agency on Sunday. Abecassis said that while he and his colleagues had been "shocked" by what took place, they were heart-

ened by the "thousands of messages of support" received from around the world.

French broadcaster RMC meanwhile reported on Monday that a different branch of the Bagelstein chain was also targeted with antisemitic graffiti last week. The words "La pourriture juive se repand" — "Jewish rot is spreading" — had been written in black magic marker on the storefront.

Interior Minister Christophe Castaner expressed disgust at the antisemitic vandalism, vowing that the authorities would do everything to apprehend the offender.

No clear link has been established between Saturday's "Yellow Vest" demonstrations and the vandalism. Suspicions were raised as a result of several antisemitic incidents involving supporters of the movement, including the spectacle ten days ago of a protester urinating on the wall of the Great Synagogue in Strasbourg while Shabbat services were taking place inside.

Originally launched to protest a now-abandoned fuel tax imposed by the French authorities, the "Yellow Vests" have evolved over the last three months into a street-based opposition to the government of French President Emmanuel Macron, providing a political home for both far-left and far-right activists. Critics of the movement point out that the number of people attending the protests has declined each week since they began, from a peak of 282,000 in November to just 51,000 last weekend.

that it was taking a long-term view of the South African market.

"We are investing in a well-run company and are taking a long-term investment approach which reflects our confidence in the prospects for the local economy," CBC Chief Executive Officer Aran Oelsner said in an email on Monday to South African outlet Biz News. "Combining Clover's abilities with our global expertise will provide real opportunities to grow Clover's dairy and beverage portfolios across sub-Saharan Africa."

If the Clover deal goes through despite the pro-boycott lobby's objections, the dairy company is set to substantively increase its present workforce of 8,500 employees, as it expands its 13 production plants in South Africa and builds on a regional distribution network that includes Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia and Swaziland.

South Africa has long been a stronghold of the pro-boycott movement, although

Shas Party Tells High Court That Women Can Become Members, Run for Office

BY JNS.org

The sephardic religious Shas Party has formally informed Israel's High Court of Justice that its regulations do not prevent women from becoming members eligible to run for public office.

The statement came following a petition filed by haredi activist for female political representation Ruth Colian in 2016 through the Rackman Center women's rights organization, which argued that Shas refers to candidates in the masculine throughout its party regulations and directs women towards the "Women of Shas" sister organization, which supports the political entity but does not produce candidates.

Shas responded that while the Agudat Yisrael ultra-Orthodox party specifically excludes women, Shas has never expressly done so, and that membership to "Women of Shas" does not preclude membership in the primary party.

The announcement does not obligate



Israeli Minister of Interior Affairs and head of the Shas party Aryeh Deri, seen with Shas parliament members at the campaign opening event in Bat Yam on Feb. 10, 2019. Photo: Yehuda Haim/Flash90.

Shas to appoint any female candidates to its electoral lists, but is believed to open the door to the possibility.

In its decision on Monday, the court found that using the masculine form in Hebrew is not inherently discriminatory, as set forth in the 1981 Law for Interpretation, and that "Shas regulations do not discriminate between a man and a woman."

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a friend of Israel, telling the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the most powerful pro-Israel lobbying group, "We will move the American embassy to the eternal capital of the Jewish people, Jerusalem." The Adelsons were persuaded and donated \$20 million to a political action committee that supported Mr. Trump's campaign, and another \$1.5 million to the committee that organized the Republican convention. Since Mr. Trump took office, Mr. Adelson has communicated with him regularly, talking by phone and visiting the White House, and has used his access to push the relocation of the embassy."

A cutline on a *Times* video published along with that article helpfully explained, "When President Trump formally recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital, one man who was probably smiling was the Republican mega-donor Sheldon Adelson."

A front-page *Times* news article from April, 2017 was headlined, "Trump Inaugural Drew Big Dollars From Donors With Vested Interests." That article began, "The casino magnate and philanthropist Sheldon G. Adelson wants some big things from the Trump administration: banning the online poker sites that compete with his luxury casinos, for example, and moving the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. And while President Trump was not Mr. Adelson's

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Human Rights Watch

settlements. It was also around this time that HRW began lobbying Airbnb and Booking.com to de-list Jewish properties in the West Bank. When Airbnb relented in November, Arvind Ganesan, business and human rights director at HRW, crowed, "Airbnb has taken a stand against discrimination, displacement, and land theft."

While HRW may do serious work on other issues, it is now an activist group aligned with a vitriolic movement. The connection

it continues to trade with Israel, annually importing approximately \$150 million of Israeli-produced goods, especially insecticides, fertilizers and agricultural equipment.

Misrepresenting the Jewish state as a carbon copy of the former Apartheid regime in South Africa, boycott advocates are promi-

first choice during the Republican primary season last year, he has been generous since: The billionaire donated \$5 million to the committee organizing Mr. Trump's inauguration festivities — the largest single contribution given to any president's inaugural committee."

The *New York Times* used to have a brand campaign promoting its help-wanted classified advertising, "I got my job through the New York Times." In this case, Omar could have legitimately claimed, "I got my anti-Semitic tropes through the *New York Times*." Perhaps if the *Times* news and opinion articles were greeted with the same waves of outrage that Omar's tweet was, the newspaper would back off.

The different reaction may suggest that Omar is being singled out for severe criticism for some other reason. Or it may just be that the *Times* has been so bad on these issues for so long that at this point, no one other than perhaps me and my readers even expects the paper not to spread anti-Jewish myths. Perhaps, at this point, the *Times* has lost so much credibility that no one takes the paper at all seriously when it does spread such anti-Jewish myths. Either way, the Omar episode is an excellent opportunity for the pro-Israel community to consider revisiting its approach to the way the *Times* covers these issues.

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

to al-Haq may explain some of this. But it's unclear why HRW's leadership, beginning with Executive Director Kenneth Roth, allowed an otherwise mainstream group to become a ringleader for BDS.

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ment in the country's powerful trade unions and within the ruling African National Congress (ANC).

In December 2017, a special congress of the ANC voted to downgrade South Africa's diplomatic relations with Israel in the presence of a visiting Hamas delegation from Gaza.

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Local Dairy

with a warning to Brimstone's own shareholders "to exercise caution when dealing in the company's securities until a further announcement is made."

All the companies involved in the Israeli-led consortium are black-owned. Alongside Brimstone, there is Ploughshare, another black-owned local investment group, which will hold 11 percent; Incubev, a group of executives with experience in the dairy sector, with 8 percent; and Clover's own management, with a 6 percent holding.

Despite the pro-boycott lobby's confidence that an alternative investor will emerge to replace the Israelis in the Clover buyout, the deal with CBC involved several months of negotiations. In its own statement on the deal, CBC — which owns the franchises for Coca Cola, Carlsberg beer and other leading international drinks brands in Israel — emphasized

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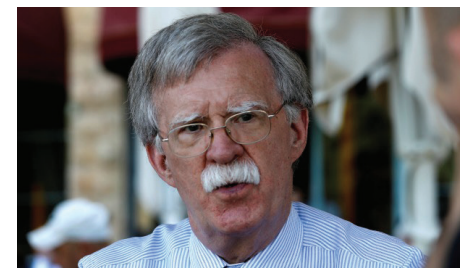
Bolton Warns Iran It Won't Have More Anniversaries if It Keeps Threatening America

BY JNS.org

In the wake of reaffirmation of Tehran's readiness to attack Israel and America by top-ranking Iranian officials, US National Security Advisor John Bolton told Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, who celebrated 40 years since the Islamic revolution in Iran, that "I don't think you'll have many more anniversaries to enjoy." "This week, Iran marks the 40th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, and what a 40 years it's been. Tyrannizing its own people and terrorizing the world. Iran continues to seek nuclear weapons, to intimidate peaceful people all around the globe and ballistic missiles to use as delivery systems," Bolton said in a video uploaded by the White House. He accused the ayatollahs of funding terror across the Middle East and causing massive suffering inside their own country, which

features record high unemployment rates and a low-valued currency. "So, Ayatollah Khamenei, for all your boasts, for all your threats to the life of the American president, you are responsible for terrorizing your own people and terrorizing the world as a whole. I don't think you'll have many more anniversaries to enjoy," Bolton said.

Last week, Khamenei explained that the "Death to America" slogan is directed at US President Donald Trump and Bolton, and will stand "as long as America continues its wickedness." Bolton's remarks came the same day as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Iran that "if this regime makes the terrible mistake and tries to destroy Tel Aviv or Haifa, it won't be successful, and it will be the last anniversary of their revolution they will ever celebrate." Netanyahu's video response came following a threat by deputy head of the



US National Security Adviser John Bolton speaks during an interview with Reuters in Jerusalem, Aug. 21, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zivulun.

Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps political bureau, Yadollah Javani, that "the United States does not have the courage to shoot a single bullet at us despite all its defensive and military assets. But if they attack us, we will raze Tel Aviv and Haifa to the ground."

Antisemitic Flyers Accusing Jews of Attacking First Amendment Found at University of Montana

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Antisemitic flyers accusing Jews of attacking the First Amendment of the US Constitution were discovered at the University of Montana campus on Friday.

Placed under the windshield wipers of cars parked outside student housing buildings, the papers — titled "Jews Attack 1st Amendment" — were not signed by any group or individual.

They appeared to target the "Combating European Anti-Semitism Act of 2017," which improves State Department reporting on Jew-hatred on the continent and encourages European nations to adopt a uniform definition of antisemitism. It was signed into law by President Donald Trump in January.

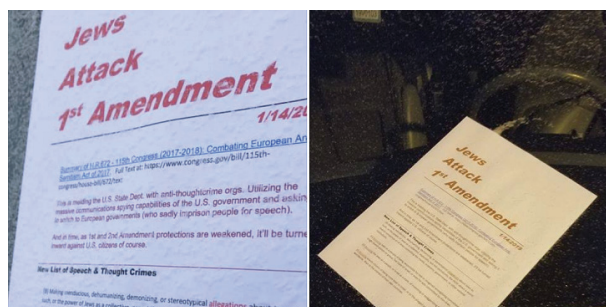
The university said that it removed the flyers once alerted to their presence.

"It's important to condemn these efforts that target our friends and neighbors in the Jewish community," stated the Montana Human Rights Network, which shared photos of the flyers to social media.

The school — which is estimated to have a very small Jewish community, totaling less than 100 Jewish students out of more than 9,000 undergraduates — has in the past struggled with antisemitic incidents.

A member of the Jewish student group Hillel told the student newspaper Montana Kaimin in 2016 that over the past two decades, nearly every sukkah that was built on campus for the Jewish festival of Sukkot was destroyed by either antisemitic or drunk vandals.

The sukkah built in 2010 was told down and reconstructed as a cross, while one raised the previous year was spray-painted with penises.



Antisemitic flyers found at the University of Montana campus. Photos: Montana Human Rights Network.

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Opinion.

Cory Booker's Jewish Enablers

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Ten days ago, Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey announced his candidacy for the presidency of the United States.

My closest friend since his years as a Rhodes Scholar in Oxford, where he served as president of my organization The Oxford L'Chaim Society, Cory was once considered the greatest ally the Jewish community might ever have in elected office. Having spent countless hours studying Torah texts with me, Cory was able to dazzle Jewish audiences with his insights on the Parsha, often quoting passages that we practiced together in Hebrew.

Upon his rise into the Senate, however, Cory's support for Israel has cratered. He notoriously voted for the Iran nuclear deal, which presented a clear-cut existential threat to Israel and did so even as his senior Democratic senator from New Jersey, the heroic Bob Menendez, led the charge against it. When it was brought before the Senate subcommittee on Foreign Affairs, Cory betrayed his moral convictions when he voted against the Taylor Force Act, a law that merely forbade the Palestinian Authority from using American taxpayer funds to finance the families of terrorists. Even as his pro-Israel support evaporated, however, some expected presidential-candidate Cory to adopt a more sympathetic approach to the Jewish State. Perhaps in his efforts to represent the entirety of Democratic America he might finally commit to the Democratic Party's stated approach — and his own countless promises — to be a stalwart friend of Israel.

This past Thursday — less than a week into his race — Cory removed all doubt as to just how firmly he would pander to anti-Israel extremists whose support he believes

he needs to secure his party's nomination. Cory voted against a critical federal anti-BDS bill, itself designed simply to protect Israel from being brought, economically, to its knees. Known as the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act (S.1), the act provides legal cover to state governments that seek to stymie the BDS movement. The law passed 77-23, earning yeas from every Republican except one, and with a substantial 25 Democratic senators supporting the bill.

Yet Cory voted against.

Funny thing, that. Just last December, Cory committed himself to co-sponsoring anti-BDS legislation. "I have long and staunchly opposed the BDS movement, and support this bill," he claimed then. Even in his own recent explanation for voting against it, Cory insists on his "strong and lengthy record of opposing efforts to boycott Israel." But instead of actually keeping his word, he abandoned Israel while meting out lame excuses that add insult to injury, claiming that the law "raised First Amendment concerns."

"There are ways to fight BDS without compromising free speech," Cory declared.

His explanation itself leaves us with two possible explanations. Either 80 percent of the Senate overlooked a critical threat to the First Amendment or Cory sold out America's closest ally to more tightly align with far-left Democrats whose influence has grown in the primaries. Considering all but one of the seven other Democratic presidential candidates voted against the bill, that's not a tough riddle to solve.

But Cory wants to have his cake and eat it too. He wishes to appease far-left anti-Israel activists whom he believes have a veto on the Democratic party nomination. But mindful of the fact that pro-Israel contributors have been his biggest financial backers, he deflects by using the "Torah thoughts" I taught him to demonstrate his kinship before Jewish audiences. But repeating Hebrew verses I practiced with him is no substitute to standing with Israel against the genocidal onslaught from Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran.

Yet Cory has found a number of Jewish enablers — prioritizing political access before principle — who have allowed him to continue to vote against Israel while maintaining Jewish support. Like the path to hell, they may have good intentions. But in the end, it allows Cory to abandon Israel's vital security interests while continuing to raise significant sums from Jewish networks. The thought of being on first-name basis with a man who might become the most powerful on earth can be dizzying for some and intoxicating for others. For the Cory enablers, it became dangerously addictive. Which is why no matter how far Cory veered from protecting the nation he swore to fight for, they continued not only to forgive but to provide the senator with the political cover he needed to forsake the Jewish state.

Before Cory shockingly announced his support for the Iran Deal, the head of NORPAC, my friend Ben Chouake, joined me and then-Governor Chris Christie at a press conference in which we implored Cory to join Senator Menendez in pressuring President Barack Obama to negotiate a better deal with Iran. Considering NORPAC is Cory's second-biggest lifetime source of campaign contributions, one might have expected the senator to pay some price for having broken with their primary purpose.

But despite Cory's yes vote on Iran, Ben would publicly forgive him without Cory ever having condemned the Mullahs repeated promise to annihilate Israel. "When he saw that his vote either way was not going to make a difference," Chouake explained, "[Cory] felt this was not one to fall on the sword for. He said, 'I'm going to give the president a leap of faith.' I trust his intentions." So Chouake went from calling on Cory to oppose the Iran deal to explaining to the Jewish community why it was ok that he didn't.

Shortly after voting for the Iran deal, Cory held a closed-door session with Jewish leaders ostensibly to explain his stance. Because only those who defended him were invited (I, understandably, was not) it seemed the meeting's real message to Jewish leaders was that access to Cory would hinge upon a public endorsement. Further confirming this theory is the fact that Rabbi Menachem Genack, head of the Kashruth division at the OU, told a reporter from *The New York Observer* that he would be attending the meeting, though he was "profoundly disappointed" in Cory. This disappointment seemed odd because Genack had helped arrange a conference call for Cory to explain his position to Jewish leaders. But even that rare moment of criticism would be exceptionally short-lived: just moments after expressing his disappointment, Rabbi Genack demanded that the reporter not publish his criticism (he did).

izes the ads run by Gantz, as well as some Likud Knesset members like former Shin Bet head Avi Dichter.

It's also wrong because those who throw around largely inaccurate charges of Israeli racism seem to have no interest in the incontrovertible proof that the Palestinian Authority and Hamas spew antisemitism on a daily basis from their official organs and educational systems.

What they broadcast, publish, and teach is objectively hateful in a way that Israeli statements lambasted by critics are not. It is also directly linked to acts of violence, such as the horrific murder of an Israeli teenager last week. Her killer has now admitted not only to the crime, but pointedly told the Israeli police that he had "nationalist" motives in seeking



Senator Cory Booker. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Other Jewish leaders would go further, allowing themselves to be entirely recast as Cory's sycophantic apologists. In particular, Rabbi Shmully Hecht of Chabad of Yale worked tirelessly to draw Jewish leaders into meetings with Cory to preserve his standing in the Jewish community.

Interestingly, you don't need to be a Presidential hopeful to get Rabbi Hecht to go wobbly on Israel — Middle Eastern dictators apparently make the cut as well. The Rabbi recently leaped into the center of the Jewish community's Qatar scandal, defending the Jewish leaders (Rabbi Genack was one) who traveled to Doha to sit with the foremost funder of the Hamas terror organization. Hecht published a bizarre column praising Nick Muzin, the Washington swamp lobbyist who took millions to whitewash Qatar when the Emirate faced American censure for funding terror. Hecht has not revealed if he and Muzin have any financial relationship or why he published the obsequious column.

Most tellingly, though, is the fact that last Thursday — on the very same day that Cory voted against the anti-BDS bill — Rabbi Hecht fawned over Cory for *The Yale Daily News*, calling Cory "a truly an out-of-this-world person ... and the most magnetic and charismatic person I have ever known." Though Booker had just officially crossed into the quadrant of the Senate most critical of Israel, Hecht still felt the need to endorse him. "America," he concluded, "would be lucky to have a president like him."

Now comes the news that AIPAC is considering giving Cory and other similarly declared Presidential candidates with flimsy records on Israel a speaking platform at next month's policy conference. If this were an election year — as next year is — it would be vital that AIPAC show fairness and balance to all candidates. But providing a platform to those who vote against Israel on BDS sends the message that there is no price to pay for such betrayal.

And that would be the wrong message for America's most important pro-Israel group to deliver.

Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom *The Washington Post* calls "the most famous rabbi in America," is the international bestselling author of 32 books, including his most recent, *The Israel Warrior*. He served as rabbi at Oxford University for 11 years where Cory Booker was his student president. Follow him on Twitter @ RabbiShmuley.

out a Jewish girl to rape and murder. It's no use trying to pretend that such heinous acts are not encouraged and rewarded by mainstream Palestinian society.

As for evidence of Israeli racism, let's concede that the Jewish state has its share of louts, hotheads, and yes, haters. But such people are not lauded as heroes or role models. They are generally condemned and face prosecution if they translate their vile talk into unlawful action.

The evidence for Netanyahu's racism is based on a single comment he made during last-minute campaign stops on election day in 2015 in which he said: "The right-wing government is in danger. Arab voters are coming out

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Who Are the Real Racists in the Middle East?

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It's a familiar refrain. Critics of Israel aren't content to merely bash the policies of the government of the Jewish state. As part of their indictment, they allege that Israeli politics is conducted in a racial manner. The accusations start with claims that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu used racist rhetoric against Arab voters in 2015. The latest charge has been lodged against Netanyahu's principle opponent in this year's election, former Israeli Defense Forces Chief of Staff General Benny Gantz. He is accused of basing his successful campaign roll-out on his military career, during which he led the country's counterattacks against Hamas terrorists in Gaza.

In what one Palestinian advocate writing



Ori Ansbacher, 19, who was murdered on Thursday, February 7, 2019 in a terror attack. Photo: Twitter screenshot.

in *The Forward* claimed is a "reverse beauty contest," elections in the Middle East's only democracy were portrayed as largely driven by "celebrating the killing, abuse, impoverishment and incitement against Palestinians." It bemoaned ads that are "glorifying killing Palestinians, destroying our homes, mocking our way of life ... and holding up our murderers as patriots."

There are two things that are deeply wrong about this argument.

One is that it took Netanyahu's comments out of context and mischaracter-

Opinion.

Benny Gantz, More of the Same?

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Benny Gantz, chairman of the new Israel Resilience party, got off to a fine start in late January with a smooth speech. My esteemed colleague, Jerusalem Post columnist Professor Gil Troy, enthused that it was an “oratorical grand slam” and a “testament to temperament” that “showed how to dream and build.”

I’ll grant that Gantz has charmed the Israeli electorate with soaring Zionist rhetoric and his rising poll numbers reflect this. His

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in droves to the polls. Left-wing organizations are busing them out.”

That sounds bad and it is. It earned Netanyahu condemnation from Israeli Arabs, as well as President Barack Obama. The prime minister subsequently apologized. But appearances notwithstanding, all he was pointing out was that if his base of voters didn’t turn out, the Joint List of Arab parties would earn a larger share of the vote and block the creation of a Likud-led government. Moreover, he was also not wrong about European NGOs intervening in the election and seeking to bolster the vote for the Arab coalition, which is split between supporters of Hamas and secular factions that also want to see the Jewish state eliminated. Seeking to offset their influence is reasonable, not proof of racism, even if Netanyahu chose his words poorly.

As for the ads by Gantz and Dichter, the claims in *The Forward* that the boasts about their role in fighting terrorists are racist is risible. Dichter has nothing to apologize for in speaking of his part in taking out Hamas killers like Yahya Ayyash and Ahmad Jabari. The same is true about Gantz’s command of a 2014 counterattack against Hamas terror. Claiming that it is offensive for him to speak of the price Hamas was made to pay is as ridiculous as it would have been to assert that it was in bad taste for Gen. Dwight Eisenhower to campaign for president of the United States in 1952 on the strength of his actions as Supreme Commander of the Allied forces that defeated Nazi Germany.

But the difference here is that while genuine racism exists in Israel — as it does in any other society of imperfect human beings — to claim that the government promotes hate is a bald-faced lie. To the contrary, classic antisemitic tropes and blood libels are a staple

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Brothers

Egyptian taskmaster, had fled to Midian.

Besides this, Moses was Aaron’s younger brother, and yet it was he who was about to become the leader of the people. Always in the past, when the younger had taken something the elder might have believed belonged naturally to him, there was jealousy, animosity. Yet God assures Moses: “when Aaron sees you, he will rejoice.” And so he did:

And the Lord said to Aaron, Go to the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him. (Exodus 4:27)

The second fascinating clue is contained in a strange passage that traces the descent of Moses and Aaron:

sunny deportment offers a counterpoint to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s negative campaign messaging. And let’s face it, Netanyahu has been in office for a very long time, and some voter fatigue is setting in.

But when evaluating Lt. Gen. (ret.) Gantz’s suitability to lead Israel, inevitably we must seek out his defense and diplomatic worldview, and this has been hard to discern — purposefully so.

There was, however, one roaring policy hint in his inaugural speech. Gantz said that “if it turns out that there is no way to reach peace [with the Palestinians] at this time, we will shape a new reality. Israel will not be deprived of its status as a strong, Jewish, and democratic state.”

“Shaping a new reality” is code for unilat-

eral Israeli action in Judea and Samaria, withdrawals in the West Bank, disengagement from settlements — without peace or any diplomatic concessions from the Palestinians.

of the Palestinian Authority’s official press, broadcast media, and education system. The same is true of the Hamas government of Gaza. Moreover, the PA continues, despite threats of aid cutoffs from the United States, to pay salaries and pensions to imprisoned terrorists and their families.

This reflects a consensus within Palestinian society that those who commit acts of violence against Jews and Israelis are role models and heroes to be celebrated rather than shunned.

Will it be any different for the murderer of Ori Ansbacher, a teenager from the settlement of Tekoa who was doing national service for her country? The Israeli media has reported that the murderer is affiliated with Hamas and said he wanted to be a “martyr.” Unfortunately, nothing that has happened up until now gives us much hope that many Palestinians will treat the death of a Jewish teenager as anything other than a victory for their cause, no matter how egregious the crime.

Neither Israel nor its citizens are perfect. But friends of Israel can be proud of the efforts of the Israel Defense Forces to spare innocent lives even when it means that sometimes terrorists might escape. Moreover, Israel’s political system, however flawed it might be, rests on democratic principles that ensure that Israeli Arabs are equal before the law and have rights to representation unknown elsewhere in the region.

Those who wish to talk about racism should point their barbs at Palestinian leaders who bear personal responsibility for creating an environment in which “nationalist” murders like that of Ansbacher are made possible, not at Israel.

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Amram married his father’s sister Yocheved, who bore him Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years...It was this same Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said, “Bring the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.” They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing the Israelites out of Egypt. It was this same Moses and Aaron. (Exodus 6:20, 26–27)

The repeated phrase, “It was this same,” is emphatic even in translation. It is all the more so when we note two peculiarities of the text. The first is that the phrases, though at first they sound identical, in fact place the names of the brothers in a different order: the first says “Aaron and Moses,” the second, “Moses and Aaron.” Even more striking is the grammatical oddity of the phrase. Both times,

eral Israeli action in Judea and Samaria, withdrawals in the West Bank, disengagement from settlements — without peace or any diplomatic concessions from the Palestinians.

Gantz went further in a recent interview with Yedioth Ahronoth, where he praised the unilateral Gaza withdrawal and the destruction of Gush Katif towns, saying that it was “carried out with a lot of political consideration,” “done legally,” and “handled well.”

“We must take the lessons of the disengagement and implement them in other areas,” he added ominously.

This is both frightening and clarifying. It suggests that Gantz would willingly repeat the mistakes of the late Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and that, in Israeli Resilience party parlance, the self-referential term “centrist” in reality means “leftist.”

Gantz’s spokesmen are trying to wriggle out of these remarks, contending that the reference to “lessons” in his interview referred only to the importance of preventing a rift in the nation (really?) and making sure that any future border decisions include strict security provisions (sure).

But Gantz’s hints at unilateral Israeli withdrawal don’t come in a vacuum. They have a pedigree. For seven years, center-left generals and Barak-Olmert era officials have been pumping plans for more unilateral Israeli withdrawals.

Ehud Barak and Shaul Mofaz, both former defense ministers, have touted unilateral Israeli action. “We are on borrowed time,” Barak said in 2012 speech. “If it isn’t possible to reach a permanent agreement with the Palestinians, we must consider an interim arrangement or even a unilateral move.”

Maj. Gen. (res.) Amos Yadlin of the Institute for National Security Studies backed up Barak with an “academic study” that reached the conclusion that no agreement can be reached with the Palestinians and therefore Israel “should go forward [with withdrawals] without depending on the Palestinians.”

In 2013, Barak’s former bureau chief, Gilead Sher, tabled a report that also advocated unilateral Israeli withdrawal. He then launched

the third person singular is used. Literally, they read: “He was Aaron and Moses,” “He was Moses and Aaron.” The text should have said, “They” — all the more so since the pronoun “they” is used in the middle of the passage: “They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh.”

The unmistakable implication is that they were like a single individual; they were as one. There was no hierarchy between them: sometimes Aaron’s name appears first, sometimes Moses’. There is a wonderful Midrash that bears out this idea, based on the verse in Psalms (85:11) “Loving-kindness and truth meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.”

Loving-kindness — this refers to Aaron. Truth — this refers to Moses. Righteousness — this refers to Moses. Peace — this refers to Aaron.

The Midrash brings proof-texts for each of these identifications, but we understand them immediately. Moses and Aaron were quite different in temperament and role. Moses was the man of truth, Aaron of peace. Without truth, there can be no vision to inspire a nation. But without internal peace, there is no nation to inspire. Aaron and Moses were both necessary. Their roles were in creative tension. Yet they worked side by side, each respecting the distinctive gift of the other. As the Midrash goes on to say:

“And he kissed him” [the brothers kissed when they met] — This means: each rejoiced at the other’s greatness.

A final Midrash completes the picture by referring to this week’s parsha and the vestments of the High Priest, especially the breastplate with its Urim and Tumim:

“His heart will be glad when he sees you” — Let the heart that rejoiced in the greatness of



Ex-IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz. Photo: Reuters / Nir Elias / FileJoe’s.

an organization called “Blue White Future” to push a “compensation law” that would provide payment to tens of thousands of settlers for leaving their West Bank homes.

In 2015, the same plan for unilateral withdrawals and the starving of settlements outside settlement blocs, even in the absence of peace with the Palestinians, was the political platform that General Yadlin used when he stood as Zionist Union candidate for defense minister.

Last month, Yadlin and company launched another version of their grand withdrawal plan, with Israel unilaterally granting a contiguous Palestinian “entity” on approximately 65 percent of the West Bank.

The INSS “new strategic framework” is nicely wrapped up as “professional, politically neutral” research that took a year of intensive discussions to produce.

Lo and behold, private citizen Benny Gantz took part in these consultations. And — surprise, surprise — the plan is couched in lofty language about “taking Zionist initiative,” as was Gantz’s speech.

The problem is that unilateral Israeli withdrawals will neither enhance Israeli security nor improve Israel’s international position and moral standing. As the Lebanon and Gaza precedents proved, unilateral Israeli

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his brother be vested with the Urim and Tumim.

The Urim and Tumim were a form of oracle, carried by the High Priest in his breastplate. They conveyed divine inspiration and guidance, a kind of priestly equivalent of the divine word that came to the prophet. It was precisely the fact that Aaron did not envy his younger brother but instead rejoiced in his greatness that made him worthy to be High Priest. So it came to pass — measure for measure — that just as Aaron made space for his younger brother to lead, so the Torah makes space for Aaron to lead. That is why Aaron is the hero of Tetzaveh: for once, not overshadowed by Moses.

“Who is honoured?” asked Ben Zoma. “One who honours others.” Aaron honoured his younger brother. That is why Moses (not mentioned by name but by implication) is told in this week’s parsha, “Make sacred garments for your brother Aaron, to give him honour and splendour” (Exodus 28:2). To this day a Kohen is honoured by being the first to be called up to the Torah — the Torah that Aaron’s younger brother Moses gave to the Jewish people.

The story of Aaron and Moses, the fifth act in the biblical drama of brotherhood, is where, finally, fraternity reaches the heights. And that surely is the meaning of Psalm 133, with its explicit reference to Aaron and his sacred garments: “How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down upon the collar of his robes.” It was thanks to Aaron, and the honour he showed Moses, that at last brothers learned to live together in unity.

Shabbat Shalom.

Impressions.

Al Jolson in Twenty-First Century Perspective

BY HAROLD BRACKMAN

Washington Post columnist Jamelle Bouie, writing about the political crisis engulfing Virginia, where 10 percent of whites in a new poll admit to wearing or knowing someone who wore blackface, argues that burnt-cook minstrelsy was “the worst of American racism.”

The new African-American columnist at the *Post*, Bouie’s editors chose a picture from *Vanity Fair* in the 1920s of Al Jolson for his column. But there is not one word about the controversial subject of Jewish performers in blackface

Bouie and the *Post* may not have wanted to stir up antisemitism. However, as a knowledgeable Jewish historian, I am revisiting this subject before someone less familiar with the subject does so.

Born in Lithuania, the son of a rabbi and cantor, Jolson grew up in Washington DC and Baltimore where he spent time (as did slugger Babe Ruth) in the Xaverian Brothers’ home for orphans and delinquents. Young Jolson met his enduring friend, African-American tap dancer Bill “Bo Jangles” Robinson, on the streets.

Sensitive to charges that blackface minstrelsy promoted white racism, Jolson in 1911 campaigned to integrate the Broadway stage. This was four years before Rabbi Stephen S. Wise picketed the racist film *The Birth of a Nation*. In 1918, Jolson wrote an essay trying to persuade readers that — compared to old Irish minstrel men — he had made blackface more subtle, nuanced, and less prejudiced.

Currently, there is a school of historians — mostly white, politically-left Jews — who specialize in “Jewish whiteness studies.” They argue American Jews have, so to speak, risen on the backs of African-Americans by becoming “white” in the eyes of American society and their own. Their exhibit number one is Al Jolson in blackface because, according to them, Jolson “blacked up” only to show his audiences that, underneath, he was really white.

Irving Howe countered that Jolson’s blackface was “a mask for Jewish expressiveness.” Howe echoed the judgment of the *Forvertz* newspaper about Jolson: “The son of a line of rabbis well knows how to sing the songs of the most cruelly wronged people in the world’s history.” If this was racially condescending, why did Harlem’s *Amsterdam News* say of Jolson “every colored performer is proud of him”?

Harlem’s Lafayette Theater showed *The Jazz Singer* with a floor show around the movie featuring a cantor singing “Eli, Eli” and “Kol Nidre,” and a black performer singing Jolson’s jazz songs. Remember this was an era when African-American comedian Bert Williams and young Eddie Cantor — both wearing blackface — played father and son in the *Ziegfeld Follies*.

Unlike Jewish performers Sophie Tucker and Eddie Cantor, Jolson never ceased blacking up. He started before 1908 when he left the Dockstader Minstrels because they would not allow him to perform jazz music.

In the 1920s, restaurants would not serve Eubie Blake and Noble, African-American Jazz Age musical comedy innovators. Jolson took them to a



A publicity still of 20th century movie star Al Jolson. Photo: public domain.

delicatessen to eat pastrami sandwiches and said he would punch anyone in the nose who didn’t serve them. Jolson was the only white man admitted by Leroy’s, an all-black Harlem cabaret.

African-American architect Paul R. Williams designed Jolson’s mausoleum at Hillside Memorial Park, including a sarcophagus inspired by the historic 1822 design of Napoleon’s tomb. Inside the dome stands Moses holding the tablets of the Ten Commandments. Jolson is identified as “The Sweet Singer of Israel.” His black friends attended Jolson’s star-studded 1951 funeral, although they were invisible in the newsreels. African-American pop singer Jackie Wilson recorded a tribute album to Jolson in 1960. Jewish rappers, though not in blackface, still pay tribute today.

Jewish blackface performance is a perplexing part of America’s problematic racial history. This is no excuse to stereotype a complicated human being and performer like Al Jolson.

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withdrawals only guarantee continuation of the conflict and even its escalation, not its deescalation.

Nor will unilateral moves provide Israel with diplomatic breathing room. Withdrawing from one part of the territories won’t convince anyone that Israel has a right to keep other parts.

On the contrary: A partial Israeli pullout will intensify the illegitimacy of any remaining presence in the territories. Every Israeli retreat is taken as proof that the territories are all stolen property that must be returned to their rightful Palestinian owners.

Unilateral withdrawals will bolster Palestinian maximalism, not engender Palestinian cooperation or moderation.

Worst of all, unilateral withdrawals will unnecessarily and unjustifiably tear asunder the internal fabric of Israel. It’s indefensible to tie a death-knell tourniquet on Israeli towns in Judea and Samaria — if at all — without comprehensive and sustainable peace in the offing.

Gantz’s Israel Resilience party partner, Lt. Gen. (ret.) Moshe “Bogie” Ya’alon, knows that Palestinian radicalism and the unpredictable nature of regional events make Palestinian statehood a very doubtful venture.

He says that Israel must not jeopardize its existence by embarking on rash initiatives — neither unilateral withdrawals nor annexations — that would radically worsen its situation, just to please proponents of “forward progress” at any cost.

Moreover, Ya’alon supports significant increases in Jewish settlement of Judea and Samaria. How does this square with Gantz’s views?

Perhaps Ya’alon should explain to Gantz that “Zionist initiative” means reinforcing Israel’s hold on the Greater Jerusalem envelope and other key settlement zones, not unilateral withdrawals.

And that long-term conflict management is preferable to wild diplomatic escapades like unilateral withdrawals.

And that managing the conflict indefinitely is not a cowardly choice by hapless political and military leaders but a rational choice; especially when the Iranian challenge looms larger than ever on Israel’s horizons.

Judicious conflict management requires a steady hand at the helm of state, and self-confidence in the justice of Israel’s long-term interests in Judea and Samaria.

Most of all, it requires patience. It’s sad to learn that Gantz is leaning toward precipitance.

David M. Weinberg is vice president of the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security. His personal website is davidmweinberg.com.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Upper Level F & R Cleaning Service LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Fatima 2080 Wallace Ave. Suite 429 Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 1/4/11/18/25; 2/1/8

"Notice of Formation of a Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC). The name of the PLLC is: Family Health Care PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 12/11/2018. The County in which the Office is to be located: KINGS. The SSNY is designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is: 2116 BATH AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11214. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS SANTANDER BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK, V. VERONA DALLAS, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 30, 2018, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein SANTANDER BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK is the Plaintiff and VERONA DALLAS, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on February 28, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1305 EAST 83RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236: Block 8074, Lot 28: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504788/2015. Joel Abramson, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call (800) 280-2832
AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - RIFKY GRUNHUT, A/K/A RIVKY GRUNHUT et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 3, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the room 261, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 28th Day of February, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, County of Kings, State of New York. Premises known as 1139 42nd Street, Brooklyn, (City of New York) New York 11219. (Block: 5592, Lot: 64) Approximate amount of lien \$772,321.00 plus interest and costs.

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11902/2013. Mark Longo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: January 9, 2019
AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff against MICHAEL ADLER, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered December 13, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 28, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1343 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Block 7634 Lot 13. All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City

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and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$585,478.20 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 6409/2013. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee CHJNC500 AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST Eric D. Garmes, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Delia Curtis, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/18 and entered on 10/18/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 07, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 245 E 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4851, LOT: 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$780,358.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 505910/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 2/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in trust for registered holders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-FF1, Plaintiff AGAINST Joselito Vasquez, Nelcy Vasquez a/k/a Nelcy M. Vasquez, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/12/2018 and entered on 12/21/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 07, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1126 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3396, LOT: 20. Approximate amount of judgment is \$625,189.60 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511834/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 2/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. MVMF III FIN TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- JOSEPHINE JEAN PIERRE; PHENICIEN JEAN PIERRE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGEIT INC.; PRA FUNDING, LLC; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; KINGS SUPREME COURT; NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL SERVICES; CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC, ASSIGNEE OF CALVARY SPV I LLC, ASSIGNEE OF SPRINT; ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING NCC-2 CORP; NYC ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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BOARD; NYC TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NYC DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PARKING VIOLATION BUREAU; EMMA JEAN PIERRE, Index No. 6953/2009. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, January 3, 2017 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on January 26, 2017, Elena K. Makau, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 689 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11230 at public auction in Room 224 at Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on March 7, 2019 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 5240; Lot: 80 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 6953/2009. The approximate amount of judgment is \$1,476,235.56 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
AJ; 2/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2008-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Joel Milord, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Dolly Thomas, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/21/18 and entered on 3/23/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 07, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 4608 Avenue M, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 7871, LOT: 42. Approximate amount of judgment is \$563,432.42 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501159/2014. Jeffrey R. Miller, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 2/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Josianne Valery; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 1, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 7, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 871 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4980 Lot 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,534.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501049/2014. Joseph Defelice, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 20, 2018 60032
AJ; 2/1/8/15/22

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: 594 MARCY

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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 & Hertzog, LLP, 200 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 202, Amherst, New York 14228, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

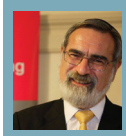
NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST JOHN J. VOTTO, LINDA M. VOTTO, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-15-2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 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 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

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Tradition.

Brothers: A Drama in Five Acts



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It is interesting to note the absence of Moses from the parsha of Tetzaveh. For once Moses, the hero, the leader, the liberator, the lawgiver, is off-stage in the only instance where the name of Moses is not mentioned at all in any parsha since the first parsha of the book of Shemot (in which he is born).

Instead our focus is on his elder brother Aaron who, elsewhere, is often in the background. Indeed, virtually the whole parsha is devoted to the role Moses did not occupy, except briefly – that of priest in general, High Priest in particular.



It is important that we have a parsha dedicated to the legacy of the priestly role for Judaism. However, need this focus have removed Moses from the passage entirely? Is there any larger significance to his absence? The commentators offered various suggestions.

One given in the Talmud refers to an event at the beginning of Moses' leadership: his encounter with God at the burning bush. Moses repeatedly expressed reluctance to undertake the mission of leading the people out of Egypt. Finally we read:

But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and He said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do." (Exodus 4:13-15)

The Talmud records a debate about the lasting consequences of that moment when Moses, as it were, refused one time too many. To decline a leadership challenge once or twice is a sign of humility. To continue to do so when it is God Himself issuing the challenge risks provoking divine anger, as happened here. The Talmud comments:

"Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses" - Rabbi Yehoshua ben Karcha said: every instance of [divine] anger in the Torah leaves a lasting effect, except in this instance. Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai said: here too it left a lasting effect, for it goes on to say, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite?" Surely Aaron was a priest [not just

a Levite]. Rather, what God meant was: I originally intended that you [Moses] would be a priest and he [Aaron] would merely be a Levite. But now [because of your refusal], he will eventually become a priest and you will only be a Levite.

According to Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, the lasting effect of Moses' reluctance to lead was that one vital leadership role – priesthood – would eventually go to Aaron rather than to Moses himself.

Basing himself on this passage, Rabbi Jacob ben Asher (1270-1340) suggests that Moses' name is missing from Tetzaveh, which deals with the priestly garments, "to spare him distress" on seeing Aaron acquire the insignia of priesthood that might have been Moses' own.

Without negating this or other explanations, there is also a more fundamental message. One of the recurring themes of Genesis is sibling rivalry, hostility between brothers. This story is told, at ever-increasing length, four times: between Cain and Abel, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers.

There is an identifiable pattern to this set of narratives, best seen in the way each ends. The story of Cain and Abel ends with murder – fratricide. Isaac and Ishmael, though they grow up apart, are seen together at Abraham's funeral. Evidently there had been a reconciliation between them, though this can only be read between the lines (and spelled out in midrash), not directly in the text. Jacob and Esau meet, embrace and go their separate ways. Joseph and his brothers are reconciled and live together in peace, Joseph providing them with food, land, and protection.

Genesis is telling us a story of great consequence. Fraternity – one of the key words of the French revolution – is not simple or straightforward. It is often fraught with conflict and contention. Yet slowly, brothers can learn that there is another way. On this note Genesis ends. But it is not the end of the story.

The drama has a fifth act: the relationship between Moses and Aaron. Here, for the first time, there is no hint of sibling rivalry. The brothers work together from the very outset of the mission to lead the Israelites to freedom. They address the people together. They stand together when confronting Pharaoh. They perform signs and wonders together. They share leadership of the people in the wilderness together. For the first time, brothers function as a team, with different gifts, different talents, each complementing the other.

Their partnership is a constant feature of the narrative. But there are certain moments where it is highlighted. The first occurs in the passage already cited above. God tells Moses that Aaron "is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be

glad when he sees you." How different this is from the tense encounters between brothers in Genesis!

Aaron, we may have thought, would have many reasons not to rejoice on seeing Moses return. The brothers had not grown up together. Moses had been adopted by Pharaoh's daughter and raised in an Egyptian palace, while Aaron remained with the Israelites. Nor had they been together during the Israelites' sufferings. Moses, fearing for his life after his assault on an

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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

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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 SUMPTER 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

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services inc 1967 wehrle drive suite 1 #086 Buffalo, NY 14221. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 2/15/22; 3/1/8/15/22

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff against RUBY STRACHAN; VERONICA STRACHAN; SAPPHIRE STRACHAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 29, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 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, N.Y. 11203. (Block: 4939, Lot: 9). Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,145.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506263-13. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 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 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; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

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Israeli fans celebrate at Rabin Square in Tel Aviv, after Netta Barzilai won the Grand Final of Eurovision Song Contest, May 13, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Corinna Kern.

‘Good Morning Britain’ Deletes ‘Disgusting’ Survey on Boycotting Eurovision in Israel After Sparking Anger

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

The UK television program “Good Morning Britain” deleted on Friday a Twitter poll that asked members of the public whether they thought Britain should boycott this year’s Eurovision Song Contest, which is being held in Israel.

The poll, published on Thursday, asked, “There are calls for Britain to boycott this year’s Eurovision Song Contest in Tel Aviv, over Israel’s human rights record. Do you agree?”

Supporters of Israel and members of the UK Jewish community were outraged by what they saw as a legitimization of efforts to boycott the Jewish state.

Former IDF Spokesperson Peter Lerner called on “Good Morning Britain” to apologize and said that the results of the poll — 60 percent said they did not agree with efforts to boycott the Eurovision contest — indicated “the disgust people have with you asking.”

Elad Ratson, the Israeli Foreign Ministry’s London-based special envoy for digital diplomacy, said that the morning show “must take their audience for fools! They run a twitter poll with a misleading question deliberately

coercing people to vote against Israel. When the condescending mockery backfires, they delete the tweet. Hypocrisy at its best!”

The Israel Britain Alliance called the poll “preposterous” and David Collier, a researcher who documents Jew-hatred, described it as “disgraceful” and “disgusting.”

He added, “Will media outlets please get the message. BDS isn’t about Palestinian rights nor settlements. It is a call to destroy Israel. When you sanitise [sic] the boycott movement you do the work of antisemites and radical Islamists. Please stop it.”

A spokesperson for “Good Morning Britain” said on Friday that the poll was removed because the matter could “not be effectively addressed” in that format. The spokesperson explained that the show “regularly invites viewers to respond to questions on subjects which are going to be debated the following day. On reflection it was decided that this multi layered issue could not be effectively addressed in a simple yes or no question/answer format and needed to reflect the complexity of the subject matter which was thoroughly covered in the studio debate this morning.”

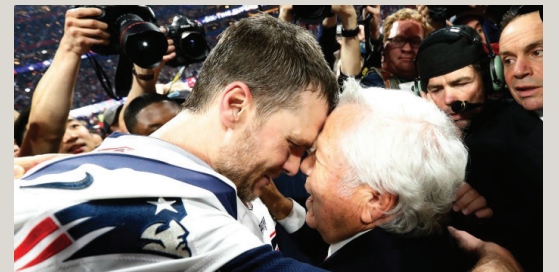
Patriots Owner Kraft Offers Thanks for Super Bowl Victory at South Florida Shabbat Service

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A week after his football team won Super Bowl LIII, New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft attended a Shabbat service in South Florida on Saturday.

Kraft’s Patriots defeated the Los Angeles Rams 13-3 in the NFL championship game in Atlanta on Feb. 3 — their sixth Super Bowl title in 18 years.

On Saturday, the 77-year-old Kraft — who is a major donor to numerous Jewish and Israeli causes — prayed at the Palm Beach Synagogue.



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and team owner Robert Kraft celebrate winning Super Bowl LIII, Feb. 3, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Kevin Lamarque.

“After I congratulated Bob and wished him, ‘Mazal tov,’ on his Super Bowl victory, he spoke to the congregation,” Rabbi Moshe Scheiner told *The Algemeiner*. “He opened his remarks by saying, ‘I am here to thank the Lord.’”

Scheiner recalled, “He quoted his bar mitzvah parsha — not by strength and not by might, but with my spirit. The strength of the Jewish people is our synagogues where we come together and pray. He then spoke about how he feels at home when he comes to shul and how after Pittsburgh he went to the Tree of life Synagogue.”

Following the Patriots victory, wide receiver Julian Edelman became the first Jew to win the Super Bowl MVP trophy.

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