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# Assault on Islamic State Enclave in Syria Is as Good as Over, US-Backed Forces Say



#### BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Islamic State was close to defeat in its final enclave on Tuesday after ferocious bombardments overnight and the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) said the offensive to capture the area was nearly over.

The besieged enclave of Baghouz is the last shred of terri-

Jewish

Unity at

Wake Forest

tory held by the jihadists who have been driven from roughly one third of Iraq and Syria over the past four years by its enemies, including a US-led international coalition.

"The operation is over, or as good as over, but requires a little more time to be completed practically on the ground," SDF spokesman Kino Gabriel told *al-Hadath TV*. Islamic State was still putting up resistance with weapons including car bombs. The Baghouz enclave was targeted with barrages of rockets overnight and fires raged inside, but the bombardments ceased on Tuesday morning.

The SDF has been laying siege to Baghouz for weeks but repeatedly postponed its final assault to allow the evacuation of thousands of civilians, many of them wives and children of Islamic State fighters. It finally resumed the attack on *Continued on Page A4* 



## Final Decision on Netanyahu Indictment to Follow Israeli Vote

#### **BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF**

Israelis will go the polls next month before a decision on whether to file a criminal indictment against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in three corruption cases, the Justice Ministry said on Monday.

Israel's attorney general announced on Feb. 28 he intended to indict Netanyahu for bribery, fraud and breach of trust, though the actual filing of the charges would depend on the outcome of a required hearing.

Due to its proximity to the April 9 election, the hearing



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, March 10, 2019. Photo: Gali Tibbon / Pool via Reuters / File.

had been widely expected to happen after the vote.

"The attorney general ... decided to accept the request of the prime minister's attorneys to delay the delivery of investigation materials in the cases related to the prime minister until after the election date," the Justice Ministry said in a statement.

It said Netanyahu made the request out of concern that evidentiary material could leak to the media — and potentially affect public sentiment.

The hearing, the ministry said, will take place no later than July 10.

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#### Shabbat**Calendar**

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## **Opinion**

# AIPAC and the Company that Rashida Tlaib Keeps



PETRA MARQUARDT

The annual AIPAC Policy Conference always draws protests by anti-Israel activists who have contempt for the well-documented fact that a majority of Americans strongly support the close alliance between the US and Israel.

While the activists who regularly rail against AIPAC are usually members of fringe groups that espouse extremist views, they apparently feel emboldened this year because they now have new allies in Congress.

Take the fanatical anti-Israel activist Abbas Hamideh who co-founded and leads the group Al Awda, which considers Israel an illegitimate "terrorist" entity and demands a Palestinian "right of return." Hamideh attracted attention when the media noticed that he boasted of having ties to Democratic Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, who had posed for several photos with him. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) called on Tlaib to "clarify" these incidents, and to distance herself from Hamideh's extremist and antisemitic statements that were documented in an ADL backgrounder.

As the ADL rightly emphasized, Hamideh has "a record of praising terrorist groups including Hamas and Hezbollah, equating Zionists with Nazis, and denying Israel's right to exist." He even objected to showing any solidarity with Jews following the deadly attack on a Pittsburgh synagogue last October.

Tlaib seemed to feel that her photos with Hamideh didn't really warrant any critical attention, and dismissed them as meaningless, arguing that posing with someone for a photo doesn't imply agreement "with anything someone says." However, it is clear that Tlaib does actually agree with some of Hamideh's views. Like him, she opposes Israel's existence as a Jewish state, and she has expressed several other views that reflect positions promoted by radical anti-Israel activists.

It was therefore hardly surprising that Hamideh remained unfazed by Tlaib's perfunctory dismissal of him, and continued to promote her and other radical groups that regard her as an ally.

Inevitably, Hamideh has also become an ardent fan of Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, whose repeated remarks demonizing Israel and its supporters in the US have endeared her even to the far-right former KKK leader David Duke. Duke vocally praised Omar for taking on AIPAC.

Hamideh, meanwhile, is advertising his group's demonstration against AIPAC with an old Instagram photo from 2012 showing Omar with a "Free Palestine" sign.

Politicians who want to claim mainstream credibility but attract supporters from the extreme fringes should be concerned about the message they are sending. The far-right and the far-left have found common ground before by demonizing Jews, and even if it's now about demonizing the world's only Jewish state and its supporters, the slightly updated conspiracy theories and insinuations they spew are as hateful as the older versions.

To be sure, not all anti-Israel activists acknowledge their support for terrorism as openly as Hamideh. But it's a safe bet to assume that most of the people and groups who will show up to protest AIPAC will support the "15th Annual Israeli Apartheid Week," scheduled to run from March 18 to 23 (with additional events until April 8). You can look no further than the official poster for the event to see the barely disguised support for the Hamas-orchestrated riots at the Gaza border.



The poster celebrates the kites modified by terrorists with incendiary or explosive

Ilhan Omar and the Axis of Antisemitism



Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.). Photo: Screenshot.

material, and launched across the border into Israel in order to start devastating fires and threaten Israeli lives and property. The poster's dominant black and red colors convey a certainly unintended visual honesty by symbolizing the fires and the blackened landscape left by these arson kites. The demand to "Stop Arming Colonialism" casts Israel as an illegitimate state that should be defenseless against those who want to eliminate it.

To burn defenseless Jews is an age-old and all-too-often realized dream of Jew-haters. Those who will participate in Israeli Apartheid Week and then go to protest AIPAC may not want to do the murderous work themselves, but they are obviously happy to cheer on and support those who are eager to do so.

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American Jews are facing a perfect storm of antisemitism. On the one side are the antisemites of the right: the hate that coalesced in the "Jews will not replace us" conspiracy chant at Charlottesville and then the horrific massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue. From the left comes the pathological intersectional hatred of Israel that extends into the hatred of the 90 percent or more of world Jewry that embraces Zionism and ultimately to the Jews themselves as a people. And finally the vulgar, debased antisemitism of much of the Muslim world, part religious and part nationalist, that may well be the most violent and threatening of the three.

What we are seeing is, in other words, the emergence of an axis of antisemitism; one that threatens not only the Jews, but American democracy itself.

It is the latter two forms of antisemitism resulted in the involving Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and the wretched failure of the Democratic leadership in Congress to appropriately condemn her by name and antisemitism as a specific phenomenon, preferring instead to defer to their far-left and pass a pathetically watered-down resolution that elides the issue by dilution, effectively handing antisemitism its first ever legislative victory in the United States. In other words, this antisemitism, intersectional in nature, brutal in rhetoric, violent in discourse, now wields not inconsiderable political power.

The most violent faction of this axis of

antisemitism is, one regrets to say, born of Islam. This religion, a descendant of Judaism itself, has always contained elements of antisemitism. Muhammad himself massacred the Jews of the Hijaz. The history of Jews in Muslim lands had its golden ages, but it also had a multitude of expulsions, forced conversions, and massacres. And it ended, we should not forget, in the expulsion of a million Jews who found refuge in the new Jewish state.

But today, in the progressive 21st century, Muslim antisemitism has become stronger than ever. A 2014 ADL survey of global antisemitism found that the most ferociously antisemitic region in the world is, by far, the Muslim nations of the Middle East. Unsurprisingly, the Palestinians were far ahead of almost all contenders, with a stunning 93 percent holding antisemitic opinions. Not far behind was Iraq, with 92 percent. Egypt, the most populous and influential Arab nation, came in at 75 percent. Close on its heels were 74 percent of Saudi Arabians. The survey found that, as a whole, a horrifying 74 percent of Middle Easterners hold antisemitic beliefs - 200 million out of a total population of 275 million.

This makes the Arab world by far the most antisemitic place on the globe. Indeed, few other countries managed to crack 50 percent in the survey, and Arab media testifies to the



Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.). Photo: Leopaltik1242/ Wikimedia Commons.

hatred's ubiquity. Cartoons routinely appear with hook-nosed, grotesque caricatures of hideous, inhuman Jews. The blood libel is habitually invoked in print, on television, and on the internet. The Protocols of the Elders of Zion is a bestseller. The darkest and most debased antisemitic themes and stereotypes are so ubiquitous as to be completely normalized.

And this is not confined to the Middle East. 49 percent of French Muslims, for example, hold antisemitic beliefs, and one doubts that the number is substantially different across the rest of Europe. And this has resulted in very real violence: The heinous murder of Ilan Halimi, the pogroms against Jewish synagogues and neighborhoods, the massacre at the Hypercacher supermarket in Paris, the Toulouse slaughter, and the thousand cuts of numerous other, smaller incidents of hatred and brutality that have become a catalyst for a previously unthinkable exodus to Israel of many European Jews. In other parts of the Muslim world open antisemites abound, many of them possessing great political power, such as the prime minister of Malaysia, the genocidal mullahs of Iran, and the president of Turkey.

Indeed, this culture of Islamic antisemitism is likely the origin of Ilhan Omar's own brand of racism. To her, the ideas that Jews wield insidious hypnotic powers, are traitors to the US due to their allegiance to Israel, and use their financial acumen to bribe the powers that be to do their bidding are so deeply ingrained, so obviously true to her, that they are simply normal. They are truths that must be spoken to Jewish power, and thus she feels a moral obligation to speak out against this pervasive Jewish evil. To her, antisemitic

## World News.

# Jewish Parents Furious Over Map of 'Palestine' Replacing Israel at Middle School Multicultural Night

#### BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Parents are fuming over a map display that was presented at a recent cultural event at a Georgia middle school which featured "Palestine" in place of present-day Israel, local news station *11Alive* reported late last week.

The map was seen at a multicultural night hosted by Autrey Mill Middle School in Fulton County, Ga. Several Jewish and Israeli parents deemed the map highly offensive and complained to school authorities.

"Kids who saw this or anybody that was exposed to this last night that doesn't even know what the story is behind all this, right now, thinks that this is the map of Palestine," said one Jewish mother.

"Israel wasn't mentioned on that map at all," another Jewish student's mother said. "They basically wrote Palestine in the place of Israel. They [the Palestinians] talk about from the land to the sea, which means having all the Jews wiped away and the Palestinians on the land instead of the Jews."

According to the report, the presence of the map was reported to the school's principal, J.E. Trey Martin, but it was not removed. Another image from the event shared by parents showed a table featuring Israel and Jewish-related cultural items such as a menorah, a Jewish skullcap, also known as a *kippah*, and a flag of Israel.

"Nobody in the school was going over the content of the materials that is being presented," one of the parents said.

Martin sent a lengthy letter to parents



The map featuring "Palestine" that was on display at a Georgia middle school's multicultural event. Photo: YouTube screenshot/11Alive.

on Friday saying he was "extremely disappointed and disgusted with the individuals who presented an insensitive political and geographic representation" adding that "this display does not represent our school culture, which is one that values inclusion and unity."

A Fulton County Schools spokesperson said the map is not displayed at the school on a regular basis and they are investigating who was responsible for it.

The school system said: "Fulton County Schools was made aware of an insensitive political and geographic display at Autrey Mill Middle School's recent Multicultural Night. This event is hosted by families and staff with the intent of celebrating different cultures and nationalities. We condemn the negative and extreme political agendas these symbols represent. We are investigating this incident, and will take all necessary actions to find the individual(s) responsible and hold them accountable."

# Drip Irrigation Company Netafim Wins \$100 Million Irrigation Contract in India

#### **BY NAVIT ZOMER/CTech**

Israel-based drip-irrigation company Netafim announced Monday it has secured a \$100 million irrigation contract in India. Considered a pioneer in smart irrigation, Netafim will install precision irrigation systems in 100 villages across India as part of four large community irrigation projects.

Netafim was founded in southern Israeli Kibbutz Hatzerim in 1965. The company has

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Netanyahu is suspected of wrongfully accepting \$264,000 worth of gifts, which prosecutors said included cigars and champagne, from tycoons, and dispensing favors in alleged bids for improved coverage by an Israeli newspaper and a website.

The prime minister has denied any

made a name for itself developing waterefficient irrigation systems that deliver water directly to the plant instead of the soil. Today, Netafim employs over 4,500 people in 17 manufacturing plants and operates in over 110 markets through 29 subsidiaries. Netafim itself is a subsidiary of Mexico-based pipes and chemicals company Mexichem SAB de CV, which bought an 80 percent stake in the company in February 2018 at a \$1.9 billion company valuation.

#### wrongdoing.

He could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of bribery and a maximum 3-year term for fraud and breach of trust.

Opinion polls show a tight race for Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party, with gains for a centrist alliance led by Benny Gantz, an ex-armed forces chief who has vowed clean government.

# Germany Not Designating Hezbollah a Terrorist Group



#### **BY JNS.ORG**

Germany has said that it will not officially designate Hezbollah as a terrorist group, a development likely to cause tension between Berlin and Washington.

The country's minister of state, Niels Annen, told *Der Spiegel* on Friday that the US-designated terrorist group plays a crucial role in Lebanon, and that the European Union

Hezbollah terrorists on parade. Photo: File.

already blacklists the organization's terrorist wing, reported *Reuters*.

This comes two weeks after the United Kingdom officially designated Hezbollah as a terrorist group, joining 12 other countries that have a similar designation.

Previously, the United Kingdom distinguished between the Hezbollah terrorist and political facets.

# Heartened by Fans Solidarity Following 'Gas Chamber' Tweet, Israeli Soccer Star Says He'll Continue Playing in Germany

#### **BY BEN COHEN**

Israeli soccer star Almog Cohen has said that he will continue playing in Germany following widespread outrage over an antisemitic social media post sent to him by a rival fan last weekend that ordered him to "disappear into the gas chamber."

Speaking to German news outlet Bild on Sunday, Cohen — who captains the German second division side FC Ingolstadt 04 — said that he had received messages from Israel encouraging him to return to his homeland following the antisemitic tweet last Friday, but that he had been heartened by the solidarity shown him in Germany.

"The support I've received here shows me that it's right to keep fighting," Cohen said. Relegation-strugglers Ingolstadt were

defeated 2-0 by FC Union Berlin in Friday night's bad-tempered game, which saw Cohen dismissed midway through the second half in the wake of a scuffle with rival players. The abusive tweet was posted shortly after Cohen was shown the red card by the referee.

Cohen, who plays for Israel's national team,

said that the tweet had left him "totally shocked." German police have launched an investigation to try and locate the anonymous abuser, who wrote the words "Jewish cattle" in addition to the gas chamber insult, before signing off with "UNVEU" — an abbreviation used by FC Union Berlin fans. Berlin's president, Dirk Zingler, declared that he was "ashamed of such fans."

"FC Union stands for humanistic and democratic values," Zingler said in a statement. "Anyone who doesn't share these values has no place in our club or our stadium."

Cohen told Bild that he "did not think that there are still people with such dark views."

"That antisemitism is expressed so openly — that has not happened to me in my whole time in Germany," Cohen said. He emphasized that at his previous club in Nuremberg and now in Ingolstadt, "I felt only love and affection."

Cohen paid tribute to the "hundreds of messages coming from the fans that support me," singling out Ingolstadt's chief executive, Harald Gärtner, for special praise.

Of the anonymous abuser, Cohen commented that "whoever has such views has no place in society, but in prison."

The German Football Association (DFB) also slammed the "disgusting" tweet and said it would look into the matter.

## World News.



An X-ray image of a phone smuggled inside an inmate. Photo: Israel Prison Service (Israel Hayom).

## Terrorists Smuggle Phones in Stomachs, Says Prison Service

#### **BY JNS.ORG**

The Israel Prison Service has uncovered a sophisticated method of smuggling cellphones into Israeli jails, the agency announced on Sunday.

Security prisoners, the agency said, have been caught trying to smuggle miniature cellphones into prisons by swallowing them. The smugglers would commit petty crimes just so they could be arrested and then deliver the phones to a specific person already behind bars. In other cases, phones were hidden within the prison walls.

These phones were used by inmates to direct terrorist acts. More than 70 smuggled cellphones have been seized thus far in 2019.

The IPS said it recently began installing jammers in prisons in order to ensure smuggled phones would be rendered unserviceable.

"The IPS is at the forefront of the war on terrorism," the agency said in a statement.

## Israel Is the Eighth Largest Arms Exporter In the World

#### **BY ADI PICK/CTech**

In 2018, Israel was the eighth largest arms exporter in the world, according to the annual arms transfer report released Monday by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), an institute dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control, and disarmament.

Israel was the seventh largest exporter of weapons in the world between 2014 and 2017, according to SIPRI's previous annual report, accounting for 3.1 percent of the global arms trade, up from 2.1 percent in the four years prior. The five largest suppliers — the US, Russia, France, Germany, and China — made up 75 percent of all arms exports.

Over the past decade, Israeli arms exports increased by 60 percent, according to SIPRI's report. In comparison, American arms exports increased by nearly 30 percent, and Russia saw a 17 percent decrease in its outgoing arms trade.

The export of Israeli arms reached \$9.2 billion in 2017, up 41.5 percent from 2016, according to data released by the Israeli ministry of defense in May. The striking increase was bolstered by \$2 billion worth of missile system deals between state-owned Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) and India.

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Sunday, backed by coalition air strikes.

Gabriel said 25 Islamic State fighters had been confirmed killed so far in clashes, in addition to an unknown number of militants killed by air strikes. Another SDF official earlier said 38 jihadists had been confirmed killed.

The SDF, which is spearheaded by the Kurdish YPG militia, has been advancing slowly into Baghouz to minimize its losses Three Israeli weapon manufacturers were among the 100 companies worldwide to make the most money by selling arms in 2017, according to SIPRI. Nasdaq-listed Elbit Systems ranked 28th on the list, IAI snagged the 41st spot, while Rafael Advanced Defense Systems ranked 45th.

In recent years, the sales of Israeli-made weapons to regimes violating human rights has been criticized by a small group of Israeli lawmakers and activists.

The world's largest weapons importers are Saudi Arabia, India, and Egypt. Israel supplied 15 percent of India's arms imports from 2014-2018, compared to just 12 percent from the US, according to the report. Israel was the world's 15th largest weapons importer during this period.

According to an April report by the Congressional Research Service, a public policy research arm of the US Congress. The US pledged to provide \$38 billion in military aid to Israel from 2019-2028. The Memorandum of Understanding also states that, beginning in 2019, Israel must gradually shift all its aid money spending to US-made weapons.

Sixty-four percent of Israeli arms imports between 2014 and 2018 came from the US, according to SIPRI.

#### from sniper fire and landmines.

Three SDF fighters have been killed, Mustafa Bali, head of the SDF media office, said on Twitter.

Islamic State's defenses include extensive tunnels and Islamic State's most hardened foreign fighters are holed up inside the enclave, the SDF has said.

However the United States does not believe any senior Islamic State leaders are in Baghouz, assessing they have gone elsewhere

## Chip-Maker Mellanox Says Public Will Benefit From \$6.9 Billion Sale of Company

#### BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The CEO of Israeli chip-maker Mellanox, which announced it's \$6.9 billion sale to tech company Nvidia on Monday, highlighted the positive impact the sale will have on the Israeli public.

In an interview with Hebrew news site *Walla*, CEO Eyal Waldman said, "I think the Israeli public will greatly enjoy the acquisition. There are many private individuals that hold [stock]."

A high percentage of the stock, he added, "is held by the Israeli public and institutions. We don't have to be on the Tel Aviv stock

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beliefs are not an aberrant hatred, but simply reality itself.

This antisemitism is profoundly, almost organically intertwined with the Western left and its doctrine of intersectionality. Omar, after all, refers to herself on her Twitter page as an "intersectional feminist." Intersectionality proposes that all forms of racism and oppression are interlinked, and must be fought as a single phenomenon. But in its contempt for Israel and view of the Jews as a privileged "white" community, it consciously excludes the Jews and demeans 2,000 years of Jewish oppression and suffering, and thus both betrays its own ideology and is inherently based in antisemitism.

This was nowhere more clearly shown than in the scandals surrounding the Women's March leadership, in which it was revealed that activists like Tamika Mallory and Linda Sarsour had embraced reactionary antisemite Louis Farrakhan, and continued to defend him despite his genocidal rhetoric, such as calling the Jews "termites." The fact that termites are usually exterminated did not move them. Instead we saw obfuscation, collaboration, and finally outrage at the possibility that some might disapprove of such rhetoric. It was even revealed that the Women's March leaders had viciously berated a Jewish activist, accusing the Jews of, among other things, being responsible for the African slave trade. Sarsour was later caught claiming that Jews who support Israel cannot be real progressives. And Mallory expressly stated that "white" Jews enjoy white privilege. In the Manichean lexicon of intersectionality, in other words, the Jews are evil.

It was this intersectional antisemitism that was on display in the reaction to Omar's racist statements. With the prominent collaboration of, tragically, the Congressional Black Caucus and progressive rock star Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Congressional condemnation of Omar was essentially erased. A milquetoast bill that buried antisemitism amidst a score of other malfeasances finally passed after being expunged of almost any rebuke of antisemitism generally and Omar in particular. At the same time, presidential candidates like Bernie

as part of the group's shift toward an insurgency, a US defense official has said.

The group still operates in remote territory elsewhere and it is widely assessed that it will continue to represent a potent security threat.

The bulk of the people evacuated from the diminishing Islamic State territory have been transported to a camp for internally displaced people in al-Hol, in northeastern Syria, where the United Nations says conditions are dire. exchange for Israelis to invest in the company."

The company, Waldman said, will also continue to operate from Israel despite the sale: "We think it's right for Mellanox ... to stay as a half-independent entity that will work from Israel."

He added that most Israeli operations will remain unchanged, saying its workers, "Will stay in the same chair, the same office, the same managers and staff," but with "better technologies than we have today."

"The power of Nvidia, not only technological but also in business, will give Mellanox and its employees additional capabilities that are difficult for us to achieve today," he said.

Sanders and Kamala Harris either obfuscated the issue or outright defended antisemitism as legitimate "criticism" of Israel and its supporters. The Democratic leadership, in other words, had a chance to do the essential and essentially moral thing and condemn the axis of antisemitism. Instead they betrayed American Jews — most of whom are fiercely loyal Democrats — and debased one of America's most cherished institutions.

At the same time, ostensibly progressive organizations and Ocasio-Cortez in particular have doubled down, charging that there is a conspiracy by Israel supporters like AIPAC against progressives, and have even begun fundraising on this basis. And this is quite conscious. Antisemitism is a powerful force, and the axis of antisemitism even more so. There are money and votes to be found in hating the Jews. Intersectional and Muslim antisemitism, in other words, have scored their first victory, and it will not be their last. Like Donald Trump, they have declared that there are "fine people on both sides" of a "debate" over Jewish power, Jewish money, and Jewish allegiance.

Faced with this axis of antisemitism, as well as a president who has thus far refused to effectively deal with his antisemitic supporters on the alt-right, one must ask where America's Jews can go. The answer, it seems, is into the fray. American Jews must make a stand, even against those they have previously considered their natural allies, much as British Jews have created a determined, courageous, and often successful movement against antisemitic Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn and his supporters.

And this is not only a moral and even physical necessity, but a calling to a greater struggle, a struggle for America itself. We cannot forget that, if history has taught us anything, it is that the mainstreaming of antisemitism is always a sign of the end. Civilization, and especially democratic civilization, cannot survive antisemitism. It is a disease, and if not quickly and effectively treated, a fatal one. The battle for America's soul has now begun.

Benjamin Kerstein is the Algemeiner's Israel Correspondent.

The camp, designed to accommodate 20,000 people, is now sheltering more than 66,000, the UN said.

Obdurate support voiced by many evacuees for Islamic State, particularly among foreigners, has posed a complex security, legal and moral challenge.

Those issues were underscored on Friday with the death of the newborn son of Shamima Begum, a British woman who left to join Islamic State when she was a schoolgirl.

## U.S. News.

## Columbia Student Leaders Vote Down BDS Referendum, Drawing Applause From Jewish, Zionist Campus Groups

#### **BY SHIRI MOSHE**

Student leaders at Columbia University on Sunday rejected a controversial effort to divest from eight companies over their ties to Israel, following concerns raised by Jewish and Zionist campus groups.

After a four-hour debate, 20 members of the Columbia College Student Council (CCSC) voted in a secret ballot against sending out a campus-wide referendum on divestment, while 17 others supported the proposal and the body's president abstained on procedural grounds. The measure, promoted by anti-Zionist students affiliated with Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) and Columbia/Barnard Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), needed a two-thirds majority to pass.

A previous attempt to pass a similar referendum was rejected by CCSC in 2017 by a margin of 26-5 and one abstention.

Brian Cohen, executive director of Columbia/Barnard Hillel, applauded the "great work" of students who worked to defeat the referendum, led by the Hillel group Aryeh: Columbia Students Association for Israel and its independent counterpart, Students Supporting Israel (SSI).

Both clubs have aimed to raise awareness of the deleterious impact the Palestinian-led boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaign can have on their communities, accusing it of presenting a reductive picture of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and denying Jewish people the right to self-determination.

They also warned of the campaign's divisiveness, pointing to the tensions that ran high at Barnard College while SJP and JVP spearheaded a successful divestment referendum there last spring. The measure was later criticized and rejected by Barnard President Sian Leah Beilock.

"While I am relieved that the vote will be the end of BDS on campus for now, damage has been done: these votes polarize campus, and contribute to a difficult environment for Jewish students," Cohen told *The Algemeiner*. "I am proud of our students who spoke so eloquently and passionately about Israel, the danger BDS poses both to Israelis and Palestinians, and the negative ways it impacts the campus community."

SSI president Ofir Dayan said the vote was a big accomplishment for both "what is right and just," and for the Jewish and Zionist communities at Columbia. "The student council decided to reaffirm their commitment to make them feel safe on campus," she told *The Algemeiner*.

Around 150 students had come to watch Sunday night's proceedings, including many of Hillel and Aryeh's supporters. Some showed up more than four hours early to secure a spot in the room for the 8 o'clock debate, Dayan said. The majority had to watch a live stream from an overflow room, though many students eventually gathered outside the glass of the main hall to follow the debate in person.

Orit Gugenheim, president of Aryeh, said the atmosphere "was one of high tension and anxiety," with students from the opposition "pleading that CCSC would follow their mission and protect them from a referendum they denounced as bigoted."

Aryeh and SSI representatives — who, like SJP and JVP, were given 10 minutes in total to present — also pointed out that as Columbia's investment portfolio is not public, students do not know whether the companies being targeted by BDS supporters even have ties with the university.

While proponents said the measure would pressure the university to disclose its investments, Columbia President Lee Bollinger — who has repeatedly opposed academic boycotts of Israel — rejected the idea of divesting the university's endowment from companies targeted by the BDS campaign as recently as last week.

"This was a purely symbolic effort, meant to claim that BDS was successful at Columbia University," Dayan argued. "We asked council members whether it was worthwhile to target a whole community of people — Jews and non-Jews who support Israel — just so the BDS website can say they won at Columbia."

"I think council members understood that this is a divisive issue that people feel strongly about and can't be reduced to a yes or no question," she added.

Dayan said the whole episode reinforced her view that the campaign is not grounded in a concern over "responsible investment, as they have no idea what Columbia's investment policy is. It's just a way to target pro-Israel and Jewish students."

A third group that represents parts of the campus'

pro-Israel contingent — a branch of the national lobbying group J Street, which confirmed to *The Algemeiner* in advance that it would not formally present at the CCSC meeting likewise warned that divestment can create a difficult climate for the Jewish community.

"[We've] seen how BDS on our campus can create a hostile environment for Jewish students by politicizing their identities and obscuring any opinion that does not fall on the strict binary you will hear tonight," J Street CU wrote in a statement issued on Sunday afternoon. It also argued that the movement has been co-opted "as a boogeyman tactic meant to penalize ANY meaningful criticism of the Israeli government."

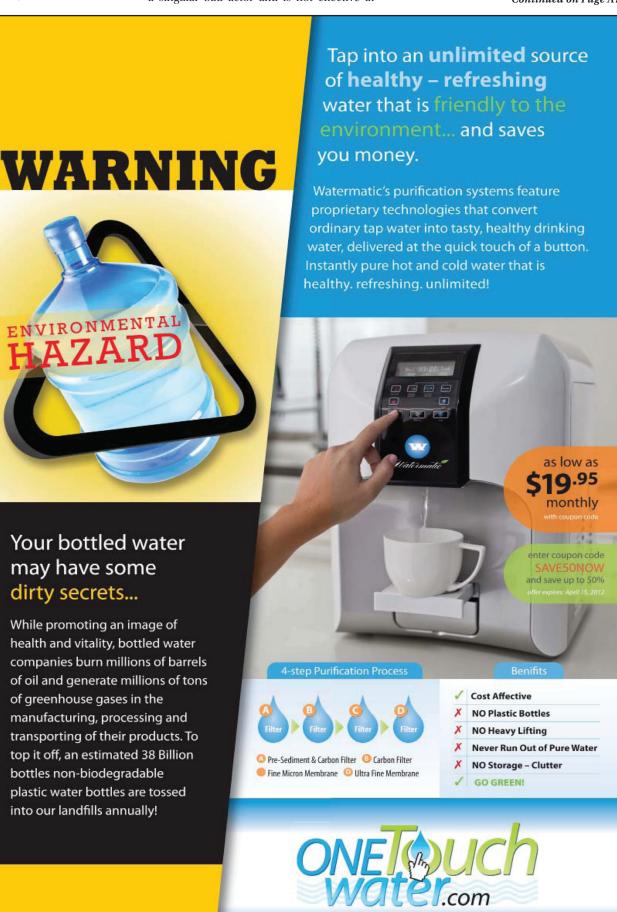
"While we would not oppose boycotting businesses that operate inside the green line and directly contribute to the occupation, we believe that introducing BDS at an American university disporpotionately target Israel as a singular bad actor and is not effective at



Members of the Columbia College Student Council deate a BDS referendum on March 10, 2018. Photo: Screenshot.

combating occupation," the group affirmed. The "green line" was demarcated by the 1949 armistice agreement between Israel and Arab powers, and includes internationallyrecognized Israeli territory.

When the vote tally was ultimately announced, some students cried in relief, while others began chanting, "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free," the studentrun *Columbia Daily Spectator* reported. The *Continued on Page A7* 



# When an Antisemite Openly Roams the Halls of Congress



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The Democrats leading the House of Representatives could not bring themselves to make a simple declaration condemning Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (D-MN) for her repeated antisemitic remarks — suggesting that Israel is hypnotizing members of Congress, that members are being bribed by Jews, that Jews are only concerned with money, and that they have dual loyalty to the United States and Israel.

Instead, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) wilted under pressure from her far-left colleagues and not only refused to explicitly condemn Omar, but endorsed a milquetoast resolution condemning nearly every form of bigotry (anti-Christian prejudice was notably missing).

Pelosi listened to people like Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), who insisted that there must be "equity in our outrage," that all forms of hate needed to be denounced, and that "there is no hierarchy of hurt."

Indeed, many forms of intolerance exist; however, that does not excuse the failure to condemn a 2,000-year-old hatred that is unlike any other.

Antisemitism is endemic in most of the world's societies, and it is responsible

for centuries of blood libels, pogroms, and terrorism directed only at Jews, and leading to the greatest genocide in world history — the murder of six million Jews in the Holocaust.

But tragically, that was not the end of this ancient hatred. It continues to this day in the genocidal aspirations of Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, and extremists on the political right and left.

We see this scourge today in the form of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement — endorsed by Omar — which seeks the destruction of Israel. Its advocates have spread to college campuses, United Nations bodies, the women's and Black Lives Matter movements, faculty and professional academic associations, and the entertainment industry.

Yes, hatred is hatred. But no form of bigotry is as pervasive in as many places as antisemitism.

And now purveyors of antisemitism are ensconced in the world's greatest democratic institution — the US Congress. I use the plural because Omar's colleague Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) is also a BDS supporter who has made her own antisemitic statements, such as raising the trope of Jews' dual loyalty by suggesting that senators who supported antiboycott legislation "forgot what country they represent."

I gave Omar the benefit of the doubt at the outset of her tenure in Congress. I applauded her wearing traditional Muslim garb and openly expressing her faith. Now, however, it appears that she is consumed by hatred for Jews. Other bigots have tried to disguise their hatred, but Omar can't contain her contempt, doubling down on her views even after being told they are antisemitic.

Listening to Omar's defenders, I was reminded of the days of segregation - when racists roamed the halls of Congress, openly expressing their prejudices and fighting against civil rights legislation. I never thought I would see any members express antisemitic views with impunity and be appointed to positions of power – in Omar's case, the House Foreign Affairs Committee - where they can try to adversely affect legislation affecting the Jewish people and their homeland. The Democrats' inaction on Omar was in stark contrast to the deserved condemnation of the bigoted remarks of Congressman Steve King (R-IA), who was eventually stripped of all his committee assignments.

Omar's incendiary antisemitism is penetrating the broader body politic. She is challenging the morality of the Democratic Party, which failed the test last week to demonstrate its intolerance for Jew-hatred. The resolution they passed was meaningless, because any statement that condemns everything, condemns nothing.

So who will rise to oppose Omar?

Now that it's clear her Democratic colleagues do not have the backbone to stand up to Omar, it's up to her constituents to act. Just two months into her first term in office, instead of serving the needs of her constituents, Omar has decided to use the platform



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Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (D-MN) participates in a news conference at the US Capitol in Washington, DC, Feb. 7, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Jonathan Ernst / Files.

they have given her to attack Jews and Israel. Is that what voters had in mind when they elected her?

"Representative Omar has used up the reservoir of good will generally granted to those who begin new jobs by repeatedly insulting the Jewish people even after being told that her words are dangerous and hurtful," Minnesota Democratic State Senator Ron Latz said, urging her to "discuss policy without inflaming religious conflict."

Constituents also have reason to be angry with her "bait-and-switch" position on BDS. During a primary debate in a Minnesota synagogue, Omar said that she did not support BDS. But after winning her seat, she admitted to being a proponent of the campaign that seeks the destruction of Israel. This seems less surprising now that she has been exposed as an antisemite.

In 2020, Omar will again face the voters, and it is up to them to send a message to Omar, the Democratic Party, and the rest of America that Jew-hatred has no place in American politics and that the people of Minnesota do not want to be represented by an antisemite.

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their neighbors for their pains — gets in the way of this interpretation of history.

Less than a month after he intemperately pulled out of a summit in Israel because of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's statement that "Poles cooperated with Nazis," Morawiecki is now proposing to reopen the Jedwabne debate that many believed had been closed in 2001. Back then, Polish President Alexander Kwasniewski formally apologized for the crime, while a government investigation the following year concluded that not less than 340 Jews in Jedwabne had been murdered by about 40 Poles. Morawiecki wants to turn back the clock on both of those things.

Asked by Polsat whether he was in favor of carrying out exhumations of the mass graves at Jedwabne in order to shed more light on the issue of responsibility, Morawiecki responded that "the most important thing is that the historical truth should be emphasized." That "truth," according to the prime minister, is that "the fate of Poles during World War II is extremely sad for us, on the one hand, but it also testifies to how great, great a nation we are, and who is solely responsible [i.e., Germany] for the Holocaust, occupation, and terror of World War II."

In addition to announcing the conclusion of the proposed new investigation before it actually gets underway — an eerily Soviet strategy — Marowiecki is also apparently willing to violate the sanctity of the Jewish mass graves in Jedwabne as part of the process. Initial exhumations that took place there were stopped in 2001, after Jewish organizations pointed out that Jewish religious law forbids the disturbing of graves.

As Poland's Chief Rabbi Michael Schudrich pointed out to the *Associated Press* last week, that law has not changed. Exhuma-

# Leave the Graves of Jedwabne Alone



"Who controls the past controls the future: who controls the present controls the past." These words, from George Orwell's famous novel 1984 were often called upon during the Cold War as a pithy explanation of the principles on which Communist propaganda operations were based. Sadly, they are becoming equally pertinent in today's post-Communist, democratic Poland.

In an extensive interview last week with the private broadcaster Polsat, Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki was questioned about reducing the tax burden on the under-26-year-olds and on pensioners, about the relative health of Poland's deficit, about his government's views on the future of the European Union, about the ruling Law and Justice (PiS) Party's plans for the upcoming European elections, and about a July 1941 massacre of more than 300 Jews in the Polish town of Jedwabne that was committed not by the German occupiers, but by their Polish neighbors.

The sudden appearance of this terrible atrocity in what was otherwise a routine discussion of government policy was jarring. Make no mistake though — in some ways, the subject of Jedwabne is more important to Poland's leaders than all those others.

Most countries have been impacted in recent years by the rise in identity politics, and Poland is no exception. In the United States, we tend to think of identity politics as the domain of progressives and as the source of voguish theories about "intersectionality." But in Poland, as elsewhere in Eastern Europe, identity politics has been seized by nationalists and conservatives as a means of recovering the national dignity buried by successive Nazi and Soviet occupations. While Morawiecki has demonstrated a pragmatic side in the past in dealing with the febrile question of Polish attitudes to Jews under the Nazi occupation, his comments during the Polsat interview suggest a dangerous willingness on his part to escalate the Polish state's ongoing conflict with Jewish organizations around the world about the Holocaust in that land.

For 20 years, the dispute over what happened at Jedwabne has roiled a growing numbers of Poles who angrily deny that their compatriots collaborated with the Nazi German authorities in any way. The pogrom in Jedwabne is a particularly harrowing example of why that belief is both false and malicious.

A small town in the northeast of Poland, Jedwabne was seized by the Nazis from the retreating Soviet Red Army in June 1941. As documented by the Polish-American historian Jan Gross (whose book about Jedwabne, *Neighbors*, turned him into public enemy No.



A monument to the Jewish victims of the 1941 Jedwabne pogrom in Poland after it was vandalized with swastikas by Neo-Nazis in 2011. The graffiti on the left reads "I am not sorry for Jedwabne," while the right it reads "They were highly flammable." Photo: Reuters/Marcin Onufryjuk

1 for Polish ultranationalists), on July 10, with the approval of the Germans, Polish collaborators gathered the town's Jews in the central square. There, they were subjected to the most savage humiliation by the mob, forced to wear their religious garments, and dance and sing while being brutally beaten, kicked, whipped, spat upon, and verbally abused.

Once this barbaric festival of antisemitic violence was over, the approximately 300 surviving Jews — men, women, and children — were herded into a nearby barn. Its doors were locked as gasoline was poured on the ground. All of the Jews inside the barn were incinerated by fire, their remains buried in two mass graves.

The post-war controversy in Poland over Jedwabne stems from the issue of responsibility for this vile crime. In essence, Morawiecki and other Polish nationalists insist that every Jew who was murdered in Poland during World War II died at the hands of the Germans, while Poles suffered nearly as much as the Jews, yet did everything in their power to save them. Put simply, Jedwabne — where the one Polish farming family that did bravely save the lives of seven Jews, the Wyrzykowskis, were beaten and harassed by

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## **Opinion**.

# How Will Democrats Respond | Ilhan Omar Is an Antisemite, to the Omar Firestorm? | and Democrats Must



HAROLD BRACKMAN

Freshman Congresswoman Ilhan Omar is a Muslim-American critic of Israel. She now occupies ground zero for American Jews who vote Democratic, but support Israel.

First, Omar's accusations go beyond mainstream criticism of Israel. Omar not only critiques Israel and its current government, but uses antisemitic terminology to impugn the patriotism of American Jews who support Israel.

Omar has half-heartedly apologized for her 2012 tweet praying that Allah would "awaken the people" to being "hypnotized" by the "evil doings" of Israel, which she denounces as an "apartheid state." Not truly contrite for her "bumbling" words back then, she has launched new attacks on the loyalty of US senators, representatives, and ordinary voters for their "allegiance to a foreign country."

Omar unloaded on Israel's supporters, led by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), for being "all about the Benjamins baby" (\$100 bills), smearing Jews as Shylocks.

Omar's "dual loyalty" charge dates back to the historian Manetho (third century BCE) who explained the Biblical Exodus as the expulsion of Egypt's disloyal, "leprous" Jews. Omar combines ancient and modern antisemitism in a toxic brew, ultimately damaging America's minority communities seeking mutual harmony.

Why stir up these waters rather than focus on healing her own troubled Somali-American community – especially when a Somali immigrant recently shouted antisemitic slurs while trying to run down two worshipers in front of a synagogue?

The second issue is House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's cowardice in responding to Omar's bigotry. Pelosi combined a slap on the wrist by condemning Omar's "antisemitic tropes" (whatever that means), with reaffirming her appointment to the prestigious House Foreign Affairs Committee. Then Pelosi allowed a resolution criticizing Omar to be so watereddown that it was essentially useless.



Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (D-MN) speaking at worker protest against Amazon. Photo: Fibonacci Blue/Flickr

I deplore attacks on Omar's Muslim faith, but that can't shield her from criticism for her antisemitic views.

Reinforcing Omar's self-pitying evasion that she is a victim of "Islamophobia," Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez equates anti-Omar criticism with making it "unacceptable' to question the Iraq War." Now, the Congressional Black Caucus also wants to sanctify Omar as a victim of racism. Senior House Democrat James Clyburn has already empathized with Omar at the expense of Holocaust memory: "I'm serious ... there are people who tell me, 'Well, my parents are Holocaust survivors.' 'My parents did this.' It's more personal with her. ... I can tell you she is living through a lot of pain."

Omar may explode a minefield for the Democratic Party with Jewish voters. While it took the Great Depression to cause African-Americans to abandon the GOP American Jews made a smoother transition to the immigrant-friendly Democrats, whose founder Thomas Jefferson was the patron saint of church-state separation. Then President Harry Truman sealed the deal by recognizing Israel in 1948.

Abraham Lincoln, a GOP Jewish hero, warned: "You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." Speaker Pelosi should heed Lincoln's warning by forthrightly condemning Omar's blatant antisemitism and removing her from the House Foreign Affairs Committee before it's too late.

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tions now "would desecrate the memory of those who were buried there," he said.

"It makes moral sense that we should follow the religious traditions of those who were buried there," asserted Schudrich. "Jewish law hasn't changed in 2,000 years, and what we said in 2001 remains the same now."

The looming conflict over new exhumations - a task that Poland's official Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) has confirmed it will undertake if granted permission by the Justice Ministry – neatly illustrates the parameters of the present Polish-Jewish divide. For Schudrich, as for nearly all Jews, these are the graves of Jews slaughtered because they were Jews. For Morawiecki, these are the graves of Polish citizens who happened to be Jews; their terrible fate was falsely blamed on Poles

instead of the true authors, the Germans.

This battle over historical truth is set to continue, and probably won't ever be resolved. Perhaps Poland's leaders should ask themselves why – given the appalling suffering their nation endured during World War II, a cataclysm in which goodness and evil were tested every day - their national self-esteem seemingly depends on making the Holocaust of six million Jews a Polish event. More importantly, they should be told that to again disturb the graves of Jedwabne over the objections of the Jewish community crosses a red line. However frosty relations may have been over the last two years, they are set to get much worse should Morawiecki deliver on his intention.

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slogan has been used by Islamist groups like Hamas and other Palestinian nationalists to

refer to the establishment of an Arab state in the territory between the Jordan River and Mediterranean Sea, in place of Israel.

Gugenheim said that "a significant

# **Confront Her**



It's time for Democrats to stop making excuses for Ilhan Omar.

The problem is not, as her most ardent defenders claim, that Omar is engaging in legitimate criticism of substantive Israeli policies. Rather, it is that she has muddled together a number of complicated issues to reach the disturbing conclusion that the participation of Jews in the electoral process is inherently illegitimate.

Omar has served in Congress for two months, but let's start by considering her penultimate outrage rather than her most recent one.

Last month, she was criticized for claiming that AIPAC effectively buys political influence to ensure that American policies remain favorable towards Israel.

Democrats were eager to elicit an apology, and Omar complied - sort of. Specifically, she spoke about antisemitism, before doubling down and decrying the "problematic role of lobbyists in our politics, whether it be AIPAC, the NRA, or the fossil fuel industry."

She probably felt that adding a couple of other favorite punching bags of progressives would inoculate her from further criticism, but she seemed not to care about what lobbyists actually do, or which ones are big spenders.

As it turns out, AIPAC's lobbying expenditures over the last 20 years have been modest, peaking at \$3.6 million in 2016. The NRA, meanwhile, spent \$5.12 million in 2017, and it's difficult to put a number on the "fossil fuel industry" without defining its players.

Missing from Omar's screed was contempt for the National Association of Realtors, which spent \$72.8 million in 2018 alone; large tech firms such as Google parent Alphabet Inc. (\$21.7 million); defense contractors such as Boeing and Lockheed (\$15.1 million and \$13.2 million respectively); or the US Chamber of Commerce, whose activities are presumably too bland and incomprehensible for activists to hate, but which burned a walloping \$1.5 billion on lobbying activities during the past 20 years, and \$94.8 million in 2018 alone.

Having lost that argument, Omar's supporters lazily slid into a different one.

The problem is not that AIPAC spends money — it's that it presides over a conspiracy in which politicians are intimidated by AIPAC's ability to mobilize its members.

The double standard applied here is undeniably antisemitic.

It is fair for a congresswoman to wonder aloud whether special interest groups have a disproportionate voice in the political process.

amount of Jewish students" approached her since the vote to thank Aryeh for taking a stand against the referendum. "Their reaction further confirms our central preoccupation throughout the meeting: to ensure the Jewish community's complete safety and comfort, like that of all other students, at Columbia University," she added.

Despite the vote, the campus debate surrounding BDS is expected to continue, But unless Omar wants to complain about the fact that, for example, California Senator Kamala Harris supports abortion rights and has the support of NARAL, Omar is distorting the issue.

There is no reason to think that Harris' views on abortion are not bona fide or that NARAL is doing anything but encouraging people to vote for candidates who share its views. But when a large group of Jews participate in the political process in the exact same way, that fact invites allegations of dual loyalty and nefarious schemes.

Omar also seems to have no problem with James Zogby, founder of the Arab American Institute, who served for more than a decade as a powerful voice for the Palestinian cause on the Democratic National Committee. An honest debate about the role of special interests in American politics might question why Americans should care so much about either Israelis or Palestinians – but, of course, Omar has no interest in that conversation.

So what about the money? During the last presidential election, Donald Trump spent a total of \$616.5 million and Hillary Clinton spent just shy of \$1.2 billion.

The fact that Barack Obama's 2008 campaign had large traditional corporate donors early on and was fined for financial reporting violations calls into question whether Obama actually was a grassroots candidate.

Nevertheless, once the Democratic field was whittled down, he did a good job of mobilizing small donors to devastating effect. This fact was celebrated at the time. Yet when AIPAC encourages its more than 100,000 members to donate to candidates who support Israel, Omar perceives an assault on American democracy rather than a legitimate expression of broad grassroots support.

For her, among the billions poured into American political campaigns, only the Jewish money is toxic.

Omar's defenders are right about one thing. She is free to express her views on issues as diverse as the role of lobbyists, the influence of special interest groups, the role of money in American political campaigns, and American foreign policy.

Each of those is in itself a complex debate that would expose heroes and villains on both sides of the aisle and across the political spectrum. But Omar is unwilling or unable to inform herself of the facts, or recognize the nuances of these issues.

Instead, she seems content to dust off well-worn antisemitic tropes while daring her Democratic colleagues to call out one of their two female Muslim members of Congress.

But if Democrats want to deem themselves the party of conscience, they must do that now.

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with SJP and JVP holding their annual "Israel Apartheid Week" campaign at the start of April. SSI plans to host its own concurrent "Hebrew Liberation Week" highlighting Jewish indigeneity and plurality.

SJP and JVP did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

This article has been updated to include comments from Orit Gugenheim.

## Impressions.

## At Wake Forest University, Jewish Students Unite to Defend Their Rights

#### **BY PHILLIP YURCHENKO**

The famed Jewish sage Hillel the Elder said, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?" I was painfully reminded of those words this week as I grappled with antisemitism on my campus, Wake Forest University.

During the Palestinian Rights Awareness Week, organized by the Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA), an "apartheid wall" and exhibit were erected with slanderous and antisemitic messages. One section denied the link between anti-Zionism and antisemitism, while another featured the quote "resistance is not terrorism." The accusations went as far as claiming that Israel practices "ethnic cleansing" and "colonialism."

Fortunately, we learned about YDSA's event three weeks ahead of time. Our campus chapter of Students Supporting Israel (SSI) sprang into action, ready to speak out against the delegitimization of Israel on our campus. But we met resistance along the way.

As SSI worked to unite the Jewish community on campus, I sought the guidance of professionals, since our campus Hillel is student run. I reached out to the director of the Jewish Life Office, Dr. Gail Bretan and Hillel International, but my concerns fell on deaf ears. The only advice we received was to lay low throughout the week and not attract too much attention.

Earlier this year, we spearheaded efforts to bring about the Wake Forest student government's passage of a resolution that recognizes that some criticisms of Israel "can be antisemitic dog-whistles," and opposes "denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, and denying Israel the right to exist." Yet this month, amid preparations for Palestinian Rights Awareness Week, I was told by Dr. Bretan that the very reason antisemitism exists at Wake Forest is the student resolution condemning antisemitism. Imagine my utter disbelief.

Through SSI and the on-campus Hillel chapter, passionate pro-Israel students banded together.

We decided to take matters into our own hands and reach out to YDSA about Palestinian Rights Awareness Week. They assured us their events would promote Palestinian culture, not antisemitism, even when it came to a panel on "antisemitism versus anti-Zionism." We offered to provide a panel speaker who would represent Jewish students. They claimed it was too late to process our request.

Fast forward to the evening of the panel.

About 45 of us, mostly students and also community members, gathered right before the event. We talked about the rules of Student Conduct to not interrupt, to be cordial. Those of us who made signs knew that we could only be in the back. Some of us used masking tape to cover our mouths, to demonstrate to the speakers that we were being silenced.

As the panel began, we heard misinformation and exaggerations directed not only at Israel, but at us, at me. We were chastised by our own professors for creating a hostile atmosphere on campus, all because we objected to their lies about our homeland. Professor Michaelle Browers went as far as to claim that the Wake Forest Student Government "got swindled" into passing a resolution that adopted a mainstream definition of antisemitism, the very definition that is used by our own State Department and 30 other countries. Professor Barry Tranchtenberg added his opinion, claiming that Jews are white and that stating that Jews are indigenous to the land of Israel is "appropriation ... and an attempt to erase the presence of the Palestinian people".

These professors bemoaned the lack of conversations, when in fact, it was they who refused to have an open dialogue with anyone who disagreed with their assertions. The most disturbing moments of the whole evening for me should have been when a and tired answer they had was, "it's the Jews!" — of course, nicely masked as "It's the Israelis."

Second, we need the Jewish community to support us and empower us. Our voices matter. SSI was fortunate enough to have allies on this issue like the Zionist Organization of America, Hasbara Fellowships, the North Carolina Coalition for Israel, and Voice for Israel — even as we lacked support from Hillel International and the university's own Jewish Life Office.

Finally, laying low and keeping quiet is never the answer. We maintained open channels of communication with Wake Forest University administration and were ultimately informed by the dean of students that we would be provided with easels on which to place our own posters, which



Students gather at Wake Forest University on Feb. 27, 2018. Photo: Students Supporting Israel.

fellow student accused me of being a white supremacist, while I was wearing my very visible kippah on my head; or when another student physically laid his hand on me, in an attempt to intimidate me.

We aimed to create an environment of inclusivity and dialogue, and instead, we were actively excluded from a panel about an issue that affects us as Jewish students on a daily basis.

I'm no stranger to challenging environments for the pro-Israel and Jewish communities. When I was applying to college, I was no different than other Jewish high school students, concerned about anti-Israel activity on my prospective campus. The Jewish Life Office at Wake Forest University assured me that there was no antisemitism on campus. I bought into this fairy tale. Just a few weeks into my freshman year, I realized that the idea of an absence of antisemitism stemmed from the fact that nobody dared speak about Israel.

What did I learn from Palestinian Rights Awareness Week? First, a week that was supposed to be dedicated to discussing how we can help the Palestinian people was plagued with blatant antisemitism. The organizers had no intention of actually discussing the issues that make the lives of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the disputed territories difficult. Instead, the one and only old shared a message of truth and dialogue, next to the hateful panels.

We are so grateful to the community at large for not remaining silent. We know that the school received countless emails and phone calls from people across the country asking the administration to do the right thing — don't allow this amazing institution to fail to acknowledge antisemitism disguised as anti-Zionism, all under the flag of free speech. We all believe in free speech. We never asked the University to shut down the week or the panel. We merely asked to be given a voice, to be allowed to correct the lies and distortions. It's unfortunate that this did not happen.

It's time to proactively defend our rights as Jewish and pro-Israel students. While this week was trying, I am proud of my fellow Deacs who stood together and declared clearly and loudly that we will not be silenced. We will not tolerate antisemitism on our campus.

Let's get invested. Let's speak up. Let's unabashedly defend our rights and beliefs.

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#### of the County of Kings, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and MARCIA A. BECKFORD; ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET BOOM 224. BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on March 28, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1280 E 86TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236: Block 8064, Lot 1: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT. PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 4029/2013 OR 2018-05538. Helene Blank, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attornevs for Plaintiff.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Citibank, N.A., as trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Tyrone Lewis a/k/a Tyrone G. Lewis; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 30, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 28, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 102-02 Farragut Road, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lving and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8171 Lot 33. Approximate amount of judgment \$853,969.62 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 514002/2015. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: February 8, 2019 61462 AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

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

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC. -against- MOSHE LEIB Plaintiff LAX A/K/A MOISHE LEIB LAX; AS CO-EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF CHAIM LAX, DECEASED, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 7, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on March 28, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, The Condominium Unit known as Unit No. 3 in the building known as "The 1151 42nd Street Condominium" together with an undivided 39% interest in the Common Elements. Block: 5592 Lot: 2203 Said premises known as 1151 42ND STREET, UNIT #3, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$482,357.51 plus

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interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 504537/2013. JOEL E. ABRAMSON, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 9024.87 AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

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

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

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

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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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVES-TORS, L.P., Plaintiff against ANNETTE A/K/AHURLEY ANNETTE CONLIFFE, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered January 28, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 28, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 159 E. 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. Block 4877 Lot 46. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$536,235.03 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Índex No 510311/2017. Cash will not be accepted at the sale. Joel Abramson, Esq., Referee 2267-001342

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

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Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$10,256.05 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD I. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds and the funds currently on deposit with the Commissioner of Finance should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship. Dated, Attested and Sealed 15th day of February, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue. Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation

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

## Tradition.

# The Pursuit of Meaning



The American Declaration of Independence speaks of the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Recently, following the pioneering work of Martin Seligman, founder of Positive Psychology, there have been hundreds of books published on happiness. Yet there is something more fundamental still to the sense of a life well-lived, namely, meaning. The two seem similar. It's easy to suppose that people who find meaning are happy, and people who are happy have found meaning. But the two are not the same, nor do they always overlap.

Happiness is largely a matter of satisfying needs and wants. Meaning, by contrast, is about a sense of purpose in life, especially by making positive contributions to the lives of others. Happiness is largely about how you feel in the present. Meaning is about how you judge your life as a whole: past, present and future.

Happiness is associated with taking, meaning with *giving*.



Individuals who suffer stress, worry or anxiety are not happy, but they may be living lives rich with meaning. Past misfortunes reduce present happiness, but people often connect such moments with the discovery of meaning. Furthermore, happiness is not unique to humans. Animals also experience contentment when their wants and needs are satisfied. But meaning is a distinctively human phenomenon. It has to do not with nature but with culture. It is not about what happens to us, but about how we interpret what happens to us. There can be happiness without meaning, and there can be meaning in the absence of happiness, even in the midst of darkness and pain.

In a fascinating article in *The Atlantic*, 'There's more to life than being happy', Emily Smith argued that the pursuit of happiness can result in a relatively shallow, self-absorbed, even selfish life. What makes the pursuit of meaning different is that it is about the search for something larger than the self.

No one did more to put the question of meaning into modern

discourse than the late Viktor Frankl. In the three years he spent in Auschwitz, Frankl survived and helped others to survive by inspiring them to discover a purpose in life even in the midst of hell on earth. It was there that he formulated the ideas he later turned into a new type of psychotherapy based on what he called "man's search for meaning". His book of that title, written in the course of nine days in 1946, has sold more than ten million copies throughout the world, and ranks as one of the most influential works of the twentieth century.

Frankl knew that in the camps, those who lost the will to live died. He tells of how he helped two individuals to find a reason to survive. One, a woman, had a child waiting for her in another country. Another had written the first volumes of a series of travel books, and there were others yet to write. Both therefore had a reason to live.

Frankl used to say that the way to find meaning was not to ask what we want from life. Instead we should ask what life wants from us. We are each, he said, unique: in our gifts, our abilities, our skills and talents, and in the circumstances of our life. For each of us, then, there is a task only we can do. This does not mean that we are better than others. But if we believe we are here for a reason, then there is a *tikkun*, a mending, only we can perform, a fragment of light only we can redeem, an act of kindness or courage, generosity or hospitality, even a word of encouragement or a smile, only we can perform, because we are here, in this place, at this time, facing this person at this moment in their lives.

"Life is a task", he used to say, and added, "The religious man differs from the apparently irreligious man only by experiencing his existence not simply as a task, but as a mission." He or she is aware of being summoned, called, by a Source. "For thousands of years that source has been called God."

That is the significance of the word that gives our parsha, and the third book of the Torah, its name: *Vayikra*, "And He called." The precise meaning of this opening verse is difficult to understand. Literally translated it reads: "And He called to Moses, and God spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying ...." The first phrase seems to be redundant. If we are told that God spoke to Moses, why say in addition, "And He called"? Rashi explains as follows:

And He called to Moses: Every [time God communicated with Moses, whether signalled by the expression] "And He spoke", or "and He said", or "and He commanded", it was always preceded by [God] calling [to Moses by name]. "Calling" is an expression of endearment. It is the expression employed by the ministering angels, as it says, "And one called to the other..." (Isaiah 6:3). Vayikra, Rashi is telling us,

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION PASS-THROUGH MORTGAGE CERTIFICATES 2006-HE1, Plaintiff AGAINST BARBARA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SEREATHA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SHAKEYIA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SHAMMEL HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 21, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on April 04, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 144 CHESTNUT STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4127, LOT 32. Approximate amount of judgment \$737,451.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 8644/2013. LENORE KRAMER, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 60773 AJ; 3/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST George S. Gabriel, Celine Gabriel, Katherine Peter, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/15/17 and entered on 4/10/17, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 11, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 144 Sterling Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225. 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: 1319, LOT: 17. Approximate amount of judgment is \$784,767.21 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506780/2013. Barry Martin Goldstein, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, OF KINGS NATIONAL. ASSOCIATION. AS FOR CERTIFICATE-TRUSTEE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECRUITIES I LLC, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AC4, Plaintiff against HOLOM GOLDSTEIN. et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on August 13, 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 11th day of April, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1601 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213. (Block: 1408, Lot: 71). Approximate amount of lien \$ 837,354.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject

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to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 503713-14. Helene Blank, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street – Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900 AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA. National Association as Trustee for MortgageIT Securities Corp. Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff AGAINST Patsy Carter; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 3, 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 April 11, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 388 East 57th 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 4767 Lot 15. Approximate amount of judgment \$599,692.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6390/2013. Steven David Cohn, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLĈ Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 27, 2018 60207 AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

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. Garnes, 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 April 11, 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; 3/8/15/22/29

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 12/12/18 and entered on 12/21/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court. 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 11, 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 improve-

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ments 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; 3/8/15/22/29

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 ACQUIS-TION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. SERAFIN VASQUEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Pursuant to CPLR 2004 Extending the Time to Set Sale and to Ratify Sale Nunc Pro Tunc duly filed on February 6, 2019 and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 31, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court. Room 224, 360 Adams Street. Brooklyn, NY on April 11, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 293 Powell Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 03763 and Lot 00111. Approximate amount of judgment is \$850,187.63 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21054-13. Julie A. Clark, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.

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File No. 2017-4214 CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Charles Stefanowicz, Carol Rothenberg, Lorraine Caputo, Lionel Landers, Bruce Landers, Valerie Landers, Lisa Landers, Harriet Landers, Barbara Landers. Margaret Landers McDonald, the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees, of Louis Stefanowicz, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by Nganwai Cheung who is domiciled at 42-18 Hampton Street, Elmhurst, New York 11373 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, on April 18th, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Louis Stefanowicz lately domiciled at 78-17 58th Avenue, Middle Village, New York 11379, United States admitting to probate a Will dated May 12, 2016 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Louis Stefanowicz deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Nganwai Cheung Letters of Trusteeship issue to Nganwai Cheung f/b/o Special Needs Trust FBO Charles Stefanowicz Dated, Attested and Sealed, February 25th, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, James Lim Becker Chief Clerk, Yan Lian Kuang-

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## Social.



Barbara Streisand during an interview in 2018. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

# Barbara Streisand Discusses How Producing, Directing, and Starring in 'Yentl' Brought Her Closer to Her Religious Father's Memory

#### **BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN**

Barbara Streisand discussed her career, Judaism, and how her father's death shaped who she is today at a Q&A session and screening of her 1983 film "Yentl" in Los Angeles on Tuesday night, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*.

Streisand directed, produced, wrote, and starred in "Yentl," which tells the story of a young Jewish woman in early 20th century Poland who disguises herself as a man so that she can enroll in a religious school and study the Talmud after her father dies.

The 76-year-old Streisand, who is Jewish, was an infant when her father, Emanuel Streisand, suffered a seizure and passed away at the age of 34. She previously described her father as "a religious man" and said on Tuesday night that the relationship between a father and daughter is what inspired her to write "Yentl." She explained, "I think my father's death had a lot to do with

who I am today. It just meant a lot to me to be able to make a story where I could create a father, a father I never had because he died when I was 15 months old. I was so intrigued by that relationship and also the great tradition in Judaism is knowledge, learning and my father was a teacher."

Streisand admitted that she was not her own first choice to direct "Yentl," but after pitching the film to director Milos Forman he was so impressed with her vision that he encouraged her to direct it herself, *The Hollywood Reporter* noted.

She also revealed that she refused to put her name on drafts of the script she wrote because of the criticism she received from starring in the 1976 remake of "A Star is Born." She said, "I was so afraid of being attacked or people not personally liking me that I just didn't even put my name on it."

The process of filming "Yentl" will take up three chapters in Streisand's upcoming memoir that she is currently writing, she added.

## Larry King Joins Tefillin Campaign Launched in Honor of Rabbi Suffering From ALS

#### **BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN**

Jewish talk show icon Larry King donned tefillin late last week as he joined a campaign launched in honor of a rabbi suffering from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

The campaign, launched for Chabad's Rabbi Yitzi Hurwitz, seeks to have 15,000 adult men wear the Jewish prayer items in his honor.

In a video posted on Facebook, King is shown wearing his tefillin while telling Hurwitz "I know it's a tough fight you're in, but you're a tough guy. I just said prayers for you. I wish you nothing but the best. A good and better and long life."

Rabbi Hurwitz, a Chabad emissary to Temecula, Calif., has been suffering with ALS for six years and can only communicate through his



Larry King wearing tefillin. Photo: Screenshot.

eyes, according to Chabad.org.

Last year, a group of Jewish students set out to get 4,600 men around the world to don tefillin in the rabbi's honor as a gift for his 46th birthday. The campaign gained traction and resulted in an estimated 10,000 participants in 15 countries putting on phylacteries. Thousands of women also lit Shabbat candles that Friday in his honor.

In advance of the rabbi's 47th birthday on Saturday, the organizers sought to outdo last year's success, setting the goal at an ambitious 15,000.

"Wherever [Yitzi] went, he went with a pair of tefillin," said Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky, director of the International Conference of Chabad-Lubavitch Emissaries and vice chairman of Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch—the educational arm of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement—in a video released ahead of the campaign, "and he sought to put on tefillin with as many Jews as he could. Unfortunately, he cannot go to put on tefillin with anyone, but we can do it for him."

## **Tradition.**

## Pro-Israel Activist Still Dealing with Fallout from Confrontation at Presbyterian Meeting



The death of Bassem Masri from fentanyl poisoning in Missouri on November 27, 2018 was a tragedy. Masri was the victim of an overdose, or as the St. Louis County Medical Examiner's report states, "fentanyl poisoning." Post-mortem tests recently released by the coroner's office reveal that Masri, who had a history of drug addiction, had both fentanyl and cannabis in his bloodstream. Hopefully, the public release of the coroner's report will stop Masri's supporters in Jerusalem from using his death to incite hostility towards Israel and its defenders.

Palestinian human rights activist Bassem Eid.

One target of this hostility is

Eid was harassed by Masri

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means to be called to a task in love. This is the source of one of the key ideas of Western thought, namely the concept of a vocation or a calling, that is, the choice of a career or way of life not just because you want to do it, or because it offers certain benefits, but because you feel summoned to it. You feel this is your meaning and mission in life. This is what you were placed on earth to do.

There are many such calls in Tanach. There was the call Abraham received, telling to leave his land and family. There was the call to Moses at the burning bush (Ex. 3:4). There was the one experienced by Isaiah when he saw in a mystical vision God enthroned and surrounded by angels:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

One of the most touching is the story of the young Samuel, dedicated by his mother Hannah to serve in the sanctuary at Shiloh where he acted as an assistant to Eli the priest. In bed at night he heard a voice calling his name. He assumed it was Eli. He ran to see what he wanted but Eli told him he had not called. This happened a second time and then a third, and by then Eli realised that it was God calling the child. He told Samuel that the next time the voice called his name, he should reply, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.' It did not occur to the child that it might be God summoning him to a mission, but it was. Thus began his career as a prophet, judge and anointer of Israel's first two kings, Saul and the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA)'s General Assembly on June 18, 2018. Masri, who had been invited to

on the streets of St. Louis outside

the assembly by Presbyterian anti-Israel activists who were offended by what Eid said at hearings on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, called Eid "a collaborator with the Israelis." Despite these ugly statements, Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel, former moderator of the PCUSA, defended Masri from being expelled from the event. Peace activists at the assembly also applauded Masri's actions on their Facebook pages.

During the confrontation, which Masri videotaped and posted on the Internet, Masri called Eid a "gasus" — or spy in Arabic. A Palestinian American with extended family and connections in Jerusalem, Masri was taking advantage of his status as a prominent player in the Ferguson protests that helped jump-start the Black Lives

David (1 Samuel 3).

When we see a wrong to be righted, a sickness to be healed, a need to be met, and we feel it speaking to us, that is when we come as close as we can in a post-prophetic age to hearing *Vayikra*, God's call. And why does the word appear here, at the beginning of the third and central book of the Torah? Because the book of *Vayikra* is about sacrifices, and a vocation is about sacrifices. *We are willing to make sacrifices when we feel they are part of the task we are called on to do.* 

From the perspective of eternity we may sometimes be overwhelmed by a sense of our own insignificance. We are no more than a wave in the ocean, a grain of sand on the sea shore, a speck of dust on the surface of infinity. *Yet we are here because God wanted us to be, because there is a task He wants us to perform.* The search for meaning is the quest for this task.

Each of us is unique. Even genetically identical twins are different. There are things only we can do, we who are what we are, in this time, this place and these circumstances. For each of us God has a task: work to perform, a kindness to show, a gift to give, love to share, loneliness to ease, pain to heal, or broken lives to help mend. Discerning that task, hearing *Vayikra*, God's call, is one of the great spiritual challenges for each of us.

How do we know what it is? Some years ago, in *To Heal a Fractured World*, I offered this as a guide, and it still seems to me to make sense: Where what we want to do meets what needs to be done, that is where God wants us to be.

Shabbat shalom

Matter (BLM) movement in 2014. "This is a clear call to kill me," Eid said soon after the confrontation.

Sadly, Masri's hostility toward Eid was still at play weeks after his death. On December 23, 2018, Eid flew back to Israel after a trip to Africa. When he tried to scan his passport at Ben Gurion Airport, the machine displayed a red cross — indicating there was a problem with him getting into the country, Eid explains.

"I tried another machine and it [did] the same thing," he said. "I couldn't get the entry permit. I asked employees at the airport what I should do. They said ... to go to [the] police office at the airport."

Eid went to the station and met with the chief. "He checks on the computer and says to me, 'Please wait outside for a few minutes to fix the problem."

Eventually, the police at the airport gave him an entry permit, but at the same time, they gave him a summons to appear at a police station in Jerusalem at 9 am the next day. The officials at the airport also gave Eid a mobile phone number for an investigator at the station, which Eid immediately called.

"I ask him, 'What is the problem? Why are you imposing a non-entry on me? Is it something that urgent? Am I criminal?," Eid said. "He said, 'I promise you tomorrow morning things will be cleared up in a few minutes, and you will leave the station."

When Eid arrived at the station, the investigator met him at the door and asked him how his trip to Africa was before asking, "Do you know why you are here?"

"No, I don't," Eid said. "He took me into his office, asked me how many sugars I wanted, and he prepared two coffees."

Then the officer got down to business.

"Do you know someone named Bassem Masri?" the officer asked. Immediately, Eid knew what it was about. "He was the guy who harassed and threatened me when I was in St. Louis a few months back. He died a few weeks back."

The police officer said, "Yes, that's the problem. People locally are saying that Masri was assassinated by the Mossad because he threatened you in June."

The investigator informed Eid that Masri had relatives in the Holy Land who are big supporters of Hamas. They didn't want to accept that he died of a drug overdose, and were using the conflict to distract people from the underlying tragedy.

The investigator told Eid to pay close attention to his surroundings for a while.

"He told me, 'You don't have to change your daily life, but you'll have to be more careful," Eid said. "From time to time, look around yourself and ... see if someone is following you and just ... be careful."

The so-called peace activists who invited Masri to the PCUSA's General Assembly made the world a more dangerous place. By setting the stage for an ugly confrontation between Masri and Eid (and demonizing Eid afterwards), they helped

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broadcast hate and hostility toward a genuine human rights activist.

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