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## Trump Says Iran 'Playing With Fire' With Uranium Enrichment



F-22 Raptors from the 27th Fighter Squadron, taxi to take-off for a deployment to Qatar, June 25, 2019. Photo: Kaylee Dubois / US Air Force / Handout via Reuters.

**BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF**

Iran announced on Monday it had amassed more low-enriched uranium than permitted under its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, drawing a warning from US President Donald Trump that Tehran was "playing with fire."

Tehran's announcement marked its first major step beyond the terms of the pact since the

United States pulled out of it more than a year ago. However, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said the move was not a violation of the accord, arguing that Iran was exercising its right to respond to the US walkout.

The step, however, could have far-reaching consequences for diplomacy at a time when European countries are trying to pull the United States and Iran back from confrontation. It comes

less than two weeks after Trump said he ordered air strikes on Iran, only to cancel them minutes before impact.

Iran's semi-official Fars news agency reported that the country's enriched uranium stockpile has now passed the 300-kg (661-lb) limit allowed under the deal.

The UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which

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## After Tehran Breach, Netanyahu Reiterates Commitment to Preventing Nuclear Iran

**BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his top challenger, former IDF chief Benny Gantz of the Blue and White party, both reacted on Monday to the news that Iran had exceeded the limits on uranium enrichment laid down in the 2015 nuclear agreement.

In remarks at a ceremony for outstanding reserve soldiers on Monday, Netanyahu said, "Today, Iran



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, April 14, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun / File.

announced that it has violated its explicit commitment and crossed the threshold of 300 kg. of enriched uranium. Iran is taking a significant step toward producing nuclear weapons."

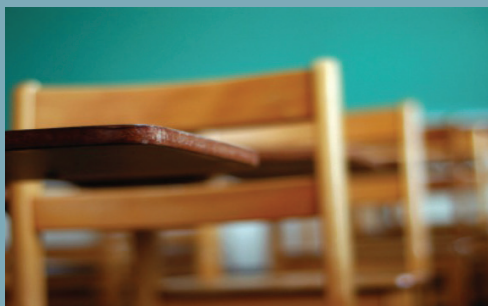
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## Opinion.

## The Roots of the Pro-Israel, Pro-Peace Lobby

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I have been going through the archives of the pro-peace, pro-Jewish state (later Israel) lobby, and I've found some interesting fundraising letters that offer insight into the thinking of the early advocates of this slogan.

In November 1917, the lobby was formed to rally liberal Jewish support for the Balfour Declaration's call for the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine. To distinguish itself from other Jewish organizations, the new group said it would lobby to ensure the United States supported Balfour's insistence that nothing be done to "prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine."

In 1936, the lobby asked for donations to help it persuade members of Congress to tell President Franklin Roosevelt that he should support British immigration quotas to limit the number of Jews who could go to Palestine, in order to mollify Palestinian Arabs who claimed they were being displaced, and were reacting with violence.

In September 1938, the lobby asked members of Congress to sign a letter urging Roosevelt to join his British ally, Neville Chamberlain, at a meeting with Adolf Hitler in Munich to discuss how to avoid war and

achieve peace in Europe.

Less than two months later, the lobby sent a message to its followers expressing outrage over the pogroms against Jews in Germany and Austria, but raising questions about whether the actions of some of the Jewish communities had provoked the response.

In the interest of peace, the lobby called on Roosevelt to pressure leaders of the Jewish community in Palestine in 1939 to accept the British White Paper, which called for the creation of a unitary state in which the Arabs would be the majority, and would impose restrictions on land acquisition by Jews, limit Jewish immigration to the country's "economic absorptive capacity," and make it contingent on Arab consent.

In December 1941, some in the lobby warned of warmongers who were trying to get the United States into a war with Germany. Donors were asked to support their efforts to prevent the president from using military force against a country that had not attacked the United States.

In 1947, the lobby said new donations would be matched by one of their large contributors after it expressed opposition to the UN partition resolution calling for the creation of a Jewish and Arab state. The lobby's director said the resolution would undermine the prospects for peace. He criticized the Truman administration for supporting a plan opposed by the Palestinian Arabs, and said the creation of a Jewish state under those

conditions would increase the potential for violence.

In April 1948, Arabs in Palestine accused Jews of a massacre at Deir Yassin and the lobby called on its liberal allies in Congress to introduce a resolution condemning Irgun and Lehi terrorists for killing innocent men, women, and children.

Less than a week later, the lobby criticized Jews in Palestine for provocatively sending a convoy led by Haganah troops through the Arab neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah on Mount Scopus. The Haganah was accompanying a group of doctors and nurses bringing food and supplies to Hadassah Hospital and the Hebrew University, both considered enemy bases by the leader of the Arab forces in Jerusalem, Abdul Kader Husseini. The convoy was attacked, and 78 Jews were killed. The lobby expressed regret at the loss of life but said it was understandable Arabs in the area would be angry after what the Irgun and Lehi had done in Deir Yassin.

On May 15, 1948, the lobby condemned David Ben-Gurion for unilaterally declaring the independence of the State of Israel.

As violence flared following the Arab invasion of Israel, the lobby called on Israel to exercise restraint and praised President Harry Truman for imposing an arms embargo on the Jews of Palestine to avoid bloodshed.

During the summer of 1948, Count Folke Bernadotte was sent by the UN to Palestine to try to negotiate a settlement. Bernadotte's plan called for the Jewish state to relinquish

the Negev and Jerusalem to Transjordan, and to receive the western Galilee in the land swap. Jewish immigration was to be limited or suspended based on the desire of the Arabs. The lobby endorsed the plan. The Arabs were expected to recognize Israel. The Arabs and Israelis rejected the plan.

Later, Bernadotte disclosed in his diary:

The Palestinian Arabs had at present no will of their own. Neither have they ever developed any specifically Palestinian nationalism. The demand for a separate Arab state in Palestine is consequently relatively weak. It would seem as though in existing circumstances most of the Palestinian Arabs would be quite content to be incorporated in Transjordan.

In December 1948, the lobby urged the Truman administration to vote in favor of a UN General Assembly resolution calling for the return of Palestinian refugees to their homes. The United States voted for Resolution 194; however, the Arab states all rejected it, still believing they could drive the Jews into the sea, so that the Palestinians could return to their homes as well as those of the Jews.

Interestingly, the lobby's funding apparently dried up during the period from 1949 until 1967. I could find no calls for the end of Jordanian and Egyptian occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, nor could I find any demands for a Palestinian state in those territories to achieve the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

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## New York Times Profile of Palestinian Diplomat Pushes Israel-Apartheid Theme

IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

A *New York Times* "Saturday Profile" of the Palestinian ambassador to the United Nations is the latest in a series of *Times* articles that links the Palestinian Arab cause to the struggle against racism, casting Israel in the role of the racist.

The ambassador, Riyadh Mansour, marched "for civil rights" as a college student in Ohio and "once helped lead a demonstration at Kent State University against a speech by the Ku Klux Klan's grand wizard, David Duke," the *Times* reports in the third and fourth paragraphs of its profile.

The final two paragraphs of the *Times* article return to the anti-racism theme. "He called himself a 'prisoner of hope,' quoting a passage he had read recently by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the South African anti-apartheid leader," the *Times* reports. The newspaper quoted Mansour as saying, "I like that line ... and I'm using it more often now."

The comparisons between the Palestinian Arab struggle against Israel and the struggle for black civil rights in the United States and in South Africa are inexact. They tend to obscure the realities of the situation rather than clarify it. They are shortcuts, appealing to those who would prefer to avoid the hard work of learning the history of the

Middle East and who would prefer instead to jump to conclusions based on more familiar cases. If the comparisons do apply, the Israelis themselves have a reasonable claim that they are the blacks, victims of irrational bigoted discrimination and unjustified violent attacks.

The Mansour profile follows a series of seven other *Times* items this year sounding similar themes. Among them:

- A Michelle Alexander column timed to Martin Luther King Day that accused Israel of having "adopted some practices reminiscent of apartheid in South Africa and Jim Crow segregation in the United States."
- An April 2019 staff editorial that claimed, inaccurately, "Under Mr. Netanyahu, Israel is on a trajectory to become what critics say will be an apartheid state like the former South Africa — a country in which Palestinians will eventually be a majority, but without the rights of citizens."
- A front-page *Times* news article in April 2019, which quoted a Palestinian: "Mr. Zakout has not given up. Perhaps the other side will awaken to what annexation would bring, he said: 'Israel and the Israeli society should defend their future from the one-state solution — from apartheid.'"
- A letter to the editor the *Times* published, also in April 2019: "Israel will finally have to acknowledge to the world the apartheid state that has been creeping into existence for decades."
- An op-ed piece the *Times* published in May by Saeb Erekat, who wrote, "If the Trump administration doesn't want to talk about a two-state solution on the 1967 border or

about one democratic state for everyone, what it is actually talking about is the consolidation of a 'one-state reality': one state, Israel, controlling everything while imposing two different systems, one for Israeli Jews and another for Palestinians. This is known as apartheid." Erekat called for immediately recognizing a Palestinian state, contending, "The alternative would be to perpetuate Israel's occupation and apartheid."

- Matti Friedman, who had been a voice of sanity, wrote in June about Israel's new interim justice minister, Amir Ohana, for the *Times*. Friedman said of Israel's nation-state law, "The center-left opposition denounced it for undermining the status of minorities, downgrading the status of Arabic and displaying dangerous signs of ethnic chauvinism." Friedman quoted one Israeli who said, "Ohana speaks in the name of liberal values but he actually promotes the politics of the most extreme religious right — annexing settlements, the nation-state law, breaking the power of the Supreme Court, aligning with open racists."
- A front-page *Times* article about protests against Birthright Israel that concludes with an activist talking about how she and her friends "talk about racism, sexism and the occupation."

Taken together, they represent an unmistakable effort to revive the Soviet-era lie that Zionism is racism.

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

## World News.

# Iran Exceeds Uranium Enrichment Limit Under 2015 Nuclear Deal. Now What?

BY JNS.ORG

Iran has exceeded the uranium enrichment limit under the 2015 nuclear deal, the International Atomic Energy Agency announced on Monday.

Tzvi Kahn, senior Iran analyst at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, told JNS that Iran's aim is to preserve relations with European allies in the face of the Trump administration's maximum pressure campaign against the regime since it withdrew the United States from the agreement in May 2018, reimposing sanctions lifted under it along with enacting new penalties against Iran.

"As a practical matter, Iran's breach of the stockpile limit is an incremental violation that does not significantly expedite its path to a nuclear weapon," he said. "Tehran's aim here is not to start a war, but to project strength, test US

Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif warned on Monday that Iran will further violate the agreement.

"Our next step will be enriching uranium beyond the 3.67 percent allowed under the deal," he stated. "The Europeans have failed to fulfill their promises of protecting Iran's interests under the deal."

The percentage mentioned by Zarif is a level fitting for producing civilian nuclear energy.

Moreover, the European Union announced on Friday that the Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges, or Instex, a financial mechanism to evade US economic penalties on Tehran, has been "made operational and available to all EU member states, and that the first transactions are being processed."

On the nuclear front, a debate has heated up in Washington over whether the Trump administration should issue another round of



The Iran nuclear program's Arak heavy water reactor. Photo: Nanking2012 via Wikimedia Commons.

resolve and ultimately weaken US deterrence."

Kahn continued, saying, "the regime also seeks to pressure Europe to restore economic ties with Iran, which have collapsed thanks to Washington's withdrawal from the nuclear deal. In this sense, Iran is engaging in nuclear blackmail, hoping to pressure the Trump administration to back down while stopping short of conduct that could prompt a more punishing US or European response."

Barbara Slavin, who leads the Atlantic Council's Future Iran Initiative, told JNS that Monday's development was writing on the wall.

"This is exactly what they said they would do after Trump cancelled the oil waivers," she said, referring to the Trump administration deciding in May that it would not issue further temporary permission to countries over importing Iranian oil. "The step is incremental and reversible, and gives Iran leverage in any future negotiation."

However, US Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) echoed Kahn's sentiment.

"The catastrophic Obama Iran nuclear deal was built to allow Iran to cheat, both by making it difficult to detect violations and by giving other countries an incentive to dismiss those violations when they became undeniable," said Cruz on Monday. "Iran began exploiting the deal before it was even implemented, secretly preserving nuclear weapons infrastructure and openly violating limits on nuclear-related materials—only to have the parties reflexively ignore the violations, downplay them as minor, or provide still-confidential side deals and loopholes."

Taking it even further, Iranian Foreign

temporary waivers to permit countries part of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal to conduct civil nuclear projects with the regime, but with limits as part of the Trump administration's "maximum pressure" campaign against Tehran.

The waivers—extended to 90 days, down from the 180 days previously granted—were issued in May, and allow the signees to continue conducting nonproliferation work at the Bushehr, Arak and Fordow nuclear facilities.

Ahead of the waivers expected to be reviewed in August, US National Security Advisor John Bolton and officials on Capitol Hill have increased pressure on US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo not to renew them.

"The Trump administration should increase sanctions on Iran's nuclear program, first by ending the civil-nuclear waivers the State Department has been providing, which allow Iran to continue building up its nuclear program, and second by invoking the United Nations snapback to restore international sanctions and restrictions on Iran," said Cruz. "In the meantime, Congress should pass the legislation I've introduced to increase economic pressure on Iran by sanctioning the Special Purpose Vehicle built by Britain, France, Germany and Iran to preserve the Ayatollah's economic lifeline, and I will continue to work with my congressional colleagues to ensure that maximum pressure means maximum pressure."

**'Economic pressure and diplomatic isolation will intensify'**

In light of the latest Iranian violation of the nuclear accord, "European participants in the

# Labor Members Vote on a New Leader Ahead of Upcoming National Election



Labour Party leader Avi Gabay speaks during a press conference at the Labour Party offices in Tel Aviv in on Oct. 1, 2017. Photo: Tomer Neuberger/Flash90.

BY JNS.ORG

Labor party members headed to the polls on Tuesday to determine who will represent the once-prominent faction in Israel's national elections in September.

Approximately 65,000 members will be eligible to cast ballots at one of 105 polling stations—down significantly from the 160,000 eligible voters the party had in 1992.

Prior to the April 9 elections, which failed to produce a functional coalition, Labor members elected 2011 tent protest leaders Itzik Shmuli and Stav Shaffir to the first and second

slots on the party list, with former Labor heads Shelly Yachimovich and Amir Peretz taking positions three and four, respectively.

Tuesday's primary is seen as critical for the survival of the party, which was once home to former prime ministers Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin, as well as former president Shimon Peres.

In the April election Labor won just six Knesset seats, the worst electoral showing in the party's history. Current leader Avi Gabay subsequently announced his resignation.

In 2015, the party teamed up with the Zionist Union party and won 19 seats.

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we proved that any nuclear agreement with Iran is built on one big lie," he asserted. "Now even Iran acknowledges this. Soon will be revealed additional proofs that Iran has been lying this whole time."

Netanyahu continued:

*I reiterate: Israel will not allow Iran to develop nuclear weapons. Today, I again call on all the European countries: Uphold your commitment. You committed to act the moment Iran violated the nuclear agreement. You committed to imposing the automatic sanctions set out by the Security*

*Council. Then I say to you: Do it. Just do it.*

Gantz said in a statement, "Israel is united and determined against the Iranian threat."

Gantz added, "Today, it is clear that Iran is not an Israeli problem, but an international one. I call for a broad global alliance against Iran, the intensification of sanctions and joint preparations for a situation in which Iran continues on its current path."

"At the same time," he noted, "I am certain that the IDF and the security forces are constantly preparing for every scenario in this area, and they can give the political echelon the necessary solutions to the threat so that Iran will never achieve a nuclear weapon."

deal, which have warned Iran not to go down this path, will need to decide whether and how hard to press Iran to reverse course and what if any penalties they want to impose," wrote Eric Brewer of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Doing so risks provoking further Iranian nuclear advancements and could ultimately cause the deal to unravel—an outcome Europe is keen to avoid."

On Monday afternoon, the US State Department responded, "The Iranian regime has taken new steps to advance its nuclear ambitions. The world's leading state sponsor of terrorism continues to use its nuclear program to extort the international community and threaten regional security."

"The Trump administration calls on the international community to restore the longstanding nonproliferation standard of

no enrichment for Iran's nuclear program," added the department. "Iran has the uncontested ability to pursue peaceful nuclear energy without domestic enrichment."

The State Department warned, "As long as Iran continues to reject diplomacy and expand its nuclear program, the economic pressure and diplomatic isolation will intensify."

"The United States should continue its economic and diplomatic pressure on Iran, and our European allies should not reward Iran for its attempted blackmail," tweeted American Israel Public Affairs Committee. "Iran's ability to easily advance its nuclear program at its own pace and choosing is cause for concern. A future agreement with the regime must ensure that it does not have a path to a nuclear weapons capability."

## World News.



The 'Hall of Names' commemorating victims of the Holocaust at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.  
Photo: David Shankbone via Wikimedia Commons.

## Major Neurological Study Reveals Long-Term Mental Health Impact of Holocaust on Survivors and Their Descendants

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A new study by Europe's leading professional association for neurologists has found that survivors of the Holocaust suffered long-term damage of their brain structures as a result of their trauma, with mental health problems being passed down to their children and grandchildren.

The study, issued on Sunday at the 5th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology (EAN) — an umbrella body for neurology researchers and professionals across the continent — stated that “surviving the Holocaust had a life-long psychological and biological effect with grey matter reduction affecting the parts of their brain responsible for stress response, memory, motivation, emotion, learning, and behavior.”

The EAN's research marks an important step forward for the emerging science of epigenetics — which studies whether trauma-induced DNA methylation modifications can be passed from traumatized individuals to subsequent generations of offspring. A 2011 study of survivors and their offspring 17 years after the genocide in Rwanda discovered that “both mothers exposed to genocide and their children had significantly higher levels of PTSD and depression than the control (non-survivor) group” who were surveyed alongside.

The research on Holocaust survivors and

their descendants suggests that the effects of such trauma can continue into a third generation. “After more than 70 years, the impact of surviving the Holocaust on brain function is significant,” Professor Ivan Rektor — a neurologist from Brno, Czech Republic involved with the study — said in a statement. “We revealed substantial differences in the brain structures involved in the processing of emotion, memory and social cognition, in higher level of stress but also of post-traumatic growth between Holocaust survivors and controls. Early results show this is also the case in children of survivors too.” Utilizing MRI scanning, the study looked at the brain function of 56 people with an average age of 79-80, comparing 28 Holocaust survivors with 28 “controls” who did not have a personal or family history of the Holocaust. Survivors showed a significantly decreased volume of grey matter in the brain compared with controls of a similar age who had not been directly exposed via personal or family history to the Holocaust.

Rektor said he hoped that “our findings and our ongoing research will allow us to understand more about the effect of these experiences in order to focus therapy to support survivors’ and their descendants’ resilience and growth.”

He added: “We may also reveal strategies that Holocaust survivors used to cope with trauma during their later lives and to pass on their experience to further generations.”

European powers, who remain party to the accord and have tried to keep it in place, urged Iran not to take further steps that would violate it. But they held off on declaring the agreement void or announcing sanctions of their own.

“We have NOT violated the #JCPOA,” Zarif wrote on Twitter, referring to the deal by the acronym for its formal title, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

He referred to a paragraph of the accord which contains the mechanism for countries to resolve disputes over compliance.

“As soon as E3 abide by their obligations, we’ll reverse,” he said, referring to European powers Britain, Germany and France. Iran has demanded they guarantee it the access to world trade envisioned under the deal.

The move is a test of European diplomacy after French, British and German officials had promised a strong diplomatic response if Iran

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monitors Iran's nuclear program under the deal, confirmed in Vienna that Tehran had breached the limit.

Trump, asked if he had a message for Iran, said: “No message to Iran. They know what they’re doing. They know what they’re playing with, and I think they’re playing with fire. So, no message to Iran whatsoever.”

The White House said earlier it would continue to apply “maximum pressure” on Iran “until its leaders alter their course of action.” It also said Iran should be held to a standard barring all uranium enrichment.

However, there is no international standard prohibiting Iran from enriching uranium, said Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association. “That is not the case. That is an American position,” he said.

## Israel's Approach to Energy Is Suicidal, Says Former Head of UN Framework on Climate Change

BY OMER KABIR/CTech

Israel's approach to renewable energy is suicidal, Christiana Figueres, the former Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), said in an interview with *Calcalist* in May.

“As a country in such a fragile region of the world, you would think that Israel would very quickly move towards energy independence, and towards being able to produce 100 percent of its own electricity and then move towards electric transportation so that it can be politically and economically independent of fossil fuel-exporting countries,” Figueres said. “It does not make sense to me that Israel depends on fossil fuel-exporting countries, it's suicidal.”

The cost of producing solar energy is close to that of fossil fuels, according to Figueres, who previously led the negotiations for the Paris Agreement, which entered into

fundamentally breached the deal.

The Europeans, who opposed last year's decision by Trump to abandon the agreement had pleaded with Iran to keep within its parameters.

Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt said Britain wants to preserve the pact “because we don't want Iran to have nuclear weapons. But if Iran breaks that deal then we are out of it as well.”

Iran has said it aims to keep the accord in place but cannot abide by its terms indefinitely, as long as sanctions imposed by Trump have deprived it of the benefits it was meant to receive in return for accepting curbs on its nuclear program.

A spokesman for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said: “Such action by the Islamic Republic of Iran would not help preserve the plan, nor secure the tangible economic benefits for the Iranian people,” and added that it should be resolved using the deal's mechanism.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the European countries should “stand behind their commitments” and impose sanctions on Iran.

### 'Economic war'

Iran said in May it would speed up production of enriched uranium in response to the Trump administration sharply tightening sanctions against it that month. Washington has now effectively ordered all countries to halt purchases of Iranian oil or face sanctions of their own, which Tehran calls “economic war” designed to starve its population.

In the two months since the sanctions were tightened, the confrontation has taken on a military dimension, with Washington blaming Tehran for attacks on oil tankers, and Iran shooting down a US drone, prompting the aborted US air strikes.

The nuclear deal imposes limits both on how much enriched uranium Iran can hold and on how pure its stocks can be, thresholds intended to lengthen the “breakout period” — the time Tehran would need to build a nuclear bomb if it sought one.

Zarif said Iran's next move would be to enrich uranium beyond the maximum 3.67% fissile purity allowed under the deal, a threshold Tehran has previously said it would cross on July 7.

Iran's moves so far appear to be a calculated test of the deal's enforcement mechanisms and the diplomatic response.

“This is not an irreversible step the Iranians have taken. Iran, with the remaining partners, can decide how they're going to proceed. There is a process in the JCPOA to

force on November 4, 2016. A situation in which countries refuse to export fuel to Israel is not unlikely, so the country should strive to produce more of its own energy, Figueres said. Israel can reach at least 70 percent independence, if not 100 percent, she said.

While there is some sustainable and solar energy being produced in Israel, the country is capable of producing substantially more, Figueres said. In 2009, Israel set a target of achieving five percent green electricity by 2014, and 10 percent by 2020. As of May 2019, it is behind on its goal, barely scraping by at 6.5 percent. “If there is a state with sun, it is Israel,” she said.

As a general rule of thumb, all governments need to provide sustainable energy incentives and work towards better public transportation and power-based transportation that uses clean energy sources, Figueres said.

try to cure breaches,” said Wendy Sherman, former President Barack Obama's lead US negotiator on the deal and now director of the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School.

“This does not in and of itself reduce the breakout time period, which is essential here,” she said.

The Europeans say they want to help Iran boost its economy. But so far European efforts to do so have failed, with Iran shunned on oil markets and major foreign companies abandoning plans to invest for fear of falling foul of US rules.

David Albright, a former UN nuclear inspector who consults with European officials on the Iran nuclear deal, said that while the EU3 are angry that Iran has broken the 300-kilogram ceiling, the violation is not serious enough for them to seek an immediate snapback of international sanctions.

They are watching, he said, for graver breaches that could indicate that Iran is returning to the nuclear weapons development track that the CIA and the International Atomic Energy Agency determined Tehran had abandoned in 2003. Iran denies it had such a program.

“There will be a lot of noise, but not a lot of action on snapback,” said Albright, president of the Institute for Science and International Security, a think tank.

The confrontation has put the United States in the position of demanding that the Europeans ensure Iranian compliance with an agreement that Washington itself has rejected. Trump argues that the deal is too weak because some of its terms are not permanent, and because it does not cover non-nuclear issues such as Iran's ballistic missile program and regional behavior.

Washington says sanctions are aimed at pushing Tehran back to the negotiating table. Iran says it cannot talk as long as Washington is ignoring the deal that it signed.

Israel, which considers the Iranian nuclear program an existential threat, has backed Trump's hard line, as have US allies among the rich Arab states of the Gulf, which consider Iran a foe and benefit from having its oil kept off markets.

“Just imagine what will happen if the material stockpiled by the Iranians becomes fissionable, at military enrichment grade, and then an actual bomb,” Joseph Cohen, head of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, told a security conference.

## U.S. News.

## Western New York High School Teacher Avoids Disciplinary Action After Remarks Praising Hitler

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A social studies teacher at a high school in Whitesville, NY, has escaped disciplinary proceedings over a lengthy statement in his school yearbook in which heaped praise upon Adolf Hitler, after local officials said the comments about the Nazi German leader were “incomplete” and “mistakenly taken out of context.”

Asked by student writers compiling the yearbook for the Whitesville Central School District to name his favorite person from history, Jeff Acor — who was recruited by the school district at the start of the academic year — gave the answer “Adolf Hitler.”

The Nazi dictator “did many great things for Germany and their youth before the infamous Holocaust,” Acor was quoted as saying in the yearbook.

Among other comments attributed to Acor was the sympathetic observation that Hitler “outed and faced hardships early in life which a lot of people can relate to.”

Acor ended his encomium to Hitler by saying, “Adolf is arguably the greatest public speaker in the history of the world. Adolf made many great strides to make Germany a world super power.”

Despite the detailed nature of the quotes, Whitesville School Superintendent Laurie Sanders sought to actively shield Acor from criticism.

Speaking to a local news outlet last Thursday, Sanders said that Acor’s statement in the year book had been “incomplete, resulting in the description of a historical figure being mistakenly taken out of context.”

In an interview with the Olean Times Herald, Sanders implied that there was more to the episode than she was authorized to disclose.

“The best way for me to say it is the statements were incom-

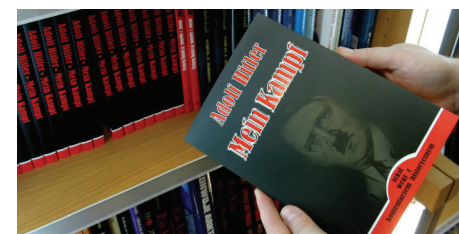
plete,” Sanders said, “but because there are children, students involved, and because of their privacy, I don’t really want to go into detail.”

The yearbook was produced by a student-run, after-school club, according to Sanders, who said district officials “try to give students the freedom and creative license to create and determine content.”

Sanders said the club has an adult adviser, but she declined to identify that staff member or whether that staff member will face disciplinary action.

Asked whether Acor would face disciplinary action for his statements about Hitler, Sanders said district officials had “investigated and no action has been taken.”

Sanders said the year book had now been withdrawn, and that a new version with what she described as Acor’s “complete statement”



A customer holds a Polish copy of Adolf Hitler’s ‘Mein Kampf’ at a bookstore in Wroclaw, Feb. 23, 2005. Photo: Reuters / Pierre Logvin PA / WS.

had been sent for printing.

Set in a county that US Census data estimates is 95.6 per cent white, Whitesville is the least racially-diverse school district in Western New York, according to the most recent Diversity Index Rankings by Buffalo Business First, which evaluated 95 school districts in the region.

## Israeli Foreign Minister Attends Abu Dhabi Climate Summit, Meets With UAE Official

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Israel’s top diplomat traveled to Abu Dhabi on Sunday to attend an international climate summit.

While in the Gulf emirate, Israeli Foreign Minister Yisrael Katz met with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

He also sat down with an unnamed senior United Arab Emirates official, and they talked about “regional issues and relations between the two countries, as well as the Iranian nuclear threat, its missile development program, its support of regional terrorism, and Iranian violence against regional interests,” according to an Israeli Foreign Ministry statement.

At the conclusion of his trip, Katz said, “I am excited to represent the interests of the State of Israel vis-à-vis the Gulf States here in Abu Dhabi. This represents a significant escalation in the relationship between Israel and countries in the region. Together with Prime Minister [Benjamin] Netanyahu, I will continue to promote the policy of normalization from power that we are leading, based on Israel’s capabilities in the fields of security and intelligence as well as in various civilian spheres.”

“I view this as one of my major challenges as minister of foreign affairs, and I intend to promote this policy in the future as well,” he added.

While Israel does not have official diplomatic relations with any countries in the Gulf region, recent years have seen growing behind-the-scenes ties, largely driven by cooperation against a common adversary — the Tehran regime.

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## Opinion.

# When Presidential Candidates Refuse to Hate Evil



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Last week, presidential candidate Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) was asked whether he would meet Louis Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam leader. Cory's response: "I don't feel the need to do that, but I'm not one of these people that says I wouldn't sit down with anybody to hear what they have to say."

He then added that he is highly acquainted with Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam from his time as mayor of Newark: "I am very familiar with Minister Louis Farrakhan and his beliefs and values."

Of course, what Cory should have said, is this: "I just condemned a former vice president of the United States for saying he hung out with segregationist Senators. So of course I would not meet with Louis Farrakhan, who has called Jews 'termites' and 'satanic,' and referred to Hitler, who murdered six million Jews, as 'a very great man.'"

But Cory did not say any of this. Instead, he left the door open to meeting a man who employs Nazi terminology about Jews.

A repulsion to evil seems to be missing from many of America's presidential candidates and leading political figures. Democratic US Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii made the colossal mistake of meeting with Bashar al-Assad, even after he used poison gas on Arab children.

Ask yourself how it is that the world watched as multiple genocides have unfolded.

The liberal answer is that we do not love enough. Presidential candidate Marianne Williamson, a fine and wise woman, said in last week's Democratic debate that we have

to change America through love. That's an uplifting message. But only so long as it is matched on the flip side with a hatred of evil.

Many liberals seek to understand rather than detest evil. They justify murderous actions based on poverty, persecution, or gullibility. We are often told that murderers of Israeli Jews were humiliated at checkpoints, unemployed in Gaza, or felt their only option was to engage in terrorism.

The failure of liberalism, and the reason for its repudiation in the political arena — where now it has to use the new name "progressivism" — is rooted in its unwillingness to hate evil. Many learned this from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, when he said, "If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also."

This noble sentiment is often misinterpreted, however, by those who fail to distinguish between the petty grievances Jesus was referring to and mass murder. Jesus did not mean to equate the person who stole your parking space with a mass murderer. He said to love your enemies, not God's enemies, such as neo-Nazis chanting "Jews will not replace us" in Charlottesville.

The act of taking a human life is a crime against God, who created life and endowed it with infinite worth. Individuals who have erased the image of God from their countenance through savage acts of brutality have removed themselves from the human family. Our love must be directed toward the victims of violence, not the victimizers.

The Bible teaches in Psalm 97, "Let those who love the Lord hate evil." Proverbs Chapter 8 tells us: "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil." And, in Ecclesiastes, King Solomon says, "There is a time to love and a time to hate."

Last week was the third anniversary of the passing of Elie Wiesel, the great Holocaust survivor and humanitarian, who once told me, "We can't hate our enemies. It seeps into

our blood and poisons us."

True. We should never hate our enemies. But we must detest God's enemies, those who engage in mass murder and genocide, slaughtering God's children.

There was a reason that Franklin Roosevelt forced Winston Churchill to accept the American insistence on the "unconditional surrender" of Germany, when both were at the Casablanca Conference. Churchill was sure it was a mistake and would make Germany fight to the last man, which it did. But for Roosevelt, Nazism was something repulsive and odious, and an armistice could never be offered.

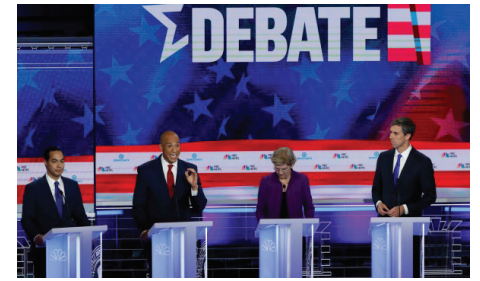
How are we supposed to demonstrate our moral resolve to fight extremists — right-wing, left-wing, or religious — who wish to exterminate Jews, Christians, or Muslims if we don't leverage a loathing of them which compels us to fight them?

How are we supposed to react to terrorists who bomb babies, who use children as human shields, and who indoctrinate their youth with the belief they will reach a heavenly paradise by blowing themselves up along with as many innocent bystanders as possible?

Abraham Lincoln did not suffer from an ambivalence to evil. He recognized slavery as an abomination, and said in 1854, "I cannot but hate slavery. I hate it because of its monstrous injustice."

And while Churchill challenged the American policy of unconditional surrender, he did not equivocate on his own hatred of the German Nazis. He said openly that "I hate no man but Hitler." And because he hated the beast, he inspired a nation to fight him.

Is not every stain of genocide upon the human timeline accompanied by a larger, darker mark of global indifference? The mass murder of Jews began in 1941, with the German invasion of Soviet Russia and the Einsatzgruppen death squads. After the



US Senator Elizabeth Warren speaks as former HUD Secretary Julian Castro, US Senator Cory Booker, former US Rep. Beto O'Rourke listen during the first US 2020 presidential election Democratic candidates debate in Miami, Florida, US, June 26, 2019.  
Photo: REUTERS/Mike Segar.

Wannsee Conference, it would lead to the gas chambers and the murder of 10,000 Jews per day for the next three years. But these crimes could not have occurred without the world first excusing Nazi antisemitism as a benign phenomenon that would ultimately pass.

The appropriate response to today's evil was expressed by former French President François Hollande following a horrific terrorist attack in Paris. "I despise these terrorists with every fiber of my being," he said. "I hate them and everything they stand for. And I will fight them to the last man."

We must passionately hate antisemitism and other forms of bigotry, in order to summon the determination to fight them fervently. The threat of genocide today becomes the reality of mass murder tomorrow.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. summed it up best: "He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."

Love alone doesn't work. Darkness is spreading around the world because we sometimes love evildoers too much. We have forgotten that hate can be kosher, but only when it is exclusively directed at the truly wicked.

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# When the Palestinian Ruling Party Threatens Violence



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A few days before the Bahrain conference, US envoy Jason Greenblatt took to Twitter to issue this cry of alarm: "Fatah is calling for violence against Israelis as an act of protest. Despicable. Fatah seeks violence over the idea of exploring peace & prosperity for the Palestinian people."

By now, much of the public has probably forgotten what exactly Fatah is and why its threats are significant. But it's worth a reminder.

Fatah is the majority faction in the Palestinian Authority (PA). It is by far the largest faction of the PLO, of which the PA is an arm. Fatah is led by Mahmoud Abbas, who is also the chairman of the PA and the PLO.

In a word, Fatah is the ruling party.

So when a Fatah spokesperson or publication says something, it's the equivalent of

an official statement by a ruling party in the United States, the UK, or Canada. It's a big deal.

Can you imagine the Republicans threatening violence to stop some conference of which they disapproved? How would the world react if the leaders of the Conservative Party in England called for "escalation of the confrontation" to halt an event it disliked? Or if Liberal leaders in Canada posted a photo of one of their followers poised to throw a rock at one of their opponents?

That's what Fatah did. That's what Jason Greenblatt was referring to.

Fatah Revolutionary Council Secretary Majed Al-Fatiani said the council "is committed to leading the struggle to stop the great plot that is being woven against our people," and will use "all means available to it in order to defeat the occupation." Since Palestinian Arabs have for the past century been using bombs, knives, axes, machine-guns, and rocks to "defeat the occupation," we can assume that the Palestinian public understands what "all means available" means.

Al-Fatiani's comments were published prominently in the official PA newspaper,



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

*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, on June 13.

On June 16, Fatah posted on its official Facebook page a large photo of a masked Palestinian about to throw a rock — that is, about to attempt to stone a Jew to death. The accompanying text urged Palestinians to undertake, "An escalation of the confrontations with the Israeli occupation in all districts of the homeland as a sign of opposition to the deal of the century and the workshop in Manama [Bahrain]"

Five days later, the PA's *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* newspaper published another call to arms from Fatah. This time it came from Fatah Revolutionary Council member and Shabiba [Fatah Youth] Secretary-General Hassan Faraj.

He announced that "Shabiba — the backbone of the [Fatah] Movement and the

spearhead of the resistance and defense of our people's rights — has already declared a state of high alert among the ranks of its members." He reminded the public that "Shabiba is prepared for every eventuality, and that its members who ignited the first Intifada and the Al-Aqsa Intifada are still capable of making the ground burn under the feet of the tyrants."

Faraj added that "any participation [in the peace process] by any Palestinian figure would be considered treason, shame and conspiracy against our people's struggles — and our people and our Shabiba will respond to it with full force." (Translations courtesy of the invaluable Palestinian Media Watch.)

Whether the violence actually materializes remains to be seen. There are all sorts of factors that affect such developments.

But the significance of the threats is that they were made by the Palestinian Arabs' ruling party. And they were made to prevent a conference devoted to raising tens of billions of dollars for the Palestinians!

This, once again, exposes the true nature of the challenge that Israel faces if a Palestinian state is ever established: a people for whom violence is normal behavior, with armed forces and full sovereignty, stationed alongside Israel's nine-miles-wide mid-section. Is that a risk Israel can afford to take?

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## Opinion.

# Arab Homophobia and Western Indifference



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One of the more spiteful terms to have emerged from the global campaign against the State of Israel is “pinkwashing” — a catchphrase insinuating that Israel cynically uses its LGBT+ community to polish its human rights reputation, so as to deflect attention from the alleged “apartheid” imposed on the Palestinians under Israeli rule.

Malicious formulations like these are vulnerable to challenge because they can cut both ways. One can equally say that the “pinkwashing” charge is a devious ploy to divert attention from a societal stain across the Muslim world — the persecution of gay men — to one of the several national conflicts around the region. After all, that would be in keeping with the region’s traditional approach to homosexuality. In a 2016 survey of gay rights in Muslim countries, *The Guardian’s* Middle East editor, Brian Whitaker, explained that the reason for the “comparatively small number of prosecutions is the official fiction that gay people don’t exist to any great extent in Muslim countries; homosexuality is regarded primarily as a western phenomenon and large numbers of arrests would call that into question.”

But on those occasions when homosexuality is thought about or discussed in this part of the world, the predominant emotions it evokes are hatred and disgust. A poll conducted for the BBC by the Arab Barometer research organization last week graphically demonstrated that in the eyes of the vast majority of Arabs, 93 percent of whom profess Islam, to be homosexual is to be less than human.

The Arab population with the lowest tolerance for homosexuality is the Palestinians, just five percent of whom believe that being gay is “acceptable.” In Jordan, that number is seven percent, in Sudan 17 percent, and in Algeria, a comparatively open-minded 26 percent. In Lebanon — not so long ago constructed in the Western mind as a libertine playground of smoky nightclubs, seductive women, and heady cocktails — the tolerance level for homosexuality is a paltry six percent.

But when these same 25,000-odd respondents were asked for their views on “honor killings” — a nomenclature that scarcely does justice to what it means, which is the repugnant practice of male relatives executing women and girls for supposedly “shaming” their families — the answers were much more positive. The answers were similarly emphatic when the respondents were asked for their views on Israel, which most Arabs still perceive as a threat to their very existence (even those living thousands of miles to the west in Morocco and Libya).

The true value of the BBC poll lies not in its confirmation of the deep-seated hatred of homosexuals in the Arab world, but in its demonstration of the company that Arab homophobia keeps. Like hatred of Jews, hatred of homosexuals rarely exists in a vacuum; rather, it is part of a wider network of bigotries (in which, most of the time, “the Jews” play the most devilish role of all). Critically, these prejudices are sanctioned by the law, so that gay men are driven underground



Participants hold banners as they take part in Jerusalem’s 17th annual Gay Pride Parade August 2, 2018. The banner on the right reads in Hebrew, “I don’t have another country.”  
Photo: Reuters / Ammar Awad.

in Muslim countries — Iran, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Nigeria, Sudan, and Somalia among them — where being outed means facing the ultimate sentence of death by stoning.

The fact that these homophobic views co-exist with anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism and violent misogyny shows that a kind of reverse intersectionality prevails in the Arab world. It isn’t an accident that hatred of Israel goes hand in hand with hatred of homosexuals and justification of female murder (25 percent of Moroccans, 21 percent of Jordanians, and eight percent of Palestinians think this practice is “acceptable”). They go together because they are products of the prevailing political and religious environment. The same passions that animate opposition to the existence of Israel as a colonial interloper underlie the conviction that homosexuality is a distinctive sin of the West. It is, you might say, a strange mixture of pre-modern views about human freedom with post-modern views about the ills of Western imperialism.

In a perverse way, this outlook best describes the present situation. If you were going to put Israel on a chart of countries that seriously address the concerns of the LGBT+ community — on marriage, on adoption, on sexual education and health, on hate crimes — alongside it would be places like Canada or Australia, not Egypt or Iraq. Given Israel’s geographical location, in this sense it is indeed an alien outpost.

Rather than raising questions about Israel’s legitimacy, this observation should trigger a much different discussion about the state of civilization in the Arab and wider Muslim worlds. The renowned reluctance — more so on the American left than on the left in Europe — to engage in this discussion has left the field open to the right-wing populists who are now held up as emblematic of the rotten state of politics.

If there is to be peace in the Middle East, it cannot involve only a “Palestinian state” (per the Palestinian Authority) or “prosperity” (per Jared Kushner); it also requires a transformation of social values. In 1979 — 40 years ago, that is — an Iranian feminist with the pseudonym “Atoussa H.” published a devastating critique of the Western left’s appeasement of the social conservatism that accompanied the Islamist revolution in Iran. “The Western liberal Left needs to know that Islamic law can become a dead weight on societies hungering for change,” she wrote in the French magazine *Le Nouvel Observateur*. “The Left should not let itself be seduced by a cure that is perhaps worse than the disease.”

Recent history shows that the Western left was seduced. And nothing that Atoussa H. noted at that time has really changed.

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# US and Israeli Jews: Profound Connections and Alarming Gaps



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A recent AJC survey contrasting the opinions of American, Israeli and French Jews regarding Jewish issues that affect both the global and regional Jewish communities reveals both heartening and deeply disturbing trends. (We will not focus here on responses of our French contingent, by far the smallest.)

The good news is, Jews around the world still largely regard each other as friends or family and support each other’s survival. The bad news: Israelis and Americans differ radically on some existential issues that shouldn’t divide us.

The survey, conducted in spring 2019 by the American Jewish Committee, asked representative samples of each nationality their opinion on some 21 topics, ranging from their identification with Judaism to American and Israeli domestic political issues.

It’s the political issues that create the conflict between us — and that also highlight a serious disconnect in perspective and values. Let’s take a look at four harmonies between American and Israeli Jews, then look at four differences that portend political strife in the coming months and years.

When asked how important being Jewish was to their lives, the responses of both Israeli and American Jews indicate a largely warm, embracing relationship with their Jewishness.

Some 51 percent of Israelis say being Jewish is most important in their lives, 29 percent say it’s very important, and 11 percent say somewhat important — that’s 91 percent who strongly value their Jewishness.

For American Jews, the numbers are 45 percent very important and 35 percent somewhat important: While not as forceful a sentiment as that of Israelis at the high end (“most important”), still, the fact that 80 percent of American Jews have strong feelings toward their Jewishness shows a significant sharing of fundamental cultural and/or religious values.

Likewise, another key indication of shared values is found in answers to the question, “Using the metaphor of a family, do you consider American Jews [or, on the other side, Israeli Jews] your siblings, first cousins, extended family, or not part of my family?”

Israeli Jews said they regard American Jews as siblings (31 percent), first cousins (11 percent), and extended family (36 percent) — a total of 78 percent — while only 23 percent answered “not part of my family.”

American Jews are more lukewarm towards their Israeli counterparts, but still warm, scoring 13 percent for siblings, 15 percent for first cousins, and 43 percent for extended family — a total of 71 percent — while 28 percent answered “not part of my family.”

To assess the centrality of Israel, the survey asked each group whether they believed a thriving State of Israel is vital for the long-term future of the Jewish people.

American Jews responded with strong affirmation: 72 percent said yes and “only” 25 percent said no. Israeli Jews, unsurprisingly, responded even more emphatically: 91



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percent said yes and only five percent said no.

Finally, as a counterpoint to the previous question, the survey asked, “Do you think that a thriving Diaspora is vital for the long-term future of the Jewish people?”

Curiously, American Jews felt less strongly about their own well-being, with only 65 percent registering affirmative to this question; 16 percent said no and 17 percent had no opinion (couldn’t care less?).

Most Israeli Jews expressed greater concern for the Diaspora’s survival than Americans themselves, with 74 percent of Israelis answering yes to the question, only 20 percent answering no, and six percent having no opinion.

So far, so good. These results sound like we American Jews and Israeli Jews could be friends. But when we look at American and Israeli opinions about political issues, we see much more divergence, and frankly, reason for alarm.

Let’s start with the 800-pound gorilla in the room — US President Donald Trump.

The survey asked each group, “Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling US-Israel relations?”

The contrast in views is clear, and unnerving.

Israelis approve of Trump on Israel strongly (48 percent) or somewhat (31 percent) — for a total approval of 79 percent. (Only 10 percent disapprove.)

This is clearly a vote of hearty support by an overwhelming majority of our Israeli brethren — who obviously see themselves as benefactors of Trump’s decisions on the Iran deal, Jerusalem recognition, the Golan Heights, defunding of Palestinian terrorism, and withdrawal from UNRWA.

Among American Jews, in what seems a triumph of personal distaste for Trump over political logic, only 22 percent approve strongly and 14 percent approve somewhat — total approval on Israel of just 36 percent. Yet 45 percent disapprove strongly — a plurality of disapproval.

A bewildered Israeli might ask: How can you disapprove of all these actions that helped us? What kind of support is that for us? What are you thinking?

On the question, “Do you favor or oppose a two-state solution through the establishment of a demilitarized Palestinian state on the West Bank,” we see a similar disconnect.

A solid 64 percent majority of American Jews favor the two-state solution — either strongly (33 percent) or somewhat (31 percent). About 26 percent oppose two states — somewhat (12 percent) or strongly (14 percent).

Israeli respondents, however, for whom the question is dramatically more consequential, only support two states by 39 percent — 17 percent strongly and 22 percent somewhat. On the other hand, a majority of Israelis — 51 percent — oppose two states, either somewhat (18 percent) or strongly (33 percent).

The idea of a two-state solution is obviously dying in Israel, but American Jews,

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## Impressions.

# As July 4th Approaches, PC Culture Takes on American History

BY HAROLD BRACKMAN

Historian David McCullough's new book *Pioneers* focuses on relatively-unknown western trailblazers, such as Rufus Putnam and Ephraim Cutler. Their frontier was the Ohio Valley wilderness, around the town of Marietta — named after Marie Antoinette (who supported the American Revolution).

But according to historian-reviewer Neil J. Young, McCullough's book is not worth your time. Why? Because we already know too much about white men — celebrated or not.

What does this have to do with Jewish history?

First, take the obscure controversy over whether President George Washington spoke Yiddish. Historians emphatically answer “No” — but Thomas Pynchon authored a novel having him speak exactly that, taught to him by a Black-Jewish slave butler



Members of the first-ever official US government delegation to the March of the Living at Auschwitz-Birkenau on May 2, 2019. Photo: March of the Living.

owned (according to Pynchon) by Washington.

Presidential historian Michael Beschloss, appearing on MSNBC's *Rachel Maddow Show*, remarked that he had spent an entire day reading through George Washington's papers looking for Yiddishisms — and found none.

But my question is this: If Pynchon is correct, does that exempt Washington from the ban on hyping the Founding Fathers because the first president was a multiculturalist who spoke Yiddish?

Second, take Isaiah Isaacs of Richmond, Virginia. In 1781, when the intrepid frontiersman Daniel Boone did some surveying across the Appalachians all the way to Pittsburgh, Boone signed a receipt for payment for his services that his employer Isaacs notated on the back in Yiddish. Did Boone also speak or understand Yiddish? Ask Thomas Pynchon!

Whatever the answer, according to the PC standard promoted by Young — and supported by many in this country — the famous Daniel Boone certainly deserves no additional publicity. But what about the unheralded Jews, such as Isaacs? I can add about Isaacs that his 1806 will, written in English, provided for the emancipation of his slaves, because “all men are equally free.”

Should Isaacs be damned for being one of the Jews whom Louis Farrakhan claims invented slavery as well as racism? Or should he be honored as an early abolitionist? (George Washington also liberated his slaves when he died.)

Our PC culture is not only undermining our values — but now also our history.

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# Confessions of a Jewish Homeschool Mom

BY TARA MIZRACHI

In 1998, my husband and I decided to do something unheard of — something that drew stares of disbelief and worry from strangers, relatives, and experts alike: We decided to home school.

Yes, 20 years ago, back when much of the available curriculum was largely Christian-based, our family made our own curriculum. Back then, this regular mom without a degree in education took the plunge into the world of “chinuch,” and learned much more than I could have ever imagined.

Here are some of them.

**Lesson One:** I am qualified.

Why? Hashem puts the miraculous ability to learn in each child. My job is simply not to mess it up.

**Lesson Two:** Sending children to school is giving someone your children.

That is the biggest tuition. Their values will be learned from their surroundings.

**Lesson Three:** Age differences are fine.

The same subject can be taught at different levels. The older ones, by sharing their knowledge with the younger ones, will reinforce their learning and their values.

**Lesson Four:** Teach by example.

Children will see and emulate the adults, and especially what their values are. Live for a higher purpose.

**Lesson Five:** Prayers and Hebrew first, and then the secular subjects.

All learning and blessings come from Hashem first.

**Lesson Six:** Love is the key.

Love is the difference between a wonderful teacher and an average teacher. Plants need sunshine, and children need love to grow. Love gives life and learning its wings: See the world through your children's eyes. Experience obstacles as learning opportunities, setbacks as times to reflect, and stumbles as chances to get back up again. Truly love your loved ones unconditionally, and have fun.

Originally, homeschooling was not on my plan of things to do. My neighbor Caroline in Fort Benning, Georgia was a homeschool mom, and she made the pitch.

“Look around,” she said, as she glanced at our bookshelves with even more books stacked along the fireplace mantle. The TV was on “mute,” Debussy was on the stereo, and the kids were busy drawing, reading, doing the math, and playing. Caroline said, “You're homeschooling anyway, you may as well actually homeschool!”

To me, this was just what an average Jewish mom does. “No,” I stated emphatically, “homeschooling is definitely not something that is for my family.” Then she observed, “If I were Jewish, it would not be a decision at all.”

Caroline was making a point: When we send our children to school, we get them dressed, fed, and ready to learn, and then we give them over to someone who will teach them something — but who and what? I was a good person teaching something

good, I was sure. But I still was not convinced that homeschooling was something I would ever want to do — or even could do.

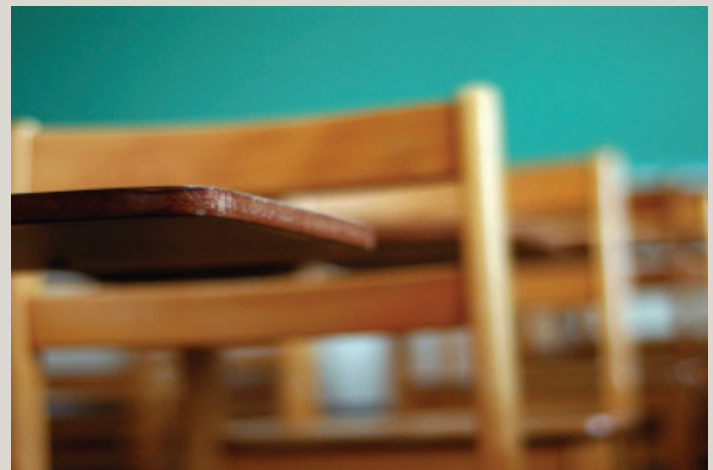
Then, over the next few days, a strange thing happened. It seemed that everywhere I turned, whether I opened a book, leafed through a magazine, or glanced at a poster, I came across the words from the Torah: “Teach your children diligently.”

After running into these words five or six times, I read them carefully and thought long and hard about their meaning.

As an army wife, I knew all too well about commands. When the Army ordered my husband to go where he was to be shot at by live gunfire, my husband obeyed the order and went — no questions asked.

The Creator of the World has commanded thus:

*And you shall love the Lord  
with all your hearts,  
with all your soul  
and with all your might.*



An empty classroom. Photo: Wiki Commons.

*Set these words which I command you today upon your heart.*

*Teach them faithfully to your children.*

*Speak of them in your home, and on the road, when you lie down and when you rise up.*

I could not avoid it, but even so, my first reaction was “that's too big a job. Let someone else more qualified do it.”

I remembered the time when we sat down to talk to our kids about school. We explained how it can be a lot of fun. There's a building, teachers, books, and lots of kids. Our oldest child wanted to know if school costs a lot. When I told her that it was free, she observed, “school is free, but you give them your children, that's what the cost is.”

Those words rang true.

Many years later, when we were thinking about this same subject, our rabbi Moshe Feller said, “After 120 years, Hashem is going to ask you: ‘I have given you these beautiful neshamas, how did you care for them?’”

As I thought about his question I opened my prayer book and, not surprisingly, the page which opened first was the Shema. My eyes focused: “Teach your children diligently.”

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**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. MOSES FRIEDRICH, ET AL., Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Vacate Disposal and Upon Vacature of Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on November 9, 2018, and an Order Extending Time to Set Sale duly filed on April 1, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 18, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 112 Middleton Street, Unit 3, 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 Kings, County of Kings and State of New York, Block 2241 and Lot 1303 together with an undivided 25 percent interest in the Common Elements. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 11033/13. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenichel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, AS TRUSTEE FOR NORMANDY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2017-1, Plaintiff, vs. DASHA J. ARKLIS, ET AL., Defendant(s).** Pursuant to an Order Amending the Caption, Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 20, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 18, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 2964 Brighton 6th Street, Unit 6B, 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 8665 and Lots 1113 & 1118 together with an undivided 5.03 (Unit) percent and 0.72 (Parking Space) percent interest in the Common Elements. Approximate amount of judgment is \$835,821.29 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511621/2014. Aaron D. Maslow, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted. AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT County Of Kings US Bank National Association as Trustee for CMALT REMIC Series 2007-A5-REMIC Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-A5, Plaintiff AGAINST Junior Newton, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/17/2019 and entered on 5/28/2019, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 18, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 864 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that**

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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: 4505, LOT: 119. Approximate amount of judgment is \$585,352.63 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 522995/2016. Joel E. Abramson, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY PNC BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff against FIVEL SOFER, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered June 8, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on July 18, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 715 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Block 5399 Lot 72. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$428,191.23 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 6496/13. Joel Eliot Abramson, Esq., Referee PNNC039 AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5

**Notice of Formation of 228 Autumn Realty LLC.** Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/22/2019. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 228 Autumn Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Purpose: Any lawful. AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5/12/19

**Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: CITTA YOGA LLC.** Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 05/28/2019. 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: CITTA YOGA LLC 61 Herbert st. #2A Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5/12/19

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2008-1, Plaintiff, AGAINST JOSEPH MODICA, THERESA MODICA, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on August 25, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Room 224, Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 18, 2019 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1739 Ryder Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234-4308. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Section 23, Block 7886 and Lot 23. Approximate amount of judgment \$836,750.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to**

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provisions of filed Judgment. Index #501344/2013. Moshe Z. Mirsky, Esq, Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 AJ; 6/14/21/28; 7/5

**NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff, -against- HAROLD ODLE; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; NEW YORK CITY, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; CARL ODLE, Index No. 508218/2017.** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, May 16, 2019 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on May 23, 2019, Jacob Gelfand, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 464 East 55th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11203 at public auction at Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on July 25, 2019 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 4765; Lot: 11 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 508218/2017. The approximate amount of judgment is \$281,260.63 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12

**NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate-holders of the CWABS 2005-06, Plaintiff AGAINST Woodrow Lynch, Albi B. Etoh, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 8/16/2018 and entered on 9/12/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 25, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 883 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. 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: 1704, LOT: 67. Approximate amount of judgment is \$497,543.45 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 509810/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12**

**NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of MASTR Adjustable Rate Mortgages Trust 2007-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Earline Burnett, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/26/2016 and entered on 11/22/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 25, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 99 4th Avenue, Unit 2L, Brooklyn, NY 11217. 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: 937, LOT: 1003. Approximate amount of judgment is \$507,599.91 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject**

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to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506959/2014. Bernard Mitchell Alter, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12

**REFeree's NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - RIFKY GRUNHUT, A/K/A RIVKY GRUNHUT et al Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 3, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the room 261, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 25th Day of July, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, County of Kings, State of New York. Premises known as 1139 42nd Street, Brooklyn, (City of New York) New York 11219. (Block: 5592, Lot: 64) Approximate amount of lien \$772,321.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11902/2013. Mark Longo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: May 23, 2019 AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY EMIGRANT BANK F/K/A NEW YORK PRIVATE BANK AND TRUST F/K/A EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff against ORCHID JOAZARD, 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 October 31, 2018, 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 July 25, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1270 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Block 1567 Lot 19. 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 \$570,846.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 5551/2011. Shmuel D. Taub, Esq., Referee XCHJC350 AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12

**Supreme Court - County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank Plaintiff, vs. Gloria Deblanco, et al, Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on July 25, 2019 at 2:30 P.M., the premises described as follows: All that parcel of land, being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York; known as 437 Forbell St.; Block 4290, Lot 12. Approximate amount of lien \$550,398.66, plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the Judgment, Index No. 501627/2016. Aaron Tyk, Referee Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 855-227-5072 63914 AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, GOSHEN**

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**MORTGAGE LLC, AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE FOR GDBT I TRUST 2011-1, Plaintiff, vs. NELFA GUZMAN, ET AL., Defendant (s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on November 16, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 25, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 50 Pine Street, 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 and State of New York, Block 4117 and Lot 42. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,075,461.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 7351/13. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee. Richard Alan Klass, Esq., Referee Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C., 6901 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 240, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 6/21/28; 7/5/12

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST JOHN J. VOTTO, LINDA M. VOTTO, et al, Defendant(s)** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-15-2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on 8-1-2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1462 East 65th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block: 8386 Lot: 72. Approximate amount of judgment \$607,622.77 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #511154/2014. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Carter Conboy Case Blackmore Maloney & Laird, PC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, NY 12211 26801 63800 AJ; 6/28; 7/5/12/19

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff AGAINST Marie Joseph and Jean Senat, et al, Defendant(s)** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 16, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on August 01, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 687 EAST 42ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4989, LOT 65. Approximate amount of judgment \$407,397.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 503915/2017. Doron A. Leiby, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 63891 AJ; 6/28; 7/5/12/19

## Tradition.

## Argument for the Sake of Heaven



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

The Korach rebellion was not just the worst of the revolts from the wilderness years. It was also different in kind because it was a direct assault on Moses and Aaron. Korach and his fellow rebels in essence accused Moses of nepotism, of failure, and above all of being a fraud – of attributing to God decisions and laws that Moses had devised himself for his own ends. So grave was the attack that it became, for the Sages, a paradigm of the worst kind of disagreement:

*Which is an argument for the sake of Heaven? The argument between Hillel and Shammai. Which is an argument not for the sake of Heaven? The argument of Korach and his company.* (Mishnah Avot 5:17)

Menahem Meiri (Catalonia, 1249–1306) explains this teaching



in the following terms:

*The argument between Hillel and Shammai: In their debates, one of them would render a decision and the other would argue against it, out of a desire to discover the truth, not out of cantankerousness or a wish to prevail over his fellow. An argument not for the sake of Heaven was that of Korach and his company, for they came to undermine Moses, our master, may he rest in peace, and his position, out of envy and contentiousness and ambition for victory.*

The Sages were drawing a fundamental distinction between two kinds of conflict: *argument for the sake of truth and argument for the sake of victory.*

The passage must be read this way, because of the glaring discrepancy between what the rebels said and what they sought. What they said was that the people did not need leaders. They were all holy. They had all heard the word of God. There should be no distinction of rank, no hierarchy of holiness, within Israel. “Why then do you set yourselves above the Lord’s assembly?” (Num. 16:3). Yet from Moses’ reply, it is clear that he had heard something altogether different behind their words:

*Moses also said to Korach, “Now listen, you Levites! Is it not enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the Israelite community and brought you near Himself to do the work at the Lord’s Tabernacle and to stand before the community and minister to them? He has brought you and all your fellow Levites near Himself, but now you are trying to get the Priesthood too.”* (Num. 16:8–10)

It was not that they wanted a community without leaders. It is, rather, that they wanted to be the leaders. The rebels’ rhetoric had nothing to do with the pursuit of truth and everything to do with the pursuit of honour, status, and (as they saw it) power. They wanted not to learn but to win. They sought not verity but victory.

We can trace the impact of this in terms of the sequence of events that followed. First, Moses proposed a simple test. Let the rebels bring an offering of incense the next day and God would show whether He accepted or rejected

their offering. This is a rational response. Since what was at issue was what God wanted, let God decide. It was a controlled experiment, an empirical test. God would let the people know, in an unambiguous way, who was right. It would establish, once and for all, the truth.

But Moses did not stop there, as he would have done if truth were the only issue involved. As we saw in the quote above, Moses tried to argue Korach out of his dissent, not by addressing his argument but by speaking to the resentment that lay behind it. He told him that he had been given a position of honour. He may not have been a Priest but he was a Levite, and the Levites had special sacred status not shared by the other tribes. He was telling him to be satisfied with the honour he had and not let his ambition overreach itself.

He then turned to Datan and Aviram, the Reubenites. Given the chance, he would have said something different to them since the source of their discontent was different from that of Korach. But they refused to meet with him altogether – another sign that they were not interested in the truth. They had rebelled out of a profound sense of slight that the tribe of Reuben,

Jacob’s firstborn son, seemed to have been left out altogether from the allocation of honours.

At this point, the confrontation became yet more intense. For the one and only time in his life, Moses staked his leadership on the occurrence of a miracle:

*Then Moses said, “By this you shall know that it was the Lord who sent me to do all these things, that they were not of my own devising: If these men die a natural death and suffer the fate of all mankind, then the Lord has not sent me. But if the Lord brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, then you will know that these men have treated the Lord with contempt.”* (Num. 16:28–30)

No sooner had he finished speaking than “the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them” (Num. 16:32). The rebels “went down alive into the grave” (16:33). One cannot imagine a more dramatic vindication. God had shown, beyond possibility of doubt, that Moses was right and the rebels wrong. Yet this did not end the argument. That is what is extraordinary. Far from being apologetic and repentant, the people returned the next morning still complaining – this time, not about who should lead whom but about the way Moses had chosen to end the dispute: “The next day the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ‘You have killed the Lord’s people,’ they said” (17:6).

You may be right, they implied, and Korach may have been wrong. But is this a way to win an argument? To cause your opponents to be swallowed up alive? This time, God suggested an entirely different way of resolving the dispute. He told

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NAAC MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff AGAINST SANTO LOPEZ, CRISTOBALINA ARROYO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 02, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on August 01, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 100 HENDRIX STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3933, LOT 24. Approximate amount of judgment \$966,864.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 408/2014. Robert Howe, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 63795 AJ; 6/28; 7/5/12/19

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SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff against RUBY STRACHAN; VERONICA STRACHAN; SAPHIRE STRACHAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 29, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 1st day of August, 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; 6/28; 7/5/12/19

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST Nadine N. Simon, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/16/2019 and entered on 5/23/2019, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 01, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1045 East 96th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8165, LOT: 18. Approximate amount of judgment is \$325,460.39 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506317/2016. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www. Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Mark A. Longo, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 6/28; 7/5/12/19

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, OCEAN 18, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. EMILY BROWN, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 7, 2019 and an Ex Parte Order Extending Time to Set Sale filed on May 31, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 1, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 13 North Elliot Place, 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 2027 and Lot 20. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 11538/13. Doron Aviram Leiby, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 6/28; 7/5/12/19

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: KYLE,CIO,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the

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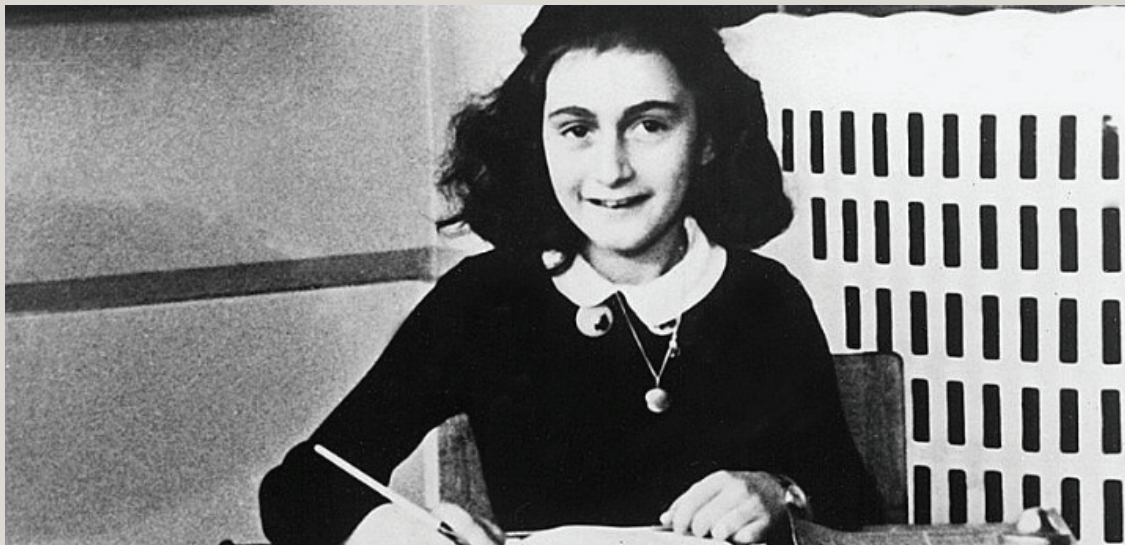
secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 02/08/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Kyle Naff 400 E 21 Street Apartment 4C Brooklyn, NY 11226. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 6/28; 7/5/12/19/26; 8/2

Notice of Formation of Milton Management Team LLC. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on the 06/19/2019. Office location is Kings Co. Milton Management Team LLC is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall be sent to Milton Management Team LLC 2400 E Cesar Chavez Street Ste 208, Austin, TX 78702. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 6/28; 7/5/12/19/26; 8/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST CO., N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MULTI-CLASS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES CHASE FLEX TRUST SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff against HAROLD BAER A/K/A/ HAROLD H. BAER, 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 April 3, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York on August 8, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 3301 R Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Block 7716 Lot 11. 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 and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$561,988.52 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 509417/2017. Angelique Moreno, Esq., Referee SPSNC595 AJ; 7/5/12/19/26

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series NC 2005-HE8, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series NC 2005-HE8, Plaintiff AGAINST Alisa Smith a/k/a Allisa Smith Skeffers; Arieta Smith; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 16, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 8, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 525 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4955 Lot 66. Approximate amount of judgment \$706,479.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 521173/2016. Gregory Laspina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: June 13, 2019 63965 AJ; 7/5/12/19/26

## Social.



Anne Frank. Photo: Collectie Anne Frank Stichting Amsterdam.

## Dutch Rapper Changes Anne Frank Stage Name After Outcry Over 'Insensitivity' and Antisemitic Tweets

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A 25-year-old Dutch rapper who went by the name Anne Frank said she will change her stage name following criticism and the uncovering of her past antisemitic comments on Twitter, JTA reported last week.

The performer, whose real name is Anne van der Does, said the stage name was a tribute to the Holocaust victim and teenage diarist, and that she chose it because it had been her nickname since elementary school.

The Anne Frank House in Amsterdam called the use of the name "insensitive" and said the rapper showed "little empathy to the feelings of Holocaust survivors."

The artist defended herself in an interview with the *Het Parool* daily published on Wednesday, saying, "It's not malicious. I read her books. She's an inspiration, a role model for living in unbearable situations. I know we're not living in wartime but the world isn't peaceful either." The rapper added that she has received death threats for picking the stage name.

The performer released her debut single, titled "Silence," in late June, and in the track she sings, "Anne Frank is a bossy b—h," and, "I stashed s—t in the secret annex," the latter being a reference to the hiding place where Frank and her family stayed for two years during the Holocaust before being discovered by the Nazis and

murdered.

Soon after the interview was published, the Dutch watchdog group Center for Information and Documentation on Israel (CIDI), revealed that the performer had been tweeting antisemitic and anti-Israel comments for years. In one Twitter post she wrote, "If Taylor Swift were Jewish, I'd gas her personally," and in 2014, she commented on the extraction of gas in northern Holland, saying, "There is a heaven for a Jew."

This year the artist wrote: "Anne Frank died of typhus so she was never murdered" and on the eve of International Holocaust Remembrance day, she tweeted: "A Jewish connotation [from my stage name] is very sensitive for you all but I hear nothing from you about what the Jews in 2019 are doing in Palestine." Among her other controversial posts, she has also tweeted a song titled, "Free Palestine," and wrote: "I'm Anne Frank and I just rapped about freeing Palestine. It can be done."

Hidde J. van Koningsveld, the head of the pro-Israel group CijO, CIDI's youth organization, shared on Twitter more of the singer's past antisemitic posts, dating back to 2010 and 2012, and called the antisemitic tweets and the use of the Anne Frank name "disgusting."

The rapper said through her spokesperson that she "never meant to cause distress" and that she will instead use the stage name Anne, JTA reported.

## Singer Daddy Yankee Floats in Dead Sea, Visits Western Wall Ahead of Israel Concert

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Popular Latin singer Daddy Yankee is touring Israel ahead of his concert on Wednesday at Rishon LeZion Live Park.

The "Despacito" vocalist landed in the Jewish state on Tuesday and that night visited the Western Wall in Jerusalem. He then shared on Instagram on Wednesday a photo of himself floating in the Dead Sea.

Opening Daddy Yankee's show on Wednesday will be Israeli artist Rotem Cohen.



## HBO to Screen Series About Events Leading to 2014 Summer War With Gaza

BY JNS.org

HBO will feature a 10-part series about the events leading to the 2014 war with Gaza called "Our Boys," a

reference to Jewish teenagers Gilad Shaar, 16; Eyal Yifrach, 19; and Naftali Frankel, 16, who were kidnapped June 12, 2014 on their way home and subsequently murdered.

Their bodies were discovered after a massive

manhunt weeks later, on June 30 in Hebron. It was later discovered that they had been captured by Hamas and shot dead shortly after the abduction.

Israel launched the war, called "Operation Protective Edge" by the IDF, on July 8 in response to rockets being fired from Hamas-controlled Gaza. It lasted until Aug 26.

On Sept. 23, after Israel killed two suspects, Marwan Qawasmeh and Amar Abu-Isa (aka Amer Abu Aysha) in a shootout, Israel Defense Forces' Chief Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz announced that "Operation Brother's Keeper" had come to an end.

On Jan. 6, 2015, a third suspect, Hamas member Hussam Qawasmeh, was jailed and sentenced to three life terms in prison for the murders.

The series also profiles the investigation of the revenge killing of 16-year-old Palestinian Muhammad Abu Khdeir by Jewish Israelis. He was kidnapped and murdered on July 2—a day after the burial of three Jewish teens.

"Our Boys" will premiere with two one-hour episodes on Aug. 12, followed by remaining single episodes each consecutive Monday.

## Tradition.

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**Argument**

Moses to have each of the tribes take a staff and write their name on it, and place them in the Tent of Meeting. On the staff of the tribe of Levi, he should write the name of Aaron. One of the staffs would sprout, and that would signal whom God had chosen. The tribes did so, and the next morning they returned to find that Aaron's staff had budded, blossomed, and produced almonds. That, finally, ended the argument (Num. 17:16-24).

What resolved the dispute, in other words, was not a show of power but something altogether different. We cannot be sure, because the text does not spell this out, but the fact that Aaron's rod produced almond blossoms seems to have had rich symbolism. In the Near East, the almond is the first tree to blossom, its white flowers signalling the end of winter and the emergence of new life. In his first prophetic vision, Jeremiah saw a branch of an almond tree (shaked) and was told by God that this was a sign that He, God, was "watching" (shoked) to see that His word was fulfilled (Jer. 1:11-12). The almond flowers recalled the gold flowers on the Menorah (Ex. 25:31; 37:17), lit daily by Aaron in the Sanctuary. The Hebrew word *tzitz*, used here to mean "blossom," recalls the *tzitz*, the "frontlet" of pure gold worn as part of Aaron's headdress, on which were inscribed the words "Holy to the Lord" (Ex. 28:36). The sprouting almond branch was therefore more than a sign. It was a multifaceted symbol of life, light, holiness, and the watchful presence of God.

One could almost say that the almond branch symbolised the priestly will to life as against the rebels' will to power. The Priest does not rule the people; he blesses them. He is the conduit through which God's life-giving energies flow. He connects the nation to the Divine Presence. Moses answered Korach in Korach's terms, by a show of force. God answered in a quite different way, showing that leadership is not self-assertion but self-effacement.

What the entire episode shows is the destructive nature of argument not for the sake of Heaven — that is, argument for the sake of victory. In such a conflict, what is at stake is not truth but power, and the result is that both sides suffer. If you win, I lose. *But if I win, I also lose, because in diminishing you, I diminish myself.* Even a Moses is brought low, laying himself open to the charge that "you have killed the Lord's people." Argument for the sake of power is a lose-lose scenario.

The opposite is the case when the argument is for the sake of truth. If I win, I win. *But if I lose I also win — because being defeated by the truth is the only form of defeat that is also a victory.*

In a famous passage, the Talmud explains why Jewish law tend to follow the view of the School of Hillel rather than their opponents, the School of Shammai:

*[The law is in accord with the School of Hillel] because they were kindly and modest, because*

*they studied not only their own rulings but also those of the School of Shammai, and because they taught the words of the School of Shammai before their own.* (Eiruvim 13b)

They sought truth, not victory. That is why they listened to the views of their opponents, and indeed taught them before they taught their own traditions. In the eloquent words of a contemporary scientist, Timothy Ferris:

All who genuinely seek to learn, whether atheist or believer, scientist or mystic, are united in having not a faith, but faith itself. Its token is reverence, its habit to respect the eloquence of silence. For God's hand may be a human hand, if you reach out in loving kindness, and God's voice your voice, if you but speak the truth.

Judaism has sometimes been called a "culture of argument." It is the only religious literature known to me whose key texts — the Hebrew Bible, Midrash, Mishnah, Talmud, the codes of Jewish law, and the compendia of biblical interpretation — are *anthologies of arguments*. That is the glory of Judaism. The Divine Presence is to be found not in this voice as against that, but in the totality of the conversation.

In an argument for the sake of truth, both sides win, for each is willing to listen to the views of its opponents, and is thereby enlarged. In argument as the collaborative pursuit of truth, the participants use reason, logic, shared texts, and shared reverence for texts. They do not use ad hominem arguments, abuse, contempt, or disingenuous appeals to emotion. Each is willing, if refuted, to say, "I was wrong." There is no triumphalism in victory, no anger or anguish in defeat.

The story of Korach remains the classic example of how argument can be dishonoured. The Schools of Hillel and Shammai remind us that there is another way. "Argument for the sake of Heaven" is one of Judaism's noblest ideals — conflict resolution by honouring both sides and employing humility in the pursuit of truth.

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**Profound Connections**

relatively disengaged as they are, still cling to the old model of land for peace (which the Palestinians have never accepted).

Another burning issue in both American and Israeli communities is the question of settlements. The survey asked, "As part of a peace agreement with the Palestinians, should Israel be willing to dismantle all, some, or none of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank?"

Israeli Jews are divided on this question, but a trend is emerging: Only six percent of respondents favor dismantling all settlements, and 37 percent favor dismantling some of them — a total of 43 percent in favor of some abandonment. On the other hand, fully half (50 percent) of respondents believe Israel should not dismantle any of the settlements.

## Opinion.

# Forging an Iran Policy



**KEN ABRAMOWITZ**  
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In abruptly calling off a modest retaliatory military action against Iran, after its military shot down a \$240 million US surveillance drone in international airspace on June 19, President Donald Trump displayed a rare moment of indecision. Using good instincts and logic, he opted for a cyber-attack on Iranian military sites instead.

The president continues to seek negotiations with Iran, and has repeatedly professed his lack of desire for a physical war with Iran, even though Iran declared war on America 40 years ago. Iran's leaders repeatedly lead public chants of "Death to America!" and vow to kill all Americans — they even did so during their "negotiations" with Trump's predecessor, Barack Obama, over the nuclear deal.

So how should America confront its number one enemy, Iran? Here are nine steps:

1) We must finally accept that we are, in fact, in a state of war with Iran, and have been for a very long time — especially since its rulers were determined by the 9/11 Commission and numerous US federal courts to have provided material support to Al Qaeda to perpetrate the 9/11 attacks.

Before that, in 1979, Iran kidnapped American embassy personnel in Tehran and held them hostage for 444 days. Via its proxy, Hezbollah, Iran murdered 241 US military personnel in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983.

Iran has helped to murder more than one thousand American soldiers in the Middle East since 9/11, and even put a \$1,000 bounty on the heads of dead US soldiers as an incentive to other terrorists to murder them.

These were all acts of war, to which the United States has never

responded militarily.

2) We must decide that winning is the only solution.

3) We must work relentlessly to educate Americans on all pertinent facts concerning this conflict — and why President Obama's "deal" with the Iranian regime, which its rulers never even signed, was "sold" to us based on lies, and primarily benefited the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Hezbollah terrorists.

4) We should focus on employing non-military tactics, as President Reagan and his predecessors did during the Cold War, to undermine and ultimately defeat our enemy.

5) We should be prepared for physical war — as we were during the Cold War.

6) We should seek regime change for the theocratic, totalitarian "government" that not only rules Iran, but also the world's largest global network of terrorists, comprised of the IRGC, Hezbollah, Hamas, and untold numbers of supporting groups, spanning territory from the US mainland, Mexico, Central and South America to Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and beyond.

7) We should stop the money flow to each of Iran's worldwide terrorist operations by stopping Iran's inflow of cash. A crucial element of this will be to choke off all remaining forms of business transactions between Iran and our European "allies," as President Trump is now doing — presenting them with a choice: they can either do business in Iran or America, but not both.

8) We must use all forms of warfare — kinetic, cyber, economic, legal, and cultural — to destroy Iran's terrorist networks throughout the world.

9) We must expose and discredit any person or organization of influence on US soil who repeats demonstrably false Iranian anti-American propaganda — most recently Reps. Maxine Waters and Ilhan Omar.

Winning on the cyber, economic, legal, cultural, and demographic fronts would make

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, AGAINST IRINA GLEIZER, RUDY GLEIZER, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on December 21, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Room 224, Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 8, 2019 at 2:30 PM premises known as 2588 National Dr., Brooklyn, NY 11234. 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 8614 and Lot 52. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,424,228.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #0502556/2013. Dominic Famulari, Esq., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 AJ; 7/5/12/19/26

physical war unnecessary.

To sum up: It is time to create a comprehensive, worldwide strategy to crush Iran's global terrorist networks.

We are facing a very determined enemy, one that thinks long-term, understands and exploits our weaknesses, and unlike the USSR, is driven by messianic global motivations, rendering mutually assured destruction irrelevant.

Creating a path to victory will test our governments' best and brightest.

We trust they will rise to the occasion.

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American Jews, unsurprisingly, still nurture the old model: 25 percent believe Israel should dismantle all the settlements, 41 percent believe some should be abandoned — a total of 66 percent supporting dismantling — and only 28 percent think Israel should not dismantle any of the settlements.

Finally, and perhaps the most telling question, the AJC survey asked, "Do you think it appropriate for American Jews to attempt to influence Israeli policy on such issues as national security and peace negotiations with the Palestinians?"

American Jews, by a firm majority — 57 percent — believe it is appropriate, while only 40 percent believe it is not.

Despite all feelings of solidarity and identification with Jewishness and Israel, American Jews represent a group that is not part of the Israeli

polity, doesn't pay Israeli taxes, doesn't vote, doesn't speak Hebrew, and lives thousands of miles and a world away from the Middle East. They want to influence an existential reality that doesn't affect them, but that affects Israelis profoundly? Is arrogance the right word here?

Understandably, most Israelis feel otherwise. An even stronger majority — 63 percent — feels it is not appropriate for American Jews to influence Israeli policy, whereas only 31 percent believe it is.

Bottom line? It clearly serves both American and Israeli Jews to have a close, supportive relationship — Israel is the ultimate refuge for the Jewish people, wherever they live, and Israel benefits mightily from US financial and international political support. Despite occasional protestations and assertions of disagreement, we are bound inextricably.

However, this profound existential connection has natural limits. Israeli Jews should not tell American Jews how they must practice Judaism — it's none of their business. Likewise, the failure of American Jews to support the obviously pro-Israel actions of a US president based on party or personal disdain is unconscionable.

Similarly — though every Jew is entitled to an opinion, thank God — the presumption that American Jews have a right to influence Israel's national or foreign policy flies in the face of justice and good sense. It's none of their business.

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