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Both Gantz and Netanyahu Declare Victory as Election Results Remain Unclear



A combination picture shows Benny Gantz (left), leader of Blue and White party and Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during Israel's parliamentary election April 9, 2019. Photo: REUTERS/Nir Elias, Ariel Schalit/Pool via REUTERS.

BY BENJAMIN
KERSTEIN

Both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of the Likud party and his main challenger, former IDF chief of staff Benny Gantz of the Blue and White party, declared victory in Tuesday's elections, despite exit polls showing variant results.

"The right-wing bloc led by Likud has won a clear victory," Netanyahu said of the polls. "I

thank the citizens of Israel for their trust. I will begin putting together a right-wing government with my natural partners tonight."

Israel's *Channel 13* reports Gantz telling them, "We won! The people of Israel have had their say! Thank you to the thousands of activists and more than a million voters. These elections have a clear winner and a clear loser. Bibi promised 40 mandates and he lost big. The president sees the picture and must call on the winner to form the govern-

ment! There is no other possibility!"

While the official vote has yet to be tallied, the exit polls showed an extremely close election taking place. *Channel 13* and the *Kan* public broadcaster showed the two leading parties tied at 36 seats, while *Channel 12* showed Gantz defeating Netanyahu 37-33.

However, in terms of the left and right-wing Knesset blocs, the first two polls showed a clear advantage for the right, while the *Channel 12* poll showed a statistical tie.

Khamenei Calls US Blacklisting of Guards a 'Vicious Move'

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the United States had made "a vicious move" in designating the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, which he controls, as a foreign terrorist organization, state TV reported on Tuesday.

US President Donald Trump designated Iran's Guards a foreign terrorist organization on Monday — an unprecedented step that may raise tensions in the Middle East.

"They wish to plot against our Sepah (the Guards) ... it is in the frontline of confronting enemies of our (1979



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani speaks during a meeting with tribal leaders in Kerbala, Iraq, March 12, 2019. Photo: REUTERS/Abdullah Dhiaa Al-Deen/File Photo.

Islamic) revolution and has always defended the country ... America has failed to block our advancements," Khamenei said, addressing a group of Guards.

"In spite of all the pressure in the past 40 years, Americans have failed to do a damn thing and their vicious move will bear no fruit."

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani also defended the corps as protectors of Iran, saying in a televised speech that the United States "holds a grudge" against the Guards who have "sacrificed their lives to protect our people, our revolu-

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Opinion.

What's Not at Stake in Israel's Election: Democracy



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When Israelis vote on April 9, a lot will be riding on the outcome. But there is one thing that will not be decided in this election: whether or not Israel will remain a democratic state. If the incumbent Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Likud Party are able to form the next government — or, if instead, it's Benny Gantz and his Blue and White Party that will lead the country — the Jewish state is not about to begin a slide into authoritarianism in which the rule of law, the free press, and an independent judiciary might be lost.

That's not what a lot of commentators in both the United States and Israel are saying. To the contrary, much of the discussion about the contest in which Netanyahu is seeking his fourth consecutive (and fifth overall) term in office has centered on the notion that another win for him will mark the end of the country's democratic system.

With the Israeli left and its platform advocating land-for-peace schemes aimed at resolving the conflict with the Palestinians once and for all largely discredited in the eyes of a majority of Israelis, it's perhaps understandable that many people are now thinking about more than war and peace. Or at least that's the way Netanyahu's critics are framing the election, in large measure because they know if the outcome were based solely on his performance,

there would be little doubt that he'd win.

So instead, they're trying to turn the vote for the Knesset into a referendum on Netanyahu's character.

While Netanyahu is used to being demonized by the left, this time around he's also being skewered by some of the more respected voices in Jewish life, like author and journalist Yossi Klein Halevi, historian Gil Troy and New York Times columnist Bret Stephens. All of them are strong supporters of the Jewish state. Nor can they be accused of seeking to undermine it or engage in efforts to cover up or ignore the intransigence of the Palestinians, which is the usual theme of Netanyahu's detractors, who seek to delegitimize him so as to help delegitimize Israel itself.

However, each of them seems convinced that Netanyahu must be defeated because another term would mark a step into the abyss that the country's democracy can't afford.

For Stevens, Netanyahu has become indistinguishable from the kind of sectarian and "ideological tribalism" that is a greater threat to the Jewish state than its external enemies. According to Troy, Netanyahu is the embodiment of a "culture of corruption," as well as one of "polarization and demonization that keeps crossing once-agreed-upon red lines." Halevi decries Netanyahu's depiction of the courts, the police, and the media as "co-conspirators" in a plot against him. Halevi also worries that Netanyahu is closing off the possibility of a two-state solution by flirting with the annexation of parts of Judea and Samaria, and that this will also ultimately doom Israeli democracy because it will mean a choice between a

binational state and apartheid.

If this apocalyptic talk sounds familiar, it should. Since it became clear that he would be indicted on what I (and many Israelis) think are rather flimsy corruption charges, Netanyahu's foes have begun to sound a lot like some of the Democrats who predicted that the election of Donald Trump to the presidency of the United States would herald the end of American freedom and usher in a rerun of the last years of the Weimar Republic, if not the dawn of a new age of authoritarianism.

But just as those predictions proved to be ridiculous (whatever you think about Trump's behavior and his policies, a free press, free elections, independent courts, and the Constitution are still flourishing), the same is true about the rhetoric claiming another Netanyahu government will doom Israel.

Let's concede that while a lot of this anti-Netanyahu hysteria is rooted in partisanship, some of it (as is the case with his friend in the White House) can be blamed on the prime minister himself.

After 10 consecutive years in office, the Israeli public is right to be tired of Netanyahu, his querulous family, and the hangers-on in his administration. Governments that go on forever tend to breed a sense of entitlement that always results in trouble of one sort or another.

It's also true that Netanyahu — as ruthless a partisan warrior as he is a skillful economic manager and diplomat — has invited criticism with his too-clever-by-half maneuver in which he helped broker a merger between a right-wing religious party and Otzma Yehudit, a faction led by followers of the late radical

rabbi Meir Kahane in order to enhance Netanyahu's chances of winning the election.

But if Netanyahu's complaints about the left-leaning Israeli Supreme Court, the largely left-wing media and the police have resonated with many Israelis, it's because they know how these institutions have been politicized. They also think the charges against him do not rise to the level of misbehavior that should be required in order to carry out what is, for all intents and purposes, a legal coup against an elected government.

Should Netanyahu try to legislate immunity for himself in the next Knesset, as some of his critics fear, that would change the discussion, but until then there is no reason to buy into the claims of authoritarianism being thrown at him.

Nor does his talk about applying Israeli law to some of the settlements, coupled with his vow not to uproot settlers, amount to an end of any hope of peace. Should the Palestinians ever decide to recognize the legitimacy of a Jewish state, they'll find Israel's leaders ready to deal. Until then, making clear that, as is the case with Jerusalem and the Golan, Israel won't be giving up land that it would keep in even a theoretical two-state solution doesn't foreclose any options in the future.

While left-wing pundits keep reiterating that Israeli democracy is in grave danger, what that really means is that they are disappointed that the refusal of the Palestinians to make peace has shifted Israeli politics to the right and given success to a leader they despise.

Some of Netanyahu's mainstream critics have romanticized Gantz and the Blue and White

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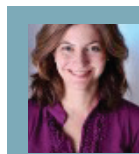
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Anything Goes in New York Times Coverage of Israel



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When it comes to coverage by *The New York Times* of Israel, literally anything goes. The latest case in point is yesterday's completely bogus caption about an Israeli election billboard alongside an article meant to explain the various campaign commercials in the close and heated race.

The caption in question, on page three of the April 7 International Edition, states: "In Tel Aviv, a Blue and White Party billboard, left competing with a campaign ad for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his right-wing allies. Polls show that the race is close."

It sits below a four-column, top of the page color photograph of a billboard depicting, on the left side, the leadership of the opposition Blue and White party, from left: Moshe "Boogie" Yaalon, Benny Gantz, Yair Lapid, and Gabi Ashkenazi. All but Lapid are former army chiefs; Lapid is a former finance minister. Their images are framed in blue and white, and the slogan underneath states in white: "The nation of Israel lives — Blue and White."

Immediately to the right are four more figures framed in yellow and gray. They are (from left) Itamar Ben-Gvir of the far-right Otzma Yehudit (Jewish Power) party, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Betzalel Smotrich of the right-wing Jewish Home

party, and Otzma's Michael Ben-Ari, whom the Supreme Court banned from running in the elections on the grounds of anti-Arab incitement. The slogan below these four men, in yellow, states, "Kahane Lives," the rallying cry of the outlawed, extremist Kach party, banned from the Knesset in 1988 for inciting racism.

In the accompanying article, "In Israeli campaign ads, anything goes," bureau chief David Halbfinger writes: "Israeli politics is not subtle. ... Just take a look at the commercials targeting voters on social media as the election on Tuesday draws near. They are in Hebrew and Arabic, but much of what is shown in the ads requires little or no translation."

Actually, it seems the confounded *New York Times* editors were in sore need of translators to decode the not so subtle billboard. For starters, the photograph shows just one billboard, and not, as the caption falsely claims, two competing ads. As is readily apparent to any Israeli observer — and as should be apparent to Times journalists tasked with explaining the elections to outsiders — the ad



The New York Times logo. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

for Gantz's Blue and White paints the prime minister as a close ally of the extremist Otzma Yehudit politicians known for anti-Arab racism. The ad points to a merger between the right-wing Jewish Home party and the more extreme Otzma Yehudit party that the prime minister facilitated.

The New York Times promises its readers "the world's most trusted perspective." Yet the complete misreading of a rather blatant political ad exposes, once again, the paper's failure to deliver up factual reporting. Indeed, it's been a rough few weeks for the paper's credibility when it comes to trusted news about Israel.

On the news side, editors refused to correct both the false report that a Pew survey found that nearly half of Israeli Jews favor expelling all Palestinians, as well as the completely unfounded claim that "most of Jaffa's Arab residents were forcibly expelled from their homes" in 1948.

The Opinions section is also doing its share to erode "the world's most trusted perspective" with, for example, a page one op-ed in the International Edition ("In Israel, a so-called democracy") calling Israeli democracy into question, following closely on the heels of the anti-Israel counter-factual screed last week by Nathan Thrall.

At *The New York Times*, this is so-called journalism.

Tamar Sternthal is director of the Israel office of the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA).

World News.

'Jews Have to Die!': Rabbi Recounts Antisemitic Assault on Buenos Aires Synagogue Worshipers

BY BEN COHEN

The rabbi of the Buenos Aires synagogue attacked with stones and broken glass following Shabbat services last Friday night has called on the Argentine authorities to step up security at Jewish institutions around the country.

"We hope that more security measures will be taken, that police will be put in place so that these attacks do not happen," Rabbi Uriel Husni of the Mikdash Yosef synagogue in the Palermo district of Buenos Aires told Argentine news outlet Clarin on Monday.

Husni, who was moderately injured after he fought off one of the two assailants, provided an eyewitness account of the attack. Between 10 and 15 congregants were talking on the sidewalk outside the synagogue following Friday night prayers when a man and a woman began showering them with antisemitic abuse, he said.

Both were in their early 20s, according to Rabbi Husni, while the woman was also heavily intoxicated on alcohol. The rabbi added that as soon as the insults began, "This was already an antisemitic attack."

As the woman began yelling "Jews have to die! Kill the Jews!" the man accompanying her threw stones and shards of glass from a broken bottle at the stunned synagogue

congregants. Husni then confronted the man, suffering bruising on his foot and hand as he attempted to restrain him, before police arrived and arrested the couple.

"I never thought that something like this could happen," Husni said. "I was terrified. Luckily, together with the security of the temple, we were able to stop these people."

In a statement condemning the attack, two leaders of DAIA — the communal body representing Argentine Jews — argued that increasing poverty in Argentina was enabling the spread of antisemitic attitudes. "The situation of poverty in our Republic causes, in some sectors of the marginalized social group, the invocation of old prejudices installed in society," DAIA's president, Jorge Knoblovits, and its secretary general, Alejandro Zuchowichi, said in a statement.

There was some consternation at Knoblovits' description of the episode in media interviews as "not an antisemitic attack" but rather "an act of hooliganism with antisemitic content."

In an editorial reflecting on the Mikdash Yosef incident, the Argentine Jewish website Vis-a-Vis asked by way of response, "If two people, drunk or not, attack a synagogue, shout against the Jews and injure a rabbi, is that not an antisemitic attack?"

The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Is Hosting Its Own Election

BY TOFI STOLER /CTech

The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, also known as the Tisch Family Zoological Gardens, and the adjacent Israel Aquarium are holding their own mock election Tuesday simultaneously with Israel's general election. Polls opened at 9 am, and visitors will be able to vote for their favorite candidates among the zoo's permanent residents until 6 pm.

The election was first announced in a Facebook post and video published by the zoo last week, in which various candidates share the pillars of their party platforms — the kangaroo party promises to fill voters' pockets; the elephant party claims there is an elephant in the room and it is the only

one that could stop a potential missile attack; pandas, flamingos, red-handed tamarins, and fallow deer joined forces to form a single party promising to keep things fun; and the zebras and zebra sharks party promises to keep the "sea of politics" clean.

Unlike in the general election, all visitors to the zoo and aquarium are eligible to vote regardless of age or nationality.

This is not the first time the zoo catches political fever. In October, during the statewide municipal election, a similar campaign ran at the zoo. 693 votes were cast and Ziv the lion won the mayorship. The rhino party was the second largest with 17 percent of all votes, and the kangaroo party came in third with 14 percent.

Trump's move comes after relations between Tehran and Washington took a turn for the worse last May, when Trump pulled out of a 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and six world powers, and reimposed sanctions.

"This mistake will unite Iranians and the Guards will grow more popular in Iran and in the region ... America has used terrorists as a tool in the region while the Guards have fought against them from Iraq to Syria," Rouhani said.

Tehran retaliated against Washington's decision by naming the United States Central

Chinese Twitter Accounts Suspended for Allegedly Trying to Affect Israel Election



Twitter graphic. Photo: edar/Pixabay.

BY JNS.ORG

Twitter has suspended dozens of Hebrew-language accounts operated by the Church of Almighty God (CAG)—a Christian group banned in China that believes Jesus has been reincarnated as a Chinese female now residing in Queens, NY—ahead of Tuesday's Israeli elections.

This development was first reported by BuzzFeed News, citing a source familiar with the removals.

CAG's accounts promoted Israeli right-wing politicians, not including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and that, according to the report, "the vast majority of the content from the accounts, which posted in Hebrew and appeared to use fake names, was focused on religion."

"Essentially, a queen bee generates the narrative and worker bees generate interactions with those narratives to spread it further

or to give it greater credibility," said the source.

The detections were based on initial work conducted by Israeli researchers Noam Rotem and Yuval Adam, who analyze social media manipulation.

A Twitter spokesperson declined to comment on the record to BuzzFeed News, only to confirm the accounts were suspended because they were full of spam.

Last week, an Israeli watchdog report stated that a network of hundreds of mostly fake social media accounts were meant to boost Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and tarnish his opponents ahead of the elections.

Netanyahu and his party have denied the report released by the Big Bots Project, a research group backed by the left-wing Tides Foundation, which is supported by American-Hungarian billionaire George Soros' Open Societies Foundation.

Command (CENTCOM) as a terrorist organization and the US government as a sponsor of terror.

The Iranian Armed Forces's general staff, the country's most senior military body which also oversees the Revolutionary Guards, said in a statement that it "will use all its means to fight" against United States Central Command (CENTCOM), and a Guards commander on Tuesday warned the US Navy to keep its distance.

"Mr Trump, tell your warships not to pass near the Revolutionary Guards boats," ISNA news agency reported a tweet from Mohsen Rezaei as saying.

Iran's arch rival Saudi Arabia welcomed the US action against the Guards on Tuesday, while France called for avoiding any escalation of tensions in the Middle East.

Revolutionary Guards commanders have repeatedly said that US bases in the Middle East and US aircraft carriers in the Gulf are within range of Iranian missiles.

Tehran has also threatened to disrupt oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz in the Gulf if the United States tries to strangle Iran's economy by halting its oil exports.

"OUR PATIENCE HAS LIMITS"

In a show of support, Iranian lawmakers wore Guards' uniforms to parliament on Tuesday, chanting "Death to America" as Iran marked the annual National Day of the Revolutionary Guards, the semi-official Fars news agency reported.

"America's decision to label the Guards as a terrorist group was the peak of stupidity and ignorance of the American leadership," Fars quoted parliament Speaker Ali Larijani as saying.

Iran has so far continued to comply with the nuclear deal, but Tehran's clerical rulers have threatened to withdraw from it and to resume the suspended nuclear work if other signatories of the pact fail to protect Iran's interests.

"I am telling you (American leaders), if you pressure us, we will mass produce IR8 advanced centrifuges," Rouhani said in the speech marking Iran's National Nuclear Day.

Under the nuclear deal, sanctions imposed by the United States, European Union and United Nations were lifted in return for Iran agreeing long-term curbs on a nuclear program the West suspected was geared to developing an atom bomb.

The Trump administration says the nuclear deal did not do enough to curb Iranian meddling in regional affairs or restrict its ballistic missile program.

"Since last year, we have acquired kind of missiles that you cannot even imagine," Rouhani said, referring to Iran's determination to continue expanding its missile program despite mounting US pressure to curb it.

Co-signatories Britain, France and Germany are trying to salvage the deal and set up in January a mechanism to allow trade with Tehran and circumvent US sanctions.

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tion."

Comprising an estimated 125,000-strong military with army, navy and air units, the Guards also command the Basij, a religious volunteer paramilitary and control Iran's missile programs. Its overseas Quds forces have fought Iran's proxy wars in the region.

The US has already blacklisted dozens of entities and people for affiliations with the Guards, but not the organization as a whole.

World News.



Drivers for German company FlixBus were accused of discriminating against a group of young Israeli travelers. Photo: Reuters/Arnd Wiegmann.

Dream Trip to German Soccer Stadium for Israeli Kids Ends in Antisemitic 'Humiliation'

BY BEN COHEN

A dream trip earlier this month to see one of Germany's top soccer teams in action at their home stadium ended in an antisemitic nightmare for four Israeli children, a leading German news outlet revealed on Monday.

The youngsters — all of whom hail from economically disadvantaged families in Haifa — had traveled to Germany to see UEFA Champions League regulars Borussia Dortmund play at their famous BVB Stadion,

thanks to a financial gift from the Israeli branch of the German soccer team's fan club. But when the group boarded a bus to Amsterdam airport at the start of their journey home, their Israeli identification documents attracted the hostility of staff onboard.

"When the bus drivers saw our Israeli passports, they immediately became aggressive and humiliated us," tour guide Itamar Eli told the German publication Welt. Eli said the drivers then prevented the Israeli group from bringing their own food onto the bus, while extending the

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Party as a throwback to the idealism of Israel's past. A more dispassionate analysis requires examining the idea that a chorus line of former generals (with one ex-journalist, Yair Lapid, as their sidekick) largely mimicking his policy proposals is a better guarantee of democracy than a seasoned practitioner like Netanyahu.

In the event that Netanyahu forms the next government, Israeli democracy will be just as messy, nasty, bitter, and contentious as

same courtesy to other passengers

"I wanted to stow our food in my luggage, but one of the bus drivers suddenly told me that we had to throw it away," Eli said. "He was very aggressive and angry." Meanwhile, the driver's colleague, who moments earlier had been speaking English with another passenger, now pretended that he could not understand the language when Eli approached him for help.

Eli pointed out that the website of the bus company, FlixBus, made clear that passengers are entitled to bring food and drink on board with them.

The head of Borussia Dortmund's Israel fan club said that Eli had reached out to him immediately. "He was horrified, he wrote me a desperate message and asked me what to do," Adam Lahav told Welt. "It's very sad that something like this can happen. The group had such a great weekend — and then it ends with this humiliation."

Welt noted that the experience of the Israeli group is far from being an isolated instance. "The report of the Israeli travel group corresponds with a pattern of incidents that we observe more frequently," Daniel Poensgen — a spokesperson for the German government's Research and Information Center on Antisemitism (RIAS) — told the publication. "Israel-related antisemitism as a

it has been for the last 70 years. But, as proved to be the case with Trump, democratic rule will not end. Israel's voters will make their decision based on what they think is best for the country. Everyone else has a right to complain about the outcome, but that itself will exhibit an expression of democracy, not its downfall.

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manifestation of antisemitism is something we record in many incidents," he said.

Among the several examples cited by Poensgen was the violent assault in January on a young Israeli woman traveling by bus, who was grabbed by the hair and thrown to the ground by a man who overheard her speaking on her cellphone in Hebrew. And on seven different occasions this year, he said, Israeli flags and photographs placed in memory of Dalia Elyakim — an Israeli tourist killed during an Islamist terror attack on Berlin's Breitscheidplatz in Dec. 2016 — had been defaced or removed.

Welt also quoted a study by Dr. Dani Kranz, a social anthropologist, that surveyed 804 Israelis in Germany — more than 20 percent of whom said they had experienced antisemitism based on their nationality.

Meanwhile, FlixBus — the German bus company whose drivers were accused of discriminatory behavior by the young Israelis and their tour guide — denied that there was any substance to the group's complaint in a statement to Welt. "We regret if there were any communication difficulties, due to the language barrier," a company spokesperson said. "We take discrimination of all kinds very seriously and promote people regardless of their origin, religion, gender or sexual orientation."

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On behalf of the Igud/RAA Presidium and of the Beth Din, I extend greetings of Torah.

Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik Executive Vice - President, Rabbinical Alliance of America

July 17, 2018

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	8:30 pm	Doors Open
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staff of the Beth Shifra Institutions break up the rally. Since many of the protesters missed the Megilla reading, the staff of Beth Shifra held to Megilla readings, so those who were instrumental in breaking up the rally could observe the Mitzva properly.

The Beth Shifra rally, held at the Jewish Center of Ocean Parkway, was termed a huge success by the children and parents who attended. There was a live band and a puppet show to entertain the children.

U.S. News.

Leading Jewish, Pro-Israel Groups Praise Trump's Designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guards as Terrorist Organization

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Leading Jewish and pro-Israel advocacy groups praised the Trump administration on Monday for its decision to designate Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization.

"The IRGC has provided support and assistance to terrorist organizations and has fostered instability in the region," said Arthur Stark, Chairman and Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Vice Chairman and CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "Clearly, US sanctions on Iran are having an impact, and this additional measure will place added pressure on the regime."

The group further expressed hope that "other countries will soon follow suit and recognize that the IRGC serves as a destructive and destabilizing force throughout the Middle East and beyond."

American Jewish Committee CEO David Harris said in a statement, "Recognition of the IRGC as a key arm of Iran's global terrorism strategy is vitally important to the U.S., which first designated Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism in 1984. We applaud President Trump for taking this highly significant step."

Pro-Israel lobbying group AIPAC also applauded President Trump for the move.

AIPAC called the IRGC "the principal instrument of the Iranian regime's policy of international terrorism and regional aggression" and noted that it was "responsible for the death of hundreds of American troops in Iraq."

It also highlighted the IRGC's role in backing the Assad regime in Syria and aiding the Lebanese terror group Hezbollah.

Former senator Joseph Lieberman and ambassador Mark D. Wallace of the watchdog United Against Nuclear Iran said in a statement, "UANI applauds the Trump Administration's decision to designate the IRGC as an FTO. For years, the United States has listed Hezbollah, Kataib Hezbollah and the al-Ashtar Brigades as FTOs, but not the main source of those groups' manpower, materiel and money: the IRGC."

Beto O'Rourke: Netanyahu is 'Racist'

BY JNS.org

Former Texas representative and 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke slammed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday as a "racist" in response to the latter saying on Saturday that he would annex parts of Judea and Samaria if he wins re-election on Tuesday.

"That relationship, if it is to be successful, must transcend partisanship in the United States, and it must be able to transcend a prime minister who is racist, as he warns about Arabs coming to the polls, who wants to defy any prospect for peace as he threatens to annex the West Bank, and who has sided with a far-right, racist party in order to maintain his hold on power," said O'Rourke, campaigning in Iowa.

He added that Netanyahu does not exemplify the "true will of the Israeli people" or the "best interests" in the alliance between America and Israel.

The O'Rourke campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment regarding the candidate's stance on Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas.

Former US Sen. Joe Lieberman disagreed with O'Rourke's assessment.

"This is an ally in the midst of an election," he told Fox Business on Monday. "What I would say, and I know Prime Minister Netanyahu a long time, I agree with him a lot of the time, I sometimes disagree—he's not a racist."

"I think I understand what Mr. O'Rourke was talking about, which is that one of the groups that is a likely coalition within the Israeli political community, with the prime minister in this election, has some people in it that I don't agree that have taken ... a very ... anti-Arab position," he added.

However, Lieberman said O'Rourke's remarks were "not fair."

"Iran is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism," they added, "and the IRGC is the primary vehicle through which the regime funds terror organizations and proxies abroad."

"The IRGC's designation as the terrorists they are should serve as a major warning to any business investing in Iran and will deny Tehran the financial assistance it needs to realize its hegemonic ambitions," they said.

Pro-Israel advocacy group Christians United for Israel (CUFI) commented on the news, "In 2017, we welcomed the Treasury Department's designation of the IRGC for their support of terrorist organizations, and we now welcome the Trump Administration's designation of the IRGC as an FTO."

"The Islamic Republic is a theocratic dictatorship and the IRGC is the core source of their power," it added. "From subjugating the Iranian people to supporting terrorists and rogue regimes, the IRGC is the backbone



US President Donald Trump at the White House. Photo: Reuters/Leah Millis.

of Tehran's tyranny. We must put maximum pressure on Iran and designating the IRGC as an FTO is a good step in that direction."

Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon tweeted, "Israel thanks the US for another step to recognize Middle East realities: designating the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps a terrorist organization! The IRGC is the main exporter of Iran's regional terrorism. The world should follow this example & increase the pressure on Iran!"

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Opinion.

Trump's Love Affair with Israel and the Jewish People



SHMULEY BOTEACH
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As a Jew who travels extensively, I have found that being open about my Jewishness can be lonely. Refusing to make compromises on things like wearing a yarmulke in public in countries like France, the UK, Germany, and New Zealand, more and more stares come my way in a world where antisemitism is growing and Israel is vilified. Even the American Jewish community is feeling more and more isolated as antisemites now openly walk the halls of Congress and parties that have previously been stalwart foes of antisemitism, like the Democrats, cannot muster the moral courage to condemn Jew-hatred specifically and unequivocally.

It was for that reason that I sat in awe this weekend and watched as the president of the United States — and just two hours later the vice president of the United States — spoke at the Republican Jewish Coalition and vowed their unalloyed support of the Jewish people, Israel, and their determination to fight enemies of the Jewish people to the bone.

Hearing the most powerful man on earth acknowledge the rise of Jew-hatred all over the globe and his declaration of war against it helped to greatly assuage Jewish feelings of isolation and abandonment. Trump told us we're not in this fight alone. There will be no modern Masada. There is no Fortress Israel. The most powerful nation on earth is by Israel's side.

Much has been made of Trump's failure to fully condemn neo-Nazis in Charlottesville. Far less has been mentioned of how the President has made up for it in spades, becoming easily the most pro-Israel president in history and someone who brought the America-Israel relationship to unimaginable heights.

Trump fulfilled his campaign promises to pull the United States out of the Iran nuclear deal, to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and to move our embassy there. Now he has also recog-

nized Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights. Israelis and many Orthodox Jews recognize his contributions to the safety and security of Israel, and yet most American Jews remain hostile toward him. I have seen Jews liken him to Hitler, and refer to him as an uncommon racist and an abomination to moral values.

These are often the same people who supported President Obama's catastrophic Iranian nuclear deal, by which \$150 billion was given to Ayatollah Khamenei — a real Hitler aspirant — and are so desperate for peace agreements they are prepared to sacrifice Jerusalem to the Palestinians and the Golan Heights to the Syrians.

There is little I can say to those who still fail to recognize how disastrous the nuclear deal was given our knowledge of Iran's continued steps toward developing a nuclear bomb, its ongoing sponsorship of terror, its development of ballistic missiles, and its destabilizing actions in the Middle East that threaten the United States and Israel. Obama assured us making a deal with Iran and paying them tens of billions of dollars would suddenly cause the mullahs to reverse their hatred of the West and genocidal intentions toward Israel. Proponents of the agreement still won't admit that Obama's calculations on this issue wouldn't have passed a first-grade math test.

Many of these Jews are also mired in the fantasies created by the Oslo agreements that a two-state solution is possible and there is a Palestinian peace partner. Even Yitzhak Rabin was not prepared to give the Palestinians a state and that was at a time when there was still some hope that the Palestinians would agree to a settlement that would recognize the existence of a Jewish state beside a Palestinian one. Now most Israelis recognize this is impossible in the near future, if ever. The never-ending barrage of rockets from Gaza following Israel's evacuation has shown the folly of the land-for-peace formula as well as of those Jewish leaders who humiliated themselves and betrayed Israel by cozying up to Hamas' foremost funder, the Emir of Qatar.

But while the world turns virulently against Israel and a tsunami of antisemitism is unleashed around the globe, America has

a president who will not feed Palestinian fantasies of dividing Jerusalem. America has a president who has made clear the United States will not subsidize Palestinian terrorism and obstructionism. America has a president who recognizes the route to peace is not one-sided pressure on Israel and that the Palestinians must agree to recognize and live in peace beside the Jewish state. And America has a president who understands that radical Islam is a threat to Western civilization and is unafraid to say so, unlike Obama's comical "violent extremism," which was an affront to both its victims and common sense.

The critics of Trump on grounds of character forget that public achievement always trumps private action.

In Christianity, character is what matters most, that is, whether a person is righteous and will be saved. Judaism, however, takes an action-based approach to leadership — you look at what a man or woman does as opposed to how they comport themselves in their personal life. Christianity focuses on personal salvation and whether sinners are going to heaven. Jews are concerned about world redemption and perfecting the world even on the part of imperfect actors. It is not that character is unimportant, but Jews focus on themselves and character refinement exclusively for ten days out of 365 — during the Days of Awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The rest of the year, perfecting the world around us even as we ourselves remain highly flawed is the focus.

Bill Clinton's failure as president was not the Monica Lewinsky affair but rather a refusal to intervene in the Rwandan genocide in which 900,000 Africans were hacked to death while the president refused to meet even once with his senior staff to prevent it. Likewise, Obama's shame in never once attacking Assad for gassing Arab Muslim children will haunt his legacy forever, even as he himself remains a man whose personal life may be beyond reproach.

The relative importance of character is reflected in the Bible, in which flawed human beings engaged in questionable behavior and yet are remembered for their actions that influenced the future of the Jewish people.



US President Donald Trump and Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hold up a proclamation recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, in Washington, US March 25, 2019.

Photo: REUTERS/Leah Millis/File Photo.

We do not ignore that Jacob favored Joseph, bringing rank dysfunction into his family, or that David had a relationship with Bathsheba, or that Moses disobeyed God and was denied entrance to the Holy Land. However, without Jacob there would be no Jewish people. Without Moses, there would be no Jewish liberation and no Jewish faith. And without David, there would be no Jerusalem, no Jewish sovereignty, and no Jewish state.

America's leaders have all been flawed, but we remember them more for their deeds than their character. Think about Thomas Jefferson and his relationship with Sally Hemings. Our third president fathered at least six children with his slave, yet we remember him as the author, quite literally, of our independence. Similarly, we do not think of Franklin Roosevelt as the man who died in warm springs Georgia with his mistress Lucy Mercer Rutherford by his side in a rendezvous arranged by his daughter Anna, but as the man who defeated Hitler. We do not believe John F. Kennedy's infidelities canceled out his courage in staring down the Soviets in the Cuban Missile Crisis, starting us on our path to the moon, and giving voice to America as a beacon of democracy.

This is not to say that Donald Trump should be immune from criticism. But he must be given credit for striking the tyrant Assad, pushing back against Iranian genocidal aspirations, and most of all, standing with the Jewish people while the rest of the world once again falls prey to the world's oldest hatred.

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What Happened During Duke's 'Israeli Apartheid Week'?



AMY ROSENTHAL
NEW YORK

The anti-Israel rhetoric never stops in my community. Maybe it's the academia here in the Chapel Hill/Durham, North Carolina area, which is home to the University of North Carolina (UNC) and Duke University.

But whatever it is, the anti-Israel events here come fast and furious.

For example, two weeks ago, Duke and UNC held a joint three-day conference on Gaza that was entirely from the Arab perspective.

Next, Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) at UNC hosted a "Palestine is Here" event with speaker Eran Efrati, the director of the antisemitic Researching the American-Israeli Alliance. Efrati's talk claimed that training with Israel leads to militarization of US police forces. The city of Durham already fell for this false accusation a year ago, which resulted in the first, and only ban in the country against police training with Israel.

The following weekend, Linda Sarsour came to visit. She gave her anti-Israel agenda a twist, claiming that Japanese Americans had been placed in "concentration camps" in America, and that Muslims might be next.

Immediately after Sarsour's visit, Students for Justice in Palestine at Duke University held their "Israeli Apartheid Week."

Out of curiosity, I attended the coffeehouse panel discussion "On Palestine and Solidarity Between Struggles: An Interactive Panel Discussion." There were six panelists and 12 attendees. One panelist spoke of how important it is to care for oppressed people around the world, but later said that the US should not be involved or active in any foreign country. When one student pointed out this contradiction, the student was shut down.

The next day, the sun was shining on the large "occupation" and "apartheid" wall that SJP students displayed, which was covered in anti-Israel propaganda. The wall took up the entire stage section part of the plaza outside the student union. Other student groups, including a pro-Israel group, had small bridge tables on the lower level.



The Israeli 'Apartheid Wall' at Duke University in 2019. Photo: Amy Rosenthal.

That evening, there was a panel discussion in a campus classroom: "Connecting Palestine and BLM [Black Lives Matter]." Twenty-two people attended. One panelist claimed to be a history major at nearby North Carolina Central University. He said, "What's going on in Palestine is the most inhumane condition going on in this world." I guess he hasn't heard of Syria, Yemen, or North Korea, to name a few. He went on to demonize Israel, calling it a settler colonial state that was engaged in "a bloody ethnic cleansing to racialize genocide."

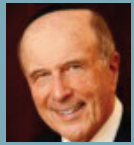
He spoke with admiration about the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a known terrorist organization, calling it the "Marxist-centered revolutionary socialist wing of the Palestinian freedom movement." He bragged about meeting hunger strikers, saying that "all Palestinian prisoners are political prisoners."

Most speakers expressed concern about the power of Christian Zionism. One Duke student said, "Palestinian black liberation theology is crucial to combating Christian Zionism."

The keynote speaker, Nadya Tannous, spoke before about 40 people, nearly all

Opinion.

After AIPAC, Balancing Bipartisanship and Being Thankful



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King Solomon provides an important lesson about the Jewish concept of gratitude, *hakarat hatov*, in the Book of Proverbs.

"Evil will never depart from the home of one who repays good with evil," Solomon wrote.

That verse is the ultimate statement of God's commitment to a just world, and the ultimate challenge to humanity in general and the Jewish people in particular.

If we are commanded to be grateful and threatened so harshly if we are not, it is important to examine our individual behavior and that of the Jewish people as a whole.

This is true when it comes to politics in Washington, especially recently, when some 18,000 Jews gathered in Washington, DC for the annual AIPAC Policy Conference to demonstrate their unwavering support for Israel.

Attending this year's conference, it was clear that many of the attendees are facing moral and strategic dilemmas due to the nuances of American and Israeli political realities.

Even the harshest critics of President Donald Trump admit that what he has done for Israel over the past two and a half years is extraordinary and unequalled. Moving the American embassy to Jerusalem, fighting for Israel at the United Nations, and now recognizing Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights are foremost among his game-changing steps that must be appreciated.

The people who aren't showing gratitude to Trump have good reasons. They believe he has not done enough to stop the rhetoric that they believe has led to antisemitism, like the horrible massacre at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue. Many are not able to compartmentalize their support for Trump's Israel policies if they are disgusted by his policies on other issues that they care about, and by Trump's personal behavior.

Some of them even say we should not applaud the steps the president has taken too loudly, because it could alienate his Democratic opponents. After all, bipartisanship is Israel's top strategic asset.

That attitude goes against what Solomon wrote.

The truth is that even Israel advocates who despise President Trump have an obliga-

tion to thank him loud and clear. A true friend of Israel would not silence our gratitude.

The people who oppose bipartisanship also have good reasons. They believe the Democrats haven't done enough to distance and discipline the antisemites in their party. The Democratic candidates who gave in to pressure to boycott the conference reinforced those legitimate fears.

There are also those on the Republican side who think bipartisanship is no longer necessary, because Trump and others in his party are so pro-Israel when compared with Democratic presidential contenders, many of whom have unfairly criticized Israel and allowed antisemitism to raise its ugly head unchecked.

But that also goes against Proverbs.

Bipartisanship has served Israel well for decades. A true friend of Israel would not suggest giving it up.

The needs for bipartisanship and gratitude do not cancel each other out. They go hand in hand, even at a time of severe polarization in America and Israel.

This delicate balancing act between gratitude and bipartisanship is definitely a challenge, but it is a welcome one. It is so much better than what Jewish communities around the world have endured for centuries, with little to be thankful for and no party to



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) addresses the 2019 AIPAC Policy Conference on March 26 in Washington, D.C.
Photo: Screenshot

cheer for. Showing gratitude for Israel's bipartisan relationship with Washington is a good way of fulfilling Solomon's advice that good will be repaid with more good.

May the State of Israel be the kind of home for the Jewish people that avoids all evil and merits true goodness, justice, and peace. May we always be relentless and unified in that effort.

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"cross movement building," and praised the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

What have I learned by attending these events? They never discuss:

Terrorism against Israelis.

Teaching Palestinian children to hate and kill Jews.

The rejection of Palestinians by neighboring Muslim countries.

SJP is not about peace or justice, and "Israeli Apartheid Week" is pure propaganda. Its goal is to indoctrinate students to support the destruction of the only Jewish country in the world. Why is this allowed on college campuses?

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students. Her agenda was to demonize and destroy Israel.

"When I talk about Palestine, I mean '48 and '67," she said — in other words, all of Israel. She called Israel a "white supremacist nation." She claimed that Jews "don't need the land in order to eat," but Palestinians do. Of course, she also failed to mention Palestinian terrorism.

Tannous is sad when Gaza is being bombed. But is she sad when thousands of rockets are launched against Israeli citizens?

She said, "I come from a place called Yaffa" — but later, "I'm from the Bay Area, born and raised." She spoke of the importance of

Why Did a North Carolina County Fund Linda Sarsour's Hate Speech?



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CHAPEL HILL

Palestinian-American and Women's March leader Linda Sarsour was the keynote speaker on March 31 in Hillsborough, North Carolina in honor of "Women's History Month." Sponsored by Orange County's Department of Human Rights & Relations and the Orange County Human Relations Commission, Sarsour was reportedly paid \$5,000 plus expenses. The total cost to date is \$9,298.

The Women's March has been rocked in recent months by charges that its leaders are antisemitic, and have close associations with the Nation of Islam. As a result, many organizations have withdrawn from the movement, including the Democratic National Committee, Greenpeace, the National Council of Jewish Women, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which also withdrew, designates the Nation of Islam as a hate group. The Anti-Defamation League explains, "The longtime leader of the Nation of Islam, [Louis] Farrakhan's name has become virtually synonymous with anti-Semitism. He's the pied-piper of hate."

Instead of distancing herself from this hate group, Sarsour's security for the Orange County event was Terence Muhammad, who has "worked at the Nation of Islam" and tweeted, "I'm an EXTREMELY Proud, Active, and Known citizen/soldier of the Nation of Islam. @LouisFarrakhan." Muhammad, who has also provided security for Farrakhan, wrote that "9/11 was caused by Israel/The USA government" and "America and Israel" are terrorists.

After all the criticism that Women's March leaders have received about antisemitism, does Sarsour still not understand or care about the message she sends by associating with the Nation of Islam? In addition to antisemitism, the Nation of Islam is known for its "deeply racist" and "anti-LGBT rhetoric." How exactly are Jews, the LGBTQ community, and "white liberals" to feel welcomed into the Women's March with leaders like Sarsour?

As I have previously reported, Sarsour used this Orange County platform to applaud the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel, repeatedly attack the Jewish state, and trivialize the Holocaust. Sarsour also equated capitalism with racism, complained that "white liberals" are a major obstacle to social justice, and said that she is near supporting the abolition of the police and prison systems.

Shortly before the event, registrants received an official email message from the county government stating, "Photographic, sound, or video recording of program without written permission is strictly prohibited. Unauthorized photographs, video, or other recordings may be cause for removal from the program venue."

Yet Sarsour's contract with Orange County did not prevent her from being recorded by the audience. It did call for Orange County to be able to publish "highlight clips," and not the full speech and program. Orange County could have live-streamed the event — as they do public meetings held in the



Linda Sarsour, left, and Tamika Mallory during the Third Annual Women's March in Washington, D.C., Jan. 19, 2019.
Photo: Reuters / Joshua Roberts.

very same room — but it did not.

During Sarsour's talk, I witnessed a staff member repeatedly ask a pro-Israel attendee to stop recording. The attendee, who wore a t-shirt with prominent "Israel" lettering, was the only person I saw who was so approached.

Yet, during the event, Sarsour's guard was freely taking pictures and posted at least one video complete with narration on Facebook. Even I briefly appear in this video — without my permission. Orange County taxpayers, including myself, were forced to fund this event, which was reportedly cost almost twice the annual budget for programming. We were told not to record, but Linda Sarsour's security guard was permitted to openly record the audience and publicly show it. Usually it is the speaker being recorded, not the audience.

Muhammad also posted a five minute video on Facebook of Sarsour speaking. The video was clearly taken from one of the front row seats at the event, which seemed to be reserved for Orange County officials and their guests. Surely Orange County officials saw the person recording — or perhaps it was an Orange County official doing the recording. How and why was Muhammad allowed to have this video, and why was he permitted to publicly post it on his Facebook account?

Why did this Orange County event have two different sets of rules? Were there "Jew rules" and then rules for everyone else?

At the Orange County Board of Commissioners meeting on April 2, the first public commenter pointed out that on March 7, Annette Moore, Director of Human Rights & Relations, informed the Orange County Board of Commissioners about the Women's History Month event being planned for March 31, saying, "I can't tell you the speaker's name yet." The Board of Commissioners then approved the event — without even knowing that Sarsour was the speaker.

A soft-spoken senior citizen said to the commissioners: "I would like to see a show of hands from you who supported the engagement." Several of the commissioners responded, "We all did," but then quickly corrected themselves by saying "all but one."

The commenter then asked if any of the commissioners opposed Sarsour speaking, to which the Chair snapped, "Let's continue on. This is not a back and forth." Apparently, Orange County can spend almost \$10,000 on hosting a divisive, antisemitic speaker, but an Orange County senior citizen is scolded because she asked to know which commissioners opposed it.

Commissioners praised the Sarsour event, with one calling it "powerful" and "inspiring." Only one Orange County Commissioner disapproved of Sarsour speaking. Commissioner Earl McKee told me: "I only know that I had no part of any of this and am sure that many other well-qualified women could have

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Impressions.

The Intersectional, Antisemitic ‘Deadly Exchange’ Campaign Comes to Campus

BY MIRIAM F. ELMAN

Now in its 15th year, Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW) is in full swing at many university and college campuses on five continents and across the United States.

On offer this year is the typical assortment of simplistic, offensive, and obsessively anti-Israel posters, art work, wall murals, guest lectures and panels, and film screenings — along with the usual obnoxious stunts that have long been a staple of this annual springtime hate fest.

A lot of IAW’s propaganda gets recycled from year to year. Case in point: the mock eviction notices that Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) activists taped to dorm room doors at Georgia’s Emory University last week, to mimic those that Palestinians are allegedly routinely issued by Israel for “no other reason than their ethnicity” and to “cleanse the region of its Arab inhabitants.”

One blogger observed that Emory’s SJP left exactly the same flyers that had been used in a spate of intimidating “dorm storming” hoaxes on campuses back in 2014.

But for this year’s IAW, virulently anti-Israel campus activist groups, like SJP and the radical and fringe Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) are also inventing some new ways to delegitimize Israel and demoralize Jewish and pro-Israel students.

Take the undeniably antisemitic “Deadly Exchange” campaign, which is making its debut on various campuses during this year’s IAW, especially at schools in the Boston area.

Launched several years ago by JVP, “Deadly Exchange” falsely blames Israel and its American-Jewish supporters for fueling police brutality and discriminatory policing practices against minority communities in America, and militarizing the approach to crime and public protests.

At its root, the campaign traffics in tropes and canards about Jewish power in order to accuse Israel and US-based Jewish organizations, like the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), for conspiring to harm and oppress American black and brown people.

The “deadly exchange” supposedly happens, according to JVP, because the ADL is funding and sponsoring American-Israeli police exchange programs and counter-terrorism seminars where US law-enforcement officials allegedly learn “worst practices.”

Until now “Deadly Exchange” has largely been an off-campus initiative, with the campaign scoring some recent wins in Northampton, Massachusetts and in Vermont, where police officials recently pulled out of a planned ADL-sponsored counter-terrorism training seminar in Israel — and in Durham, North Carolina, which last year became the first city in America to impose a total ban on law-enforcement training with Israel.

But the fact that “Deadly Exchange” is now popping up at IAW shows that JVP and its allies are eager to mobilize students and to move this horrible campaign out of municipalities and local govern-

ments, and onto campuses.

Giving talks on the topic of “Deadly Exchange” last week at Wellesley College and Tufts University was San Francisco State University professor Rabab Abdulhadi, an ethnic studies and feminist studies scholar who has no expertise whatsoever in criminal justice or counter-terrorism. Abdulhadi achieved notoriety last year for saying that Zionists should not be welcome on her campus.

A search on Google Scholar doesn’t bring up any academic journal articles or books that she’s written about US policing practices, much less Israel’s national police force or its rules of engagement vis-à-vis violent protesters, which were in fact quite lax but out of necessity have been toughened up in recent years.

Also slated to speak about “Deadly Exchange” last week during IAW at the University of North

cops on the beat. These are ludicrous accusations that make sense only to those who see Israel as a unifying evil force in the world, tied to issues that have no actual connection to the Jewish state.

But it is Tufts University’s SJP chapter that actually wins the prize for this shameful abuse of the intersectionality paradigm. In addition to hosting Efrati, last week it also sponsored a “Drag the Deadly Exchange!” event. Israel is the only country in the entire Middle East that guarantees rights for LGBT+ people, while Palestinian LGBT+ people in the West Bank and Gaza face endemic discrimination and persecution, and have few legal protections. Yet Tufts-SJP saw fit to appropriate the drag community’s pride, hijacking it for a vehemently anti-Israel message.

On campuses like Tufts, where a full-blown “Deadly Exchange” campaign is already underway,



An ‘apartheid wall’ erected by Students for Justice in Palestine at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Photo: SJP at UIUC.

Carolina at Chapel Hill, Tufts University, and Boston University was Eran Efrati, an “investigative researcher” and the Director of Researching the American-Israeli Alliance (RAIA). Efrati has actually written on law enforcement policies in the US and Israel — but mostly for JVP and, best I can tell, not in any peer-reviewed outlets. Efrati’s RAIA is an organization whose sole purpose is to provide false data and misleading reports for the “Deadly Exchange” campaign.

A Board member of JVP and formerly an analyst for the widely discredited Israel-based NGO Breaking the Silence, Efrati is supposed to lend a scholarly patina to JVP’s propaganda. But, as I highlighted in an article for Legal Insurrection last year, the reality is that Efrati’s bogus research, packaged into slick multi-media materials, rests on inaccurate and misleading information, all stemming from his overarching demonizing perspective on Israel.

As I showed, Efrati claims without a shred of credible evidence that a US police chief’s participation in a week-long counter-terrorism seminar in Israel determines his or her police department’s procurement decisions and drives the behavior of

IAW campaigners are trying to convince progressive students that if they care about social justice issues like policing problems and prison reform or Black Lives Matter, then they must also revile Israel and detest its supporters, who stand accused of complicity in the suffering of blacks, Latinos, Native Americans, and other minorities. Make no mistake. There can be no doubt that “Deadly Exchange” is a vicious antisemitic campaign that scapegoats American Jews for societal ills. Campus leaders must not hesitate to speak out unequivocally against it.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: MMS ANALYTICS, LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/31/2019 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: MMS Analytics,LLC 2146 E. 21st St., Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: all lawful activity
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: LINDSEY L. ALLEN LLC Articles of Organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY)on 02/15/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to Lindsey L Allen 467 Troutman St.,APT. 3D Brooklyn New York 11237 . Purpose: All lawful activity
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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: MAXIOMATIC LLC Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 12/28/2018 Office location: County of Kings Purpose: Any and all lawful activities Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: c/o Premier Tax & Financial Services 121 West 27th, Suite 1003A New York, NY 10001
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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Gwendolyn Rossi, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/4/19 and entered on 2/11/19, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 25, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 756 East 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. 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: 8006, LOT: 62 and 63. Approximate amount of judgment is \$657,122.50 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 507529/2013. Randolph Jackson, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 3/22/29; 4/5/12

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: GREAT VALUE LAB LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 02/01/2019 . Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Network solutions & tax consulting 105-16 Jamaica Ave. Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Purpose: all lawful activity
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: A TRIBE CALLED GRAPE LLC. Articles Of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 03/12/2019. 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 process to: Oluwaseun Olushoga 2050 Seward AVE Apt 6K Bronx, NY 10473 .Purpose: All lawful activity
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: 40 DEHART LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on : 06/12/2018. 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: Begator Hila 1721 Bath Ave Brooklyn, NY 11214 purpose: all lawful activity
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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Paulette McKenzie, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/14/2018 and entered on 12/3/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 02, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1157 ST. JOHNS PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11213-2642. 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: 1251, LOT: 44. Approximate amount of judgment is \$566,075.97 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 014914/2009. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Ira Greene, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-10, Pltf. vs. GEORGE MARSHALL, et al, Defts. Index #6326-13. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Mar. 16, 2017 and order entered Feb. 8, 2019, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on May 2, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 1015 East 84th Street, Brooklyn, NY. Said property beginning at a point on the easterly side of East 84th St., distant 100 ft. southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of 84th St. with the southerly side of Avenue J, being a plot 100 ft. x 30 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$669,565.83 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale and the right of the United States of America to redeem within 120 days from the date of sale as provide by

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law. DAVID HERNANDEZ, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #96675
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MANA 2007-A1, Plaintiff, vs. FABIENNE NELSON, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 18, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 2, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 933 East 106th 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 8214 and Lot 28. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 19374/13. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 3/29; 4/5/12/19/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, Plaintiff -against- Yehoshua C. Rubin a/k/a Y.C. Rubin a/k/a Yehoshua Chaim Rubin, Yenty Rubin, Blima Rubin, City of New York Environmental Control Board, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, John Smith (name refused), Jane Smith (name refused), Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on October 22, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on May 2, 2019 at 2:30 PM premises known as 4922 11th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS and State of New York. Block: 5639 Lot: 59 Approximate amount of lien \$278,518.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 511161/2016 Steven Naiman, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: March 19, 2019 FILE #: SAN CONSUMER 71222
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff against GALO MONTESDEOCA A/K/A GALO MONTESDEOCA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 28, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 2nd day of May, 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

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the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11221. (Block: 3284, Lot: 39). Approximate amount of lien \$ 639,228.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 7907-13. Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue - Suite 840 New York, NY. 10170 (347) 286-7409
AJ; 3/29; 4/5/12/19/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-WMC2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2, Plaintiff AGAINST Sadaqat Choudhary a/k/a Sadaqat A. Choudhary; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 14, 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 May 2, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 7601 20th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11214. 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 6240 Lot 10. Approximate amount of judgment \$732,600.13 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500807/2015. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: March 5, 2019
AJ; 3/29; 4/5/12/19/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-5, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-5, Plaintiff AGAINST ROBERT J. ADAMS, Jr. and DIANA ADAMS, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 20, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on May 02, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1265 67TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11219. 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 5760, LOT 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$510,492.50 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 1679/2014. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 62031
AJ; 3/29; 4/5/12/19/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, N. A., Plaintiff AGAINST Araina R. Carino, Individually and as Co-Administratrix of the Estate of Raymond Garvey; Raymond J. Garvey a/k/a Raymond J. Garvey, Jr., Individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Raymond Garvey; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 14, 2019 I, the undersigned

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Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 2, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2154 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8537 Lot 67. Approximate amount of judgment \$325,116.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 510688/2016. Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: March 4, 2019 61868
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. PENTEX HOLDINGS, LLC, Pltf. vs. DAPHNE RODNEY, et al, Defts. Index #511699/2014. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Aug. 27, 2018 and order entered Mar. 8, 2019, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on May 2, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 716 Logan Street, Brooklyn, NY. Said property beginning at a point on the Westerly side of Logan St., distant 298 ft. Northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Westerly side of Logan St. with the Northerly side of Hegeman Ave., being a plot 100 ft. x 24 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$471,392.39 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DANA JENKINS, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #96723
AJ; 3/29; 4/5/12/19/

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - HUBERT CLARKE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 25, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 2nd Day of May, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. 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 known as 9023 Ave B, Brooklyn, (City of New York) NY 11236. (Block: 4750, Lot: 1) Approximate amount of lien \$206,479.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500186/2017. Shmuel D. Taub, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: March 4, 2019
AJ; 3/29; 4/5/12/19/

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF NEW CENTURY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-A, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff - against - DAVID ARONOWICZ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale granted on April 30, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will

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Tradition.

The Power of Speech



JONATHAN SACKS
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As we saw in Parshat Tazria, the Sages identify tzara'at – the condition that affects human skin, the fabric of garments, and the walls of a house – not as an illness but as a punishment, and not for any sin but for one specific sin, that of lashon hara, evil speech.

This prompts the obvious question: Why evil speech and not some other sin? Why should speaking be worse than, say, physical violence? There is an old English saying: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me." It is unpleasant to hear bad things said about you, but surely no more than that.

There is not even a direct prohibition against evil speech in the Torah. There is a prohibition against gossip: "Do not go around as a gossip among your people" (Lev. 19:16). Lashon hara is a subset of this larger command. Here is how Maimonides defines it: "There is a far greater sin that falls under this prohibition [of gossip]. It is 'the evil tongue,' which refers to whoever speaks disparagingly of his fellow, even though he speaks the truth."



The Sages go to remarkable lengths to emphasize its seriousness. It is, they say, as bad as all three cardinal sins together – idol worship, bloodshed, and illicit sexual relations. Whoever speaks with an evil tongue, they say, is as if he denied God. They also say: it is forbidden to dwell in the vicinity of any of those with an evil tongue, and all the more to sit with them and to listen to their words. Why are mere words treated with such seriousness in Judaism?

The answer touches on one of the most basic principles of Jewish belief. There are ancient cultures who worshipped the gods because they saw them as powers: lightning, thunder, the rain and sun, the sea and ocean that epitomized the forces of chaos, and sometimes wild animals that represented danger and fear. Judaism was not a religion that worshipped power, despite the fact that God is more powerful than any pagan deity.

Judaism, like other religions, has holy places, holy people, sacred times, and consecrated rituals. What made Judaism different, however, is that it is supremely a religion of holy

words. With words God created the universe: "And God said, Let there be...and there was." Through words He communicated with humankind. In Judaism, language itself is holy. That is why lashon hara, the use of language to harm, is not merely a minor offence. It involves taking something that is holy and using it for purposes that are unholy. It is a kind of desecration.

After creating the universe, God's first gift to the first man was the power to use words to name the animals, and thus to use language to classify. This was the start of the intellectual process that is the distinguishing mark of Homo sapiens. The Targum translates the phrase, "And man became a living creature" (Gen. 2:7) as "a speaking spirit." Evolutionary biologists nowadays take the view that it was the demands of language and the advantage this gave humans over every other life form that led to the massive expansion of the human brain.

When God sought to halt the plan of the people of Babel to build a tower that would reach heaven, He merely "confused their language" so they were unable to communicate. Language remains basic to the existence of human groups. It was the rise of nationalism in the nineteenth century that led to the gradual downplaying of regional dialects in favour of a single shared language across the territory over which a political authority had sovereignty. To this day, differences of language, where they exist within a single nation, are the source of ongoing political and social friction, for example between English and French speakers in Canada; Dutch, French, German, and Walloon speakers in Belgium; and the Spanish and Basque (also known as Euskara) languages in Spain. God created the natural universe with words. We create – and sometimes destroy – the social universe with words.

So the first principle of language in Judaism is that it is creative. We create worlds with words. The second principle is no less fundamental. Abrahamic monotheism introduced into the world the idea of a God who transcends the universe, and who therefore cannot be identified with any phenomenon within the universe. God is invisible. Hence in Judaism all religious images and icons are a sign of idolatry.

How then does an invisible God reveal Himself? Revelation was not a problem for polytheism. The pagans saw gods in the panoply of nature that surrounds us, making us feel small in its vastness and powerless in the face of its fury. A God who cannot be seen or even represented in images demands an altogether different kind of religious sensibility. Where can such a God be found?

The answer again is: in words.

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sell at public auction in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 2nd Day of May, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 25 Paerdegat 13th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. (Block: 8071, Lot: 28) Approximate amount of lien \$392,277.50 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 18367/2009. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 Dated: February 5, 2019 AJ; 3/29; 4/5/12/19/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: FLEURDEMAVIE LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 02/01/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Fleurdemavie 1218 E. 55th Street Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 4/5/12/19/26; 5/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-11, Plaintiff AGAINST Iliya Honovich; Isaac Chkouri; 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 May 9, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1809 Voorhies Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235-3608. 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 7463 Lot 49. Approximate amount of judgment \$920,035.05 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20473-13. Gregory M. Laspina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: March 22, 2019 62242 AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST THAKOR MADHOO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 27, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on May 09, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 205 HALE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3960, LOT 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$651,242.34

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plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 512152/2015. LEONARD C. SPECTOR, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 62047 AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2008-1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-1, Plaintiff against THEODORE GILKES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 25, 2019. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 9th day of May, 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, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1062 East 105th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11236. (Block: 8231, Lot: 67). Approximate amount of lien \$ 434,483.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 511969-14. Leonard C. Spector, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street – Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900 AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. COREY MILLER, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 28, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 9, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1768 Bergen 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 1357 and Lot 30. Approximate amount of judgment is \$774,237.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 11898/2013. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Mavrides Moyal Packman Sadkin, 276 Fifth Avenue, Suite 404, New York, New York 10001, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 507722/2018 Date Filed: 3/26/2019 Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- Moshe Moskowitz, if he be living or dead, his spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; City of New York Environmental Control Board; City of New York Parking Violations Bureau; City of New York Transit Adjudication Bureau; State of New York; and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants

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of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1818 48th Street, Brooklyn, NY 1204 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the days of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Noach Dear, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Kings County, entered March 18, 2019 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Kings County Clerk's Office. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$249,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Kings County Office of the City Register on July 5, 2004, in CRFN: 2004000410948 covering premises known as 1818 48th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11204 a/k/a Block 5450, Lot 14. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Kings County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Re-dated: 3-26-19 Frank M. Cassara, Esq. Senior Associate Attorney SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (585) 247-9000 Fax: (585) 247-7380 our File No. 18-070502 #96764 AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: DAVIS/LEE PROJECTS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 12/14/2018. Office location: Kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of *Continued on Page A12*

Social.



Madonna performing during her MDNA Tour 2012 at Key Arena in Seattle. Photo: Ronald Woan/Wikimedia Commons.

Madonna to Perform at Eurovision Finals in Tel Aviv

BY JNS.org

The Michigan-born music icon Madonna will perform two songs, including one from her upcoming album, at the Eurovision Song Contest grand finale in Tel Aviv on May 18, announced Israeli public broadcaster KAN and concert organizer Live Nation on Monday.

Yediot Achronot first reported the development.

Israeli-Canadian billionaire Sylvan Adams will cover the \$1.3 million cost to bring in the superstar, who last performed in Israel in 2012 when she kicked off her world tour in Tel Aviv.

"I'm excited and proud to host Madonna in Israel

and to bring her to the Eurovision, which will be held in Tel Aviv," said Adams in a statement on Monday evening. "I believe that the performance of Madonna at the Eurovision, accompanied by dozens of professional backup dancers, will make a significant contribution to the success of the event and to the strengthening of Israel's positive branding in the world."

Overall, Madonna will have a 65-person entourage.

Live Nation, said Adams, "saw the importance of bringing the iconic singer to Tel Aviv and creating a memorable, historic performance."

Eurovision, to be held at Tel Aviv's convention center, will consist of two semi-finals on May 14 and May 16, with the final on May 18.

tion in the past, said she was initially excited about the potential partnership.

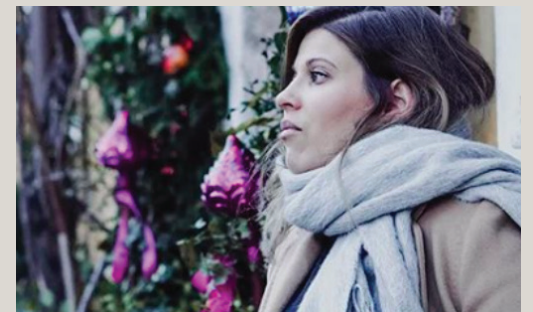
But when TheWanderingCouples privately messaged Glass last week to follow up with some additional questions, they asked her "Are you Jew?" to which Glass replied, "Yes, why does that matter?"

The account responded saying, "Yes, it matters for me. Sorry, can't feature you."

Glass, who works in e-commerce, blocked the account immediately after their exchange and reported it to Instagram on the grounds of hate speech. She was disappointed when the Facebook-owned social networking service replied saying they could not take action because the account was not publicly posting anything that represented hate speech.

Glass, originally a Connecticut native, tried to alert other social media users about the bigoted page. She told The Algemeiner that "a handful" of others have since reported the account to Instagram, which has over 1 billion users.

TheWanderingCouples did not respond to The Algemeiner's request for a comment.



Katelyn Glass. Photo: Instagram.

"Stigma and discrimination exist across the world, and each one of us has the responsibility of fighting it," said the co-director of Jewish Girls Travel, another Instagram account which tried to spread the word.

Glass said she had never before been discriminated against for her Jewish faith and that the experience was "eye-opening." Her motivation in speaking out, she said, was because "I wanted people to see that the hatred is real."

"I honestly had no idea what to say or how to even respond. I just wanted other people to be aware," she explained. "My boyfriend is also non-Jewish and he was like 'Oh my God, this is crazy. I can't believe that' and it's sort of a sad world we live in where I just said, 'Yeah, this isn't the first time you're gonna hear something antisemitic and this isn't going to be the last time.'"

Glass believes Instagram should take a closer look at how hate speech incidents are handled. "Just because someone doesn't directly post something that doesn't necessarily mean it doesn't exist," she said. "So it would be great if they could react, but at the same time I understand how Instagram works and I just don't really count on them doing anything."

Instagram has come under fire in the past for its failure to adequately address antisemitic material on the site. In March the app faced criticism for declining to remove an offending picture uploaded by conspiracy theorist Alex Jones, saying the account had not violated its community rules. Last year researchers noted an increase in antisemitic posts from far-right users of Instagram and Twitter, and concluded that the services are not doing enough to combat the prejudice.

New York Woman Calls for Instagram Action After Travel Page Tells Her it Won't Feature Jews

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A Jewish woman in New York wants photo-sharing giant Instagram to remove an account that refused to collaborate with her because of her Jewish heritage, she told The Algemeiner late last week.

"I personally don't believe this user should be allowed on platforms like this," said Katelyn Glass, 32. "I would love if Instagram could remove the account, but that's sort of like wishing for world peace. I don't think Instagram or Facebook will ever really stand against hate in that way."

A few weeks ago, an Instagram account that goes by the handle TheWanderingCouples messaged Glass asking if they could republish a photo of her and her boyfriend on their page. The account posts photos of couples in beautiful locations around the world and describes itself as a "travelling couples community." It uploaded its first images in November 2018, and as of the time of publication boasts 5,260 followers. The Algemeiner was unable to determine additional details about the page's managers.

Glass, who said she had been following the page for a while and had looked to the account for travel inspira-

Tradition.

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God spoke. He spoke to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses. At the revelation at Mount Sinai, as Moses reminded the Israelites, “The Lord spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice” (Deut. 4:12). In Judaism, words are the vehicle of revelation. The prophet is the man or woman who hears and speaks the word of God. That was the phenomenon that neither Spinoza nor Einstein could understand. They could accept the idea of a God who created heaven and earth, the force of forces and cause of causes, the originator of, as we call it nowadays, the Big Bang, the God who was the architect of matter and the composer of order. God, Einstein famously said, “does not play dice with the universe.” Indeed, it is ultimately faith in the universe as the product of a single creative intelligence that underlies the scientific mindset from the outset.

Judaism calls this aspect of God Elokim. But we believe in another aspect of God also, which we call Hashem, the God of relationship – and relationship exists by virtue of speech. For it is speech that allows us to communicate with others and share with them our fears, hopes, loves, plans, feelings, and intentions. Speech allows us to convey our inwardness to others. It is at the very heart of the human bond. A God who could create universes but not speak or listen would be an impersonal god – a god incapable of understanding what makes us human. Worshipping such a god would be like bowing down to the sun or to a giant computer. We might care about it but it could not care about us. That is not the God of Abraham.

Words are remarkable in another way as well. We can use language not just to describe or assert. We can use it to create new moral facts. The Oxford philosopher J. L. Austin called this special use of language “performative utterance.” The classic example is making a promise. When I make a promise, I create an obligation that did not exist before. Nietzsche believed that the ability to make a promise was the birth of morality and human responsibility.

Hence the idea at the heart of Judaism: brit, covenant, which is nothing other than a mutually binding promise between God and human beings. What defines the special relationship between the Jewish people and God is not that He brought them from slavery to freedom. He did that, says the prophet Amos, to other people as well: “Did I not bring Israel up from Egypt, the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Arameans from Kir?” (Amos 9:7). It is the fact that at Sinai, God and Israel entered into a mutual pledge that linked them in an everlasting bond.

Covenant is the word that joins heaven and earth, the word spoken, the word heard, the word affirmed and honoured in trust. For that reason, Jews were able to survive exile. They may have lost their home, their land, their power, their freedom, but they still had God’s

word, the word He said He would never break or rescind. The Torah, in the most profound sense, is the word of God, and Judaism is the religion of holy words.

It follows that to misuse or abuse language to sow suspicion and dissension is not just destructive. It is sacrilege. It takes something holy, the human ability to communicate and thus join soul to soul, and use it for the lowest of purposes, to divide soul from soul and destroy the trust on which non-coercive relationships depend.

That, according to the Sages, is why the speaker of lashon hara was smitten by leprosy and forced to live as a pariah outside the camp. The punishment was measure for measure:

What is special about the person afflicted with tzara’at that the Torah says, “He shall live alone; he must live outside the camp” (Lev. 13:46)? The Holy One, Blessed Be He, said, “Since this person sought to create division between man and wife, or a person and his neighbour, [he is punished by being divided from the community], which is why it says, ‘Let him live alone, outside the camp.’”

Language, in Judaism, is the basis of creation, revelation, and the moral life. It is the air we breathe as social beings. Hence the statement in Proverbs (18:21), “Death and life are in the power of the tongue.” Likewise, the verse in Psalms, “Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies” (Ps. 34:13–14).

Judaism emerged as an answer to a series of questions: How can finite human beings be connected to an infinite God? How can they be connected to one another? How can there be co-operation, collaboration, collective action, families, communities, and a nation, without the coercive use of power? How can we form relationships of trust? How can we redeem the human person from his or her solitude? How can we create collective liberty such that my freedom is not bought at the cost of yours?

The answer is: through words, words that communicate, words that bind, words that honour the Divine Other and the human other. Lashon hara, “evil speech,” by poisoning language, destroys the very basis of the Judaic vision. When we speak disparagingly of others, we diminish them, we diminish ourselves, and we damage the very ecology of freedom.

That is why the Sages take lashon hara so seriously, why they regard it as the gravest of sins, and why they believe that the entire phenomenon of tzara’at, leprosy in people, mildew in clothes and houses, was God’s way of making it public and stigmatised.

Never take language lightly, implies the Torah. For it was through language that God created the natural world, and through language that we create and sustain our social world. It is as essential to our survival as the air we breathe.

Shabbat shalom

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been asked to speak. ... This type of conduct will continue until folks rise up and put a stop to it, either through public pressure or at the polls.”

At the April 2 meeting, one taxpayer shared her disappointment when she attempted to meet with Orange County Commissioner Mark Marcopolo about the event. According to this citizen, Marcopolo replied, “No, send me an email. I’m not really interested in talking to you.”

With about 110 people attending Sarsour’s speech, many, as a form of protest, Orange County taxpayers were forced to spend almost \$100 a ticket for this divisive anti-Israel, anti-police, Holocaust trivializing event. Taxpayer money should be better spent, as \$10,000 would certainly help many disadvantaged Orange County citizens.

At the April 2 meeting, a local business owner strongly reprimanded these elected officials “Linda Sarsour does have a right for free speech, and I support her right to propagate her hateful ideas ... But she has no such right to use Orange County as her vehicle. You gave her that opportunity. What occurred was made possible only because of the actions of the Orange County Commissioners.”

That person was right.

Peter Reitzes is a speech language pathologist in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, who holds an MA degree in his field. Peter is known for advocacy in his field and on topics related to Israel.

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the LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Max C Lee 528 Flatbush Ave. Apt. 1 Brooklyn, NY 11225 Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 4/5/12/19/26; 5/3/10

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AP1 Plaintiff, vs. RACHEL BRACH, ALBERT BRACH, et al., Defendants NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County on February 15, 2019, I, Joel E. Abramson, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on May 9, 2019 at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, at 2:30 P.M., the premises described as follows: 3920 Neptune Ave Brooklyn, NY 11224 SBL No.: Block: 7001 Lot: 15 ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND situate at Sea Gate, on Coney Island, in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 510925/2014 in the amount of \$517,970.49 plus interest and costs. Brittany J. Maxon, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff’s Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel.: 855-227-5072 AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Deutsche Alt-A Securities Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Angel Almonte; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 4, 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 May 9, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 108 Bradford Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 3673 Lot 29. Approximate amount of judgment \$618,448.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 518561/2017. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: March 26, 2019 AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

Notice of formation of limited liability company (PLLC) Name: BITTON CPA PLLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 12/26/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC Upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC PO Box 297290 Brooklyn, NY 11229 purpose: All lawful activity AJ; 4/5/12/19/26; 5/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, M&T BANK, Plaintiff, vs. JESSICA TROCHE, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 15, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 9, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 154 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237. 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 3158 and Lot 31. Approximate amount of judgment is \$57,461.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 512524/2016. Leonard C. Spector, Esq., Referee Schiller, Knapp, Lefkowitz & Hertzell, LLP, 200 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 202, Amherst, New York 14228, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CITI MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff against RUBY STRACHAN; VERONICA STRACHAN; SAPPHIRE STRACHAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 29, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 16th day of May, 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,

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County of Kings and State of New York. Said premises known as 462 East 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11203. (Block: 4939, Lot: 9). Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,145.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506263-13. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 *For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call 800-280-2832* AJ; 4/12/19/26; 5/3

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Emerson Saffa, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/16/2016 and entered on 6/30/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 16, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 741 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4985, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment is \$795,644.18 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 502095/2014. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Mark A Longo, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 4/12/19/26; 5/3

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 May 16, 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; 4/12/19/26; 5/3

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: 258 FOURTH AVE LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 03/25/2019 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: 258 4th Ave. LLC 1866 77th St. 2nd floor Brooklyn, NY 11214 Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 4/12/19/26; 5/3/10/17