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## Democrats to Introduce Resolution Condemning Ilhan Omar's Latest Antisemitism



Congresswoman Ilhan Omar in 2016.  
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BY BENJAMIN  
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House Democratic leaders are reportedly set to introduce a resolution condemning antisemitic statements by Minnesota Representative Ilhan Omar, following a letter from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to Speaker Nancy Pelosi calling on her to do so.

According to *Politico*, the Democratic caucus has been debating how to respond to Omar's antisemitism since the weekend. The wording of the possible resolution is still being finalized. It is expected go to the floor on Wednesday.

Omar has been caught making antisemitic comments in the past. In 2012, she said Israel had "hypnotized the world." In a tweet earlier this year, she claimed the pro-Israel lobby group AIPAC

was bribing Congress members to support Israel.

Most recently, over the weekend, she accused backers of Israel of dual loyalty, claiming they "push for allegiance to a foreign country."

In response to Omar's latest comment, New York Representative Nita Lowey, who is Jewish, tweeted, "Lawmakers must be able to debate w/o prejudice or bigotry. I am saddened that Rep. Omar

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## Dutch Euro Parliamentarian Pledges to Fight 'Gross Injustice' Faced by Holocaust Survivor

BY BEN COHEN

A Dutch member of the European Parliament has demanded that the German government correct a "gross injustice" in the case of the Holocaust survivor whose struggle over several decades to secure a decent pension from the German government was reported on by *The Algemeiner* last year.



Dutch Holocaust survivor Albert de Leeuw was a child laborer in the Amsterdam Jewish ghetto.  
Photo: Courtesy of Albert de Leeuw.

82-year-old Albert de Leeuw was receiving "peanuts," while former members of the Nazi SS in various European countries continued to get generous pensions, European Parliament member Paul Tang said on Dutch television.

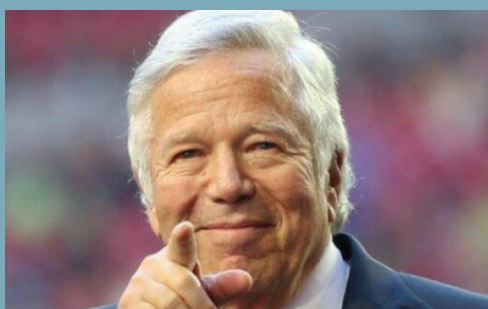
De Leeuw's harrowing experiences as a Jewish child under Nazi occupation and subsequent legal battles with the German government were the subject of an *Algemeiner* feature last September.

Speaking to the news show *Een Vandaag* last week, Tang advocated "political and social pressure on Berlin" to

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## Do Jews Need Their Own Nobel Prize?

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## Opinion.

## Jews Are the Collateral Victims of France's Decline



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I can precisely pinpoint Sunday, April 21, 2002, as the moment I decided to never come back to France to build my adult life.

While I was living in New York, I received a call announcing the dreadful news that Jean-Marie Le Pen, the antisemitic leader of the National Front party, qualified for the final round of the French presidential election. I knew that Le Pen had no chance of winning the presidency two weeks later, but his electoral success was my catalyst and my epiphany.

Still, Le Pen's achievement was just one part of my personal equation. Two years earlier, when I was still in France and part of the leadership of the French Union of Jewish Students, Jews had to face the first wave of antisemitic violence led by young French Muslims. The Second Intifada was raging in Israel, and the mantle was being taken up by Arab people in Europe as well.

Despite the recurring daily threats and assaults endured by our union members, the then-socialist government was begging us not to press charges. "Do not add fuel to the fire" was the cowardly answer from the French Ministry of Interior. On that Sunday of April 2002, I finally connected the dots. The rise of far-right ideology and the radicalization of French Muslims would feed on each other,

continue to expand, and ultimately crush the only minority stuck in the middle — the Jews.

The events of the past few weeks surrounding the Yellow Vest movement are a painful reminder of how unleashed and widespread antisemitism has become since I left France: graffiti reading "Macron = Jews' Bitch"; swastikas painted on the portraits of Holocaust survivor Simone Veil; "Juden" sprayed on a store window; the desecration of a Jewish cemetery and memorial; and the Salafi-inspired assault against a French Jewish philosopher.

Antisemites are not worried about being arrested or caught on camera anymore. Bystanders do not even consider intervening, because they are used to the fact that antisemitism is now a normal and unstoppable part of France's daily life. These recent events will just be added to a long list of antisemitic acts, including 11 deaths since 2008. French Jewry will continue to ring the alarm, but not see any real improvement on the ground.

How can a tiny minority, accounting for only 0.6 percent of the French population, be the target of so much hate? According to French government statistics, over the past few years, between a third and half of all racist acts have been antisemitic — despite the fact that Arab and black minorities are more than 10 times larger than the Jews.

The answer lies in France's societal and economic decline over the past 30 years. Since 1988, the French unemployment rate has averaged 9.4 percent, significantly higher than the OECD's 6.6 percent, driven by

poor GDP growth of 1.6 percent. France has missed the globalization opportunity, partly due to notoriously rigid labor laws and an inadequate education system. France has also arguably missed the digital transformation. Venture capital investments accounted for only 0.06 percent of France's GDP, compared to 0.4 percent in the US and Israel.

Beyond its economic woes, France had been initially unwilling and later unable to counter the radicalization of its Muslim youth. The penetration of satellite dishes, then social media, and the presence of many radical imams, coupled with France's weak law enforcement culture, have yielded disastrous results. According to a survey conducted by the ADL in 2015, 17 percent of French people "harbor antisemitic attitudes," but this number increases to 49 percent within the Muslim community.

President Macron is now paying the price in the polls, but how could anyone reasonably expect his government to fix years of structural challenges and bad decisions in just a few months?

The Jews, in the meantime, have become the ideal scapegoat for disgruntled citizens of all social, political, religious, and ethnic backgrounds. They are the bankers and the globalists, the controllers and hypnotizers of the media, the great manipulators of history, the child-killing colonizers, and lobbying warmongers too. The Jews are the only minority accused of being too liberal yet too ethnocentric, disloyal yet part of the national elite.

After the terrorist attacks of January 2015,



Graves desecrated with swastikas are seen in the Jewish cemetery in Quatzenheim, near Strasbourg, France, Feb. 19, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Vincent Kessler.

former Prime Minister Manuel Valls famously claimed that "without the Jews, France would not be France." While well-intended, Valls was, at the very least, naive and arguably very wrong.

France without its Jews would still be France, just a different kind of France. Paris would become Toledo, Spain, where synagogues were turned into museums. Marseille would turn into Krakow, Poland or Lviv, Ukraine, where non-Jews dressed as Hasidic men operate Jewish-themed restaurants. Lyon would look like Istanbul, where the remaining Jewish community prays inside a fortified synagogue. And Strasbourg would morph into Baghdad or Aleppo, where all traces of Jews have been erased.

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## The UK Admits That Hezbollah Is Nothing But Terrorism; Europe Must Follow



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If there is one lesson the world should have learned from Hezbollah's 34 years of existence, it is this: Hezbollah has no distinct military and political wings.

Now, that false wall has begun to crumble.

On February 25, the British government announced its decision to designate Hezbollah as a terrorist organization in its entirety, a commendable — if not long overdue — move. Being a member of, or inviting support for, Hezbollah is now a criminal offense in the UK, carrying a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

But not everyone sang the praises of the new law.

First, there was Jeremy Corbyn, Hezbollah's propagandist-in-chief in the UK, whose office implied that the proscription was driven by political motives. The theocratic regime in Iran called the move "irresponsible." And French President Emmanuel Macron declared, "France and no other power has the right to decide what Lebanese political parties are good and which are not."

That's a problem. Because unless the rest of Europe comes to its senses, Hezbollah will continue to spread its financial and ideological tentacles there, with devastating implications for both Europe's security and

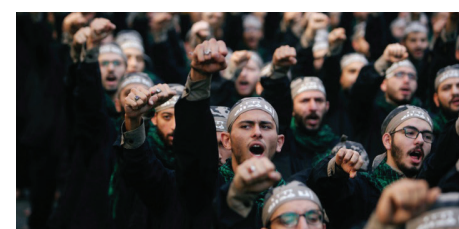
the stability of the Middle East.

A full ban of Hezbollah by the European Union would deal a major blow to the organization. And don't just take my word for it. Take the words of Hezbollah's secretary-general Hassan Nasrallah.

A ban "would dry up the sources of finance," Nasrallah said several years ago, "end moral, political and material support, stifle voices, whether they are the voices of the resistance or the voices which support the resistance, pressure states which protect the resistance in one way and another, and pressure the Lebanese state, Iran and Iraq, but especially the Lebanese state, in order to classify it as a state which supports terrorism."

And yet, for over 30 years — ever since two suicide bombers killed 241 US Marines and 58 French soldiers in Beirut — the European Union has given Hezbollah an excuse to expand its nefarious activities by drawing a false distinction between the group's political and military wings.

In reality, no such separation exists. Hezbollah does not see it. Lebanon — which



Hezbollah supporters chant slogans during last day of Ashura, in Beirut, Lebanon, Sept. 20, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Aziz Taher / File.

to a large extent has morphed into Hezbollah — does not see it. America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Arab League, and a growing number of European countries do not see it.

And again, don't take my word for it. In 2009, Hezbollah's deputy leader, Naim Qassem, told *The Los Angeles Times*: "We do not have a military wing and a political wing. ... The same leadership that directs the parliamentary and government work also leads jihad actions in the struggle against Israel." Four years later, a Hezbollah international relations official, Ammar Moussawi, reiterated the point: "Everyone knows that Hezbollah's political and military wings are one and the same."

The question is why European governments are in willful denial about this fact.

To some degree, Europe's aversion is grounded in misguided post-colonial guilt. Emmanuel Macron spelled that out in his statement. Then there is the hard-left, with its romanticized concept of "resistance." No terrorist or dictatorial regime is safe from Jeremy's Corbyn's sympathy. *One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter*, as the saying goes. And most importantly, perhaps, European governments are worried that a full proscription of Hezbollah could hinder political and diplomatic efforts to salvage the doomed 2015 nuclear accord with Iran.

After all, Iran is Hezbollah. Iran is the number one state sponsor of terrorism in the world and, by extension, so is Hezbollah. The organization threatens peace in Europe,

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## World News.

## US Deploys Advanced Anti-Ballistic Missile System in Israel as Part of Joint Exercise With IDF

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The US Army deployed a new missile defense system in Israel as part of a joint exercise with the IDF, it was reported on Monday.

According to Hebrew news site *Walla*, the US Army's European command (EUCOM) requested the deployment exercise, which was undertaken in collaboration with the IDF's Operations Division.

The exercise employed the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system, which is intended to intercept ballistic missiles in flight. It has a rapid deployment capability, meaning it can be put into operation quickly anywhere in the world. Capable of intercepting missiles both inside and outside the Earth's atmosphere, THAAD uses kinetic energy — meaning it does not carry a warhead, but relies on force of impact to destroy its target.

The purpose of the exercise was to test the speed of deployment and coordinate with Israel's own air defense systems.

The IDF Spokesperson's Office said in a statement, "The deployment of the American defense system in Israel expresses the United



A Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) interceptor is launched from the Pacific Spaceport Complex Alaska July 11, 2017. Photo: Leah Garton / Missile Defense Agency / Handout via Reuters.

States' commitment to the security and defense of Israel."

"The IDF acts in coordination with American forces to enhance mutual coordination and operational capabilities to protect the skies of Israel," the statement added.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said of the exercise, "This is further evidence of the US's commitment to Israel's security. The American THAAD system is considered one of the most advanced systems in the world, and together with our defense systems, our ability to deal with close and distant threats from across the Middle East has been further strengthened."

"The bond between the US and Israel has never been stronger," Netanyahu added.

## Labor's No. 2 Calls Gaza Strip Disengagement 'Genius Move'

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/  
JNS.org

Maj. Gen. (res.) Tal Russo, No. 2 on the Labor Party's Knesset list, is praising Israel's 2005 disengagement from the Gaza Strip as a "genius move."

Russo, who in 2005 served as commander of the Israel Defense Forces' 162nd Armored Division, which took part in the evacuation of four settlements in northern Samaria that were also uprooted as part of the disengagement plan, gave an interview to Channel 13 news over the weekend.

"There would have been major terrorist attacks and a lot more wounded if we hadn't gotten out of there," said Russo.

"We were on our way to something much worse. There are people who say, 'Yes, but now we have missiles,' because it's difficult to compare to what would have happened if we hadn't left Gaza. The current conflict with Gaza... isn't being handled through thought," he criticized.

"Them not having electricity, is that bringing down Hamas? No. It brings them running to the [border] fence. There is no leadership here. Everything is about putting out fires: responsive, survivalist. That isn't how you run a state," stated Russo.

Also this weekend, Russo angered residents of the Israeli communities along the

Gaza border when one media outlet quoted him saying he was "surprised at the whining" about arson terrorism from Gaza in the form of explosives-laden balloons and kites.

In response to the outrage at his comments, Russo said on Saturday, "I value and admire the residents of Gaza-adjacent communities. I've been with them in very difficult times of daily attacks and terrorist attacks. When I was GOC Southern Command, I got to know the residents of the communities near the border fence, and how stalwart they are.

"Regarding the arson kite terrorism, what I meant was that the noise we make increases the enemy's motivation and in turn the [amount of] arson kite terrorism. I'm sorry that people chose to take my remark out of context and turn it into a headline," he said.

Meanwhile, it is still unclear whether Russo will be able to remain on the Labor list for the April 9 election after the chairman of the Central Election Committee, Supreme Court Deputy Chief Justice Hanan Melcer informed Russo that there were questions about his candidacy because an insufficient amount of time had passed between the time Russo retired from the military and his entry into politics.

In a letter, Melcer explained that the three-year cooling off period required before former military personnel can run for the Knesset was not yet up.

In response, Russo posted a picture of his

## Gaza Border Tensions High Amid Renewed Explosive-Rigged Balloon Attacks



Palestinian rioters gather at the Israel-Gaza Strip border fence, east of Gaza City, Feb. 22, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Mohammed Salem.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Two explosive devices attached to balloons launched from the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip detonated over Israeli territory on Monday evening, causing no injuries or damage.

At the same time, Palestinians staged a riot on the Gaza side of the border with Israel. Such unrest has been regularly ongoing for almost a year now.

Thousands of acres of farmland and

forests in southern Israel have been burned by incendiary balloons and kites flown across the border by Gaza-based terrorists.

Earlier on Monday, the IDF struck two Hamas military positions in Gaza after another balloon-borne device exploded inside Israel.

Despite the heightened tensions, no special instructions were provided to the residents of Israeli communities near the border on Monday.

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UK Admits

undermines the stability of the Middle East, and has destroyed Lebanon as an independent country. The United Kingdom has led the way. Now Europe must follow, and bring

down Hezbollah's network of crime and terror.

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'Gross Injustice'

stop the payment of pensions to war criminals and, at the same time, speedily review cases, like de Leeuw's, in which far lower sums have been paid to victims of the Nazis.

Monthly pensions of up to 1,300 euros (\$1,500) continue to be paid to Nazi collaborators by the German government, while de Leeuw receives just 28 euros (\$30). That sum that was calculated by Germany's pensions authority based on the six months during 1942 that de Leeuw, then six years old, spent as a child laborer in the Amsterdam Ghetto.

"It is a gross injustice that, on one hand, that there are tax-free payments made to former members of the SS, and yet people like Albert de Leeuw are receiving peanuts," said Tang, who represents The Netherlands' left-wing PvdA party in the European Parliament. He pledged to raise de Leeuw's case directly with Jean-Claude Juncker, the current president of the Brussels-based European Commission, and other leading European politicians.

Renewed interest in de Leeuw's case was stirred by the revelation last month that more than 50 elderly pensioners in The Netherlands and Belgium continue to receive

the so-called "Hitler pension" from Germany — itself the result of a 1951 law passed by the West German Parliament that benefited more than 4 million people around Europe who qualified for "war pensions."

Amended legislation in 1998 did allow for the revocation of pensions to recipients who were involved in Nazi crimes against humanity. A 2016 review found, however, that pensions had been stopped by the German authorities in only 99 out of thousands of cases. In a resolution adopted last month, the Belgian Parliament urged Germany to review its policies. Pensions for "collaboration in one of the most murderous regimes in history is in contradiction with collective remembrance," the parliament declared.

Despite suffering from Parkinson's disease, de Leeuw remains as doggedly determined now as he was when he spoke to *The Algemeiner* last year. In a Feb. 23 interview with the Dutch newspaper *Trouw*, he said he hoped that joint pressure from The Netherlands and Belgium would persuade the German authorities to re-examine his case.

"I will continue [this fight] until I die," de Leeuw said during that interview. "For me, the war isn't over — I'm still in the middle of it."

discharge paperwork to Twitter and wrote: "I've been out [of the army] for five years."

Former IDF Chief of Staff Gadi Eizenkot stated in a letter he sent out over the weekend

that Russo had completed his regular service in 2014 and had served as commander of the IDF's Depth Corps as a reservist.



## World News.



Actor Ben Kingsley in a scene from Holocaust drama, 'Schindler's List.' Photo: Screenshot.

## Escape Room in Greece Inspired by 'Schindler's List' Sparks Outrage

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A Holocaust-themed escape room in Thessaloniki, Greece has been condemned by Israel supporters in the country and the US, Germany's *Deutsche Welle* (DW) reported on Sunday.

The escape room was originally called "Schindler's List," based on Steven Spielberg's 1993 historical Holocaust movie of the same name, but has since been renamed "Secret Agent," and the objective of the game is to draw up a list of survivors who will be spared a gruesome death by killer forces.

In an escape room, small groups of players have one hour to find clues and solve puzzles that will help them discover a way out of the themed space.

Great Escape, the company behind the game, no longer advertises the game on its website, but DW reported that initial descriptions of the escape room featured on other Greek websites challenged players to assist a German businessman, Oskar Schindler, who comes to "earn money from the war" but ends up "saving as many innocents as possible from the SS" in Krakow, Poland.

Officials at the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece (KIS) told DW they were considering taking action against the game. KIS Vice President Victor Eliezer said, "It's not about antisemitism. The so-called success of these games hinges on ignorance sweeping [through] Greek society. Ask around, and chances are that most Greeks will tell you Schindler was some sort of rock star or soccer player."

Company officials in Thessaloniki phoned by DW angrily refused to comment on the controversy surrounding the escape room and company officials in Athens told the publication that the game was not tied to the Holocaust.

However, a participant's review of the escape room in January revealed the contrary. While an attendant described the game's instructions to the player and others she was with, the music that accompanied the instruc-

tions was the theme song to "Schindler's List." The reviewer added the following:

"The Holocaust was undeniably present. It was in the Auschwitz references in the introduction; in the old pair of wire-frame glasses, lenses missing, used as a prop; and in the chilling acoustics of people screaming, dogs barking, and Germans shouting. A suitcase, the likes of which deportees carried, sat under a couch; spent bullet shells were lined up on a table; and a metal-mesh fence ran the length of the room. Hints were announced by a gunshot, sometimes two. Every time one rang out, I flinched."

Victoria Barnett, director of the Programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, previously said about the escape room, "To take an experience like the Holocaust that was dehumanizing for the victims and to turn that into a game trivializes not just the event, but it trivializes their suffering."

She added, "Ethical behavior is grounded in respect and empathy for other people."

Thessaloniki, Greece's second-largest city, once had one of the largest Jewish communities in the world. During World War II, more than 44,000 Jews were deported to concentration camps in central Europe and a mere handful of survivors returned to the city, according to DW.

This is not the first time an escape room has had links to the Holocaust.

A Dutch company in 2016 created an escape room that was made to resemble an Anne Frank bunker and a year later an "Auschwitz" escape room, which lead players into a concentration camp setting, was opened in Galatsi, outside of Athens.

"This is all truly unfortunate," said Eliezer. "But it's a warning: Marketing the Holocaust and the memory of those who perished opens one of the darkest chapters in human history. We are obligated to stop that from happening again."

## PM Tuilaepa's Jerusalem Visit Highlights Israel-Samoa Ties

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met on Monday in Jerusalem with his visiting Samoan counterpart, Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi.

"Prime Minister Tuilaepa, this is your first visit to Israel and I'm sure it won't be the last

because there's an abiding friendship between Samoa and Israel, and we greet you here as a friend," Netanyahu said.

"We're going to sign an agreement to remove visa requirements for Israelis and Samoans," he added. "We appreciate your friendship. We appreciate your support in international forums and your support for

## New Details on the Slaying of Israeli Teen Ori Ansbacher

BY JNS.org

Horrific new details of the brutal rape and slaughter of murdered Israeli teenager Ori Ansbacher were revealed by alleged murderer Arafat Irfaiya, who admitted to purchasing a kippah ahead of his attack so he would be allowed entry to Israel by being mistaken for a Jew.

"I bought the kippah two weeks before, so I could enter Israel without being suspected or identified as an illegal resident," Irfaiya told investigators, adding that he did not include anyone in his plans, which were to "kill a Jew due to the occupation and treatment of Arabs at checkpoints."

Irfaiya, a 29-year-old from Hebron, told investigators that he happened upon 19-year-old Tekoa resident Ansbacher in the woods outside Jerusalem, where she was sitting on a boulder and writing in a journal. He said he was determined he would have intercourse with her "whether she consented or not."

The attacker then stabbed Ansbacher three times and dragged her as she struggled to get away, stabbing her further and gagging her with her scarf before binding her hands and raping her.

Ansbacher died during the attack, and Irfaiya destroyed Ansbacher's cellphone and memory card to make it more difficult to locate her.

Irfaiya was positively identified due to DNA evidence left at the scene, and is charged



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

with committing a terrorist murder and rape. He told investigators that he sprinted across the border between Jerusalem and Judea in order to avoid identification by security cameras.

Irfaiya had previously spent time in prison for terror-related offenses and is believed to be affiliated with Hamas. He was arrested at the entrance of the Temple Mount armed with a large knife in 2017, telling police that he would "come back here with a knife" if he were released from prison.

Israel's Justice Minister Ayalet Shaked and former Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman are among the high-level Israeli officials calling on Israel to institute the death penalty and execute Arafat Irfaiya.

The only time Israel has utilized the death penalty was on Nazi officer Adolf Eichmann, one of the architects of the Holocaust. He was hanged in Jerusalem in 1962 and then cremated.

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Ilhan Omar

continues to mischaracterize support for Israel. I urge her to retract this statement and engage in further dialogue with the Jewish community on why these comments are so hurtful."

Omar then doubled down on the dual loyalty accusation, saying, "I should not be expected to have allegiance/pledge support to a foreign country in order to serve my country in Congress or serve on committee." Jonathan Greenblatt — the national director and CEO of the ADL — sent a letter to Pelosi on Monday, stating, "In light of these additional anti-Semitic statements by Rep. Omar, we ask that you give the entire Congress an opportunity, through a House resolution, to voice its rejection of her latest slur and make clear that no matter what may divide the 435 members of the House of Representatives, they are united in condemning anti-Semitism."

"Accusing Jews of having allegiance to a foreign government has long been a vile

anti-Semitic slur that has been used to harass, marginalize, and persecute the Jewish people for centuries," Greenblatt wrote.

"Sometimes referred to as the 'dual loyalty' charge, it alleges that Jews should be suspected of being disloyal neighbors or citizens because their true allegiance is to their co-religionists around the world or to a secret and immoral Jewish agenda," he explained.

"This anti-Semitic allegation posits that non-Jews should not trust the motives or actions of their Jewish neighbors, who may be engaged in deceitful behavior to accomplish their own goals at the expense of others," he noted.

"The entire Congress should commit itself to living up to the pledge that George Washington made to the Jewish community of Newport, RI, when he wrote that our country will be one 'which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance,'" Greenblatt declared.

Israel joining the Asian Development Bank. Equally we are cooperating in many areas in agriculture, IT, health and energy and we are prepared to do a lot more."

"You are being welcomed as a friend," the Israeli leader stated. "I know that you've had time to visit some of the sites here. I hope you take some more time. You'll see an ancient land with deep roots in our history, yet with a striving to seize the future for the betterment of our people and all mankind. In that sense we welcome you as part of our common civilization. Welcome friend, to Jerusalem."

Tuilaepa was also hosted for a meeting by Israeli President Reuven Rivlin on Monday.

"Our countries are on different sides of the globe but the friendship between us is deep and real," Rivlin said. "I know that you are deeply worried about climate change. We live on the same planet, breathe the same air and drink the same water and it is our shared responsibility to ensure that climate change does not destroy



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shakes hands with his Samoan counterpart, Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi, in Jerusalem, March 4, 2019. Photo: Netanyahu's Twitter account.

our world. Our researchers develop new ideas into that are changing the world. We believe these developments can benefit us all and we are happy to share them, as we are doing with you in agriculture and water."

The Samoan leader told Rivlin, "Mr President, thank you for welcoming me and my delegation to your beautiful country. Israel's

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U.S. News.

# Orange County High School Students Make Nazi Salute While Posing Near Swastika at Party

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Newport Harbor High School in California condemned antisemitism after some of its students were photographed making a Nazi salute while posing before a swastika symbol.

In a series of images that surfaced on Saturday and were allegedly taken at an off-campus party that weekend, students from the Orange County public school appeared to be participating in a drinking game with red plastic cups arranged into the shape of a swastika.

At least one individual reportedly responded to the images after they were first posted on Snapchat by writing, "F\*ck Jews. Such pieces of sh\*t's."

The incident has provoked a public backlash, with school officials saying in a statement late Saturday night that they were working with law enforcement and condemning the "inappropriate anti-Semitic symbols, and possible underage drinking." They encouraged students to wear blue on Monday in a display of solidarity with the Jewish community and against antisemitism and other forms of bigotry.

Arlene Miller, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation & Family Services of Orange County, said in a Sunday email message to community members that the group was "deeply disturbed" by the incident, and especially concerned about the students' "apparent lack of understanding of, or indifference to, the meaning of these Nazi symbols and the impact of their actions on their Jewish classmates, local Holocaust survivors, and the Jewish community of Orange County."

The Anti-Defamation League civil rights group was "in communication with the school district to develop a strategy to respond to this issue," she added, before citing ADL statistics showing a 94 percent increase in antisemitic incidents in schools for grades K-12.

The Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center called

# LA Police Investigating Potential Hate Crime After Swastika Found at Park Next to Holocaust Museum

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Police in Los Angeles are investigating a potential hate crime after a blood trail and a number of graffitied symbols — including a swastika — were found in a park next to the city's Museum of the Holocaust.

The vandalism was discovered early Monday morning at a public restroom in Pan Pacific Park in the Fairfax neighborhood.

The LAPD was said to be looking into whether there was a victim involved in the incident.

No further details were available as of publication time.

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knowledge economy is well-known around the world and we want to make use of your achievements in many fields. The world is getting smaller and smaller and we look forward to greater interaction with you, and between Israel and the members of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF)."

Israel and Samoa established diplomatic relations in the 1970s. According to the Israeli Embassy in New Zealand, the Jewish state and Samoa have "endeavored to address challenges in the areas of sustainable development, human rights, poverty, terrorism, transnational crime and indeed, climate change and sea level rise, which is an issue of importance and urgency in the Pacific region."

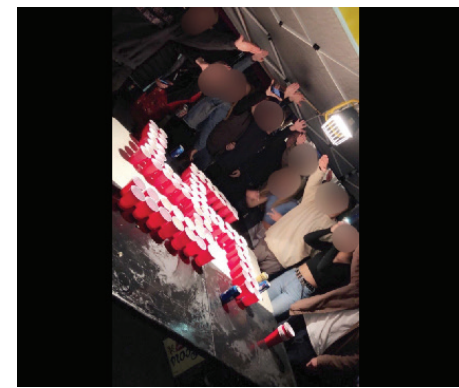
Two years ago, a member of the Samoan Parliament, Alaiasa Sepulona Moananu, called on his nation to unequivocally back Israel "in the face of growing hostility against God's people from other countries in the world."

for disciplinary action on Monday against the students and increased Holocaust education, describing the incident on Twitter "an insult to the #greatestgeneration who fought, bled and died to defeat everything the #swastika stands for."

Yet in a statement on Monday, Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley discouraged "vilification of these teens," urging community members to instead consider why they "might think these types of hateful symbols are acceptable or funny and worthy of selfies."

"We cherish our city's Jewish community, as well as people of all backgrounds, religions, ethnicity, genders and more," she added. "This abhorrent anti-Semitic activity is divisive, unbecoming of our community and leads ultimately to hate and discrimination."

The incident follows the targeting of Beth Jacob Synagogue in nearby Irvine, which was defaced with the antisemitic message "F\*ck



Newport Harbor High School students perform a Nazi salute next to a swastika made of plastic cups. Photo: Twitter.

Jews" in October — days after eleven Jewish worshippers were gunned down at a Pittsburgh synagogue.

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## Opinion.

# The Story of Yechiel Eckstein: How Christians Went From Enemies to Friends



SHMULEY BOTEACH  
ENGELWOOD

Many good people work to strengthen the Jewish people and the State of Israel. But few did more than my friend Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, who died tragically and suddenly on February 6 at the age of 67.

Besides his many personal virtues, what made Yechiel stand out from the crowd was his commitment to work with Christians to raise tens of millions of dollars for Ethiopian Jews and other Jewish and Israeli causes.

Yechiel founded the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ) in 1983, and devoted his life to building bridges of understanding and cooperation between Christians and Jews.

His organization raised an astounding \$1.6 billion for Jews in Israel and more than 58 other countries. The organization now takes in more than \$127 million annually from its nearly two million Christian donors.

Christians as friends of the Jews was never an easy sell. For 2,000 years, Christianity had identified the Jews as Satanic creatures who murdered god. True, Saint Augustine, the greatest of Church fathers, said they ought not to be murdered. But this was so they could remain perpetually in a subjugated state that demonstrated their rejection by God.

Christian crusader armies murdered hundreds of thousands of Jews, and fake Catholics — like the arch fraudsters Ferdinand and Isabella — expelled all their Jews, and burned thousands at the stake.

And for those who say that this was Catholicism and not the Protestants, let's remember that Martin Luther's writings on the Jews are as hateful as have ever been written.

But with the rise of American evangelicals, a new movement was born, one that went back to Scripture to establish the eternal Jewish connection to the land of Israel and the Jewish people as God's chosen nation. Where Christianity was plagued by "replacement theology," which says that the Jews were supplanted by Christians as God's chosen ones, evangelicals emphasized the eternal and unchanging character of God's relationship with the Jews as promised by Scripture. God is forever. He doesn't change His mind.

As for the Catholic Church, its 180-degree turn toward the Jews began with the great Pope John XXIII, who followed "Hitler's Pope" Pius XII. He absolved the Jews of the charges of deicide, and initiated a new period of good will toward his Jewish brethren. This was then expanded through great men like John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis.

I began to see these changes in the late 1980s, when I became the rabbi at Oxford University. Thousands of Christian students not only flooded our Friday night Shabbat tables, but were at the forefront of volunteering to help our organization grow and defend Israel.

Yechiel was at the forefront of leveraging this new friendship into a joint and tangible project of partnership between Jews and Christians for the sake of the Jewish people and Israel. The breadth of his vision was extraordinary.

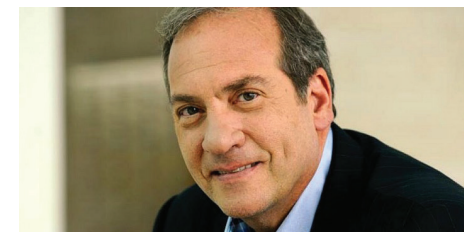
It was Yechiel who initiated the "On Wings of Eagles" project to raise money to support the mass immigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union. His organization

was also at the forefront of providing assistance to Ethiopian Jews. His obituary in The New York Times noted that he also helped the poor, elderly Holocaust survivors, and Israeli Druze. His organization also helped build and upgrade bomb shelters, provided MRI machines to hospitals, donated fire engines, and gave surveillance drones to Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria and near the Gaza border.

Like me, Yechiel believed passionately in promoting Christian-Jewish dialogue and promoting religious freedom around the world. He started his organization with a mission but little money. When Yechiel started the Fellowship, he had, as was widely reported, no salary, no medical benefits, and a pregnant wife.

What he built over the decades is truly remarkable. For years, he did his work from Chicago, but he made aliyah in 2002 and continued to grow the organization. He was recognized on several occasions as one of the most influential Jews and rabbis in America, and given numerous awards. Upon his death, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin called him "a great man, a great Jew, and a great Zionist." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office issued a statement saying, "The prime minister is deeply pained by the death of Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein who did great work for the welfare of Israeli citizens and for strengthening the connection between Christian communities and the State of Israel."

His success, however, did not make him popular with everyone. Some were jealous of his fundraising prowess. Others criticized his outreach to Christians. This was frustrating to him. I understood his exasperation, as I too recognize that the Jewish people are not just a small minority who need the friendship



Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein. Photo: IFCJ.

and support of non-Jews, but have a Biblical mandate to be a light unto the nations. And like me, he recognized that many Christians are great lovers of Israel and want to help.

Many American Jews are uncomfortable with evangelicals, fearing that they are motivated by a desire to see Jews ultimately convert to Christianity. While some may have this largely outdated ideology, the leading Christian Zionists do not.

In an interview, Yechiel expressed disappointment at the "cynical, negative view" Jews have of evangelicals. "They're not religious fanatics, and they don't have ulterior motives," he said. "These are good, religious people who love Israel and want to help. What's the matter with that?"

Indeed.

As his brother Beryl wrote, Yechiel was not worried about his critics. "He prized results over good intentions. When he saw need, he acted first and dealt with the repercussions later." His brother also said he was a generous and gentle human being. "Yechiel was a hugger, a giver, a builder, and a man of his people."

Yechiel will be missed, but he will also be remembered as a tzaddik — a righteous person and hero of the Jewish people.

May the Lord comfort his wife, Joelle, his mother Belle, and his daughters, Yael, Tamar, and Talia, along with his entire family.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom *The Washington Post* calls "the most famous Rabbi in America," is the international bestselling author of 30 books, including his most recent, *The Israel Warrior*. He served as Rabbi at Oxford University for 11 years. Follow him on Twitter @ RabbiShmuley.

## UN Humanitarian Agency's Propaganda War on Israel Continues



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For decades, American taxpayers have poured hundreds of millions of dollars into United Nations "aid" agencies that promoted Palestinian propaganda wars against Israel. The most notorious is UNRWA (the specialized Palestinian refugee framework, created in 1949), which was finally cut off from US funds last year.

But the problem continues in other, and in some ways even more virulent, forms. For example, the "Occupied Palestinian Territory" branch of the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA-oPt) is also neck-deep in political warfare and demonization.

Under the guise of providing aid, this agency sends out a constant flow of false accusations, including reports to the Security Council and "news items" promoted on its specialized ReliefWeb media platform.

The officials also coordinate the agendas of dozens of NGOs (non-governmental organizations) that are active in these political attacks. The anti-Israel Norwegian Refugee Council and the Palestinian NGO Network (PNGO) are among their main partners in promoting radical goals.

But the façade that has protected OCHA-oPt and its partners is being slowly stripped away. Jamie McGoldrick, the UN's "Humanitarian Coordinator," complained about "UN Watch and NGO Monitor, [the organization I founded and lead] who are out there to delegitimize humanitarian action in Palestine, including allegations of misconduct and misuse of funds."

In January, his organization's bulletin warned against what they refer to as Israeli "delegitimization, access restrictions, and administrative constraints," and warned about a nefarious "network of Israeli civil society groups ... with the apparent support of the Israeli government." No details are provided — only shadowy allegations and hints of dark conspiracies. (For the record, NGO Monitor neither requests nor receives any support from any government, unlike OCHA-oPt's circle of friends.)



Palestinians pass by the gate of an UNRWA-run school in Nablus in the West Bank, August 13, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Abed Omar Qusini.

Getting further into the mud, this diatribe refers to "Targeted defamation and smear campaigns [that] allege violations of counter-terrorism legislation. ... Most of these allegations are baseless or misrepresent and distort critical factual or legal elements. Humanitarian organizations operating in the oPt adhere strictly to the principles of neutrality, impartiality, independence and humanity."

Behind the bluster, the evidence clearly exposes OCHA-oPt's facade. For example, a number of core groups are affiliated with terror organizations, such as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, as first documented in NGO Monitor's meticulous research (in sharp contrast to UN practice) and reiterated by the Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs. And the terror links of groups such as the Palestine Center for Human Rights (PCHR), Defense for Children International-Palestine (DCI-P), Addameer, Al-Haq, and others — members of OCHA's "displacement

working group" — are nether "baseless" nor distortions.

The organization's claim to "adhere strictly to the principles of neutrality" is a farce. Its partners, such as Norwegian People's Aid and Medical Aid for Palestinians, devote significant resources to demonizing Israel. Also, many of OCHA-oPt's NGO clients are among the leaders of antisemitic and anti-Israel BDS and lawfare campaigns before the International Criminal Court. Their Israeli NGO partners, such as B'Tselem and Adalah, are political opposition groups with no role in humanitarian aid. Use of terms such as "neutral" and "impartial" in this context strips them of all meaning.

The text also condemns "restrictions imposed on humanitarian staff and operations," by which they apparently mean the arrests of NGO and UN officials for diverting funds and materials to terrorist organizations in Gaza. There have been a number of cases in which aid officials, including UN employees, were tried and convicted of diverting substantial funds to Hamas. In 2016, World Vision's Gaza manager Mohammed Halabi was charged with stealing \$50 million for use in terror attacks. Neither the terror links nor the arrests were mentioned by OCHA-oPt, because according to them, all Palestinians are victims, and terrorism does not exist.

This and similar diatribes from the Palestinian propaganda industry reflect a real threat. A series of detailed research reports, particularly from NGO Monitor, have resulted in much-needed reforms imposed by donor countries. As noted by OCHA-oPt, 23 percent of NGO allies have been "forced to alter,

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## Opinion.

# When an African-American Hero Tried to Stop the Holocaust



HAROLD BRACKMAN  
LOS ANGELES

In 1903, W. E. B. Du Bois wrote in the prophetic *The Souls of Black Folk* that “the problem of the Twentieth Century is the problem of the color line.” Eventually, he became a stalwart friend of the Jewish people.

Studying at the University of Berlin in the 1890s, Du Bois absorbed the volkisch German nationalism of his teacher, Heinrich von Treitschke, who said: “The Jews are our misfortune.” Du Bois remembered that he had “followed the Dreyfus case,” and was aware of “Jewish pogroms ... in Russia,” but had no deep sympathy for the Jews.

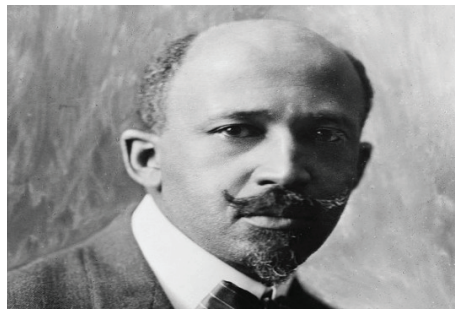
In 1903, Du Bois claimed, wrongly, that Russian Jewish immigrants to the southern US, together with the “thrifty and avaricious” Yankees, were “squeeze[ing] more blood from debt-cursed tenants.” Du Bois’ attitude quickly changed when he worked with Joel E. Spingarn, Henry Moskowitz, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Lillian Wald, and other Jews prominent in forming the NAACP.

Zionism provided a model for Du Bois’ own pan-African ideology: “The African movement means to us what the Zionist movement must mean to the Jews.”

Holding up the Jewish people as a “tremendous force for good and uplift,” he reciprocated Jewish support by putting the NAACP on record against *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. He condemned antisemitism in Poland and Hungary, as well as in Germany, and commended Albert Einstein.

In May 1933, he editorialized about the dangers of Nazism: “It all reminds the American Negro that after all race prejudice has nothing to do with accomplishment. ... It is an ugly, dirty thing. It feeds on envy and hate.”

Even after the passage of 1935’s Nuremberg Laws, street corner “Harlem Hitlers” in New York organized anti-Jewish boycotts. But visiting Hitler’s 1936 Berlin Olympics, Du Bois decided that Nuremberg was worse



W.E.B. Du Bois. Photo: Wiki Commons.

than Alabama.

In 1940, Du Bois warned against African-American antisemitism, inflamed by German and Japanese propaganda. Despite initial doubts about America entering World War II, Du Bois remained steadfast in denouncing Hitler’s war against the Jews and supporting Zionism. As the Nazi war machine rolled east in June 1941, Du Bois joined African-American intellectuals like Ralph Bunche warning of the threat of “a new slavery and barbarism, terrorism and darkness” engulfing the world.

As early as January 1943, Du Bois announced that the murder of three million Jews marked the end of Europe’s leadership of civilization. In September 1943, he reported on the unfolding Holocaust without using the word: “We rightly shrieked to civilization when American Negroes were lynched and mobbed to death at the rate of 400 to 500 a year. Today in Europe and among peaceful Jews, they are killing that number each day.”

Du Bois, in 1945’s *Color and Democracy*, gave what was an unusually accurate accounting of the loss of “6,000,000 souls ... this is a calamity almost beyond comprehension.” In 1948, he called the Holocaust “a supertragedy.”

During World War II, he was an African-American Cassandra warning of an unmatched catastrophe that few Americans of whatever religion or race wanted to hear about or believe.

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# 25 Years After the AMIA Bombing, Justice Is Again Denied



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NEW YORK

This July, Argentina’s Jewish community will mark the 25th anniversary of the bombing of the AMIA Jewish Center in Buenos Aires, in which 85 people were murdered and hundreds more seriously wounded. It is promising to be a wretched and depressing commemoration, frankly, because there is no

reason to expect anything else.

On July 18, 1994, a Renault utility truck packed with explosives smashed into the AMIA building in the busy downtown area of the Argentine capital, leaving a scene of absolute carnage in its wake. The bombing, which came two years after a nearly identical attack on the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires — an atrocity that killed 29 people — was similarly planned and carried out by the Iranian regime and its Lebanese Shiite proxy, Hezbollah. An entire generation later, exactly none of the AMIA suspects, the subjects of Interpol “Red Notices” since 2007, have been

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suspend or terminate existing programmes, in part or in full; 22 per cent said they had faced threats of, or actual, legal or administrative actions against them; and 55 per cent reported that they had to answer additional donor queries about their programming. Overall, 43 per cent ... indicated that the campaign had undermined their funding for certain types of activities.”

As countries such as Switzerland, Denmark, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Norway, the European Union, and others reevaluate their NGO funding policies in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict zone, the impacts will increase. After their basic due diligence failures in following OCHA’s “coordination” — and wasting millions in taxpayer funds on groups that promoted the opposite

captured and placed on trial.

Indeed, as the years wound on, the AMIA investigation was exposed as a bigger source of political intrigue and duplicity than even the bombing itself. Consider the record: The first AMIA investigation, set up under former Argentine President Carlos Menem (more on him momentarily), collapsed after it was exposed as a den of corruption, whose strategic goal was to deflect attention from the responsibility of the Iranians for the bombing.

The second reconstituted AMIA investigation, set up under former President Nestor Kirchner in 2004, was more promising, principally because it became the domain of the fearless federal prosecutor Alberto Nisman. It was Nisman’s diligent work that resulted in Interpol releasing those warrants for the senior Iranian and Hezbollah operatives.

But Nisman eventually paid for his efforts with his life in 2015, when he was found murdered in his apartment hours before he was due to unveil a complaint against then-President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner (the spouse of the now-deceased Nestor) that detailed her government’s collusion in exonerating the Iranian mullahs.

Nisman, some said, was the 86th victim of the AMIA bombing. Cristina Kirchner, herself ousted from office by current President Mauricio Macri in November 2015, is widely suspected of both involvement in Nisman’s death, and of recruiting the Argentine police and judiciary into spreading the lie, exposed after Macri’s election, that Nisman committed suicide. Now that Kirchner has been elected to Argentina’s Senate, she can claim immunity from prosecution.

Of the six Interpol “Red Notice” suspects, the five Iranian officials among them remain at large, while the one Lebanese — Hezbollah’s second-in-command, Imad Mughniyeh — was killed by a car bomb in Damascus in 2008. Meanwhile, the other senior Iranian officials implicated in the AMIA bombing have never been subjected to even a tap on the shoulder. One of them, former Iranian President Ali Hashemi Rafsanjani, who allegedly hosted the meeting where the AMIA attack was decided upon, died two years ago. Another, the former foreign minister Ali Akbar Velayati, still enjoys extensive influence as a senior adviser to the regime’s so-called “Supreme Leader,” Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Justice has so far escaped the AMIA executioners; and for those who abetted them, the record is also miserably poor. Last week, in the first significant AMIA-related event of this 25th anniversary year, the victims and their families received yet another kick in the teeth when a court in Buenos Aires acquitted Menem of engaging in a cover-up during the first, thoroughly discredited AMIA investigation. Prosecutors had been pushing for Menem to serve a prison sentence of at least four years. Accused of endorsing bribes to officials

of the moral values that were claimed — these governments had no choice but to change policies. As a result, the anti-Israel propaganda machine coordinated by OCHA-oPt has considerably fewer resources to wage these wars.

The crisis faced by this and other UN agencies claiming to be assisting the Palestinians is the result of their own fundamental failures, and no amount of empty rhetoric — such as bemoaning the “shrinking of the operational space available for humanitarian work” — will hide this reality. Eventually, even OCHA-oPt, like UNRWA, will be forced to stop these wasteful and destructive propaganda wars that have cost Israelis, Palestinians, and American taxpayers so much.

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Before being murdered, prosecutor Alberto Nisman had accused Argentina’s President Cristina Kirchner of covering up Iranian involvement in the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish center. Photo: Twitter.

that pushed the AMIA investigation’s attention away from the Iranians and onto domestic “suspects,” Menem was also named by a former senior Iranian intelligence operative as having been a “paid asset” of the Iranian regime during his term in office. But none of this was seriously examined in court, where Menem, as the Buenos Aires Times reported last Thursday, “gave little away in his testimony, saying state secrets meant he was prevented from presenting bombshell evidence. His lawyer explained to the court in 2016 that Menem declined to reveal any information ‘that could affect the current government, the interests of the nation, and peaceful coexistence with other nations.’”

Some of the conspirators beneath Menem, including former federal judge Juan José Galeano, and former prosecutors Eamon Mullen and José Barbaccia, did receive prison sentences this week for their roles in corrupting the first AMIA investigation. But the exoneration of Menem brought a furious response from Memoria Activa, an Argentine-based advocacy group seeking justice for the AMIA victims. The judges “decided to acquit Menem when it became clear, according to the evidence, that he was one of the main [individuals] responsible for the impunity in the AMIA case,” the group said in a statement. “His government knew that the attack was going to happen; not only did they not prevent it, they ordered the manipulation of the investigation so that the truth would not come out.”

When Jewish leaders and foreign dignitaries fly into Buenos Aires this July, it is to be hoped that they will call out the AMIA debacle for what it is: a travesty of justice, an insult to victims of terrorism everywhere, and an exemplary case of a terror-sponsoring state, Iran, bribing and cajoling a foreign government to bend to its will after murdering nearly 100 of its citizens. There is much to mourn, most of all those who died in the bombing, along with Alberto Nisman, who was assassinated for telling the truth. There is nothing — nothing at all — to be proud of.

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## Impressions.

# New York Times Pushes Jerusalem Label on West Bank-Affiliated Scholar

BY IRA STOLL

A front-page *New York Times* article headlined “Israel’s Riddle: Is Netanyahu Irreplaceable?” refers to “Micah Goodman, a Jerusalem-based scholar” and subsequently to “Mr. Goodman, the Jerusalem scholar.”

Back in 2017, when the *Times* profiled Goodman, it said, “He is a researcher at the Hartman Institute, a center for Jewish scholars in Jerusalem, and the director of Ein Prat, a pluralistic beit midrash, or center of Jewish study for young adults from all backgrounds, in the desert near Jericho in the West



*The New York Times logo. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.*

Bank. Mr. Goodman lives nearby with his wife and twin 8-year-old daughters in the Jewish settlement of Kfar Adumim, but he said: “I would rather not be called a settler. It’s where I live, not who I am.”

The Ein Prat website still lists Goodman as the chief executive officer. I guess it’s possible he’s moved to Jerusalem from Kfar Adumim, but if not, it’s odd that the *Times* would choose to emphasize his “Jerusalem-based” Hartman affiliation at the expense of his West Bank-based Ein Prat affiliation. Perhaps Goodman, with his self-deprecating humor, his Hebrew University Ph.D., and his references to Freud, William James, and John Dewey, doesn’t fit the *Times* stereotype of a Jewish resident of the West Bank, so the *Times* can’t quite bring itself to call him that. The *Times* doesn’t call him an *Israeli* scholar, either, though he is that, too.

I’m a fan of Goodman’s and am happy to see him quoted in the *Times*. But the harping on him as a Jerusalemite — twice in one relatively short article — is strange.

It’s a subtle point. But it’s also the sort of small detail that, when added to all the other small details that the *Times* gets wrong, erodes the newspaper’s reputation and contributes to the perception that the *Times* isn’t quite getting the Israel story right.

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# Do Jews Really Need Their Own Nobel Prize?

BY JONATHAN S. TOBIN  
/ JNS.org

If the Genesis Prize was hoping for more media attention for its annual awards ceremony this year, it is certainly going to get it.

By announcing that they are sticking with their selection of New England Patriots owner/philanthropist Robert Kraft as this year’s winner of the award — dubbed the “Jewish Nobel Prize” — the Genesis committee has ensured that the event scheduled to be held in Israel in June will get more publicity than they dreamed of, albeit not entirely of the type they wanted.

Kraft, whose extraordinary generosity to Jewish causes and devotion to Israel is well-known, deserves all the philanthropic awards that can be thrown at him. But after being charged by Florida authorities with paying for sex in connection with a sting operation aimed at halting a human trafficking

fashion does the community much good, no matter who the recipient is.

As for what we’re supposed to think about Kraft, serious observers should avoid both going overboard in condemning him or seeking to excuse such misbehavior.

Kraft is entitled to a presumption of innocence. But those seeking to treat this incident as of no importance because they wish to defend him should be careful not to minimize how serious a transgression human trafficking is, and to remember that anyone associated with it doesn’t deserve sympathy.

We’re all human, and Kraft is as entitled to forgiveness for transgressions as anybody else, providing they are willing to come clean and apologize. Personally, I’m not comfortable with a culture of outrage that dominates our society in which a bad statement or tweet, or even some non-criminal misbehavior, should mean someone should lose their livelihood or be condemned to permanent



*Robert Kraft. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.*

and prostitution ring, he has also become fodder for both tabloid gossip and personal criticism.

That might have led to Kraft withdrawing his name, or the Genesis committee deciding to rescind the award and find somebody else. But as the owner of this generation’s most successful American professional sports franchise, the 77-year-old is used to intense and negative media scrutiny (including intrusions into his personal life), and giving no ground.

Kraft’s popularity and personal ties to those involved with Genesis are also causing them to regard loyalty to him as a higher priority than concerns about tarnishing the award. So their announcement has inextricably tied the award to a tabloid scandal, and made it impossible for the Jewish world to avert its eyes from this tawdry kerfuffle, as many pro-Israel and Jewish activists would have liked to do.

How should the Jewish world react to this controversy?

Well, there are two main questions to consider in thinking about Kraft and Genesis.

The first issue revolves around how we should treat those who do great deeds, but may also be accused of wrongdoing.

The second speaks to a broader concern about the utility of a “Jewish Nobel Prize” at all, and whether going through the annual exercise of selecting a Jewish celebrity to be honored in this

shunning without hope of redemption. The same is true for someone in the kind of legal pickle that Kraft finds himself in, especially when the accused has done so much good. If you must judge Kraft, then he deserves to be judged by the totality of his life’s work.

But this story also highlights what’s wrong with the whole concept of a “Jewish Nobel Prize.”

The idea of bringing attention to the pride that a famous award recipient has in being Jewish and all that they’ve done for the community sounds great. So many Jews are drifting away from both communal life and the effort to sustain it that drawing attention to prominent examples of those who remain devoted to Jewish values is a good idea.

However, as is inevitable in any award that is so subjectively determined, Genesis has found itself involved in politics and scandal. That was the case last year when it honored actress Natalie Portman, and she refused to attend the ceremony lest anyone think she approved of the policies of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Of the half dozen who have gotten the Genesis Prize since it was initiated, perhaps only violinist Itzhak Perlman, a truly inspirational as well as beloved performer, might be considered universally acclaimed. Embracing either the celebrity formula like actor/producer Michael Douglas or the more familiar big-giver model, such as billionaire

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff against RUBY STRACHAN; VERONICA STRACHAN; SAPHIRE STRACHAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 29, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 21st day of March, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City New York, County of Kings and State of New York. Said premises known as 462 East 40th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203. (Block: 4939, Lot: 9). Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,145.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506263-13. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 \*For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call 800-280-2832\*  
AJ; 2/15/22; 3/1/8/

CITATION File No. 20182205 SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: The heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Sally Ann Silverstein deceased, If living, and if any of them be dead to the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees,

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executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Public Administrator of Queens County Shelly Anne Quilty-Lake, Guardian at Litem. A petition having been duly filed by BRUCE MOSKOWITZ who is domiciled at 294 SMOKETREE AVENUE, OAKPARK, California 91377 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, QUEENS County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica Rm 62, New York on April 11, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of SALLY SILVERSTEIN, aka SALLY ANN SILVERSTEIN lately domiciled at 98-40 64 Avenue, Unit 5G, Rego Park, New York 11374, United States admitting to probate a Will dated July 3, 2017 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of SALLY SILVERSTEIN deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to BRUCE MOSKOWITZ Letters of Trusteeship issue to BRUCE MOSKOWITZ f/b/o All Cats and all other Animals In possession of Sally Silverstein at her death Pursuant to EPTL 7-8.1 Dated, Attested and Sealed, Februaty 7, 2019 HON PETER J. KELLY Surrogate James Lim Becker Chief Clerk David S. Shor, Esq. Attorney Salem, Shor & Saperstein, LLP (516)472-7030 3000 Marcus Avenue, Suite 1W6, Lake Success, New York 11042 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.  
AJ; 2/15/22; 3/1/8

File No. 2017-4442 PROBATE CITATION QUEENS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Bruce Povman, Guardian at Litem the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Alan Abbey a/k/a Alan N Abbey, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, assignees, administrators and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, Queens County Public Administrator, Daniel Goldberg, Sandra Goldberg Weiner. A petition having been duly filed by Faith Inerfeld Tanner who is domiciled at 6600 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito CA 94530. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd, Jamaica Rm 62, New York, on April 18 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Alan Abbey a/k/a Alan N Abbey lately domiciled at 260-49 A Langston Avenue, Glen Oaks NY 11004 admitting to probate a Will dated October 6, 1999 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Alan Abbey a/k/a Alan N Abbey deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Faith Inerfeld Tanner Dated, Attested and Sealed February 8, 2019 HON PETER J. KELLY Surrogate James Lim Becker Chief Clerk Kim L Zinke, Esq. Attorney 917-971-6801 6824 Colonial Road, Suite A1, Brooklyn, NY 11220 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law, You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have

a right to have an attorney appear for you.  
AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, V. MARCIA A. BECKFORD; ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 04, 2017, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and MARCIA A. BECKFORD; ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on March 28, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1280 E 86TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236: Block 8064, Lot 1: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 4029/2013 OR 2018-05538. Helene Blank, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

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

Notice of 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., Plaintiff -against- MOSHE LEIB LAX A/K/A MOISHE LEIB LAX; AS CO-EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF CHAIM LAX, DECEASED, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 7, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County

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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 interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 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

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PM. Premises known as 715 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Block 5399 Lot 72. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$428,191.23 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 6496/13. Joel Eliot Abramson, Esq., Referee PNNC039  
AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Upper Level F & R Cleaning Service LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Fatima 2080 Wallace Ave. Suite 429 Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 2/15/22; 3/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff against ANNETTE HURLEY A/K/A ANNETTE CONLIFFE, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered January 28, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 28, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 159 E. 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. Block 4877 Lot 46. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$536,235.03 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 510311/2017. Cash will not be accepted at the sale. Joel Abramson, Esq., Referee 2267-001342  
AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15

File No.: 2017-2798/A SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Thomas Hall, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Billie Hall and Jane Hall, if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Being the persons interested, a copy of this citation shall be served on John M. McFaul, Esq., Edward J. Kelly, Esq., and Lisa Barbieri, Esq., as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Thomas Hall, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 35-31 85th Street, unit 5C, Jackson Heights, NY 11372, in

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## Tradition.

## On Jewish Character



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

Pekudei has sometimes been called the accountant's parsha, because that is how it begins, with the audited accounts of the money and materials donated to the Sanctuary. It is the Torah's way of teaching us the need for financial transparency.

But beneath the sometimes dry surface lie two extraordinary stories, one told in last week's parsha, the other the week before, teaching us something deep about Jewish nature that is still true today.

The first has to do with the Sanctuary itself. God told Moses to ask people to make contributions. Some brought gold, some silver, some copper. Some gave wool or linen or animal-skins. Others contributed acacia wood, oil, spices or incense. Some gave precious stones for the High Priest's breastplate. What was remarkable was the willingness with which they gave:

*The people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. So all the skilled workers*



*who were doing all the work on the Sanctuary left what they were doing and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done."*

*So Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the Sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work. (Ex. 36:3-7)*

They brought too much. Moses had to tell them to stop. That is not the Israelites as we have become accustomed to seeing them, argumentative, quarrelsome, ungrateful. This is a people that longs to give.

One parsha earlier we read a very different story. The people were anxious. Moses had been up the mountain for a long time. Was he still alive? Had some accident happened to him? If so, how would they receive the Divine word telling them what to do and where to go? Hence their demand for a calf – essentially an oracle, an object through which Divine instruction could be heard.

Aaron, according to the

most favoured explanation, realised that he could not stop the people directly by refusing their request, so he adopted a stalling manoeuvre. He did something with the intention of slowing them down, trusting that if the work could be delayed, Moses would reappear. This is what he said:

*Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." (Ex. 32:2)*

According to the Midrash he thought this would create arguments within families and the project would be delayed. Instead, immediately thereafter, without a pause, we read:

*So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. (Ex. 32:3)*

Again the same generosity. Now, these two projects could not be less alike. One, the Tabernacle, was holy. The other, the calf, was close to being an idol. Building the Tabernacle was a supreme mitzvah; making the calf was a terrible sin. Yet their response was the same in both cases. Hence this comment of the sages:

*One cannot understand the nature of this people. If they are appealed to for a calf, they give. If appealed to for the Tabernacle, they give. [Yerushalmi Shekalim I, 45]*

The common factor was generosity. Jews may not always make the right choices in what they give to, but they give.

In the twelfth century, Moses Maimonides twice interrupts his customary calm legal prose in his law code, the Mishneh Torah, to make the same point. Speaking about *tzedakah*, charity, he says:

*"We have never seen or heard about a Jewish community which does not have a charity fund." [Laws of Gifts to the poor, 9:3]*

The idea that a Jewish community could exist without a network of charitable provisions was almost inconceivable. Later in the same book, Maimonides says:

*We are obligated to be more scrupulous in fulfilling the commandment of tzedakah than any other positive commandment because tzedakah is the sign of the righteous person, a descendant of Abraham our father, as it is said, "For I know him, that he will command his children . . . to do tzedakah" . . . If someone is cruel and does not show mercy, there are sufficient grounds to suspect his lineage, since cruelty is found only among the other nations . . . Whoever refuses to give charity is called Belial, the same term which is applied to idol worshippers. [Laws of Gifts to the poor, 10:1-3]*

Maimonides is here saying more than that Jews give charity. He is saying that a charitable disposition is written into Jewish genes, part of our inherited DNA. It is one of the signs of being a child

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the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Hall, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 4th day of April, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$10,256.05 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds and the funds currently on deposit with the Commissioner of Finance should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 15th day of February, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation AJ; 2/22/3/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY PURCHASE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff against JESSIE LOZADA, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered March 27, 2017, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the

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Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 4, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 167 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Block 4129 Lot 23. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$328,267.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506966/2014. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee YCHC190 AJ; 3/1/8/15/22/

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

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 LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES

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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, NY. 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, NY. 11213. (Block: 1408, Lot: 71). Approximate amount of lien \$ 837,354.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject 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, LLC 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



## Social.



An EasyJet airbus lands in Bristol, England. Photo: Wikipedia.

## Low-Cost Airlines EasyJet and RyanAir Launching New Israel-France Routes

BY TOMER HADAR / CTech

Taking a spontaneous trip from Israel to France is about to become a lot easier.

Low-cost airline EasyJet recently announced it is launching a new, thrice-weekly direct flight route

from Tel Aviv to Nantes, the sixth largest city in France, starting in April.

Low-cost competitor Ryanair, meanwhile, will be offering three flights a week between Tel Aviv and the southern French city of Marseilles. The route will be taking off in October.

## Israeli Company Markets Bulletproof Backpacks and Will Donate Proceeds to School Safety Activists

BY ADI PICK / CTech

114 people were killed or injured in school shootings in the US in 2018, according to *Education Week*, a non-profit journal covering education-related topics in the United States. To address the issue, Israeli company ArmorMe has developed a normal-looking backpack with not-so-normal capabilities: it comes with one or two kevlar panels, making it bulletproof on one or two sides.

A single-paneled backpack provides coverage from neck to knee when worn in front, while the double-paneled backpack provides coverage for both sides of the torso. It also comes in five colors.

Ret. Israeli Defense Forces Colonel Gabi Siboni co-founded ArmorMe following the Las Vegas massacre in 2017 and started developing the backpacks in early 2018, around the time of the Parkland school shooting which killed 17 people in Florida.

While ArmorMe understands that this may only be a band-aid solution to gun violence issues as a whole, Siboni said that the company is currently in the final stages of a partnership with a school safety non-profit organization, and proceeds from each backpack will go

to the organization.

"We didn't create the reality of mass shootings, but we are reacting to it," Siboni said in a Wednesday interview with *Calcalist*.

Since the Columbine shooting in 1999, 187,000 students attending at least 193 elementary or secondary schools have experienced an on-campus shooting during school hours in the US, according to a *Washington Post* report updated in March. At least 113 of these incidents involved only a pistol, according to the *Washington Post's* report.

Besides its bulletproof capabilities, the backpack comes with a computer compartment for a 15-inch laptop, side pockets on each side, and weighs between 1.4 kilograms to 2.2, depending on the number of kevlar panels, Siboni said.

While the backpacks offer official protection against bullets fired by handguns, in the event of a more serious weapon, full protection "can't be guaranteed, but still dramatically increases the survival rate," Siboni said.

However, ArmorMe developed the backpacks as an accessory that offers protection, not just as a bulletproof vest with straps. In fact, when the panels are opened to

## First International Flight Touches Down at New Eilat Airport

BY ADI PICK / CTech

Six weeks after its official opening, the first international flights have landed at Eilat's new Ramon Airport. On Monday, Irish low-cost carrier RyanAir has operated three flights, to Poznan, Poland and round-trip from Prague, Czech Republic to the new Ramon Airport located 18 kilometers north of Eilat, an Israeli Red Sea resort town and the country's most southern city.

The new airport will serve as an international gateway to southern Israel and the Red Sea to increase tourism from Europeans flocking south for winter, and provide an alternative to Israel's main international airport in Tel Aviv during times of conflict. Ramon Airport will lead to a "huge change in Israel's accessibility," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at the airport's inauguration ceremony in January. The airport is needed for "important strategic capabilities at normal times and,



An El Al Boeing 777.

Photo: Mark Tang via Wikimedia Commons.

as much as is needed, during times of emergency," Netanyahu added.

Eilat has seen a surge in foreign tourists since 2015, when the Israeli government scrapped taxes for airlines flying into the city's airports, and further enticed low-cost carriers such as RyanAir by paying airlines 60 euros (approximately \$70) per passenger brought on direct international flights.

Airlines expected to operate at the new international airport include Israeli domestic operators currently serving the existing Eilat Airport, which will be shutting its doors later this month, as well as European airlines serving nearby Ovda Airport, including Ryanair, Wizz, Transavia, Edelweiss, and other European low-cost carriers.

Shuttles to hotels in Eilat will be departing from the airport every 15 minutes, and cost eight dollars per person. The airport also intends to launch a shuttle service to the Jordanian sites of Petra and Wadi Rum, and to the Taba area of Sinai in Egypt.

The airport is named after father and son Ilan and Assaf Ramon. Ilan Ramon was the first Israeli astronaut, who in 2003 died on board the Columbia Space Shuttle when it broke up reentering the atmosphere. Ilan's son Assaf, a pilot in the Israeli Air Force, died at the age of 21 when his F-16 fighter jet crashed during a training exercise.

fit like a vest, "the contents inside the backpack won't spill" Siboni explained.

There are other companies selling bulletproof backpacks including BulletBlocker, though ArmorMe's backpacks are slightly more affordable: ArmorMe's backpack retails at \$160, for the single-paneled knapsack.

The company is currently working on more designs, patterns, and computer bags, which Siboni expects to hit the market sometime over the next three months.



## Tradition.

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of Abraham, so much so that if someone does not give charity there are “grounds to suspect his lineage.” Whether this is nature or nurture or both, to be Jewish is to give.

There is a fascinating feature of the geography of the land of Israel. It contains two seas: the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. The Sea of Galilee is full of life. The Dead Sea, as its name implies, is not. Yet they are fed by the same river, the Jordan. The

difference is that the Sea of Galilee receives water and gives water. The Dead Sea receives but does not give. To receive but not to give is, in Jewish geography as well as Jewish psychology, simply not *life*.

So it was in the time of Moses. So it is today. In virtually every country in which Jews live, their charitable giving is out of all proportion to their numbers. In Judaism, to live is to give.

Shabbat Shalom

hair swept backwards, sitting in a grand chair and receiving bouquets of flowers from two adoring, rose-cheeked children. The authors of this particular book were the 14,400 children in the Jewish Ghetto of Lodz, all of whom, Brent explained, appended their signatures to a Rosh Hashanah 5702 (1941) tribute to Chaim Rumkowski, the *Judenälteste* (Head Jewish Elder) appointed by the Nazis to administer the ghetto.

Rumkowski’s goal had been to make the Lodz Ghetto an economic asset to the Nazi regime through the provision of forced labor. It was a strategy that kept the ghetto alive for nearly five years, until it was finally destroyed by the Germans late in 1944, just a few months before Soviet troops entered Lodz. During the years that he ran the ghetto as a slave to German instructions, Rumkowski simultaneously underlined his status as the master of the Jews. “King Chaim’s” face was even printed on the cash notes, nicknamed “Rumkis,” that were used in the ghetto for exchange.

“He was a pompous, vain, bombastic man, and you ask yourself, ‘Why are these children bringing him flowers?’” YIVO director Brent remarked, as we looked at the volume. “They’re doing it because unlike the other ghettos, the Lodz Ghetto was completely sealed from the outside world. There was no smuggling, as in the Warsaw Ghetto or the Vilna Ghetto. The entire existence of the Lodz Ghetto depended on Chaim Rumkowski’s ability to negotiate with the Germans. This book is the children telling him how grateful they are, and pleading with him not to forget them.” The first mass deportations from the Lodz Ghetto began in January 1942, a little over a year after Rumkowski was presented with his Rosh Hashanah gift.

For Brent, the Rumkowski tribute is an important symbol of an archive that remains one of the few physical links that we have to the old Jewish world of Europe. And there is, he emphasized, an enormous amount contained within.

“We have 23 million documents and 400,000 books here,” Brent said. “Right now, we’re digitizing 1.5 million documents and 12,000 books, and it’s costing us approximately \$6.5 million to do.”

Most of the costs incurred are not related to the technical process, he continued, but to the huge number of person hours invested by Halpern and her team in combing through and sorting the archive.

“What I say to people is that this is about finding the ‘afikoman,’” Brent said, invoking the custom on Passover of hiding a broken-off piece of matzah for the children at the Seder table to seek out later on. “This archive is the ‘afikoman,’ the fragment that has been broken off from our people.”

Eastern Europe, Brent reflected, represented a millennium of Jewish civilization. YIVO’s archive was composed from “a multiplicity of narratives, because it’s a whole civilization that we are talking about.”

The *Algemeiner* visited the YIVO archives, in the company of Jonathan Brent, the institute’s director, and Dr. Stefanie Halpern, its chief archivist, a brief glimpse into its contents revealed the rich physical remains of the Jewish culture that preceded the one we live in now.

In one box lay a notebook, its pages filled with observations and comments written in a neat, steady longhand script. This was the diary kept by Theodor Herzl, the founder of the modern Zionist movement, between 1882-87 — when he was still in his 20s and saw himself as, in the words of his biographer Ernst Pawel, “a high-minded dreamer, a sensitive and poetic soul struggling to safeguard his ideals in a world awash in greed and corruption.”

From another box alongside, Dr. Halpern pulled out an ornate manuscript that glowed with color.

This painstaking copy of the Talmudic tractate “Baba Kama” was the Bar Mitzvah project of Anshel Moses Rothschild, the founder of the Rothschild dynasty, dating from the early 1720s. (“Before he was ‘Rothschild,’” Brent commented.)

As one would expect with a Jewish archive drawn from eastern Europe, the shadow of the Holocaust looms large. On the rare occasions that we get to see the personal effects of Holocaust victims, it’s normally in a museum environment and we glance at them quickly. In the YIVO archive, one is compelled to mourn the men and women who carried the crumpled, Soviet-manufactured cigarettes before you in their own pockets. So too with the children whose traditional rattles to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Purim were defiantly marked with the Nazi swastika — the most pertinent symbol of the hatred represented by Haman, whose name is drowned out during the reading of the biblical Book of Esther in the synagogue by a sea of noise.

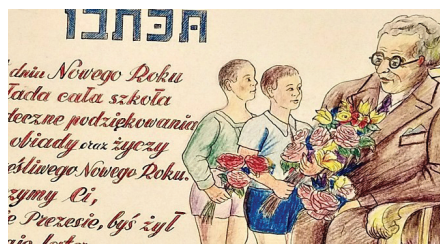
Dr. Halpern brought out yet another handcrafted manuscript, this time decorated with a radiant picture of a portly, congenial-looking man, his shock of white

# In Downtown NY City, YIVO’s Archive Unveils a Lost Jewish World



One morning in June 1922, a letter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Feldberg of Accord, NY, bearing the elegant crest of the Mountain House hotel in nearby Lake Mohonk.

Much as is the case today, back then the Mohonk Mountain House was a popular upstate resort, and the Feldbergs had written to its management seeking employment there. “Dear Mr & Mrs Feldberg,” the typewritten response to the couple began. “We are in receipt of your letter to Mr De Witt and wish to state that we do not employ people of your race. Trusting that our delay



From the YIVO archive, a detail of the 5702 (1941) Rosh Hashanah tribute presented by the children of the Lodz Ghetto to Chaim Rumkowski. Photo: *Algemeiner*.

in answering you has not caused you too much inconvenience, I am, Very truly yours.” The letter was signed by one J.W. Smith on behalf of the establishment’s proprietor, Daniel Smiley.

This priceless specimen of Anglo-Saxon antisemitism — courteously informing the Feldbergs that they were, in essence, less-than-human — is one of millions of documents, books, photos, paintings and artifacts stored in the archives of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in downtown New York City. The letter to the Feldbergs is hardly the most special item in this vast collection, but it is one certain to enrich any discussion about what has (and what hasn’t) changed in the century since that envelope dropped onto their doormat.

On the day in late January that

## Legal Notice.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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 improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3396, LOT: 20. Approximate amount of judgment is \$625,189.60 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511834/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 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 FORPRETIUMMORTGAGEACQUISITION 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. AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

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**Nobel Prize**

and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, each provides its own set of pitfalls.

In either case, attempting to place so much importance on one individual is a distraction from the necessity of breathing new life into failing institutions. What the Jewish world needs is not one more vehicle for applauding people who are already famous and honored. That comes off — as the Genesis Prize does, even when it avoids controversy — as just another publicity stunt, even if the purpose is good.

We already spend far too much time caring about celebrities and the wealthy, with charitable groups kowtowing to the whims of individuals and their aspirations to

### LEGAL NOTICE

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-Maoga Ronald Fatoullah & Associates 60 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 507, Great Neck, New York 11021 (516) 466-4422 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you. AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

be recognized when what’s really required is a focus on the ordinary work that our communal organizations (and all those folks associated with them) try to do to keep Jewish life going and to stand up for Israel.

If we gave as much publicity to honoring an exemplary Jewish teacher or organization as we do to a “Jewish Nobel” driven as much by fame as it is by good deeds, we might do more to inspire Jewish youth (Genesis’ purpose), who tend to regard the celebrity-driven ceremonies with the sort of cynicism that is already killing Jewish life.

It would be far better to embrace a more intellectual model for a Jewish award — one not based on worshiping the rich and famous. As much as we should applaud the longtime work that brought Kraft this honor, I find it hard to be enthusiastic about any prize that is stuck in the same old and failed philanthropic paradigm that long ago ensured that so many of our young people would ignore and reject the organized Jewish world.

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