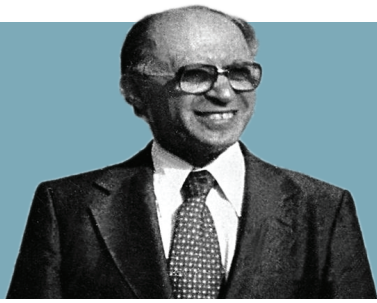


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In Israel, Netanyahu Meets With Bolsonaro, Who Stops Short of Embassy Promise



Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem. Photo: Kobi Gideon/GPO

BY JNS.org

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro on Sunday as the two began "a new era of partnership and cooperation in all areas," said the former at his office in Jerusalem.

At a press conference on

Sunday, Bolsonaro stopped short of his campaign promise to relocate his country's embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, instead announcing a trade and innovation office in the city.

Netanyahu welcomed the development and added that it should be the first step towards Bolsonaro fulfilling his promise.

The two announced the signing of a series of agreements relating to science and technology, cyber, aquaculture, security and other fields.

On Monday, Bolsonaro planned to visit the Western Wall, accompanied by Netanyahu.

Official: US Considering Additional Iran Sanctions, Perhaps in May

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

The US government is considering additional sanctions against Iran that would target areas of its economy that have not been hit before, a senior Trump administration official told reporters on Monday.

The official said the administration aimed to follow through with new sanctions around the first anniversary of



Gas flares from an oil production platform at the Soroush oil fields in the Gulf, July 25, 2005. Photo: Reuters / Raheb Homavandi / File.

the US withdrawal from a 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and several world powers, which President Donald Trump announced last May.

"We just want a continued chilling effect," the official said. "We want businesses to continue to think doing business with Iran is a terrible idea at this point."

Trump announced last May that the United States would pull out of a 2015 international agreement designed to deny Tehran the ability to make nuclear weapons and he

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Opinion.

The Triumph of Menachem Begin's Legacy

GIDEON SA'AR/
JNS.org

Washington's recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights is without a doubt an unprecedented diplomatic achievement that can be attributed to the Likud government under Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. But it also the completion of a process that began on Dec. 14, 1981, when the Likud government under the late Prime Minister Menachem Begin brought the Golan Heights Law before the Knesset for authorization.

It is important to note that, at the time, the United States under pro-Israel President Ronald Reagan staunchly opposed the application of Israeli law to the Golan. In a cabinet meeting, Begin told his fellow ministers, "I am sure that the United States will issue a protest, will declare that this is a unilateral move. ... I think this is how sovereignty is expressed, that we are carrying out a sovereign act. With all due respect to the US, our greatest friend, we're talking about our lives and our futures here, and who can dictate [that] for us?"

In that same cabinet meeting, Begin analyzed Syria's refusal to recognize or enter into peace talks with Israel. Then-Syrian President Hafez Assad adhered to a concept

that held that the Arabs must avoid negotiations with Jerusalem until Israel had been weakened. Then they would be able to dictate the terms for peace, according to Assad, or act towards its destruction, according to senior officials in his government.

There were also many among us who believed that time was not on Israel's side, and that as a result Israel must rush to concede, to withdraw.

More than 37 years have since passed. Israel has grown much stronger — demographically, economically, technologically, and militarily. Syria, which under Assad had sought to strike a "strategic balance" with Israel, has been, to put it mildly, seriously weakened.

Although negotiations have gone on for generations, the Palestinians have also avoided making peace and ending the conflict with Israel. They believed — and for years this belief was given credence by Israeli governments — that Israel would retreat from its most basic positions, would concede on more and more issues, so that every resolution to the conflict it agreed to could be used as the starting point for the next series of negotiations. That is why both former Palestinian head Yasser Arafat during the 2000 Camp David Accords and Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas at the 2007 Annapolis Conference declined to accept the far-reaching offers made by then-prime ministers Ehud Barak and Ehud Olmert.

This process came to a halt exactly



Former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

10 years ago, when the Likud returned to power on March 31, 2009. Over the past year, the Palestinians and the Syrians have since been made to internalize the price of their obstinacy. Under the leadership of President Donald Trump, the United States has relocated its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Israel's eternal capital, and recognized Israeli sovereignty over the Golan.

The important lesson here is that time is not on anyone's side. The job of diplomats is to work with determination to take advantage of the passage of time for the benefit of the interests of their peoples and their states.

Israel must shape its future with the understanding that the struggle for peace and security is far from over. In another four years, it has been predicted that, for the first time since the destruction of the Second Temple, the majority of the world's Jewish population will live in Israel. We must ensure the areas of the land of Israel now in our hands will remain so for future generations and establish settlements there. We'll keep that in mind when we head to the polls next week.

Gideon Sa'ar is a former minister and a member of the Likud party.

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Today's Antisemitism Is the Fight
Against IsraelFIAMMA NIRENSTEIN/
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Jean-Paul Sartre once wrote that when it comes to antisemitism, there's a strange kind of associated optimism: Once the evil embodied by the Jewish people is eliminated, harmony will finally be reestablished.

Today, this so-called "optimism" has never, in so many incarnations, shown itself more explicitly: When the state of the Jews — the very essence of Jewish life in the world right now — is destroyed, all the world's problems will be solved. The Middle East will be quiet and stable; the world will know a mythical universal peace between all religions; the Muslim world will be happy and therefore more relaxed towards the West; terrorism will dry up; and the security and stability that the United Nations and the European Union have promised (yet never obtained) will finally arrive.

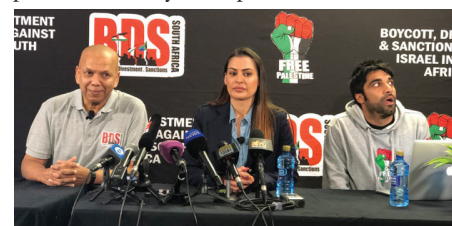
The delegitimization of the State of Israel is the core of antisemitism today. Even the most traditional demonization of the Jews, with its blood libels and age-old antisemitic tropes, finds its way into a modern Israel-inspired narrative. Think about the chutzpah of Israeli doctors, nurses, soldiers, firemen, first responders, and disaster-relief teams who leave the country and fly far away to help wherever an earthquake, tsunami, or just recently a

cyclone affecting swaths of Africa, hits the local population. People claim these teams are going to disaster sites in order to steal human organs for resale. Israeli soldiers, as the Swedish daily paper *Aftonbladet* wrote, deliberately kill young Palestinians for the same reason.

It's hard to imagine that someone with a rational mind would believe this. Yet it's just a short jump between believing it and — as the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) does in its resolutions — claiming that Israeli soldiers on the Gaza border are not defending their citizens from cruel terrorist attacks, but just attacking innocent bystanders and demonstrators, and committing war crimes, even when attacked by thousands of people inspired by Hamas, who are trying to violently invade their country.

It's a modernization of blood libels and conspiracy theories — a belief that the Jews are "a cancer that must be exterminated," as Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei says.

Nowadays, we can say that this kind of antisemitism has become much more powerful. Many European Jews talk about



South African model Shashi Naidoo at a press conference organized by the BDS campaign on June 20, 2018. Photo: BDS South Africa.

"Holocaust inversion." That antisemitic attacks focus first and foremost on Israel as the great persecutor, murderer, ethnic cleanser, human rights violator, and apartheid state. The Israelis are the Nazis, the Palestinians the Jews, and the Jews in general are Nazi proxies. Therefore, all Jews are delegitimized. And more: The Jews exploit the memory of the Holocaust to their own advantage. It's interesting that according to a poll by CNN in the February, 30 percent of people interviewed had never heard of or know nothing about the Holocaust.

Several years ago, Natan Sharansky offered a description of antisemitism against Israel. He called it the three "D's": delegitimization, demonization, and double standards. Think about the European Union and its boycott on goods in the "occupied territories." It rationalizes its diplomatic warfare against Israel, using BDS as the main vehicle.

BDS's way of conducting the delegitimization attack on the existence of Israel has become a sophisticated machine of supposed legitimization. In the name of freedom of speech, European and American politicians on the extreme left have found their way to the microphones and to social media. An Israel-hater like British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn could become the prime minister of the United Kingdom. In the United States, a Democratic member of Congress, Ilhan Omar (D-MI), can profess her hate for Israel without moral or political consequences. She and her defenders respond with the old mantra: Mine is legitimate criticism, and antisemitism has

World News.

Ex-British PM Gordon Brown Slams Own Labour Party for Allowing 'Demonization of the Entire Jewish People'

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Former British Labour Prime Minister Gordon Brown has joined the Jewish Labour Movement in an act of solidarity with the Jewish community, denouncing his own party for allowing the "demonization of the entire Jewish people."

Since far-left MP Jeremy Corbyn became Labour leader in 2015, the party has been wracked by antisemitism scandals, several of them touching Corbyn personally. Polls show that an overwhelming majority of British Jews consider him personally antisemitic. Last month, several MPs quit the party, citing institutionalized antisemitism as one of the reasons.

In a video released by Brown on Monday, the former PM announced that he was joining JLM as an affiliated member. JLM is a venerable organization associated with the Labour party for nearly a century. It recently considered cutting ties with Labour due to its antisemitism problem.

In the video, Brown — who served at 10 Downing Street from 2007-2010 — cited Nicholas Winton, a Labour party member who helped rescue Jewish children from the Nazis as part of what has come to be called the Kindertransport.

"The Labour Party has always had a long, proud, and noble tradition of standing up against all forms of prejudice and racism," noted Brown. "But in the last few years it has let the Jewish community down."

Speaking of the Labour leadership, he said, "They should never have allowed legitimate criticism of the current Israeli government to act as a cover for the demonization of the entire Jewish people."



Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown speaks at an event "Brexit – what next?" at the Church Hill Theatre, in Edinburgh, Scotland, Jan. 17, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Russell Cheyne.

"The message to the Jewish community should be clear and unequivocal: You will never walk alone and we will never walk on by on the other side. We must never tolerate intolerance," Brown added.

"Solidarity means standing up with those who are under attack and that is why I am joining as an affiliated member," he said of JLM. "I urge all my colleagues to do the same."

"Tackling antisemitism and racism and fighting for equality is not a diversion nor a distraction from our purpose as a party," he stated. "It is our purpose as a party."

"We will never allow evil to triumph over good and neither will the British people," Brown promised.

Labour MP Margaret Hodge, a prominent critic of antisemitism in her party, tweeted in response to Brown's video, "Thank you Gordon. Please watch this video. It's what solidarity & rebuilding trust with the Jewish community looks like. A brilliant message on the anti-racism values that must underpin the Labour Party and a call to renew our commitment to the @JewishLabourMovement."

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Sanctions

ordered sanctions be imposed again on the country.

The deal, agreed by the United States, France, Britain, Germany, Russia, China and Iran, sought to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear bomb in return for the removal of sanctions that had crippled its economy.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the administration hoped to take the additional measures in the coming weeks.

"The more we can do around the anniversary, the better," the official said, while adding that it takes time to put such sanctions together and that the US Treasury Department was working on them.

One of the tools the United States has employed includes sanctions on oil imports

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Antisemitism

nothing to do with what I said.

The historical, social, and cultural reasons for this new antisemitism are connected to a strange confluence of events. On one side is an economic and cultural crisis of the West that invites the masses to publicly express their unhappiness, misery, and also their ignorance. A new tribalism is invading the mass culture of today in the form of rule of

from Iran. Washington has granted waivers to eight Iranian oil buyers, but could change that.

The official said the United States had the ability not to give those waivers at all. "That, I think, is where we're headed," the official said.

Reducing the number of waivers would limit oil exports from Iran, the fourth-largest producer in OPEC. The United States set an earlier target of driving Iranian oil exports to zero, and the official said that goal had not changed.

US domestic oil production would help offset such a change, the official said.

China, India, Japan, South Korea and Turkey are likely to be given waivers after they expire in May that could cap Iran's crude oil exports at about 1.1 million barrels per day, US-based analysts at Eurasia Group said earlier this year. That would remove Italy, Greece and Taiwan from the current waivers list.

moral subjectivism.

The other side is the leftist crusaders who engage in a partisan struggle against real or pretended enemies, very often forgetting or not taking into account the real enemies. The most blatant example of omission is the crimes in the entire Muslim world, where women are oppressed, where sexual and ideological differences are punished with torture and death, where terrorism is considered the fight for freedom. All this is forgiven

Israeli President Rivlin Meets Canadian PM Trudeau in Ottawa, Urges Solidarity Against Iran



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Israeli President Reuven Rivlin meet in Ottawa on April 1, 2019. Photo: Mark Neiman / GPO.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin met with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Ottawa on Monday, and urged international solidarity against Iran.

"Iran is leading the establishment of a Shi'ite axis in Iran, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen, and its actions are exacerbating Sunni-Shi'ite tensions," Rivlin said. "This could lead to regional escalation and threaten the whole world."

"The world cannot allow Iran to do this," Rivlin added. "The only way to halt Iran's plans is by concerted international pressure and targeted military action whenever needed."

and forgotten, while the state of the Jewish people, Israel, is condemned.

The reaction to this situation is weak, apologetic, confused, and mostly wrong. Yes, there is a commendable effort in the educational and social arenas to keep the memory of the Shoah alive. But commendable as it is, it's not a solution to antisemitism. Israel is the main target, not the memory of the Holocaust. The logical consequence is that all Jews are considered a fifth column loyal to this criminal, colonial country.

Therefore, the best institutional attempt to contain the wave of antisemitism is by expanding acceptance of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism and implementing legal measures against BDS.

What is missing is the understanding that to defend the Jews, you must defend, first and foremost, Israel, and that Israel is the ultimate defense for the Jews. Israel makes an incredible difference compared to the past. Because of its existence, the Jewish people have a refuge and a clear defender. Everybody must feel this. It's important to encourage Jews and others to visit as part of university courses, school trips, and conferences to gain a real image of Israel, its people, its problems, its soldiers, and its skills. The delegitimization of Israel must have an address: If it comes from Iran or the Muslim world, and most of all, from the Palestinians — the struggle must be against them, and with the help of Israel

Trudeau and Rivlin discussed the Iran issue at their meeting, and Rivlin praised Canada's decision to freeze relations with the Islamic Republic and declare its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) a terrorist organization.

Rivlin also praised Trudeau for standing up to antisemitism in all its forms, and for the close relations between Israel and Canada, which he said were based on shared values and concerns.

Furthermore, he hailed the renewal of Canada and Israel's free trade agreement, and said, "We must continue to deepen our cooperation in the fields of culture, science, innovation, and cyber."

this can be done.

Whoever is interested in having good relations with Israel must defend its Jews.

We must make the struggle contemporary. Antisemitism is a many-headed Hydra that doesn't care about how awful the past has been. It's alive and well now.

Of course, it's commendable to keep teaching the history of past persecutions in schools, seeing Auschwitz, visiting Yad Vashem, listening to our beloved Holocaust survivors, who are leaving us one by one. It's terrible that we'll miss them so much. But we must focus on the next step.

Antisemitism must be precisely located where it is — namely, in the hate against Israel. A tough, well-aimed new kind of campaign must be conceived to combat this.

Will this destroy antisemitism? Probably not. But for the time being, I want to see the lies overcome on the left and the right. I want to skip all the speeches, overcome the old structures, and help take the struggle in a new direction.

Fiamma Nirenstein was a member of the Italian Parliament (2008-13), where she served as vice president of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the Chamber of Deputies, on the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, and established and chaired the Committee for the Inquiry Into Antisemitism. A founding member of the international Friends of Israel Initiative, she has written 13 books, including *Israel Is Us* (2009). Currently, she is a fellow at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.

World News.



Palestinian schoolchildren sit inside a classroom at an UNRWA-run school, on the first day of a new school year, in Gaza City, Aug. 29, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Mohammed Salem.

UN-Funded Social Studies Textbook Says 'Zionist Occupation Started in 1856'

BY JNS.ORG

A 2017 United Nations-funded school textbook for Arab students offers a revisionist history of Israel as part of its goal to incite violence against Israelis.

"Since the Zionist movement established in 1856 its first settlement, known as 'Montefioriyah' [Mishkenot Sha'ananim, built by Sir Moses Montefiore before the emergence of modern Zionism], south-west of the Jerusalem

city wall, the series of division [actions] in Palestine has not stopped," according to social studies book for ninth-graders funded by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, or UNRWA, which was established by the UN General Assembly in 1949 to assist Arabs who became refugees during Israel's War of Independence the previous year.

"It [i.e., the Zionist movement] established settlements that included training centers and arms depots. After the 'Catastrophe' [Nakba

IsraAID Provides Relief to Mozambique, Recovering Slowly From Cyclone Idai

BY JNS.ORG

The Israeli humanitarian aid organization IsraAID has been providing life-saving emergency support in Mozambique, after 746 people died in the region due to Cyclone Idai, the organization announced on Monday.

The aid group has provided assistance in the medical, water, protection and education sectors.

Some 141,000 are currently displaced from their homes in Mozambique, with more than 143,000 children unable to attend school.

IsraAID has distributed household water-filtration systems to provide safe water access for hundreds of families whose only water source is a shallow pool of groundwater.

The organization has also facilitated training for teachers and educational psychologists, as teachers and students return to school. It will provide volunteers with tools to care for themselves and support the people they are assisting as they recover from the natural disaster.

Cyclone Idai has been regarded as one of the worst tropical cyclones on record to affect Africa and the Southern Hemisphere as a whole.

According to the World Food Programme, preliminary projections indicate that at least 1.7 million people were affected in the direct path of the cyclone in Mozambique, with a further 920,000 in Malawi.

in Arabic] of 1948 it ruled over more than 78 % of Palestine's territory," continues the text. "More than 850 thousand Palestinians were made to emigrate and they and their families lived in refugee camps in Palestine and in the Diaspora. Nothing of it [Palestine] was left, except the Gaza Strip and the West Bank that were occupied [later] in 1967."

Palestine has never been a state.

In 1947, the United Nations offered a partition plan of the land that the British occupied and then left, which was accepted by the Jews and rejected by the Arabs. The following year, the State of Israel declared

independence, leading to victory in war over its neighbors.

The Palestinians have been offered statehood numerous times, only for its leadership to reject each offer and respond with further violence.

UNRWA's distribution of textbooks that promote Palestinian violence against Israel has long been documented.

The Trump administration slashed all US funding to UNRWA last August.

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In years past, Beth Shifra maintained a Free Soup Kitchen all year round, open seven days a week, serving free meals three times a day, without charge. During the week of Pesach, Beth Shifra sponsored free Kosher for Pesach Sedorim and daily meals around the city for thousands of people. We are personally familiar with the outstanding work that they do under the leadership of Rabbi Chaim Prussman, and urge you to help Beth Shifra with any support that you can, including publicizing their inspiring work in your Shul or organization. This year, 2019/5779, Beth Shifra is sponsoring free Kosher for Pesach Seders and meals daily from Friday, April 19, through Saturday (Shabbat), April 27, at The White Shul, 2102 Avenue T & East 21 in Brooklyn. Free Kosher for Passover food packages will be offered on Thursday, April 18, at the White Shul, 2102 Avenue T & East 21 in Brooklyn from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. We proudly invite you to join us in making this year a memory of a lifetime for those in need.

Take the time now to have the merit and joy of helping a hungry family celebrate Passover. Please help Beth Shifra with any assistance that you can, including publicizing their good work in your Shul or organization. May all those that participate in this holy effort be blessed from Heaven.

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

For almost 50 years, the Beth Shifra organization, located in Brooklyn, NY, has provided year round daily free meals to those who are most needy in the New York Jewish community. I am personally familiar with the outstanding work that they do under the leadership of Rabbi Chaim Prussman, and urge you to help Beth Shifra in any manner possible, including publicizing their work in your shul or organization.

During the Pesach holiday, the organization sponsors Kosher for Passover sedorim, food packages, lectures and programs to hundreds of people who would otherwise be unable to celebrate the holiday.

In 2019, they will be sponsoring free kosher for Passover Seders and daily meals from Friday. Pesach food packages will be distributed on Thursday, April 18 at the synagogue between the hours of 12:00-2:00 PM.

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Date	Time	Activities
Thurs. 4/18	12-2 pm	Pick up packages
Fri. 4/19	8:00 pm	Doors Open
4/19 Sedar I	8:30 pm	Ancient Secrets of Judaism
Shabbat 4/20	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	12:00 pm	C. & A. Judahim
	8:30 pm	Doors Open
4/20 Sedar II	8:30 pm	Exodus: Legend or History
Sun. 4/21	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	12:00 pm	Lecture: 7 Wonders of Our Jewish Nation
	7:30 pm	Meal/Seuda
	7:30 pm	Defending The Faith
Mon. 4/22	12:00 pm	Meal
	1:00 pm	Spectacular Children's Program: Arts and Crafts
	7:30 pm	Meal
	7:30 pm	Popular Ash H/Torah Speaker: Matzah = Affliction = Redemption
	7:30 pm	Shomer Shabos Singles Program With Live Music, Matchmakers & Smorgasboard.
Tues. 4/23	12:00 pm	Meal
	12:00 pm	Lecture: What is kosher food?
	7:30 pm	Meal/Seuda
	7:30 pm	Lecture: The Power of Prayer
Wed. 4/24	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	12:00 pm	Lecture: The Deeper Beauty of Shabbos
	7:30 pm	Meal/Seuda
	7:30 pm	Oral vs. Written Torah

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	7:30 pm	Lecture: Why Bad Happens to Good People?
Fri. 4/26	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	12:00 pm	Lecture: Moral Relativism & Torah
	8:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	8:00 pm	Lecture: Post-Holocaust - 2 Million
Shabbat 4/27	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	12:00 pm	Lecture: Jews Vanished - Why? Solution?
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	8:00 pm	Lecture: Open Forum

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Bogus Purim Service Broken Up

Reprinted from the Jewish Press • Friday, March 20, 1987

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

staff of the Beth Shifra Institutions break up the rally.

Since many of the protesters missed the Megilla reading, the staff of Beth Shifra held to Megilla readings, so those who were instrumental in breaking up the rally could observe the Mitzva properly.

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

U.S. News.

GOP Congressman Sends Letter to DOJ, Asking to Track Spike in Antisemitic Crimes

BY JNS.org

US Rep. Troy Balderson (R-Ohio) sent a letter to the US Department of Justice on Monday, asking the agency to monitor any increase in antisemitic hate crimes.

"As Members of Congress with constituents who may be affected by such unacceptable language and actions, we request that the Department focus efforts on tracking increased levels of antisemitic hate crimes," states the letter, addressed to US Attorney General William Barr. "DOJ should indicate any such findings in the annual report on hate crime statistics published by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), as mandated by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990."

Jews are the most targeted for hate crimes among religious groups annually, according to the FBI. "Of the 1,749 total known victims of religiously motivated hate crimes reported in 2017, 1,017 victims identified as Jewish," according to the letter.

Sixteen members of Congress have signed onto the letter: Reps. Mike Turner (R-Ohio), Steve Stivers (R-Ohio), Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), Steve Chabot (R-Ohio), Warren Davidson (R-Ohio), Anthony Gonzalez (R-Ohio), David Joyce (R-Ohio), Bob Gibbs (R-Ohio), Bill Johnson (R-Ohio), Bob Latta (R-Ohio), Brad Wenstrup (R-Ohio), Kevin Hern (R-Okla.), Peter King (R-NY), Tom Cole (R-Okla.), John Katko (R-NY) and Randy Weber (R-Texas).

The letter was in response to the congressman's constituents in Ohio's 12 Congressional District replying to a survey

sent by his office a few weeks ago, asking them what Congress should do to combat Jew-hatred. A letter to the DOJ garnered 37.9 percent of respondents, followed by a resolution condemning antisemitic remarks at 24.8 percent and Congress not getting involved because "it is unnecessary" at 16.8 percent.

Following the shooting that killed 11 people and injured six others at the Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh on Oct. 27, 2018, the DOJ launched a new government website to help people prevent and report hate crimes.

Balderson, whose godson is Jewish, told JNS that it is important that the DOJ has reporting systems in place and needs to track hate crimes.

"I think the DOJ is doing what they can do," he said. "Anything we can do to make it better for them, we're going to do that."



The US Department of Justice. Photo: Wiki Commons.

Meanwhile, 9.6 percent of respondents replied that a hearing should be held regarding how antisemitism adversely affects progress in the United States.

Balderson said he would like to have a hearing, adding that it is "the conversation that I can have with my leadership and talk about doing that."

Lockheed Clinches \$2.4 Billion Deal for Sale of THAAD Missiles

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Lockheed Martin Corp was awarded a \$2.4 billion Pentagon contract on Monday for THAAD interceptor missiles, some of which are slated to be delivered to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Reuters had reported Lockheed was nearing the deal earlier on Monday.

In November, Saudi and US officials signed letters of offer and acceptance formalizing terms for Saudi Arabia's purchase of 44 Terminal High Altitude Area Defense launchers, missiles and related equipment.

The Pentagon said the Saudi government would pay \$1.5 billion of the \$2.4 billion.

The November deal was inked amid concerns about the role of the kingdom's leadership in the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a prominent Saudi critic who lived in the United States and was a columnist for The Washington Post.

Representatives for Lockheed Martin declined to comment.

Lockheed Martin, the biggest US arms maker, builds and integrates the THAAD system, which is designed to shoot down short-, medium- and intermediate-range ballistic missiles. Raytheon, another US firm, builds its advanced radar.

As a part of the scope of work outlined by the Pentagon, obsolete systems currently in place will be updated to prepare the current Saudi missile defense infrastructure for the new THAAD technology.



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Opinion.

Voting Against Israel Doesn't Stop AIPAC From Supporting Cory Booker



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During a *CNN* town hall last week, presidential candidate Cory Booker made headlines in the Jewish press by reciting a few words in Hebrew. Asked by a pastor how his faith would influence him as president, Booker said, "Christ is the center of my life," and added, "I studied the Torah, too." He then referred to a song sung during the High Holidays: *Ki veiti beit t'fila yikareh l'chol ha'amim* — "For my house shall be a house of prayer for all nations."

Many media outlets commented on the fact that I had taught Cory that and other Hebrew phrases. When I was the Chabad rabbi at Oxford, Cory and I studied Torah together. We developed a close friendship, so it was only natural that I would offer to help Cory when he entered politics.

Increasingly, however, Cory has used his knowledge of Hebrew and Judaism to evade questions about Israel and the problematic positions he has taken.

Last week, Cory did not deliver an address to AIPAC's annual Policy Conference, but instead held a closed-door, off-the-record meeting with some of his constituents, which

once again allowed him to avoid addressing his increasingly problematic positions on Israel in public. AIPAC praised him rather than challenge him about a series of negative votes related to Israel, including his most recent vote against anti-BDS legislation.

People who aspire to greatness, and now the highest office in the land, must pass tests along the way to fulfill their potential. Sadly, when it counted most to the pro-Israel community, Cory failed repeated tests of principle as he increasingly sought to court the extreme left wing of the Democratic Party.

President Barack Obama negotiated a catastrophic nuclear deal with the genocidal government of Iran. It was headed for defeat in Congress, but it never came to a vote because — in my view — Democrats, including Cory, put politics over principle. I was shocked and saddened.

Ever since that feeble act, Cory's support for Israel has cratered, even as President Trump courageously pulled us out of the Iran deal, and imposed draconian sanctions needed to cripple Iran and take measures to prevent the mullahs from achieving their hegemonic goals.

More recently, Cory failed another test. In February, the Senate voted 77-23 to extend an existing loan guarantee program with Israel, authorize security assistance to Israel over a 10-year period, make it illegal under Federal statute to boycott Israel, and grant Federal protection to state and local governments that refuse to invest in or contract with

companies that boycott Israel. Cory voted with the minority.

He said he voted against the bill because he believed the anti-boycott provisions threatened free speech. The truth is the law does not impinge on First Amendment rights. Israel's detractors can continue to rant against the Jewish state as much as they want. The boycott movement, however, seeks the destruction of Israel. By failing to vote against the effort to eliminate the Jewish state, Cory again gave oxygen to the parties seeking Israel's complete economic isolation.

Cory faced and failed a third test after Ilhan Omar's antisemitic remarks. When first asked about them, he refused to comment and abruptly ended a press conference. Later, he said Omar's comments were "disturbing" but added that some of the attacks against her had "anti-Islamic sentiment." Ultimately, Booker joined with his Democratic colleagues in voting for an essentially meaningless resolution that did not specifically condemn Omar.

Like his colleagues, Cory was unwilling to support a simple resolution expressing zero tolerance for antisemitism. Instead, he voted to oppose all forms of bigotry out of fear of offending the far left of the party by not acknowledging their victimhood.

When he met privately with AIPAC, Cory was still unwilling to call out Omar by name for her antisemitic remarks, saying only that "they" were "absolutely unacceptable." I am anxious to see if he is willing to even go that far when he speaks to Democratic Party activists.



Cory Booker. Photo: Wiki Commons.

American Jews are looking for a leader who has courage, passion, and vision. They seek a man or woman who understands that Israel is our democratic ally, and will stand by her against Iran and the terrorists who threaten their people. We want someone who recognizes the danger of the normalization of antisemitism occurring as our elected officials protect antisemites in their midst. We need a president who will choose the moral and principled path and not the easy or politically expedient one.

When I taught Cory Hebrew, it was not meant to be a parlor trick, like a sleight-of-hand where you can promote Torah and Judaism while abandoning the security of the Jewish people and Israel.

Cory will always be a friend. But even my friendship with him will not allow me to give him a pass while he supports the mullahs of Iran or refuses to vote against BDS. AIPAC should likewise be holding him accountable and using its vaunted influence to persuade Cory to fulfill the promises he made, and continues to make, to support Israel rather than pander to far-left elements of the Democratic Party.

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'Institutionally Antisemitic': The British Labour Party's Cautionary Tale



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There is, in Britain, a long tradition of holding public inquiries to establish the facts and learn the appropriate lessons from a host of social and political challenges. The range of inquiry subjects have included, among others, child abuse, the use of nuclear power, and the 2003 Iraq war. Some of these inquiries have had such a powerful impact that they continue to be talked about decades later (which, incidentally, is why many Brits are expecting that the present Brexit debacle will one day enthrall them with the inquiry of inquiries).

In 1999, the distinguished British judge Sir William Macpherson chaired an inquiry into the UK authorities' handling of the brutal murder of a black Londoner, Stephen Lawrence. In April 1993, the 19-year-old was racially abused and then fatally stabbed by a gang of white racists at a bus stop. Six years later, the case against his murderers collapsed largely because of — as Macpherson's report put it — a "combination of professional incompetence, institutional racism, and a failure of leadership."

That concept of "institutional racism"

became firmly planted in British public policy, and has since emerged in other contexts. The most unlikely of these, given its political traditions and its historic links with the Jewish community, has been the British Labour Party, which now stands accused of "institutional racism" in its approach to the antisemitism within its ranks.

Perhaps the most thorough and damning account of Labour's transformation, under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn, into an enemy of Jewish concerns, sensitivities, and aspirations was published last week. Its author, Professor Alan Johnson, has been an important figure on the British left for many years, advocating for a radical socialism shorn of the uglier characteristics, such as the equal embrace of antisemitic beliefs and authoritarian regimes that have come to define much of the left today.

Many of Corbyn's critics argue that antisemitism has always been a vocal presence in the socialist movement. The antecedents of those left-wing activists who today campaign for the elimination of Israel as a sovereign state depicted Jews as an exploiting merchant class, the authors of both poverty in the cities and irreversible decline in the countryside. But while Johnson is well-aware of these malign traditions, his affront at their prominence under Corbyn's leadership of the Labour Party is rooted in his conviction that antisemitism is utterly inimical to socialism.

It is from that perspective that Johnson offers the following observation. "Antisemitism isn't just a *prejudice* against Jews," he writes. "It is also a fear of their supposedly tremendous (but always hidden) power to shape the world. In *that* sense, antisemitism sometimes *functions* in some different ways to other prejudices, other racisms." There are very few people on the left these days who grasp this critical point; ironically, that perhaps explains why progressives and socialists continue to be attracted by explanations of global injustice and inequality that are grounded on precisely this "fear" of Jewish power and influence.

In the pages that follow, Johnson lays out in excruciating detail the story of how an ostensibly enlightened, pro-European social democratic party became a home for activists trafficking in three distinct types of antisemitism. First is the "socialism of fools" that equates Jews with exploitation. The statement of one Labour activist cited by Johnson — to wit that the "Jewish Zionist bourgeoisie, from Milton Friedman to Henry Kissinger" have played a "vanguard role for the capitalist offensive against the workers" — is a particularly pungent example of what this involves.

Secondly, there is the penetration of "classic" or racial antisemitism. Again, Johnson provides numerous examples of Labour supporters praising Hitler, invoking the figure of Judas from the Christian Bible as an illustration of Jewish financial machinations or defaming Jews in Nazi fashion as "parasites." And thirdly, there is antisemitism presented as opposition to Zionism and capitalism. "It's the super-rich families of the Zionist lobby that control the world," one Labour activist tweeted. "Our world leaders sell their souls for greed to do the bidding of Israel."

How does this garbage become institu-

tionalized? The Macpherson Report defined institutional racism as the "collective failure of an organization to provide an appropriate and professional service to people because of their color, culture or ethnic origin" — a failure manifested in the thoughtless, prejudiced, and hostile behavior that Stephen Lawrence's parents experienced from the police officers investigating their son's murder, and perpetuated by the refusal of individuals in key leadership positions to recognize the problem of racism in the first place.

Johnson applies this same reasoning to the dismissive, inherently suspicious response of Corbyn and his allies to the numerous instances of antisemitism that have stretched from Labour's rank-and-file all the way to certain members of parliament and, many would argue, Corbyn himself. "To define the Labour Party as institutionally antisemitic," Johnson writes, "is to say that it is not *currently* offering 'an appropriate and professional service' to a particular group, Jews; that this failure can be detected in the 'processes,' 'attitudes' and 'behaviors' found in the party; that the party has not 'openly and adequately addressed' antisemitism in the party; and that these multiple failures are common enough to adversely impact the experience of Jews, so that they are in various ways disadvantaged (as those Jews currently leaving the party keep making clear to the leader in their eloquent resignation letters)."

As grim as it is to say, we now at least have an example against which other institutions where antisemitism is a problem can be measured. Some American campus administrations might be said to be denying a professional service to those Jewish students assailed by antisemitism masquerading as anti-Zionism; the same could certainly be

Opinion.

A Cyprus, Greece, and Israel Alliance Serves US Interests

DAVID HARRIS &
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Long ago, the Mediterranean was known as the Middle Sea, because it provided the principal means of communication between empires and civilizations. Today's Mediterranean is reclaiming much of that historic legacy.

The limitless potential of the region was on full display during the sixth trilateral summit among Cyprus, Greece, and Israel that took place in Jerusalem last week. The gathering was especially noteworthy because the United States, represented by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, also participated for the first time.

American strategic interests face challenges around the Eastern Mediterranean basin. The Shia-Sunni divide that has helped put the Middle East in even deeper turmoil is playing out on these shores, with the involvement of both state and non-state actors.

Turkey — once a paragon of stability and a source of great optimism for many in the West — has become increasingly authoritarian and unreliable. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's strong-arm leadership has turned a "zero problems with neighbors" foreign policy into one where Ankara has zero neighbors that it doesn't have problems with.

And two interlocking crises, one economic and the other involving migration, have roiled the European Union, starting with its member states along the Mediterranean.

Facing an unprecedented number of foreign policy flashpoints, the US risks being spread too thin to adequately address the challenges in the region and protect American interests. This is precisely where Israel, Greece, and Cyprus come in.

First, there's values affinity: It is in America's national interest to support like-minded societies. For too long, Washington has had to look to states with questionable democratic credentials as its "go-to" partners in the region. This tripartite alliance of solid Western democracies breaks the mold.

Second, Cyprus, Greece, and Israel provide important assets for Western security interests. Each state has already made substantial contributions on its own, but taking their growing cooperation and coordination on counter-terrorism, counter-proliferation, search-and-rescue efforts, and maritime security to the next level will make the Eastern Mediterranean and southeast Europe safer.

Souda Bay Naval Base in Greece and the British bases in Cyprus make these countries especially valuable for Western security interests, and the expansion of both could allow the US, if needed, to decrease its reliance on the Incirlik base in volatile Turkey. Meanwhile, the US-Israel strategic link is both deep and wide-ranging.

Finally, there are the recent major discoveries of natural gas, and ambitious plans for new underwater pipelines. American companies — such as Noble and ExxonMobil — are already the most significant players in the Exclusive Economic Zones of Israel and Cyprus. Just three weeks ago, ExxonMobil announced the world's third-biggest gas find in the last two years off the coast of Cyprus.

Combining this discovery with existing Noble finds in Israel and Cyprus, the Zohr field in Egypt, and anything resulting from upcoming exploration in the region by ExxonMobil, TOTAL, and ENI could have important geopolitical, environmental, and economic consequences. That these resources may be delivered to European markets through the planned East Med Pipeline makes Western democracies primary players in the region's energy politics.

In the short term, these natural gas finds will help Eastern Mediterranean countries transition away from crude as a source of electricity generation, and could provide economic stimulus for countries such as Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, and Jordan that are emerging from economic crises or sorely in need of a boost. Moreover, they provide an alternative to risky dependence on Russian gas, not only for Eastern Mediterranean countries, but also for the Balkans and Italy.

In the long term, energy diplomacy has the potential to transform the Eastern Mediter-



Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras at the fifth Israel-Greece-Cyprus Summit in Beersheva on Dec. 20, 2018. Photo: Kobi Gideon/GPO.

anean from a mere geographical designation to a vital political and economic entity. It has long been argued that Eastern Mediterranean natural gas could be the "steel and coal of the 21st century," recalling the founding basis of what is today the European Union.

Just as the interdependence of coal and steel helped end centuries of conflict in Western Europe, energy and electricity could begin to move the Eastern Mediterranean away from an era of wars, terrorism, and insecurity. That potential was evident when the first annual Eastern Mediterranean Gas Forum took place in Cairo at the beginning of the year, forming an OPEC-like institution encompassing Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, and the Palestinians.

The US needs reliable allies and, for the first time in the region's history, it can look primarily to those who share both its interests and values. Greece, Cyprus, and Israel are strong partners that can check malign influences in this region and the broader Middle East. Washington should deepen American participation in these trilateral summits. And both the administration and Congress, which already has a Congressional Hellenic-Israel Alliance, should explore transforming the trilateral cooperation into a quadrilateral partnership.

A more stable, energy independent, and integrated Eastern Mediterranean will be a game-changer in this vital part of the world and could serve as a model for future cross-border development far beyond.

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Another Antisemite in the Democratic Party



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James Zogby. Photo: Wiki Commons.

Since 2001, Zogby has been a member of the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee. In 2006, he was also named co-chair of the DNC's Resolutions Committee. As a member of that committee, in 2012 he objected to the insertion of language affirming that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and helped draft the pro-Palestinian language. He has engaged in "crude antisemitism," according to the Anti-Defamation League. He has "consistently impugned the loyalty of American Jews," said the American Jewish Congress. And he has compared Israel to the Nazis, which according to the US State Department is antisemitic.

Yet, irony of ironies, longtime Democratic Party official James Zogby has emerged as one of the most prominent voices in the party defending Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and denying that her remarks about Jews being disloyal were antisemitic.

Zogby is a longtime leader of various anti-Israel groups — first the Palestine Human Rights Campaign, then the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and currently the Arab American Institute.

At the same time, he has also been prominent in Democratic Party leadership circles. He was deputy manager of Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns. In 1995, he was appointed co-convenor of the National Democratic Ethnic Coordinating Committee. He served as "Senior Advisor on Ethnic Outreach" for both Al Gore's presidential campaign in 2000 and Barack Obama's first presidential campaign in 2008. That appeared in the 2016 party platform.

After Minnesota Congresswoman Ilhan Omar recently accused Jews of being disloyal to America and paying members of Congress to support Israel, Zogby leaped to her defense. In a series of articles, interviews, and a recent conference call for the news media together with J Street president Jeremy Ben-Ami, Zogby has insisted that there was nothing antisemitic about Omar's statements, and that the whole controversy is the fault of racist Zionists.

"Because [Omar] has dared to challenge the way supporters of Israel have worked to silence debate on US policy toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, she has become a victim of incitement and hate crimes, and the target of legislation meant to shame her," according to Zogby.

He says that Ms. Omar didn't slander Jews; she merely "challenged the power of AIPAC to intimidate politicians and silence debate on Israel/Palestine." As a consequence, the poor congresswoman has endured "shameful bigoted assaults on her as a Muslim woman."

Zogby has actually gone so far as to

implicitly praise Omar's statements about Jews, characterizing her remarks as "the discussion Omar's courage has helped to open."

I wonder how much of this is related to Zogby's own history of making antisemitic remarks. Perhaps he sees Omar as a kindred spirit.

During the 1982 Lebanon War, Zogby compared Israel to the Nazis and described Israeli military actions against terrorists in southern Lebanon as "a Holocaust," according to the Anti-Defamation League. The official US State Department definition of anti-Semitism includes "drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis."

In 1991, Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, wrote that Zogby had "consistently impugned the loyalty of American Jews by suggesting that they put the interest of Israel ahead of the interests of the United States, and their lobbying activities in support of Israel subvert the democratic process. Such accusations are the standard fare of antisemitism."

In 1999, Zogby publicly charged that there were too many Jewish employees in the State Department. The ADL characterized his statement as "crude antisemitism."

All this is an addition to Zogby's long list of other outrageous statements, including accusing then-Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres of carrying out "state-sponsored terrorism," praising Hezbollah terrorists as "the Lebanese armed resistance," and justifying Palestinian terrorist attacks against Israel as "desperate acts of striking out against the master."

Not to mention such other lunatic statements by Zogby as his accusation that Israel "ethnically cleansed [the land] of Arabs" (when there are obviously still several million Arabs residing in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza); and his recent declaration that celebrity chef Rachael Ray committed "cultural genocide" against the Palestinians because she referred to hummus as an Israeli food.

If the Democratic Party leadership wants to convince the public that it rejects Congresswoman Omar's statements, it should start by disowning James Zogby and removing him from all positions in the party. Having an unrepentant antisemite publicly defending an antisemitic congresswoman, while continuing to hold positions in the party leadership, isn't going to do the trick.

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said of the police and judiciary in France or Germany, both of whom too often fail the victims of antisemitic hate crimes in those countries. For those of us outside of the United Kingdom, if there is a lesson to be gleaned from Johnson's analysis, it's that any political

party, or civic association, or educational institution that confidently believes itself to be immune from outbursts of crude Jew-hatred should regard Labour's wretched experience with antisemitism as a cautionary tale.

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Impressions.

The Yabloner Rebbe

BY JEREMY ROSEN

Usually I generate my own material. This time, I am taking it from Pini Dunner, another British rabbi now living in the US. His hobby is collecting Judaica and researching Jewish history. A while back, he uncovered a remarkable story about a brilliant Hassidic rebbe who ended up in California and abandoned his faith. This was expanded into an article that appeared in Tablet magazine this past September.

The story is about a man who lost his soul and then gained it back. I am recounting an abbreviated version of it here, because it is such a remarkable story, with so many twists, a moral message, and a happy ending. And I love happy endings.

Yechezkel Taub was born on October 7, 1895, in a small town in Poland. His father, Rabbi Yaakov Taub, was “Rebbe” of Yablona, a small town near Warsaw that was home to a vibrant Orthodox Jewish community. But Rabbi Yaakov died in 1920 at the age of 60. Yechezkel, 24 years old, suddenly found himself at the head of one of Poland’s most prestigious and wealthy Hassidic sects.

He took his position seriously and inspired his followers. In 1924, he was persuaded by a cousin, who was passionate about the land of Israel, that the future for Jews lay there rather than in Eastern Europe. With the support of his wealthier Hassidim, he and a few hundred of his followers moved to Palestine. They and another group of Hassidim were welcomed by Jewish officials and ended up buying land in the hills overlooking the Jezreel Valley, close to Haifa. Their settlement became known as Kfar Hasidim.

Initially the new arrivals were feted. Notables came to see the remarkable phenomenon of Hassidic farmers for themselves. Many of the secular Zionists were skeptical and unhappy about having more Hassidim and inexperienced amateurs trying to import Polish attitudes and methods into the Middle East.

The euphoria quickly turned into disaster. Former Arab tenant farmers refused to leave their land, despite the compensation they had received. The Kishon River overflowed, flooding the valley and turning it into an unmanageable swamp. The land was infested with mosquitoes. Malaria broke out. Some of the settlers died. Bedouin marauders murdered some others. The rebbe had to send back some of his members to Poland, because they were less able to cope. The farm failed. Despite the initial enthusiastic financial support from Yabloner Hassidim in Poland, funding slowly dwindled and then dried up completely.

In 1928, the rebbe went to the United States to drum up support. He returned empty handed. In desperation, he turned to the Zionist organizations for help. They were not enthusiastic. But finally, he made a deal to hand over the land to the Jewish Agency. They would provide the settlers with a stipend, while the JNF took care of accumulated debts. The settlement was restructured, and religious Zionists from Germany and Holland, who had appropriate agricultural training in Europe, eventually helped improve the farming community’s fortunes.

With the situation in Poland rapidly deteriorating, Hassidim from Yablona began turning up in Palestine, expecting to take possession of the plots of land they had paid for over a decade earlier. The Yabloner Rebbe was unable to give them any land or

repay them. They accused him of being a crook who had fraudulently taken their money. He was attacked, abused, and locked in his own home. He managed to escape and travel to the United States in 1938 to see, once again, if he could interest some wealthy Zionist Jews in helping the community.

He moved in with his niece in New York and began visiting Orthodox communities sympathetic to the Zionist cause to generate support for the expansion of Kfar Hasidim. He had some success. But it was too late. War broke out. The German army marched into Poland, and the rebbe now found himself trapped in America. With no hope of getting back to Palestine or of supporting himself, he moved out west, where he found work in the California shipyards. He was still religious.

And then news reached him that the Nazis had murdered the entire Yablona community, along with most of Polish Jewry. He had a crisis of faith. In 1944, the Yabloner Rebbe removed his Hassidic dress, shaved off his beard and payos, changed his name, and filed immigration papers to become a natural-



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ized citizen of the United States as “George Ezekiel Taub Nagel.” He stopped keeping kosher, observing Shabbat and festivals, and abandoned Torah. The Yabloner Rebbe was replaced by an urbane Polish immigrant with slicked-back hair and a sad, faraway look in his eyes, who liked to be called George Nickel.

He avoided contact with the Jewish community of Los Angeles and then San Diego, where he moved. The only link to the past was a niece in Kfar Hasidim, with whom he corresponded. Years later, her son, Ehud Yonay, moved to California after his army service to become a journalist. He made contact with George and they established a close relationship. It was Ehud’s book *Top Guns* about the US Air Force that became the basis of the hit movie *Top Gun*. He also wrote *No Margin for Error: The Making of the Israeli Air Force*. Eventually, Ehud moved back to Israel and ended up in Kfar Hasidim.

With World War II over, the shipyard no longer needed George Nagel. He borrowed money to buy plots of land, on which he built modest homes. Over time, he became a wealthy man. But then George decided to raise his game and invest in an apartment complex development. His timing was bad. The market slumped. Contractors failed him. The project and the banks foreclosed. In his 70s, George lost everything. He collapsed, and ended up in hospital.

There, Ehud visited him and suggested he move

back to Israel. He told him that attitudes towards George had changed. Even so, after decades of self-imposed exile, George just could not see himself returning to Kfar Hasidim, the source of so much painful anguish and trauma. When he was released, George decided to go back to school. He applied to San Fernando Valley State College, enrolled as a psychology undergraduate, and chose to live in student accommodations. Newspapers soon reported on the veteran student living in a dorm alongside anti-war student protesters. In 1975, George T. Nagel graduated with a bachelor’s degree in psychology, and followed it up with an MA.

In 1978, he finally felt confident enough to return to visit Kfar Hasidim. He was met by Ehud at the airport and driven to a hall packed with people who had gathered to meet the man who had put Kfar Hasidim on the map. To his surprise, one of his former followers welcomed him and told him how grateful they were to him — for without his vision and efforts, they would have remained in Poland. And when the Nazis invaded, they and their children and grandchild-

dren would have been killed.

George was stunned. When he recovered his composure, he said that he realized that it might be time for the Yabloner Rebbe to come home to Kfar Hasidim. It didn’t happen right away. He had to go back to Los Angeles to wrap up his affairs. In 1981, he settled in Kfar Hasidim for good. He was 86. He returned to religious observance. He became the Yabloner Rebbe once again. And he served and taught as the Rebbe, until he died in 1986 at the age 90.

His remarkable journey from Hassidic leader, to Zionist pioneer, to reviled failure, to war refugee, to shipyard worker, to successful real-estate developer, to bankrupt, to geriatric college student, and back to his roots as a revered Hassidic rebbe, is surely one of the most astonishing Jewish stories of our time. It is a story of despair and redemption; of losing faith and rediscovering it; and of realizing that however far we may drift, we can still return.

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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
AJ; 3/15/22/29; 4/5/12/19

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
AJ; 3/15/22/29; 4/5/12/19

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST DAINTY A. CLARKE, CYNTHIA V. WAGGONER, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 21, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on April 18, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 705 LINWOOD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4083, LOT 9. Approximate amount of judgment \$506,908.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 4415/13. M. RANDOLPH JACKSON, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 61880
AJ; 3/15/22/29; 4/5/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc. sbm ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Carmelle Telemaque, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/18 and entered on 10/22/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams

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Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 18, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1220 East 102nd 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: 8266, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment is \$385,921.01 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 508306/2013.
AJ; 3/15/22/29; 4/5/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST PAUL ZAGARI, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 03, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on April 18, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 114 BAY 32ND STREET, 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 New York, BLOCK 6416, LOT 56. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,256,098.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 31789/09. Helene E. Blank Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 61979
AJ; 3/15/22/29; 4/5/

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
AJ; 3/22/29; 4/5/12/19/26

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

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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 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

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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 the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 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

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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 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,

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Tradition.

The Sacrifices of Childbirth



JONATHAN SACKS
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At the start of this parsha is a cluster of laws that challenged and puzzled the commentators. They concern a woman who has just given birth. If she gives birth to a son, she is "unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her monthly period." She must then wait for a further thirty-three days before coming into contact with holy objects or appearing at the Temple. If she gives birth to a girl, both time periods are doubled: she is unclean for two weeks and must wait a further sixty-six days. She then has to bring two offerings:

When her purification period for a son or a daughter is complete, she shall bring to the Priest, to the Communion Tent entrance, a yearling sheep for a burnt offering, and a young common dove, or a turtle dove for a sin offering. [The



priest] shall offer [the sacrifice] before God and atone for [the woman], thus cleansing her of the blood coming from her womb. This law applies whether a woman gives birth to a boy or to a girl. (Lev. 12:6-7)

The problems are obvious. Why does she need to bring a sacrifice? We could understand if she had to bring a thanksgiving offering, giving *Tazria* thanks for her recovery and for her child. But that is not what she is commanded. Instead she must bring a burnt offering – normally brought for a serious offence – together with a sin offering. What, though, is her offence? What is her sin? She has just fulfilled the first command in the Torah, to "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:28). She has done nothing wrong. Why does she need atonement? Here are some of the suggestions of the commentators:

1. Rabbenu Baya and Rabbi Shlomo Ephraim ben Aaron Luntschitz (Kli Yakar, 1550-1619) both suggest that the offerings recall the

sin of Eve in Eden and her punishment from God that "I will make your pain in child-bearing very severe; with pain you will give birth to children" (Gen. 3:16).

- Ibn Ezra, following a suggestion in the Talmud, says that the woman during the anguish of labour may have thought or expressed ideas that were sinful or that she now regrets (such as vowing not to have future relations with her husband).
- Nahmanides says that the sacrifices are a kind of "ransom" or relief offering for having survived the dangers of childbirth, as well as a form of prayer for a full recovery.
- Sforno says that the woman has been intensely focused on the physical processes accompanying childbirth. She needs both time and the bringing of an offering to rededicate her thoughts to God and matters of the spirit.

Rabbi Meir Simcha of Dvinsk

says that the burnt offering is like an *olat re'iya*, an offering brought when appearing at the Temple on festivals, following the injunction, "Do not appear before Me empty-handed" (Ex. 23:15). The woman celebrates her ability to appear before God at the Temple.

Without displacing any of these ideas, we might however suggest another set of perspectives. The first is about the fundamental concepts that dominate this section of Leviticus, the words *tamei* and *tahor*, normally translated as (ritually) "unclean/clean," or "defiled/pure." It is important to note that these words do not have the kind of resonance they bear in English. *Tamei* does not mean impure or defiled. It is a technical term meaning that one is in a condition that prevents him from entering the Tabernacle or Temple. *Tahor* means the opposite, that he may enter.

How are we to understand this? The Tabernacle, and at a later date, the Temple, were symbols of the presence of God within the

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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 AJ; 3/29; 4/5/12/19/

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 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,

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

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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, N.Y. 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 Moyall 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 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

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Micro- and nano-fluidic channels in polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) photographed through an epifluorescence microscope. Photo: JNS.org.

Art Meets Science: Is That a Field of Flowers or the Brain of a Mouse?

BY JNS.org

An exhibit by the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa exemplifies that beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

"LABSCAPES: Views Through the Microscope" showcases the work of renowned researchers at Israel's leading institute of science and technology. It consists of "landscapes from the lab," Anat Har-Gil, who created the exhibit four years ago, told JNS at this week's annual AIPAC Policy Conference, which, in addition to speeches and dialogue, incorporated this exhibit and others as part of its offerings.

The exhibit includes contributions from Dan Shechtman, who won the 2011 Nobel Prize in chemistry; Mordechai Segev, 2014 winner of the Israel Prize, the country's highest cultural award; and researchers Nadya Ostromohov and Merav Arsenty.

The images display features of individual bacteria, the ridges of a particle of clay, the smoothness of a single droplet of mist and even the twisted helix of DNA. The pictures were taken through the world's most advanced microscopic imaging systems, capable of magnifying items 10 million times greater than can be seen by the naked eye.

Har-Gil, a member of the Technion's computing

and information systems department, who has studied art, computer programming and curating, said she sought to combine all three, inspired after visiting biology professor Yoram Reiter's lab, where she saw an image of what she thought was a field of flowers but was really the brain of a mouse.

It took her a year to work with researchers and use their images to create her project.

"I wanted to show that science can be beautiful," said Har-Gil. "I wanted people to see something nice, and to be curious and to ask themselves 'What is it?' And to read and to be surprised it's something else."

In order to not misrepresent the researchers' works, while each picture comes with a title encompassing anything but about the specific image, the scientific descriptions remained below the titles, all part of a collaborative effort between Har-Gil and the scientists.

No scientists she asked declined, saying they were happy to help.

Half of the images she acquired were in black and white, while the other half were in color. While she added color to some of the images, she said she did not alter them whatsoever.

"No manipulation," she asserted, adding that "art can be anywhere."

"LABSCAPES: Views Through the Microscope" is a permanent exhibit at the Technion campus.

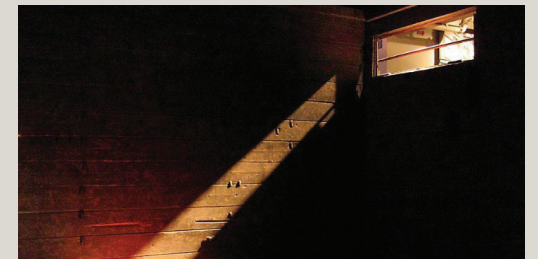
Holocaust Train Car Arrives in New York for Auschwitz Exhibit in New York

BY JNS.org

A crane lowered a train car onto tracks on Sunday outside the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York—a boxcar that carried Jews and others to their deaths at Auschwitz and other Nazi death camps.

It will be featured alongside several hundred Holocaust artifacts for one of the largest exhibits on Auschwitz, opening on May 8, some 74 years after liberation.

The memorabilia in the exhibit, titled "Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away," includes a gas mask used by the SS; a helmet and a dagger belonging to Heinrich Himmler, who oversaw the concentration and death camps; and a desk belonging to Auschwitz commander Rudolf Höss, among other items.



The interior of a Holocaust train boxcar used by Nazi Germany to transport Jews and other victims during World War II. Photo: Flickr via Wikimedia Commons.

"There were 80 people squeezed into one wooden car, with no facilities, just a pail to urinate," Ray Kaner, a 92-year-old Holocaust survivor who works as a Manhattan dental-office manager, told the *Associated Press*. "You couldn't lie down, so you had to sleep sitting, and it smelled."

"The freight car is symbolic of the murder of millions of people. Auschwitz is not ancient history but living memory, warning us to be vigilant, haunting us with the admonition 'Never Again.' It compels us to look around the world and mark the ongoing atrocities against vulnerable people, and to take a firm stand against hate, bigotry, ethnic violence, religious intolerance, and nationalist brutality of all kinds," said Bruce C. Ratner, chairman of the Museum's Board of Trustees.

The exhibit will run through Jan. 3, 2020.

'90210' Stars Tori Spelling, Jennie Garth in Israel for Filming of Clothing Commercial

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Actresses Tori Spelling and Jennie Garth, former

stars of the hit television show "Beverly Hills, 90210," are currently in Israel filming a commercial for the clothing company Castro.

Garth and Spelling — known for playing Donna and Kelly on the iconic TV series — are staying in Tel Aviv and working on a campaign for Castro's children's line. The Israeli clothing giant shared on Instagram on Sunday behind-the-scenes footage from the collaboration.

"Best friends in life and business," Spelling, who is Jewish, captioned a photo of her and Garth on Monday. "So excited to be in Israel filming an amazing commercial for @castrofasion_kids with my bestie."

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human domain – at the heart of the camp during the wilderness years and at the centre of the nation during the years of the monarchy.

But they were only symbols, because in monotheism God is everywhere equally. The very concepts of place and time in relation to God are metaphorical. It is not that God is here rather than elsewhere but that we, as humans, feel His presence here rather than elsewhere. It was essential therefore that, from a human perspective, the experience of being in the domain of the holy was an experience of pure transcendence.

God is eternal. God is spiritual. We and the universe are physical and whatever is physical is subject to birth, growth, decline, decay, and death. It is these things that must be excluded from the Sanctuary if we are to have the experience of standing in the presence of eternity.

What therefore bars us from entering the holy is anything that reminds us or others of our mortality: the fact that we are born and will one day die. Contact with death or even birth has this effect. Both therefore debar the person who has had such contact from the domain of the holy. Special, though different, processes of purification had to be undergone both by those who had come into contact with the dead (Num. 19:1–22) and by a mother who had given birth.

The same is true of anything that draws attention to our physicality. That is why, for example, people who suffered from the skin disease called *tzar'aat* ("leprosy"), or the flow of menstrual blood or a seminal discharge, also had to undergo a rite of purification. Likewise, a priest with a physical blemish was disqualified from serving in the priesthood (Lev. 21:16–23) and was precluded from approaching the altar to offer the fire-offerings.

The woman who had just given birth was therefore *teme'a*, not because of the sin of Eve but because birth, like death, is a signal of mortality, which has no place in the Temple, the space set aside for consciousness of eternity and spirituality.

As for the burnt offering, this is a reminder of the binding of Isaac, and of the animal sacrificed as a burnt offering in his place (Gen. 22:13).

I have argued elsewhere that the binding of Isaac was intended as a protest against the absolute power parents had over children in the ancient world – patria potestas, as it was called in Roman law. Essentially, the child was regarded as the property of his parents. A father had total legal power over a child, even to the extent of life and death. That was one reason why child sacrifice was so widely practised in the ancient world.

The Torah makes an implicit comment on this in its account of the name given to the first human child. Eve called him Cain – from the Hebrew meaning "ownership"

– saying, "I have acquired a child through God" (Gen. 4:1). Treat your child as a possession and you may turn him into a murderer: that is what the text implies.

The narrative of the binding of Isaac is a statement for all time that parents do not own their children. The whole story of the birth of Isaac points in that direction. He was born when Sarah was already postmenopausal (Gen. 18:11), incapable of having a child naturally. Isaac was clearly the special gift of God. As the first Jewish child, he became the precedent for all subsequent generations. The binding was intended to establish that children belong to God. Parents are merely their guardians.

That, in relation to the firstborn, was also the message of the tenth plague in Egypt. All firstborn were to have been priests in the service of God. Only after the sin of the Golden Calf did this role devolve on the tribe of Levi. The same idea lies behind the ritual of the redemption of the firstborn. Hannah dedicated her child, Samuel, to God, as did the wife of Manoah, mother of Samson. A mother brought a burnt offering, as did Abraham, in lieu of the child. By so doing she acknowledged that she was not the owner of the child, merely its guardian. In bringing the offering it was as if she had said: "God, I know I should dedicate this child entirely to Your service. Please accept this offering in his place."

As for the sin offering, there is a fascinating rabbinic passage that sheds light on it. It describes a conversation between God and the angels prior to the creation of man:

When the Holy One, Blessed Be He, came to create man, He created a group of ministering angels and asked them, "Do you agree that we should make man in Our image?"

They replied, "Sovereign of the universe, what will be his deeds?"

God showed them the history of mankind.

The angels replied, "What is man that You are mindful of him?" [Let man not be created]. God destroyed the angels.

He created a second group, and asked them the same question, and they gave the same answer. God destroyed them.

He created a third group of angels, and they replied, "Sovereign of the Universe, the first and second group of angels told You not to create man, and it did not avail them. You did not listen. What then can we say but this: The universe is Yours. Do with it as You wish." And God created man.

But when it came to the generation of the Flood, and then to the generation of those who built the Tower of Babel, the angels said to God, "Were not the first angels right? See how great is the corruption of mankind."

And God replied [Is. 46:4], "Even to old age I will not change, and even to grey hair, I will still be patient."

The angels were opposed to the creation of man because they knew in advance that of all life forms, humans alone were capable of sinning and thus threatening the

work of the Creator. The passage implies that God knew that humans would sin and yet persisted in creating humanity. This may explain the sin offering brought on the birth of a child.

The child will one day sin: "There is none on earth so righteous as to do only good and never sin," says Ecclesiastes (7:20). So a mother brings a sin offering in advance to atone, as it were, for any sin the child may commit while still a child, as if to say: "God, you knew humans would sin, yet still You created them and commanded us to bring new lives into the world. Therefore, please accept this sin offering in advance for any wrong my child may do."

Parents are responsible in Jewish law for sins their children commit. That is why, when a child becomes bar or bat mitzvah, a parent makes the blessing thanking God "for making me exempt from the punishment that might have accrued to me through this one."

Thus the sacrifices a woman brings on the birth of a child, and the period during which she is unable to enter the Temple, have nothing to do with any sin she may have committed or any "defilement" she may have undergone. They are, rather, to do with the basic fact of human mortality, together with the responsibility a parent undertakes for the conduct of a child, and an acknowledgement that every new life is the gift of God.

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Castro said filming for the commercial would begin on Monday and the actresses were to be joined by "dozens of talented children, musicians and singers" in the advertisement, The Jerusalem Post reported. The group will perform the "90210" theme song in the new campaign "as a tribute to the parents of our children," according to the company.

This is Spelling's first time in Israel, while Garth visited the Jewish state in 1992 with some of her "90210" co-stars for a special Hanukkah performance alongside Israeli teens.

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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

Legal Notice.

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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
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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 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
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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

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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
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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
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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 & Hertz, LLP, 200 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 202, Amherst, New York 14228, Attorneys for Plaintiff
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