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## Poll Shows New Elections Would Strengthen Likud, Right-Wing Bloc



Israelis count the remaining ballots from soldiers and absentee voters, April 10, 2019. Photo: Noam Revkin Fenton/Flash90.

### BY JNS.org

If Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fails to secure a coalition before the Wednesday deadline and Israel goes to another round of elections, Netanyahu's Likud Party will win again, according to a survey conducted Sunday by Israeli daily Ma'ariv.

Conducted by the Politics Panels Research Institute on May

26 after a large rally led by the opposition Blue and White Party in Tel Aviv against a proposed law, which would give serving prime ministers immunity from indictment, the survey showed that a right-wing bloc would be victorious.

The poll showed that Likud would retain 35 seats, Blue and White would get 34, Shas and United Torah Judaism would hold at eight each, the Union of Right Wing Parties would grow from five

to six seats, Israel Beiteinu—led by Avigdor Lieberman, who is causing the current coalition crisis—would grow from five to six seats, Meretz would rise from four to five seats, Ahmed Tibi's Ta'al would rise from six to seven seats, and Labor would remain at six.

However, the New Right Party's Naftali Bennett and Ayelet Shaked would achieve a major turnaround and enter the Knesset

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## IDF Hits Syrian Anti-Aircraft Battery After Fighter Jet Comes Under Fire

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The Israeli military hit an anti-aircraft battery in Syria's Quneitra region on Monday after an IAF fighter jet was fired on from the position earlier in the day.

The plane was targeted while on a routine mission inside northern Israeli airspace, the IDF said. It later returned safely to base and no one was injured in the incident.

According to the Syrian state news agency SANA, one



Israeli Air Force planes. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

soldier was killed and another was wounded in the retaliatory IDF strike.

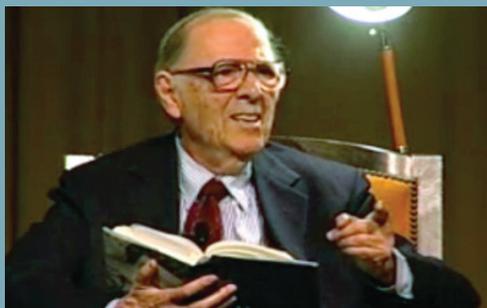
Commenting on Monday's events, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated, "Our policy is clear — we are not prepared to tolerate any aggression against us, and we will respond against it powerfully and decisively."

In February 2018, an IAF F-16 was shot down over northern Israel by a Syrian anti-aircraft missile.

In recent years, the Israeli military has acted numerous times in Syria to thwart Iran's ambitions there — including the transfer of advanced weaponry to Hezbollah, the Tehran regime's Lebanon-based Shi'a proxy.

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## Opinion.

# What the Kippa Controversy Says About Europe and Its Jewish Population

MANFRED GERSTENFELD  
JERUSALEM

Yet another public taboo about antisemitism in Germany has been broken. The country's antisemitism commissioner, Felix Klein, recently said: "I cannot advise Jews to wear kippot everywhere all the time in Germany."

Klein's statement was most unwelcome. As a German official, he indirectly confirmed that the German legal system and police cannot guarantee that Jews can freely express their identity in public. In fact, Klein confirmed that in 2019 the Jew is still an outsider in German society.

There was much opposition to Klein's words. The Bavarian Minister of the Interior, Joachim Herrmann, a Christian Socialist, said: "Everybody should wear his kippa wherever he wants." These words, however, will provide no protection when a Jew is attacked.

The German Federal Interior Minister, Horst Seehofer, also a Christian Socialist, said: "The state must guarantee the exercise of religion everywhere." He did not add a more truthful statement: But the German state of which I am a minister is unfortunately not able to do so.

In a nice gesture, Germany's biggest

daily, Bild, printed a cut-out kippa on its front page to encourage people to show solidarity and wear kippot in public.

The Zentralrat der Juden in Deutschland — the umbrella organization of German Jews — welcomed Klein's words. Its chairman, Josef Schuster, said that for many years, Jews who were recognizable as such were in danger in several major German towns. He added that it was therefore justified that this issue received attention at the highest political levels.

Klein's recommendation could also have been made by an honest French, Belgian, or Dutch official. The reality in each of these countries makes it risky to wear a kippa in certain public places.

In 2001, the Chief Rabbi of Brussels, Albert Guigui, was attacked in his hometown. Since then, he wears a cap in public. In 2018, the French speaking Belgian television station RTBF wanted to produce a program of reactions to a Jew walking in the streets of Brussels with a kippa. They tried in vain for weeks to find a volunteer.

In a radio interview in 2003, then French Chief Rabbi Joseph Sitruk told French Jews to wear a cap rather than a kippa in order to avoid being attacked in the streets. Years ago, Henri Markens, then Director-General of the Organization for Jewish Education (JBO) in Amsterdam, said about pupils of a Jewish high school: "For a number of years already, we have been telling our students to put a cap



Demonstrators take part at a neo-Nazi NPD party Mayday rally in Dresden, Germany, May 1, 2019. Photo: REUTERS/Matthias Rietschel/File Photo.

over their kippa. In principle, one shouldn't have to do this, but the circumstances in Amsterdam leave you no choice."

In some places, the situation is even worse. A Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) study undertaken in 2013 in a number of European countries found that, on average, 20 percent of Jews said they always avoided wearing, carrying, or displaying things that might help people identify them as Jews in public.

About 10 years ago, during my time at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, we had a Spanish intern who studied at the main

university in Madrid. He said that, due to his fear of persecution, even his closest friends there did not know he was Jewish.

Klein has pulled the lid off a European cesspool. It is one thing if Jewish officials recommend that Jews should hide their identity. But once a government official says so, it exposes and confirms a huge democratic deficit in various European countries.

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## New York Times Editorial Blames Netanyahu for European Antisemitism



The *New York Times* is using an editorial denouncing antisemitism in Europe as an opportunity to take a cheap shot at the Israeli prime minister.

In an editorial headlined "The Old Scourge of Anti-Semitism Rises Anew in Europe," the *Times* writes, "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has not helped matters by finding common cause with nationalist leaders like the Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban or President Trump so long as they do not support a Palestinian state."

European antisemitism existed before the modern State of Israel. It exists independent of the policies of any Israeli prime minister. Blaming the Jews, or one particular Jew, for antisemitism is inaccurate. It's a logical error. It's arguably an act of antisemitism itself, as it suggests that Israel, alone of all nations, should be unable to pursue a foreign policy based on its national interests for fear of provoking a latent and essentially irrational hatred.

After all, if Netanyahu were to refuse to meet with Trump or Orban, that might also provoke antisemitism. What's the Israeli foreign ministry or prime minister's office supposed to do? Weigh each and every foreign policy decision on the basis of what some Jew-hating sickos might think about it?

It makes no sense. I mean, the only way it does make any sense is if one assumes that what the *Times* is really up to isn't advancing the interests of the Jews or opposing bigotry in all forms but rather advancing left-wing politics while trying to appease the many readers justifiably outraged by its publication of an antisemitic cartoon.

Don't just take it from me: take it from Michael Oren, the historian and former Israeli ambassador to America, who tweeted, "All the HYPOCRISY that fits. The *NY Times* editorial on rising anti-Semitism cites Netanyahu as a source but omits Omar, Tlaib, and, incredibly, The *NY Times* and its Nazi cartoon and endless articles vilifying the one Jewish state and its supporters. Laughable if not so tragic."

On the Orban case, the *Times* earlier this month ran a front-page story with a lead anecdote about how:

*a magazine controlled by Mr. Orban's lawyer devoted its cover to an image depicting Andras Heisler, the leader of Hungary's largest Jewish organization,*



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, March 10, 2019. Photo: Gali Tibbon/Pool via REUTERS/File Photo.

*showered with bank notes. Jewish groups across the world swiftly denounced the cover as anti-Semitic.*

*Mr. Orban refused to criticize the magazine. It was a vivid example of how the Hungarian leader has both opposed and implicitly condoned anti-Semitism — sometimes in the same week.*

*"There is this double game," Mr. Heisler said in an interview.*

But the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* — not exactly an apologist for antisemites — covered the same news earlier this year with an article noting that the magazine "was vindicated in the eyes of at least some Hungarian Jews because thieves stole \$437,000 in government money from Mazsihisz [the Hungarian Jewish group headed by Heisler]. The culprits were suspiciously versed in Mazsihisz's inner procedures."

Reported the *JTA*:

*To some, the case was an example of how certain Jewish groups in Eastern Europe avoid or discredit scrutiny of their muddy financial affairs by casting it as anti-Semitic.*

*"The Figyelo photo montage wasn't nice, but it wasn't anti-Semitic," Ferenc Olti, a former board member of Mazsihisz, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency....*

*In nearby Poland, journalist Nissan Tzur has a similar impression about that country's Jewish community.*

*"Complaining about anti-Semitism is standard practice for Jewish community institutions whenever there's any serious*

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## World News.

# Israel 'on the Vanguard' in Dealing With Legal Challenges of Warfare, Top US Official Says

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Israel is "on the vanguard" when it comes to dealing with legal challenges that arise from warfare, a top American official said on Tuesday.

Addressing the 3rd IDF International Conference on the Law of Armed Conflict in Herzliya, Paul C. Ney Jr. — the US Department of Defense's general counsel — stated that dialogue about the law of war must "be led by states, like Israel and others represented here, that are deeply committed to the rule of law and will adhere in good faith to their legal obligations."

"A state that has no intention of complying with its obligations will not have the desire that Israel and the United States and others have to ensure that the law is militarily practical and strengthens humanitarian protections," he added.

"The law of war's fundamental distinction between privileged military forces and unprivileged combatants is notably under-recognized in current debates," Ney asserted. "We see this lack of recognition in reports or resolutions that portray the current condition of compliance with the law of war in sweeping, dismal terms. These reports fail to recognize that many states, like Israel and the United States, have extensive, robust programs of law of war implementation and enforcement."

Referring to the International Criminal Court (ICC), Ney noted, "Unfortunately, I believe that Israel's experience with the ICC is similar to the US experience. Like the United States, Israel is not a party to the Rome Statute. Like the United States, Israel possesses a robust civil and military justice system. As

with the United States, the ICC has ignored the principle of consent to jurisdiction and



IDF soldiers gather next to armored vehicles near the Israel-Gaza Strip border, March 27, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

engaged in an illegitimate effort to review Israeli actions. No matter the ICC's actions, as Ambassador [John] Bolton has stated, "The United States will always stand with our friend and ally, Israel."

Ney continued: "It might be politically inconvenient for some, maybe many, to acknowledge that the US military and the IDF care profoundly about the law of war and in fact have strong systems for implementation and enforcement of the law of war. These efforts, which are one of the principal criteria distinguishing lawful combatants from unprivileged combatants, must be recognized in the application of the law of war."

According to the IDF, more than 150 legal experts from over 20 countries were attending the three-day conference, which opened on Tuesday.

# Snap Expulsion of Key Tony Blair Aide Contrasted With British Labour's Reluctance to Discipline Antisemites

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair's most famous confidant was expelled from the opposition Labour Party on Tuesday — leading some observers to unfavorably contrast the rapid discipline imposed in this case with the hundreds of allegations of antisemitism in the party's ranks yet to be investigated.

Alistair Campbell — who served as Blair's spokesman during his ten-year premiership at the turn of the century — was kicked out of the party just four days after disclosing that he had voted for the Liberal Democrat Party in the European Parliament elections, because of Labour's reluctance, under far-left party leader Jeremy Corbyn, to support a second



Alistair Campbell served as communications director to former British PM Tony Blair. Photo: Reuters / Andrew Winning.

referendum on the country's "Brexit" from the European Union.

Labour parliamentarian Jess Phillips,

# Abbas: Trump Peace Plan Can 'Go to Hell'



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas speaks during a meeting of the Palestinian Central Council in Ramallah, January 14, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Mohamad Torokman

BY JNS.ORG

"The 'deal of the century,' or the deal of disgrace, will go to hell," said Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas at a ceremony in Ramallah on Monday.

Speaking of the US-sponsored conference in Bahrain scheduled for June 25-26, Abbas added that "the economic project they [the conference participants] are working on for next month will also go to hell ... we said we are not going to accept this meeting and its results because they are selling us illusions that will lead to nothing."

"The Palestinian Authority does not recognize this conference," Abbas said.

The PA announced a boycott of the Trump administration at the end of 2017, following the official recognition by the United States of Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel.

Last Wednesday, the PA officially rejected an invitation to participate in the Bahrain conference, with top PA negotiator Saeb Erekat saying that "the conference will surely fail without Palestinian participation."

Bahraini Foreign Minister Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa urged the PA to send representatives, saying the conference was intended to help Palestinians "through developing their abilities and enhancing their resources."

Though no official Palestinian authorities are expected to attend, wealthy Hebron businessman Ashraf Jabari, who has maintained close ties to the Trump administration and peaceful relations with the Jewish community of Hebron, has said he will attend.

The United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia announced they would send delegates. Israel will send its finance minister, Moshe Kahlon.



who has vocally opposed the party's handling of the antisemitism scandals under Corbyn's leadership, pointed out on Twitter that Campbell had been expelled for far less egregious reasons than other offenders who were merely "suspended."

Campbell was "expelled quicker than a man who threatened to kill me, quicker than a man in my CLP [Constituency Labour Party] who denied the Holocaust," she wrote.



In a series of tweets, Campbell said he would not be making further statements in the light of his appeal against expulsion, but

added "it was hard not to point out the difference" between his case and those involving antisemitism in the Labour Party.

In an editorial condemning the expulsion, the left-leaning Guardian newspaper denounced Labour's "petty and vindictive act," arguing that Campbell had been targeted because of his former role as Blair's communications director.

"The speed with which Labour has moved against Mr Campbell is also revealing," The Guardian continued. "The contrast with the cautious response in dealing with complaints against some of its other members, on issues including antisemitism, is glaring. That it happened on the very day that the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) began an investigation into that issue leaves a bad taste."

Earlier on Tuesday, the EHRC, the UK's equality watchdog, announced a formal investigation to determine whether the Labour Party had discriminated against, harassed or victimized people because they were Jewish.

Dawn Butler, a staunch Corbyn ally on Labour's front bench, defended the decision to expel Campbell. She said that any member who confessed to voting for another party would automatically be excluded. "It's just part of the rule book," Butler told the BBC. "Everyone knows that."

Labour's rule book states that member of the party "who supports any candidate who stands against an official Labour candidate...shall automatically be ineligible to be or remain a Party member."

## World News.



Typing on a computer, illustrative. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## HP Installing Malware Protection by Israeli Startup Deep Instinct on All PCs

BY ADI PICK/  
CTech

HP will be installing malware protection software by Tel Aviv-based Deep Instinct on its newest line of personal computers, the two companies announced Tuesday. While the financial details of the deal were not disclosed, a person familiar with the matter who spoke to Calcalist on condition of anonymity said the deal is valued at \$150 million over a four-year period.

Just as each HP personal computer comes equipped with an Intel processor, each new HP computer will come installed with Deep Instinct's technology, Deep Instinct

CEO Guy Caspi told Calcalist in a Monday interview.

Dubbed HP Sure Sense, Deep Instinct's deep learning-based predictive threat prevention software works both on and offline. Deep Instinct's technology enables real-time cyber protection across all endpoints, servers, mobile devices, and operating systems, Caspi said.

Founded in 2015, Deep Instinct employs 130 people, approximately 80 of which are in Israel, Caspi said. The company has raised \$64 million to date from investors including Nvidia, and Deep Instinct's customers include Air Asia, as well as several governments, according to company statements.

## Tnuva Eyeing Israel Chemicals' Milk Protein Subsidiary

BY GOLAN HAZANI/  
CTech

Israeli food manufacturer Tnuva is eyeing the milk protein business of Israel Chemicals (ICL), according to two people familiar with the matter who spoke to Calcalist on condition of anonymity. ICL is looking to sell its milk and whey powders subsidiary Prolactal GmbH, which it acquired four years ago for 100 million euros (\$115 million at the time), and is asking for at least \$400 million, these people said. ICL has hired Barclays PLC to manage the bidding process, they said.

ICL has been approached for comment but has yet to respond. Tnuva and Barclays declined to comment.

According to the people familiar with the matter, Tnuva is one of several bidders for Prolactal. Israel's largest food manufacturer, Tnuva controls much of the local market in the dairy category. In 2014, Chinese food conglomerate Bright Food paid \$2.5 billion for a 56 percent stake in the company.

Prolactal reported an annual turnover of 100 million euros at the time of its acqui-



A factory belonging to Israeli food company Tnuva. Photo: Et Hazamir via Wikimedia.

sition. In 2018, its annual turnover stood at 140 million euros. The company employs 200 people in its Austrian factory and sells its products in 35 countries across western Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. China is a major market for Prolactal.

At the time of the acquisition, ICL estimated that Prolactal's technology could be leveraged for its food additives product line. ICL's current CEO Raviv Zoller, appointed in 2018, has steered the company towards a greater focus on its core activity, chemicals. As part of the shift, the company sold its non-core fire safety and oil additives divisions in 2018 for a capital gain of \$840 million. At the time, ICL debated selling Prolactal as well.

which only met the minimum threshold of four seats, are expected to fail to meet the threshold and be knocked out of the Knesset.

All in all, a right-wing bloc would rise from 65 seats to 68, while the left-wing bloc would fall from 55 to 52 mandates.

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with five seats, according to the poll, after shocking the country and defying the polls by failing to enter the Knesset in the April 9 election.

Both Kulanu and the United Arab List,

## Upcoming 'Quds Day' Marches Face Legal Sanctions, Political Opposition

BY BEN COHEN

Organizers of the annual "Quds Day" protests — which will take place this coming Friday to Sunday in several cities around the world — could be facing an unprecedented pushback this year from both political opposition and potential law-enforcement measures.

A tradition first instituted during the final week of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month, by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the founder of Iran's Islamic Republic, marches and rallies calling for the elimination of the State of Israel and the "liberation" from the "infidels" of Jerusalem — known to Muslims as "Al-Quds" — are the main feature of "Quds Day" events.

Alongside Tehran, Beirut and Damascus, "Quds Day" rallies are held in several European and American cities, among them London, Berlin and Toronto, under the auspices of pro-Iranian Muslim organizations.

As well as providing a platform for openly antisemitic speakers, the rallies have become notorious for proudly displaying the flag of Hezbollah, Iran's Shi'a proxy terror organization in Lebanon.

This year, however, the display of Hezbollah flags at the "Quds Day" march in London will likely result in arrests, following the British Parliament's vote in February to end the UK's controversial distinction between Hezbollah's "political" and "military" wings. The entire organization is now proscribed and British police have been granted greater authority to confiscate flags and other items bearing Hezbollah's symbol — which features a upheld rifle poised beneath a quotation from the Qu'ran, "Then surely the party of God are they that shall be triumphant."

The Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC), a pro-Iranian NGO which organizes the London march, conceded in its latest published advice to participants that carrying a Hezbollah flag would probably result in a police detention.

"Based on advice from the police and lawyers, please be aware that flying the Hezbollah flag could lead to you being arrested as it may be interpreted as support for a proscribed group, as Hezbollah is now a proscribed organization," the IHRC cautioned in a post on its website dated May 17.

The IHRC added: "If we see people waving flags to show their support for any proscribed organization, our stewards will ask for the flags to be taken down and for the individuals to leave the march."

The group also counseled marchers to "remain vigilant, remain safe, but most of all let us collectively stand up to the fascists and Zionism." Participants in the 2019 march

"should not engage with the fascist counter demonstrators as they will be violent and abusive," the IHRC said, referring to the simultaneous solidarity rallies with Israel that are staged by Jewish community groups.

In 2018, dozens of Hezbollah flags, alongside signs reading, "We Are All Hezbollah," were freely displayed throughout the march in central London.

In Berlin, meanwhile, participants in this year's "Quds Day" march on Saturday will face a counter-demonstration supported by Jewish, Kurdish and LGBT+ groups, among others.

Berlin news outlet RBB 24 reported on Tuesday that "the Jewish Forum, the Kurdish community, the Lesbian and Gay Association, the American Jewish Committee Berlin and most of the parties represented in the Berlin House of Representatives" were calling on their supporters to attend a rally headlined "No Is, amism and Antisemitism in Berlin — Against the Quds March."

The German government's commissioner to combat antisemitism also encouraged people to attend the counter-demonstration as a gesture of solidarity with the country's Jewish community, following a 20-percent increase in antisemitic incidents over the last year.

In a statement on Tuesday, federal commissioner Felix Klein declared that he was calling "on all citizens of Berlin and across Germany to wear the kippah next Saturday if there are new, intolerable attacks targeting Israel and Jews on the occasion of Al-Quds Day in Berlin."

At last year's "Quds Day" march in Berlin, antisemitic signs comparing Zionism with Nazism and calling for a boycott of Israel were widely distributed.

On this side of the Atlantic, Jewish activists in Toronto — where a "Quds Day" march will occur on Saturday — have been pressuring city authorities to "stop subsidizing this hate rally at taxpayers' expense."

In an op-ed published on Tuesday in the Toronto Sun, Michael Mostyn — chief executive officer of B'nai B'rith Canada — lambasted municipal officials for not implementing city council instructions from earlier this year to impose financial penalties on "organizers of hate activities on city property."

The result, Mostyn argued, was that "taxpayers — including Jewish and Israeli residents of Toronto — will be forced to pay for this outpouring of hate."

He continued: "Organizers of peaceful, lawful public events — such as Ribfest, the Walk with Israel, and the Roncesvalles Polish Festival — all pay their own fees. But hatemongers seemingly get a free pass from the city."

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attempt by media to look into how restitution property is handled," said Tzur, who is Jewish.

The Israeli website Ynetnews.com covered the Hungary situation as a conflict between Heisler and the local Chabad rabbi, Shlomo Koves. Ynet quoted Koves saying of Orban, "Orbán is trying to uproot anti-Semitism from the right-wing identity in Hungary. Anyone who knows Hungarian history knows that part of the right-wing identity is anti-Semitism, and he is trying to cleanse it by openly standing by Israel, worrying about Jewish life, and making statements that support Israel and the Jewish community."

The same Times article about Hungary referred to Lubavitch of Hungary as "a

pro-Orban Jewish group: a small chapter of Chabad, a global network of Hasidic Jews who came to Hungary after the fall of Communism." This "small" chapter has ten rabbis, according to its website. And there were Hasidic Jews in Hungary before communism as well.

All of which is to say that it's nonsense to blame European antisemitism on Netanyahu's meeting with Orban or Trump. The "common cause" they are finding is a secure Israel that can pursue its foreign policy without a lot of worry about how antisemites might react. It's a cause to which the Times is, sadly, indifferent or even, to judge by this most recent editorial, outright opposed.

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

## U.S. News.

## Northwestern Affirms 'Unequivocal' Rejection of BDS After Incoming Professor Endorses Anti-Zionist Campaign

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

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All in all, a right-wing bloc would rise from 65 seats to 68, while the left-wing bloc would fall from 55 to 52 mandates.

"Many were understandably offended by some of the comments made by Dr. Thrasher during his commencement speech at New York University earlier this week," Northwestern president Morton Schapiro and provost Jonathan Holloway said in a joint statement on Friday, after Thrasher's remarks drew press and public attention.

"We do not share all of his views, nor do we feel commencement was the appropriate venue to express them," they continued. "However, academic freedom assures his right to hold them."

"While Dr. Thrasher will not be the first Northwestern faculty member who supports the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement, Northwestern as an institution unequivocally rejects BDS," they declared. "To the contrary, we value our many relationships with a variety of universities and research centers in Israel."

"As always, Northwestern remains firmly committed to diversity, equity and inclusion," the statement pointed out. "Our goal as an institution is to work toward constructive engagement within the context of freedom of academic

## Boston-Area Jewish Teens Help Rescue Drowning Man With Swastika Tattoo

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A group of Boston-area Jewish teenagers helped rescue a drowning man who later proved to have a swastika tattoo.

"They wanted just to let him know that it was four young Jewish boys that helped save his life," said a police officer who was on the scene.

According to Boston's local Channel 10 news station, the teens were yeshiva students from the suburb of Brighton who were walking around the Chestnut Hill Reservoir.

They spotted a man in the water and asked Boston College police officer Carl Mascoli for help.

"As I approached them, two of them ran up to my car," Mascoli said. "There was a body in the water."

"While I was pulling him out of the water, I also observed that he had a swastika on his hand," he recounted.

Mascoli told the teens about the tattoo and said "sometimes some deeds have a funny way of turning around. Their good deed had a little bit of a twist to it."

The teens were apparently unfazed by the news.

"They wanted just to let him know that it was four young Jewish boys that helped save his life," Mascoli said. "A good deed is a good deed and that's part of life. We should be helping everybody out."



The Jewish teenagers who rescued a drowning man with a swastika tattoo in Boston. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

inquiry and expression. We expect all members of our community to promote these values in an environment free of coercion and intimidation."

Thrasher's comments were also criticized by NYU President Andrew Hamilton, who in a statement on Thursday said he found it "quite objectionable" that Thrasher chose to use his platform "to express his personal viewpoints on BDS and related matters, language he excluded from the version of the speech he had submitted before the ceremony."

"We are sorry that the audience had to experience these inappropriate remarks," Hamilton added. "A graduation should be a shared, inclusive event; the speaker's words — one-sided and tendentious — indefensibly made some in the audience feel unwelcome and excluded."

NYU has recently been under increased



Steven Thrasher speaking at NYU's doctoral convocation ceremony, May 20, 2019. Photo: Screenshot.

scrutiny for what some critics have described as an unwelcoming environment for Jewish and Zionist students, with more than 140 professors and alumni of the NYU School of Medicine urging Hamilton last week to tackle a "climate of anti-Semitism at NYU that creates a hostile environment for Jewish students, prevents honest discourse and limits academic freedom on our campus."

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## Opinion.

# Germany Tells Jews to Take Off Their Yarmulkes



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I visited Birkenau last week for the 75th anniversary of the deportation of Elie Wiesel to Auschwitz. Over the last two summers, I have taken my family to the death camps and killing fields of Europe. Toward the end of a multi-week trip that included Treblinka, Majdanek, Auschwitz-Birkenau, and the Warsaw ghetto, among many others, my older children began to rebel. Why was I subjecting them to this living purgatory? In Israel, they said, they experienced a vibrant Jewish nation and felt the warmth of God's comforting presence. In Europe, they saw a vast Jewish cemetery where God was seemingly absent.

I explained that the six million victims of the Holocaust were our brothers and sisters, our children and parents, and our wives and mothers. They cry out from the grave to be remembered. We will never forget them, regardless of how empty or barren it makes us feel, and regardless of how it affects our relationship with God.

As antisemitism now begins to spread throughout the world, we in the Jewish community should be aware of our own trauma of seeing it all reappear.

It is clear that we must fight antisemitism. But how should we discuss it with our children?

Should we tell them to take off their yarmulkes when they visit Germany — as a German government official shockingly suggested this week — in order to fend off attack? My son and I visited the Normandy landing beaches in France this week, in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. And we wore our yarmulkes from the moment we landed in Paris.

In Krakow, just after visiting Auschwitz, we came to an outdoor market where paintings were sold. Krakow is a city where Pope John Paul II is literally a saint, so it wasn't surprising to see paintings that captured the pontiff's piety in prayer. What was shocking was seeing the paintings right next to him of rabbis surrounded by money, holding gold coins — even holding bitcoins — rather than praying or studying.

It was a disgusting display of antisemitism, so vulgar that had I not posted the pictures on my Facebook page, no one would

have believed me. But even as I protested this overt display of anti-Jewish prejudice, I was careful to show my son, who just had his Bar Mitzvah in Israel, that he dare never shirk in public from being a proud Jew.

I tried to show him the same when we walked through the streets of Nice and Marseilles in France last summer, even as the local Jewish community told us how dangerous it was to wear yarmulkes.

We should not put our children in danger. But should we not also factor in the psychological harm of being too self-conscious, rather than acting natural, as Jews?

I believe that we have to confront the slow creep of antisemitism as soon as it starts making tracks. We must fight antisemites like Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) who claims that the Palestinians provided a "safe haven" for Jews in Palestine after the Holocaust. The truth, of course, is that the Jews escaping Hitler who made it to British Mandatory Palestine were met with pogroms against Jewish communities, revolts against Jewish immigration, Arab support for Hitler's Holocaust, and a determination on the part of Israel's Arab's neighbors to launch a genocidal war against the Jews.

During the Holocaust, Arab leader Haj



Germany's "Bild" newspaper urged its readers to wear a kippa in solidarity with their Jewish neighbors. Photo: Screenshot.

Amin Al Hussein, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, was a staunch ally of Hitler, and — after launching a failed Nazi-backed rebellion against the British — he fled to Berlin at the Fuhrer's invitation. During the war, he advocated for the extermination of the Jewish people.

After the Holocaust, Arab armies partook in a genocidal war against the fledgling state of Israel. Six Arab nations invaded Israel with the stated goal of "driving the Jews into the sea" — attempting a second genocide of the Jews just years after the first. This time, however, a Jewish army repulsed the invasion.

As we battle the Tlaibs and Ilhan Omars of this world, let us be careful never to trivialize the Holocaust. And let us always be proud Jews.

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# An LA Times Op-Ed Sweetens the Destruction of Israel



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The concepts of equal rights and justice are embedded in the American psyche. One US academic of Palestinian descent, George Bisharat, is well aware of this when he makes his case for a one-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in *The Los Angeles Times*. But what looks like a winning formula couched in the language of human rights and equality is actually a thinly-veiled way of sweetening the pill of advocating for Israel's destruction as a Jewish state.

Bisharat's prescription is as follows:

*The way forward will be difficult, but it could start with a compassionate declaration from Palestinians, along the lines of South Africa's Freedom Charter, committing to a just society that includes both Israeli Jews and Palestinians. Such a declaration should embrace a broad, multi-faceted and contemporary vision of justice for this troubled land.*

Without even mentioning the word "apartheid," Bisharat has conflated the end of the South African apartheid regime with a solution to his Israel problem.

Needless to say, Israel is not apartheid South Africa.

Bisharat continues:

*For example, a Freedom Charter would address the rights of the Israeli Jews who currently inhabit homes of Palestinians seized in 1948, and fear eviction when Pales-*

*tinian refugees return, as we are legally and morally due. My family, like survivors of the Nazi Holocaust seeking return of their seized works of art, insists that ownership of our grandfather's Villa Harun ar-Rashid in West Jerusalem should be restored to us.*

Again a immoral equivalence, and this time, a wholly offensive one. Palestinians became refugees in 1948 as a result of a conflict that they and their Arab brethren initiated. Any homes or property they lost as a result was not "seized," as Bisharat would like readers to believe.

This cannot and should not be compared to Jewish survivors of the Holocaust who lost everything for nothing more than being Jewish. Palestinians have every right to consider the events of 1948 to be a catastrophe. To turn their misfortune into the equivalent of the Holocaust, however, is entirely inappropriate.

Bisharat's immoral equivalency then becomes farcical:

*The charter should also address rights for women and members of the LGBTQ community, which some Palestinians as well as some Jewish Israelis have been slow to embrace. And it should address environmental issues that will be crucial as global warming puts increasing pressure on the Middle East.*

Israel is the most progressive country in the Middle East when it comes to women's and gay rights. Any suggestion that there is some similarity between Israelis and Palestinians on these values is simply laughable. Indeed, given the fact that openly identifying as a member of the LGBTQ community is a possible death sentence for Palestinians, it's insulting to intimate that both Israelis and Palestinians need to equally improve their

records on this issue.

As for throwing in environmental issues and global warming, Bisharat clearly knows his audience. In truth, these are simply irrelevant to the real conversation. Israel is a world leader in many environmental initiatives, including water conservation and agriculture technology. Compare that with the Palestinians, whose ideas of environmental protection extends to polluting the air by burning tires, torching thousands of acres of forest and fields, and dumping sewage and waste on the land.

Bisharat then claims that one-third of Palestinians support a one-state solution. However, he then says:

*Meanwhile, in the U.S., polls show that about an equal number of Americans support one state with equality as support a two-state solution, with young people leading the way. According to a poll released by the University of Maryland in December 2018, 42% of Americans ages 18 to 35 support a single state, versus 33% for two states. And if a two-state solution is no longer possible, a majority of all Americans support one state with equal rights.*

Quite frankly, so what? Why are the views of young Americans even relevant here? Israelis and Palestinians are the people who have to live together in a workable solution to the conflict, not Americans who cannot begin to fathom the practical issues that any solution would entail.

It is only in the 11th paragraph of Bisharat's 15 paragraph piece that he openly acknowledges his real agenda:

*Of course, an Israel founded on equal rights for all will no longer be a "Jewish state" — just as South Africa, after the fall of apartheid, was no longer a state that institutionalized white supremacy. It was a fundamental misperception of Israel's founders that a homeland privileging Jews could be accepted in another people's land.*

Bisharat makes a direct link between a Jewish state and white supremacy, essentially branding the concept of a Jewish homeland as a racist construct — not only

racist but illegitimate in its entirety, because these Jews are living "in another people's land." In Bisharat's worldview, Jewish self-determination in the land of their forefathers, a land that they have had a continuous connection to for over 3,000 years, is illegitimate.

And because Bisharat is attuned to his West Coast liberal audience, he makes sure to throw in another trigger:

*Israeli Jews will not surrender their advantages easily. Privileged groups never do.*

Being a professor on a US campus, Bisharat is well aware of the conversation surrounding intersectionality and supposed "white privilege." So it's a natural stretch to turn Israeli Jews into a "privileged group" in much the same way as bigoted left-wingers in US politics and academia have branded American Jews as the beneficiaries of "white privilege."

Nowhere in his piece does the author address the glaring problem with a one-state solution from the Palestinian perspective. Palestinians are divided between two administrations, the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and the Hamas government in the Gaza Strip. Despite numerous efforts to come to an arrangement, these two bodies are in open conflict with each other. Palestinians cannot even unite among themselves. Yet Bisharat expects both sides to come together in harmony in a one-state solution?

Bisharat ends with a call for "the prospect of building a just and genuinely free and democratic society — a true beacon of progress for the region if not the world." There's a state of this description already in the region. Its name is Israel.

Bisharat knows that Palestinians are incapable of building anything genuinely free and democratic. Far easier to take over the state that already exists through the ballot box and bring an end to Jewish sovereignty.

This call for a one-state solution, while presented in the language of liberalism, equal rights, and justice, is nothing more

## Opinion.

# Israeli Tech Tackles Water Crisis in 'Sustainable Nation'

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In the last two decades, Israel has been transformed from a thirsty country in the Middle East to a leading international exporter of water-treatment technologies, and is eyed by neighboring nations and those in Africa for its tackling of one of the world's biggest problems.

A new film documents such developments in all their boggy details.

Sustainable Nation, which screened at the AFI Theater in Silver Spring, Maryland on Wednesday as part of the 2019 Washington Jewish Film Festival, follows the stories of three Israelis who have been part of this dramatic change.

"The wars of the future will be fought over water," said the film's director, Micah Smith, at a panel following the screening. "I hope films like this can make people aware and start thinking about solutions."

Whereas the Jewish state was facing a water shortage just two decades ago, reclaimed water now accounts for 85 percent of Israeli agricultural use, with 80 percent of the country's total water consumption coming from desalinated water.

"Israel successfully addressed this problem as a state," said Amy Sapkota, director of CONSERVE, a water and sustainability center at the University of Maryland. "They brought together their geographic location and a 'let's get it done' attitude, and that's something we can learn from."

According to the World Health Organization, by 2025 half of the world's population will be facing water scarcity.

"Water is a problem today even in places where it wasn't considered one before," said Omer Guy, one of the innovators featured in the movie, and a chief agronomist at Phytex, a company that helps farmers conserve water through algorithm-based monitoring technology. "What we do in high-tech is to go in and come up with solutions no one has tried before."

In the United States, Guy and Phytex currently help Californian farmers manage their water resources. Since the state grows more than one-third of the country's vegetables and two-thirds of its mass-market fruits and nuts — all in the midst of severe droughts in recent years — the water issue's impact on the US food market has been and will continue to be considerable.

"To me, water in California is worth more than anything," said Brian Palla, a California farmer who uses Phytex's technologies amid the state's growing water crisis, in one of the film's most touching moments. "If there is no change, we will be seeing a reduction in useful agriculture land because there won't be enough water here."

While agriculture and industry put a stress on water resources in developed nations, large populations in other countries lack access to clean water for basic needs such as drinking and showering. According to the World Health Organization, contaminated drinking water is responsible for some

500,000 deaths every year.

Sivan Ya'ari, the Israeli founder of Innovation Africa (IA), tackles this problem through a unique, solar-based water-pumping solution that allows small villages in Africa to develop their own water resources. This method, as Ya'ari explains in the movie, also aims to empower local women by giving them control of the decision-making around the newly established resource. While the entity is able to monitor the health of the infrastructure



Christian visitors dip in the waters of the Yardenit baptismal site, in the Jordan River, which flows out from the Sea of Galilee, northern Israel November 1, 2018. Picture taken November 1, 2018. Photo: REUTERS/Ronen Zvulun.

over time, Ya'ari pointed out that management of the facilities remains with the locals.

"What motivates me the most is the simplicity of the solutions," she concluded. "We've helped so many villages through the years, but our work is still small compared to the need." To date, IA has helped 200 villages across eight African countries become water independent.

Alongside Ya'ari and Guy, Eli Cohen, founder of Ayala Water and Ecology, is hoping that his company can help communities living in proximity to contaminated water sources in India. India's outdated infrastructure created a situation where sewage runs directly into rivers and aquifers, putting millions of lives at risk. Authorities have realized the need to tackle the problem, but are often hampered by "too much bureaucracy" and rely on the "wrong solutions" for their specific situation, according to Cohen.

By planning projects that center on bio-sustainable solutions, such as building water-cleaning plants around polluted water sources, Cohen is hoping that his company can help the millions of Indians who lack access to clean water.

"The nexus between water, energy, and food is a vicious cycle that we need to break," said Cohen, shown in the film at his house in the town of Tzippori in northern Israel. "We're breaking this nexus by using technologies that don't need energy to clean water."

Currently, Cohen's company is fabricating a project meant to fight pollution in the Ganges River, which is worshiped by many Indians and is surrounded by 500 million-plus people living on its banks.

"We see news about Israel all the time, but it's not about the amazing things in this film," said William Piermattei, managing director of the environmental law program at the University of Maryland following the film screening. "Solving [the water] problem is going to take all of us, and like Israelis are doing, we need to reach out and take this on together."

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a Jewish state. Palestinian rejectionism has played a significant role in wrecking all initiatives for a Palestinian state living side by side with an Israeli one. Bisharat's opinion piece

# Malmö 2020: World Leaders Against Antisemitism



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In October 2020, Sweden will host an international summit to combat antisemitism. When Stefan Löfven, the Swedish prime minister, announced the parley last Friday, he didn't disclose any further details, but the Swedish press depicted the event as a forum that would be attended by government leaders and heads of state.

So it's worth thinking about. Before anything else, there's the planned location: the southern city of Malmö. Over the last 10 years, Malmö has become a potent symbol of Europe's rising antisemitism and especially of its spread beyond the far right to the ranks of the left, as well as extremist elements within the city's large Muslim community. The most immediate effect of this has been to shrink what was already a small Jewish population of 3,000 in 2009 by around 50 percent a decade later.

Indeed, Löfven's presence in Malmö to make the announcement was partly caused by an antisemitic scandal involving the local branch of his Social Democratic Party's youth wing. On May 1, the party's young activists were caught chanting the slogan "Long Live Palestine, Crush Zionism!" at an international workers' day rally. Given that Malmö was the scene of violent anti-Israel demonstrations when the Israeli tennis team competed in the 2009 Davis Cup tournament in that city, one could perhaps regard these thundering denunciations of the Jewish state as an established local tradition. Here, then, is the first potential danger of the 2020 conference: that it will allow Malmö to clean up its image as a center of antisemitism without cleaning up its act.

The fact that there is a controversy around the location of the conference points to deeper, even more perplexing issues — foremost, why actually hold such a conference at all? There is one obvious reason in favor of doing so: It will be an opportunity for this generation's world leaders to restate their opposition to antisemitism. Further, the conference will also be a platform for these leaders to explicitly condemn anti-Zionism — the denial of Israel's right to exist — as a form of antisemitism. Whatever else may divide them, French President Emmanuel Macron, UN Secretary-General António Guterres, the federal parliament in Germany, and US President Donald Trump have all made this point emphatically in the last couple of years. Now, potentially, they can do so again from the same dais.

The conference is also a reminder that many governments and international organizations have institutionalized the fight against antisemitism. Germany now has a federal commissioner who is devoted to the issue, while the US State Department this year finally appointed a new special representative on antisemitism — a post that was originally created in 2005 during the first George W. Bush administration. The 57-member state Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) has also held conferences and appointed special envoys to deal with antisemitism, along with

other forms of prejudice. Most of the time, this modest bureaucracy conducts its business without overwhelming media attention; bringing their political bosses to Malmö will shine a much-needed light on the work they are doing on assisting victims of antisemitic abuse, Holocaust education, hate-crimes monitoring, and similar challenges.

As yet unclear, however, is the degree to which a conference on antisemitism hosted by a left-wing government in Europe would be willing to address the elephant in the room: the antisemitism that doesn't come from the far right.

I would suggest that there are three key aspects to this question.

First, there is the need to recognize that antisemitism is politically promiscuous and can be found with equal venom on the left and the right. The slaughter of six million Jews by the Nazi regime, which will doubtless be a central theme at the conference some 75 years after the liberation of Auschwitz, should not ignore or obscure the presence of antisemitism in other political contexts.

Second, government efforts against antisemitism have rightly pushed a broader message of tolerance and openness. In a period of growing far-right populism, that message needs to be restated. But it also requires another, no less important layer: recognition that antisemitism is not just a problem of the ethnic majority, but of minorities as well, and particularly Europe's multiple Muslim communities. At the present time, if a swastika is daubed on a Jewish building in Germany and the perpetrator remains unidentified, the police will categorize the crime as "far right," despite having seen the profusion of signs equating the Star of David with the swastika at numerous left-wing, anti-Zionist demonstrations. That perhaps exemplifies why a wholesale transformation of how antisemitism is understood by law-enforcement officials, teachers, and social workers is necessary.

Third, a truly honest, candid conference will examine the Holocaust not just as a historical Jewish tragedy with universal lessons for subsequent generations, but as a political weapon that is being wielded against Jews today. You can see this in Eastern Europe, where ultra-nationalists charge that Jews are exploiting the Holocaust for financial gain, and also in Western Europe, where many liberals and leftists will argue that the Holocaust has become a reputational shield for the State of Israel in its oppression of the Palestinians. Both these calumnies need to be fought explicitly, even when they come from the mouths of some of the leaders who will probably turn up in Malmö next year.

As ever, the fight against antisemitism is a supremely political enterprise, and Jewish communities will encounter allies and adversaries across the spectrum. Distinguishing one from the other is not as simple as might seem, since it's easy for any politician to issue a generic condemnation of what most people are inherently against. It's the politicians who recognize that antisemitism is an issue among their own colleagues and co-thinkers and friends — and not just their rivals — who can be trusted.

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than Bisharat's politically correct method for bringing about the destruction of Israel as

is an admittance that his one-state solution is just that — a single Palestinian state where Israel currently exists.

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## Impressions.

# Herman Wouk: A Proud Champion of Judaism

BY JEREMY ROSEN

Herman Wouk, who died recently at the age of 103, was one of the most successful American novelists. Surprisingly, he was also a practicing Orthodox Jew.

Unlike the current crop of American Jewish novelists (some of whom love to demean and diminish their Jewish heritage), Wouk was proud of his Jewish religious identity, and supportive of traditional Jewish values.

During World War II, he had a distinguished career in the Navy. His experiences there were the background for his first novel, *Aurora Dawn*, and then his roaring success, *The Caine Munity*. That book won the Pulitzer Prize and was on the best-seller lists for over two years. It was turned into a very successful movie.

Then came another best-seller, *Marjorie Morningstar*, in 1955, also turned into a successful movie. It was the love story of a beautiful, naïve New York Jewish girl from a wealthy, traditional family. She falls in love with an assimilated Jew that her parents disapprove of, because he wants to be in the theater rather than become a doctor or lawyer.

After *Marjorie* graduates, she decides to be an actress. Their relationship blossoms, but then falters and collapses. In the end, she finds love with a conventional man. In the book, scenes from Jewish religious life introduced Judaism to the wider American public. And the book and movie established Wouk as the leading

pro-Jewish writer in the English language. But soon he would be overshadowed by Chaim Potok (author of *The Chosen*) who wrote about life in the Hasidic community and the tensions between modernity and tradition.

Saul Bellow, Bernard Malamud, and Philip Roth were great writers and magisterial figures on the world literary scene — all much more acclaimed by the literati and critics than Wouk. But they all rejected their Jewish religious identity.

Wouk's significance for me lay in a small book he wrote called *This Is My God* in 1959. In it, he explained Orthodox Judaism to the wider Jewish and non-Jewish world. In simple prose and without preaching, he described beautifully what living as an Orthodox Jew meant to him, and how it contributed in a meaningful way to his life. He described the richness of traditional

ritual and practice in ways that made them accessible to those on the outside. Fifty years on, it is still highly readable and relevant. And it is still in print.

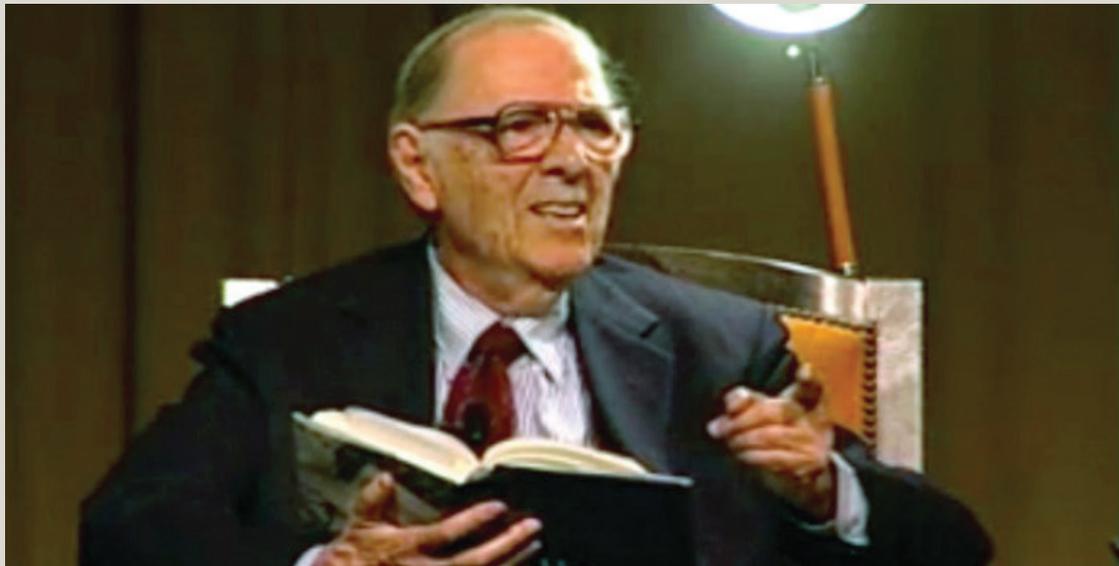
*TIME* wrote a profile on Wouk, which said, "He is a devout Orthodox Jew who had achieved worldly success in worldly-wise Manhattan while adhering to dietary prohibitions and traditional rituals which many of his fellow Jews find embarrassing."

Throughout my career in the rabbinate and education, I have always recommended *This Is My God* — and I still do, whether to a Jew or non-Jew, as the easy first step along the way to learning more about Judaism. Wouk's death made me feel that I have lost a close friend, even though I never met him.

Fifty years later, much has changed. Orthodoxy has grown exponentially. It is the only sector of American Jewry that is expanding in size and influence. You can now see Orthodox men and women in all the major professions, proudly displaying their symbols of Jewish identity in public.

Sadly, though, the old Jew haters remain — Farrakhan, Duke, etc. In Europe and Britain (assuming it leaves the EU) the threat comes from the fascist right, the radical left, and now the UK Labour Party.

Whereas Jews are doing well and thriving through their own efforts, and most doors are open to them, the other side of the coin is all too obvious. Now, on campuses, many young Jews are scared to speak up against faculties and



Herman Wouk. Photo: Screenshot.

The American world that Wouk grew up in was still heavily antisemitic. Preachers and politicians openly railed against the Jews and their supposedly hidden and venal influence on American life. Even so, hard work and success could overcome a lot of prejudice — as Wouk demonstrated.

When Wouk wrote, Reform and Conservative Judaism were completely dominant in the US. Orthodoxy was a very minor unimportant sliver of the Jewish population. There were still limits on Jews at Ivy League universities, in the major professions, and in government. This explains why so many American Jews feared drawing attention to themselves, and tried to hide their Jewish identity. It also explains why so many were anti-Zionist. That was why Wouk was so remarkable — because he was proud of his Judaism and Israel.

student bodies determined to attack and silence them. They often feel they need to hide their Jewish identity in the way they did in Wouk's early days. And antipathy towards Jews is rising in many communities.

Just as "the poor will never cease from the land," as the Torah says, so hatred of Jews will never cease. But proud spokesmen like Herman Wouk, who can reach a wider audience, not just preach to the converted, are worth their weight in gold. We have lost a great one. Let us hope that a new generation will emerge.

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summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. 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. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on the following: (a) a mortgage bearing date June 10, 1981 given by Cleopatra Barton, Ishmael Jules and Veronica Jules (deceased) to Citibank, N.A. to secure the sum of \$35,500.00 and recorded in Reel 1244 at Page 393 in the office of the County Clerk/City Register of Kings County on June 15, 1981; and (b) a mortgage bearing date October 7, 1986 given by Ishmael Jules and Veronica Jules (deceased) to Citibank, N.A. to secure the sum of \$7,347.30 and recorded in Reel 1903 at Page 175 in the office of the County Clerk/City Register of Kings County on October 21, 1986; and (c) which mortgages in (a) and (b) above were consolidated by consolidation, modification and extension agreement given by Ishmael Jules and Veronica Jules (deceased) to Citibank, N.A. to form a single lien amount of \$42,000.00 and recorded in Reel 1903 at Page 189 in the County Clerk/City Register of Kings County on October 21, 1986 which mortgages as consolidated were ultimately assigned to Plaintiff herein as later evidenced by written instrument dated November 23, 2016 and which is to be recorded in the office of the County Clerk/City Register, covering premises known as 859 Midwood Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203 (Block 4589, Lot 107). To the above named Defendants: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Noach Dear, J.S.C. of the State of New York, and filed on 03/27/2019. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, said premises known as 859 Midwood Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. There is now justly due and payable to the Plaintiff the principal sum of \$14,339.06 plus interest at the contract rate from

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June 1, 2009. The relief sought within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/ CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/ DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at [HTTP://WWW.DFS.NY.GOV](http://www.dfs.ny.gov). Rights and Obligations YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Aldridge Pite, LLP. Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200 Melville, NY 11747 Our File 1133-32282B  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: THAT GUY'S GARAGE LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 02/13/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Mark Russell 52 Dean Street, 4F Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31; 6/7/14

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Tino Estrada, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/16/17 and entered on 5/30/17, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 13, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 584 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 County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4050, LOT: 124. Approximate amount of judgment is \$704,389.87 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 24323/2010. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) or call (800) 280-2832. Jaime Lathrop, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., V. CHARLES GRAY A/K/A CHARLES A. GRAY, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 28, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and CHARLES GRAY A/K/A CHARLES A. GRAY, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on June 13, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 511 EAST 54TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11203: Block 4765, Lot 61: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 512058/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF11 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-FF11, V. WILLIAM BLAGROVE, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2018, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of

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Kings, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF11 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-FF11 is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM BLAGROVE, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on June 13, 2019 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 1603 E 95TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236: Block 8298, Lot 29: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510180/2014. Jeffrey Miller, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR3, V. OLGA BORTNIKOVA, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR3 is the Plaintiff and OLGA BORTNIKOVA, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on June 13, 2019 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 2515 E 63RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234: Block 8461, Lot 18: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500890/2016. Jeffrey Miller, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. KEHINDE AYOOLA A/K/A KOHINDE AYOOLA A/KA/ KEHINEE AYOOLA, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on March 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 June 13, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1593 East 94th 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 8297 and Lot 33. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21398/13. Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100  
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## Tradition.

## The Birth of Hope



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

This week we read the *Tochecha*, the terrifying curses warning of what would happen to Israel if it betrayed its Divine mission. We read a prophecy of history gone wrong. If Israel loses its way spiritually, say the curses, it will lose physically, economically, and politically also. The nation will experience defeat and disaster. It will forfeit its freedom and its land. The people will go into exile and suffer persecution. Customarily we read this passage in the synagogue sotto voce, in an undertone, so fearful is it. It is hard to imagine any nation undergoing such catastrophe and living to tell the tale. Yet the passage does not end there. In an abrupt change of key, we then hear one of the great consolations in the Bible:

*Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away... I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the Lord. (Lev. 26:44-45)*

This is a turning point in the

sense. Modern Hebrew had to borrow the word: hence, tragedia.

Then there are secular cultures, like that of the contemporary West in which the very existence of the universe, of human life and consciousness, is seen as the result of a series of meaningless accidents intended by no one and with no redeeming purpose. All we know for certain is that we are born, we live, we will die, and it will be as if we had never been. Hope is not unknown in such cultures, but it is what Aristotle defined as "a waking dream," a private wish that things might be otherwise. As seen through the eyes of ancient Greece or contemporary science, there is nothing in the texture of reality or the direction of history to justify belief that the human condition could be other and better than it is.

Judaism is not without an expression of this mood. We find it in the opening chapters of the book of Ecclesiastes. For its author, time is cyclical. What has been, will be. History is a set of eternal recurrences. Nothing ever really changes:

*What has been will be again,  
What has been done will be done again;*

*There is nothing new under the sun. (Eccl. 1:9)*

Ecclesiastes, though, is a rare



history of the human spirit. It is the birth of hope: not hope as a dream, a wish, a desire, but as the very shape of history itself, "the arc of the moral universe," as Martin Luther King put it. God is just. He may punish. He may hide His face. But He will not break His word. He will fulfill His promise. He will redeem His children. He will bring them home.

Hope is one of the very greatest Jewish contributions to Western civilisation, so much so that I have called Judaism "the voice of hope in the conversation of humankind." In the ancient world, there were tragic cultures in which people believed that the gods were at best indifferent to our existence, at worst actively malevolent. The best humans can do is avoid their attention or appease their wrath. In the end, though, it is all in vain. We are destined to see our dreams wrecked on the rocks of reality. The great tragedians were Greek. Judaism produced no Sophocles or Aeschylus, no Oedipus or Antigone. Biblical Hebrew did not even contain a word that meant "tragedy" in the Greek

voice within Tanach. For the most part, the Hebrew Bible expresses a quite different view: that there can be change in the affairs of humankind. We are summoned to the long journey at whose end is redemption and the Messianic Age. *Judaism is the principled rejection of tragedy in the name of hope.*

The sociologist Peter Berger calls hope a "signal of transcendence," a point at which something beyond penetrates into the human situation. There is nothing inevitable or even rational about hope. It cannot be inferred from any facts about the past or present. Those with a tragic sense of life hold that hope is an illusion, a childish fantasy, and that a mature response to our place in the universe is to accept its fundamental meaninglessness and cultivate the stoic virtue of acceptance. Judaism insists otherwise: that the reality that underlies the universe is not deaf to our prayers, blind to our aspirations, indifferent to our existence. We are not

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Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: KMC PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 04/10/2019. 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: KMC property management LLC 1005 Broadway Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31; 6/7/14

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST JACQUELINE GEORGE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 06, 2019 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 June 13, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1336 EAST 99TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236-5324. 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 8282, LOT 58. Approximate amount of judgment \$539,299.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 510790/2014. ZVI A. STORCH, ESQ, Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 63047  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORE, CSAB MORTGAGE BACKED TRUST 2006-1, CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES 2006-1, Plaintiff AGAINST LINDA YEBOAH, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 24, 2019 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 June 13, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 701 FOUNTAIN 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 4546, LOT 49. Approximate amount of judgment \$920,379.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 754/10. JACK SEGAL, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 63049  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: LLVN PROPERTIES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/09/2019. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Michael D. Sweet, Esq. Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and

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Murphy, PC. One Monarch Place, Suite 1900, Springfield, MA 01144. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 5/17/24/31; 6/7/14/21

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, HIC ACQUISITIONS I, INC., Plaintiff, vs. NELSON RODRIGUEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on August 22, 2016 and an Order Extending Time to Hold Foreclosure Sale duly filed April 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 June 20, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 42 Eldert Lane, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4112 and Lot 67. Approximate amount of judgment is \$691,093.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 876/2014. Scott Harris Klein, Esq., Referee GreenspoonMarder, 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ; 5/17/24/31; 6/7/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff against GOLAM SIKDER MOSTAFA A/K/A GOLAM MOSTAFA A/K/A SIKDER MOSTAFA A/K/A SIKDER G. MOSTAFA A/K/A GOLAM SKIDER MOSTAFA, ET AL, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered July 25, 2016, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on June 27, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 239 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, NY. Block 3436 Lot 40. 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$205,480.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 512109/14. Julie Ann Clark, Esq., Referee CHJNC328  
AJ; 5/17/24/31; 6/7/

File No. 2018-3288(B) PROBATE CITATION ESTATE OF JOSEF GRILICHES SURROGATE'S COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO SOLOMON ABRAMOWITZ nee ABRAMAVICIUS; BENNO ABRAMOWITZ nee ABRAMAVICIUS; LOUISE ABRAMS nee ABRAMOWITZ if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he/she/they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his/her/their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Josef Griliches, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained and THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF NEW YORK COUNTY A petition

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having been duly filed by JAY GARREL, who is domiciled at 575 Grant Place, Cedarhurst, New York 11516 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court New York County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007 on July 17th, Room 509, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of JOSEF GRILICHES lately domiciled at 211 E. 79th Street, New York, NY 10075 admitting to probate a Will dated September 1, 1973, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of JOSEF GRILICHES, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to JAY GARREL Dated, Attested and Sealed May 10, 2019 HON. Nora S. Anderson, Surrogate Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk MARTIN S. DORFMAN 100 CROSSWAYS PARK W., SUTIE 201, WOODBURY, NY 11797 (516) 802-0878 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]  
AJ; 5/17/24/31; 6/7/14

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against ROSA ELISA PEREZ A/K/A ROSA E. PEREZ A/K/A ROSA PEREZ, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered July 25, 2016, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on June 27, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 239 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, NY. Block 3436 Lot 40. 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$205,480.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 512109/14. Julie Ann Clark, Esq., Referee CHJNC328  
AJ; 5/17/24/31; 6/7/14

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff against RUBY STRACHAN; VERONICA STRACHAN; SAPPHIRE STRACHAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 29, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 27th day of June, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City New York, County of Kings and State of New York. Said premises known as 462 East 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11203. (Block: 4939, Lot: 9). Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,145.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506263-13. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344  
AJ; 5/17/24/31; 6/7/14  
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## Social.



British children's writer and illustrator Judith Kerr chats as she sits in her kitchen at her home in west London, Britain September 30, 2015. Photo: REUTERS/Dylan Martinez/File Photo.

## 'Tiger Who Came to Tea' Author Judith Kerr, Who Escaped Nazi Germany, Dies at Age 95

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Author Judith Kerr, who enchanted generations of children with simply illustrated tales such as *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and *Mog the Forgetful Cat*, has died at the age of 95.

The death of one of the most popular authors of children's books in the 20th Century was announced by her publisher, Harper Collins, which said Kerr had died after a short illness. It did not specify a cause.

"It has been the greatest honor and privilege to know and publish Judith Kerr," said Ann-Janine Murtagh, executive publisher of HarperCollins Children's Books.

"She came to visit our offices frequently — always bringing her books in person; often arriving on the No 9 bus and leaving us all full of laughter and in awe of her astonishing zest for life."

Kerr, who left Germany with her family just before the Nazis came to power, wrote and illustrated 35 books that sold millions of copies around the world, including *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*. But none was more celebrated than her first about the havoc caused by a surprise visitor's enormous appetite. *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* tells the story of a little girl and her mother who are having tea at home when a friendly tiger arrives unannounced, eats all the food and then leaves, never to return.

Kerr told *Reuters* in 2015 that when her daughter Tacy was a toddler, the girl would often say "talk the tiger." Years later, when both of her children were at school and she was wondering what to do next, she hit upon the idea of a book.

It was published in 1968 to critical acclaim and has been a bestseller ever since, with *Mog the Forgetful Cat* following in 1970, the first of a long series.

Kerr was often asked whether the tiger has a hidden meaning, and some people have suggested it might represent Hitler or the Nazis, invading her home and stealing her possessions. Kerr dismissed this, saying

the idea for the tiger simply came from a visit to the zoo with Tacy, and the creature was harmless.

"I never think about telling small children what to think," she told *Reuters* in 2015.

### Escape From Nazi Germany

Kerr was born in Berlin and her family left Germany in 1933 to escape the rise of the Nazi Party and came to Britain via Paris.

The family's struggle to get by as impoverished refugees in Paris and then wartime London formed the subject of Kerr's autobiographical trilogy that started with *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*, published in 1971.

The book has been translated into many languages and taught to school children as an introduction to a dark chapter of history. It won the prestigious Youth Book Prize in Germany, and in 1993 a school was named after Kerr in her native Berlin.

Kerr said that as she had got older she had thought more often about the Jewish children from her generation who perished in the Holocaust, and of the lives they might have lived.

"If you've got a life that so many people didn't have, you can't waste it," she told *Reuters*.

As a young woman, Kerr worked as a textile designer, art teacher and script writer at the *BBC* before taking time out from work to raise her two children with her husband Tom.

Kerr never stopped working. Last week, she was named as illustrator of the year at the British Book Awards.

Her most recent title *Mummy Time* was published last year, touching on concerns that parents are too obsessed with technology.

The book is about a mum distracted by her phone in the park while her toddler goes on adventures.

Kerr's latest book *The Curse of the School Rabbit* is due to be published next month.

She is survived by her two children and grandchildren.

## Now Museum Pieces, Yiddish Typewriters Tell the Story of a Once-Vibrant Culture

BY BEN COHEN

Not long after the first models appeared on the market in the 1870s, the typewriter began its century of dominance over written communications across the world. Writers used typewriters for manuscripts, accountants used them for invoices and inveterate newspaper readers used them for letters to the editor.

Typewriter manufacturers adapted their keyboards for various alphabets, including Hebrew and Yiddish (though both languages rely on the same alphabet, Yiddish contains letter combinations and vowels that are not used in Hebrew). According to Eddy Portnoy — the curator of a new



'Rise of the Yiddish Machines' tells the story of the Yiddish typewriter and its impact on Jewish life and literature. Photo: YIVO Archive.

exhibition in New York City that celebrates the Yiddish typewriter — over the years, between 80-100,000 of these machines were built, sold and used with enormous devotion, along a Jewish nexus that connected New York in the west with Siberia in the east, touching London, Warsaw, Moscow, and other points in between.

Ultimately, it is to this culture that "Rise of the Yiddish Machines," the exhibit thoughtfully assembled by Portnoy at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in downtown Manhattan, pays tribute.

By the second decade of the twentieth century, the typewriter was an established fact of life among Yiddish speakers. When *The Algemeiner* paid a visit to the exhibition late last week, Portnoy highlighted an article from a New York Yiddish newspaper in 1914 that remarked on how typed letters to the editor were beginning to arrive in large numbers.

"That suggests the ordinary people were buying typewriters and using them," Portnoy said. Like most forms of technology, he explained, typewriters became cheaper and more accessible as their use spread. In 1905, a Yiddish typewriter would have set you back \$100 — nearly \$3,000 in today's money. By the 1930s, you could buy a decent model for \$35 — under \$700 today — and be confident that it would last you a lifetime, as long as you serviced it regularly.

Many of the writers whose letters and other manuscripts are showcased at the exhibition were emotionally invested in their typewriters, Portnoy observed, in a relationship between human and machine rendered obsolete by computers that are upgraded every couple of years. On display are the poems of Malka Lee, a leading Yiddish writer who considered her typewriter "the medium through which she communicated her poetry," said Portnoy.

"Malka Lee's daughter once told me that her

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wrong to strive to perfect the world, refusing to accept the inevitability of suffering and injustice.

We hear this note at key points in the Torah. It occurs twice at the end of Genesis when first Jacob then Joseph assure the other members of the covenantal family that their stay in Egypt will not be endless. God will honour His promise and bring them back to the Promised Land. We hear it again, magnificently, as Moses tells the people that even after the worst suffering that can befall a nation, Israel will not be lost or rejected:

Then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where He scattered you. Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the Lord your God will gather you and bring you back. (Deut. 30:3-4)

But the key text is here at the end of the curses of Leviticus. This is where God promises that even if Israel sins, it may suffer, but it will never die, and it will never have reason to truly despair. It may experience exile, but eventually it will return. Israel may betray the covenant but God never will. This is one of the most fateful of all biblical assertions. It tells us that no fate is so bleak as to murder hope itself. No defeat is final, no exile endless, no tragedy the story's last word.

Subsequent to Moses, all the prophets delivered this message, each in his own way. Hosea told the people that though they may act like a faithless wife, God remains a loving husband. Amos assured them that God would rebuild even the most devastated ruins. Jeremiah bought a field in Anatot to assure the people that they would return from Babylon. Isaiah became the poet laureate of hope in visions of a world at peace that have never been surpassed.

Of all the prophecies of hope inspired by Leviticus 26, none is as haunting as the vision in which Ezekiel saw the people of the covenant as a valley of dry bones, but heard God promise to bring us "back to the land of Israel." (Ezek. 37:11-14)

No text in all of literature is so evocative of the fate of the Jewish people after the Holocaust, before the rebirth in 1948 of the State of Israel. Almost prophetically, Naftali Herz Imber alluded to this text in his words for the song that eventually became Israel's national anthem. He wrote: *od lo avda tikvatenu*, "our hope is not yet lost." Not by accident is Israel's anthem called *HaTikva*, "The Hope."

Where does hope come from? Berger sees it as a constitutive part of our humanity:

*Human existence is always oriented towards the future. Man exists by constantly extending his being into the future, both in his consciousness and in his activity... An essential dimension of this "futurity" of man is hope. It is through hope that men overcome the difficulties of any given here and now. And it is through hope that men find meaning in the face of extreme suffering.*

Only hope empowers us to take risks, engage in long-term projects, marry and have children, and refuse to capitulate in the face of despair:

*There seems to be a death-refusing hope at the very core of our humanitas. While empirical reason indicates that this hope is an illusion, there is something in us that, however shamefacedly in an age of triumphant rationality, goes on saying "no!" and even says "no!" to the ever so plausible explanations of empirical reason. In a world where man is surrounded by death on all sides, he continues to be a being who says "no!" to death - and through this "no!" is brought to faith in another world, the reality of which would validate his hope as something other than illusion.*

I am less sure than Berger that hope is universal. It emerged as part of the spiritual landscape of Western civilisation through a quite specific set of beliefs: that God exists, that He cares about us, that He has made a covenant with humanity and a further covenant with the people He chose to be a living example of faith. That covenant transforms our understanding of history. God has given His word, and He will never break it, however much we may break our side of the promise. Without these beliefs, we would have no reason to hope at all.

History as conceived in this parsha is not utopian. Faith does not blind us to the apparent randomness of circumstance, the cruelty of fortune, or the seeming injustices of fate. No one reading Leviticus 26 can be an optimist. Yet no one sensitive to its message can abandon hope. Without this, Jews and Judaism would not have survived. Without belief in the covenant and its insistence, "Yet in spite of this," there might have been no Jewish people after the destruction of one or other of the Temples, or the Holocaust itself. It is not too much to say that Jews kept hope alive, and hope kept the Jewish people alive.

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mother was very attached to her typewriter," Portnoy said. "I don't think people necessarily feel the same way about their computers."

Other Yiddish manuscripts on view include excerpts from the autobiography of Marc Chagall, the famed Russian-Jewish artist, and the works of Chaim Grade, a key Yiddish writer of the post-Holocaust period. With a drama that is almost theatrical, visitors can see Grade's final typewritten words upon a page on his own machine.

"I imagine that this is the last thing Grade ever wrote," Portnoy said. He quoted the text: "Already in the mild spring he went out without a coat, carrying a soft hat in one hand and a worn briefcase in the other." Grade's wife is said to have packed up the typewriter exactly as she found it after his death.

The exhibition projects a powerful sense of Yiddish as a global language, rooted in Europe but spoken on different continents. One

## Standing Up to Anti-semitism in Queens



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Raja Abdulhaq and Nerdeen Kiswani were scheduled to speak at the Church of the Redeemer in Astoria, Queens on the evening of May 14. Caleb De Jong, a member of the church board and of the Democratic Socialist Party, used his positions to organize the event in honor of the Palestinian "Nakba [catastrophe] Day."

By portraying the speakers as Palestinian "human rights" activists, and characterizing the evening as an "educational forum," De Jong had no difficulty persuading the church to host the speakers. However, when Astoria residents learned about the event, the plans began to change.

Unsurprisingly, Reverend Canon Juan A. Quevedo-Bosch was unfamiliar with Abdulhaq and Kiswani's antisemitic and violent rhetoric, which includes calling for "armed resistance" and an "intifada revolution" in Israel — or, more precisely, terror against Israeli civilians. He did not know that when a Palestinian terrorist killed an Israeli civilian by "car ramming" and Palestinians celebrated in the streets, Kiswani wrote: "I will not be ashamed or embarrassed by this. These celebratory actions are what keep the resistance moving forward ... no apology needed."

When the reverend and the church community learned these facts, they called a meeting of the board members, who then voted to cancel the event.

As expected, the cancellation did not sit well with De Jong or the Queens Democratic Socialist Party, who took no responsibility for misleading the community. On the contrary, they began to lash out with hateful online tantrums, exposing the venom that fuels their campaign to eliminate Israel — a violent

English-language advertisement from the 1930s assured readers that their "Relatives and Friends in the Soviet Union will appreciate the most practical New Year gift" — a Royal typewriter with a Russian, Hebrew and Yiddish keyboard, available from a company operating from Park Avenue.

Such a gift, of course, was also a potential curse under the Soviet regime. "Typewriters in the Soviet Union had to be registered with the authorities," Portnoy said. "They needed to know who was typing — and what it was that they were typing."

"Rise of the Yiddish Machines" is on view at YIVO in New York City until Dec. 31.

campaign thinly veiled by their deceptive claims to be promoting Palestinian human rights.

Their first tantrum appeared on Twitter in a comment reminiscent of the term "dirty Jews." Accompanied by a photograph of a small group holding an Israeli flag in front of the Church of the Redeemer, the Queens Democratic Socialist Party wrote: "Garbage Zionists threatened violence and intimidation that led to the cancellation of 'Palestinian Expulsion and Resistance.'"

A similar inversion of the truth, albeit more restrained, appeared in a May 23 column by Alex Kane in



Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez at a rally in New York City. Photo: Reuters/Caitlin Ochs.

Jewish Currents. In a disingenuous claim, Kane described the canceled evening of anti-Israel propaganda as a "community gathering to hear Palestinian-Americans speak about the Nakba."

He then went on to flaunt his BDS badge of honor, as he described the Nakba as "Israel's 1948 ethnic cleansing of Palestine," an imagined event frequently mentioned to spark anti-Israel outrage among new recruits of the BDS campaign. Finally, Kane quoted Meera Shah, a senior staff attorney at Palestine Legal, who described the Jewish community's expressions of concern to the church as "bullying and harassment," and "repression against speech advocating for Palestinian human rights."

Fortunately, by choosing not to provide a time and place for Jew-hatred — and a forum for those who support the murder of Israelis — the Church of the Redeemer set an important precedent that should be followed by colleges and universities across the country. The First Amendment does not obligate American churches, schools, or universities to provide a platform for speakers who endorse violence, and who encourage hostility and divisiveness in their communities.

It is my hope that Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the United States Representative for Astoria and a Democratic Socialist, will set another precedent by addressing the aforementioned events. To help encourage her to do so, a group of concerned citizens has written her an open letter that describes our community's contact with the Church of the Redeemer,

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST Eric D. Garnes, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Delia Curtis, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/2018 and entered on 10/18/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 27, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 245 E 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4851, LOT: 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$780,358.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 505910/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 5/24/31; 6/7/14

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while raising objections to being referred to as "Garbage Zionists."

Should you choose to join us and add your name, please send an email to Melissa@alliance4israel.org.

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