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Netanyahu: Hezbollah Chief Nasrallah 'Knows Exactly Why He Is in a Bunker'



IDF troops patrol close to the northern border with Lebanon, Sept. 2, 2019.
Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday that the IDF had acted with "determination and responsibility" during the previous day's exchange of fire with Hezbollah on the northern border.

"The man in the bunker in Beirut knows exactly why he is in a bunker," Netanyahu commented, referring to Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah.

"We will continue to do

everything necessary in order to maintain the security of Israel on land and sea, and in the air, and we will continue to act against the threat of precision-guided missiles," he declared.

In Sunday's incident, Hezbollah targeted an IDF base and vehicles with a barrage of anti-tank missiles. The Israeli military said there were no casualties.

In response, the IDF shelled a number of targets in southern Lebanon.

The border was quiet on Monday, and UN peacekeepers were seen patrolling the area.

Israel had been bracing for potential retaliation from Iran-backed Hezbollah over two recent incidents — an air strike in Syria in which two Hezbollah fighters plotting a drone attack on the Jewish state were killed and the apparent targeting of a site in Beirut linked to Hezbollah's precision-guided missiles program.

Neo-Nazi Website Publishes Photos of Thousands of Yeshiva University Students

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

In a bid to intimidate Jewish students, a US neo-Nazi website with the tagline, "No Jews, Just Right," has published the photos of thousands of students and faculty at Yeshiva University (YU) in New York City.

The photos were posted on the Vanguard News Network (VNN) forum, a white supremacist platform that identifies as an "uncensored forum for whites." Yeshiva



Yeshiva University in the Washington Heights section of New York City. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

University's newspaper, *The YU Commentator*, reported that campus security called the content "appalling and offensive" and informed students that they had found "no direct threat to the individuals appearing in the photos or to Yeshiva University."

While the discussions on the forum generally revolve around mocking Jews, a handful of pages are dedicated to ridiculing members of the YU community alone. The discussion thread concerning YU students and staff started around May 2018, and the pictures appear to have been taken from public sources, such as YU's Flickr page.

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Opinion.

Emancipation, Empathy, Antisemitism, and America



BEN COHEN
/JNS.org

In an interview with my colleague Benjamin Kerstein last week, Rabbi Eli Cohen, the executive director of the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council in Brooklyn, NY, said something about the state of antisemitism in America today that's worth revisiting.

Commenting on the continuing spate of brutal attacks against visibly Orthodox Jews in Brooklyn, perpetrated mainly by African-American males, Rabbi Cohen remarked, "You know, white supremacists out somewhere in the United States, I don't see any common denominator between that and someone picking up a rock and attacking a Jew in Crown Heights." Elaborating, he explained, "They're certainly not part of the same causality, and I don't see them coming from a reaction of one to the other." True, the rabbi acknowledged, there is a general tendency towards extremism across our society, yet "I think it's more important to look for solutions more locally, while at the same time still being aware of the national environment."

If we've learned anything from the torrid, often ill-informed debates about antisemitism over the last year — whether inside or outside our borders — it's that the hatred of Jews comes in bewildering varieties. So much so, in fact, that there is frequently disagreement

over who or what is antisemitic. For example, in the last fortnight, US President Donald Trump has been excoriated by some writers as the greatest living threat to the Jewish people, while being hailed by others as their greatest savior.

Neither of these claims is remotely true. As Rabbi Cohen implies, it's time to get away from the politically loaded assessments of antisemitism (and its oddball cousin, philosemitism) into a more analytical mindset. Only then will we grasp that the varieties of antisemitism we encounter come from the right and the left, from Muslims and Christians, from people with black and brown and white skins, from people speaking Arabic, Polish, French, and dozens of other languages — all brandishing hostile tropes about Jews that resonate both locally and globally.

The point here is not that everybody hates the Jews; far from it. It's that in many cultures and across many different communities, there are dense pockets of antisemitism. Whether in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn or in the heavily immigrant-based Neukölln district in Berlin, many of the same prejudices will be uttered in different accents and tongues: Jews are greedy exploiters, Jews are clannish, Jews are weak, Jews do not belong among us. There will also be important differences: a deadly clash in the Gaza Strip is unlikely to trigger anti-Jewish violence in Crown Heights, but the same cannot be said for certain neighborhoods in certain European cities.

Faced with these complexities, we are

in a better position to realize the futility of certain arguments: Is left-wing antisemitism worse than right-wing antisemitism? Are the Socialists who loathe Israel a bigger threat than the nationalists who admire the Jewish state, but not the Jews in their own midst? It isn't a competition, and it is in no one's interest to make it so.

The core challenge posed by antisemitism hasn't really changed since the emergence of the modernist form of Jew-hatred 150 years ago. Is antisemitism something we can eradicate, or is it more prudent to seek its containment? To my mind, there is no more eloquent or provocative insight on this question than that provided by Max Nordau, one of the early Zionists, in his speech to the First Zionist Congress in 1897, when the buzzword among Jewish communities was "emancipation."

"The nations which emancipated the Jews have mistaken their own feelings," said Nordau. "In order to produce its full effect, emancipation should first have been completed in sentiment before it was declared by law. But this was not the case." As a result, he continued, the "emancipation of the Jews was not the consequence of the conviction that grave injury had been done to a race, that it had been treated most terribly, and that it was time to atone for the injustice of a thousand years; it was solely the result of the geometrical mode of thought of French rationalism of the 18th century."

In other words, the various laws and conventions that slowly, but surely, enabled Jews to vote, to attend public universities,



Victim Menachem Moskowitz was chased and beaten in Brooklyn by a man yelling antisemitic insults. Photo: Screenshot.

to serve as elected representatives and so on, were all, according to Nordau, the consequence of a cold mathematical calculation that accepted the Jews as citizens without rejecting the baggage of anti-Jewish prejudice. Even if it wasn't quite as icy and one-dimensional as Nordau made out, his broader observation — that emancipation and empathy are two very different things — is what stands out.

The historical process described by Nordau doesn't apply to the United States, where there was no issue of "emancipation" because there was never a political Judenfrage (German for "Jewish Question") to generate a movement for emancipation in the first place. But the deeper matter of what Nordau calls "sentiment" ("public opinion" is a close enough translation) is highly relevant.

The struggles against antisemitism that have become increasingly central to Jewish communities on both sides of the Atlantic

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Is World War II History Still Relevant?



DAVID HARRIS
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As the world marks the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II, when German forces invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, is the history still relevant? Does it have contemporary meaning? Or is it destined to fade away, as the wartime generation of soldiers, eyewitnesses, and survivors reaches the twilight of their lives?

There are, I believe, five enduring lessons of this defining period in modern history.

First, a failure of imagination can be catastrophic.

That's precisely what happened to many Western leaders during the fateful years from Adolf Hitler's ascension to power in 1933 until 1939. They consistently, and shamefully, underestimated the true nature of the Third Reich. They ignored the repeated warnings, convinced themselves that the regime would follow a moderate course, and tried to go about business as usual.

American Secretary of State Cordell Hull said as early as April 1933: "Mistreatment of Jews in Germany may be considered virtually eliminated." Former British Prime Minister David Lloyd George observed, in 1936, that "Germany has no desire to attack any country in Europe..." And George Fielding Eliot, an American military specialist, declared as late as May 1939: "The chances of Germany making a quick job of overwhelming Poland are not good." The way some world leaders speak today

about, say, Iran or Russia makes me wonder if this defining 20th-century lesson has been internalized.

Second, appeasement does not work with aggressors.

As the legendary British Prime Minister Winston Churchill once recounted: "One day, President (Franklin) Roosevelt told me that he was asking publicly for suggestions about what the war should be called. I said at once, 'The Unnecessary War.' There never was a war more easy to stop than that which has just wrecked what was left of the world from the previous struggle [World War I]."

What Churchill was saying was precisely what he tried in vain to convey during his years in the British political wilderness, while Prime Ministers Macdonald, Baldwin, and Chamberlain, together with their French counterparts, pursued a policy of appeasement towards Hitler. Every time Britain and France looked away as Hitler egregiously violated the terms of the 1919 Versailles Treaty, the message was all too clear: We have no will to fight. Do what you please.

And then came the ultimate act of appeasement — Munich 1938 — and Chamberlain's haunting words; "In spite of



Nazi leader Adolf Hitler watching German soldiers march into Poland in September 1939. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

the hardness and ruthlessness I thought I saw in his [Hitler's] face, I got the impression that here was a man who could be relied upon when he had given his word."

How totally delusional on Chamberlain's part, and what a high cost was paid as a result.

Could self-delusion on such a mega-scale happen again? I fear the answer is yes.

Third, never trust totalitarian regimes of any stripe.

Hitler was purportedly anti-communist. He railed against the Bolsheviks through the 1920s and 1930s. They were near the top of his enemies' list.

Until August 1939, that is, when Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed the Molotov-Ribbentrop Agreement and, lo and behold, they were suddenly partners. All previous mutual rancor and antipathy magically vanished overnight. Of course, neither side could fully trust the other, but for two years the pact more or less held, long enough for the Soviet Red Army to invade Poland from the east on September 17, 1939 and stab it in the back. The most brazen exception, of course, was the Soviet massacre of thousands of Poles, in 1940, at Katyn, while lying that it was committed by the German Nazis.

Then, of course, the tables turned on June 22, 1941, but Moscow, now on the side of the Allied nations, still had its sights set on the eventual occupation and domination of Poland, which is precisely what happened by war's end — and after the notorious failure of the Yalta Conference to ensure Poland's sovereign independence.

Left or right, totalitarianism is totalitarianism. Fourth, resistance is possible.

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World News.

'There Are No More Red Lines,' Says Hezbollah Leader Hassan Nasrallah

BY JNS.ORG

Hezbollah will begin firing at Israeli drones that enter Lebanese airspace, Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said on Monday evening, adding that the terrorist organization had "no more red lines."

Nasrallah's remarks came during a televised address in the aftermath of Hezbollah's recent missile attack against an Israeli military vehicle in northern Israel, which was followed by retaliatory Israeli strikes on multiple Hezbollah targets.

"Enough," said Nasrallah, "The Lebanese have the right to defend themselves. There is now a new operational space, and it is Lebanon's skies. When it comes to dealing with the [Israeli] UAVs, it will happen. I won't specify when and how, but it will come."

The Hezbollah leader went on to say that "[Israel in the past] would not tolerate anyone putting a hand on the [border] fence, sending something like a drone back and forth quickly, shooting in the air or throwing a bomb into an open area. It would respond harshly because for it that was a red line. What happened yesterday is that the resistance broke what has for the past dozens of years been the biggest Israeli red line.

"It is no longer a red line," he said. "That has ended. There are no more red lines."

On Sunday, Hezbollah launched two guided anti-tank missiles at an armored Israel Defense Forces vehicle traveling along a road near the Israel-Lebanon border. The terrorist organization initially claimed the vehicle had been destroyed and the soldiers inside it killed or wounded, but the IDF denied both that there had been any casualties and that the vehicle was destroyed. According to the IDF the vehicle's tires were punctured by shrapnel.

Hezbollah released a video of the attack, which was widely circulated in Arab media,

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Publishes Photos

The *YU Commentator* said it had been tipped off about the forum by a student journalist with *The Justice* of Brandeis University, who was investigating the publication of Brandeis' students photos on the same site.

Dr. Jess Olson — an associate professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva University — told the paper that the demeaning antisemitic comments posted alongside the photos were "sadly and unacceptably a well-worn motif historically in antisemitic rhetoric and iconography."

Continued Olson: "It is an embarrassment to our country that we have arrived at a place that such ideas are flaunted with impunity."

Students who discovered their pictures online were very distressed by what they saw,

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Relevant

No country exemplified this principle during the war more than Poland. Though brutally occupied for nearly six years, the Polish Underground was remarkably resilient, courageous, and determined. Indeed, it set an example for all of Europe, culminating in the Warsaw Uprising of 1944, when the Polish Home Army battled the more powerful Nazi forces for 63 days, while the Soviet Red Army looked on passively.

Unlike France, Norway, and other

showing Hezbollah operatives firing 9M133 Kornet guided anti-tank rockets at the vehicle. While the clouds of smoke from the explosions obscure the vehicle, it was not clear from the video whether the missiles scored a direct hit.

Security camera footage from the entrance to Kibbutz Yaron later released appears to show the IDF vehicle emerging unscathed from the clouds of smoke on the border road.

Immediately after the attack, video footage emerged of Israeli troops evacuating what appeared to be wounded soldiers via helicopter, but the IDF later said the "wounded soldiers" were dummies and the evacuation faked, as a ploy to trick Hezbollah into thinking it had achieved a direct hit.

During his speech on Monday, Nasrallah said "there will be no such thing as international borders" if Israel carries out additional attacks in Lebanon, adding that not just the border communities, but sites "deep inside" Israel would become targets.

He boasted that Israel had "emptied entire bases" in response to the Hezbollah attack, referring to a report by RT Arabic on Monday which showed a reporter walking through a completely empty military post near the border.

The report prompted the IDF to lock the base and release a statement confirming the post was evacuated days prior to the attack, the *Times of Israel* reported.

"This was a post on the border line that was classified last week as a threatened position," the IDF spokesperson's unit said, according to the report. "It was therefore evacuated during the week, and the forces defended the area from the rear line. The contents of the post were removed and there is no concern of information leakage" from the reporter's visit.

the *YU Commentator* noted. One student featured on the forum commented that "it is very concerning that something like this is developing so quickly, especially in the United States." Being featured on a neo-Nazi website made her feel "vulnerable and small." As a proud Jewish American, she was disturbed that she was being "targeted" as a member of "a people and a religion."

VNN is published by Alex Linder, a former activist with the neo-Nazi National Alliance Party who has been active in white supremacist and Holocaust denial circles for several years.

Linder was arrested in May 2007 in Knoxville, Tn., for assaulting a police officer during a racist protest.

occupied countries in Europe, there was no Polish equivalent of collaborationists like Petain and Quisling. And while a significant number of Poles participated in the resistance in their country, many thousands of others fought bravely in key war theaters from the Battle of Britain to Montecasino, Italy.

It was the same Polish spirit that, decades later, helped topple communism and usher in a new post-Cold War era.

And fifth, dehumanization of a people can lead to its destruction.

Antisemitism in Europe did not begin in

Hezbollah Airs Video Purporting to Show Missile Attack on IDF Vehicle on Israel-Lebanon Border



A still image from the video published by Hezbollah on Monday, Sept. 2, 2019. Photo: Screenshot.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Iran-backed Shia terror group Hezbollah published a video on Monday purporting to show an anti-tank missile strike it carried out the previous day on an IDF vehicle driving along the Israel-Lebanon border.

In the video, aired by the Hezbollah-affiliated *Al-Manar* television station, two Kornet missiles are launched toward the vehicle. Two impacts are seen, accompanied by puffs of flame and smoke, but it is unclear from the footage whether the vehicle was damaged or any soldiers suffered injuries.

The Israeli military said there were no casualties in the incident.

Earlier on Monday, Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu said the IDF had acted with "determination and responsibility" the day before.

"The man in the bunker in Beirut knows exactly why he is in a bunker," Netanyahu commented, referring to Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah.

"We will continue to do everything necessary in order to maintain the security of Israel on land and sea, and in the air, and we will continue to act against the threat of precision-guided missiles," he declared.

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Empathy

Ocean are boosting the general perception that Jews are a separate community with distinct, and sometimes competing, interests. This is unfortunate, but to be blunt, there isn't much that can be done to correct it. Thankfully, we no longer live in a time when we are obliged to note the advice of a type that the French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre called

the "democratic antisemite": someone who implores the Jews, for their own good, to be a little less particular and a lot more universal. Even so, if we are going to bring more heat to the battle, let us shine some much-needed light as well.

Ben Cohen is a New York City-based journalist and author who writes a weekly column on Jewish and international affairs for JNS.

1933, with Hitler's ascent to power. It existed for centuries and was expressed in a variety of forms — from the ghettos to the Inquisitions, from expulsions to forced conversions. It manifested itself in every European country, including Poland, where Jews lived.

But the Third Reich took antisemitism to an entirely different level with the adoption of the Final Solution in January 1942. The goal was to annihilate the nine million Jews in Europe.

No one knows this better than Poland, on whose occupied territory Nazi Germany built death and slave labor camps in Auschwitz-Birkenau, Belzec, Chelmno, Majdanek, Sobibor, Treblinka, and elsewhere. Millions of Jews were slaughtered in those camps, while hundreds of thousands died of disease and starvation in the ghettos. Too many in the world averted their eyes to this unprecedented crime against humanity.

The enduring lesson is to take words seriously when they are directed at an entire people or group, and to remember where

those words can lead. It is also to recall the Jewish teaching that "He who saves one life has saved the world." Even at risk to their own lives, nearly 7,000 Poles, according to Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Center, saved Jews, even as many others, for a variety of reasons, looked the other way.

In today's world, where hate is again on the rise, including both in Europe and the United States, the examples of individuals like Jan Karski, Witold Pilecki, Irena Sendler, the Ulma family, and an underground group like Zegota, remind us of the capacity of the human spirit to defend our highest values.

Yes, the history of what happened 80 years ago continues to matter a great deal.

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World News.



Israeli Foreign Minister Yisrael Katz during his visit to Abu Dhabi. Photo: Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Israeli Foreign Minister Heads to Switzerland to End Arrest Threat Against Israelis

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli Foreign Minister Yisrael Katz traveled to Switzerland for an official visit Monday together with a legal team, to try to find a solution regarding Swiss legislation allowing Israeli politicians and military officials to be arrested in Switzerland on war crimes charges.

Katz held talks in Lucerne with his Swiss counterpart Ignazio Cassis on Monday, and on Tuesday is set to meet Swiss President

Ueli Maurer, according to Israel's Ynet online news site.

Katz aims to convey to Switzerland Israel's view that it is unacceptable for the Jewish state to be denied its right of self-defense as it battles against radical Islamic terrorists, according to the report.

Former Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert canceled a planned trip to Switzerland this summer after being warned he could be arrested.

German Soccer Fans Abuse Israeli Referee With Medieval 'Jewish Pig' Insult

BY BEN COHEN

A German parliamentarian is calling on one of the country's top soccer teams to take firm action against fans who abused an Israeli referee with a medieval antisemitic epithet during a major European contest last week.

Green Party MP Omid Nouripour said on Sunday that the management of Bundesliga soccer club Eintracht Frankfurt needed to work with police to identify the fans who called Orel Grinfeld — the Israeli referee who officiated at Eintracht's 3-0 victory over French club Racing Strasbourg in their Europa League qualifying match last Thursday — a "Judensau," or "Jewish pig." Nouripour, who is also the chair of Eintracht's supporters club in the German Parliament, explained that while he had not been in attendance at the match, several of his contacts who were present confirmed hearing the offensive chant. Nouripour urged the Eintracht management to issue permanent bans and launch legal proceedings against the offenders.

A local politician who attended the match told the *Jüdische Allgemeine* Jewish news outlet that he had personally remonstrated with the fans who showered Grinfeld with antisemitic abuse after he issued a red card to Eintracht forward Ante Rebic on the cusp of half-time.

"I was sitting in block 14B, not far from the coach's bench," said Markus Eichmann, a local Frankfurt politician from the ruling CDU Party. "When the Israeli referee came back on the pitch [after the half-time break], some morons started chanting that epithet. A few people behind me were doing it as well, so I told them, 'Don't be stupid!'"

Eichmann said that upon hearing the "Judensau" chant, a large number of home fans gathered in the "Kurve" section subsequently joined in — although this was denied by a spokesperson for the Eintracht fan club, who insisted that while the fans had coarsely abused Grinfeld, antisemitic epithets had not featured.

The "Judensau" insult dates back to fourteenth century, when German theologians began mocking the Jewish religious prohibition on eating pigs. Crude folk art showed Jews engaged in various obscene acts such as suckling at teats of sows — female pigs.

Several cathedrals around Europe contain similar "Judensau" images or carvings, among them Wittenberg Cathedral, from whose pulpit the antisemitic cleric Martin Luther launched the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century.

The term "Judensau" was popularized again by the Nazi regime in the 1930s, as part of its systemic persecution of Jews in Germany prior to World War II.

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Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik Executive Vice - President, Rabbinical Alliance of America
July 17, 2018
For almost 50 years, the Beth Shifra organization, located in Brooklyn, NY, has provided year round daily free meals to those who are most needy in the New York Jewish community. I am personally familiar with the outstanding work that they do under the leadership of Rabbi Chaim Prussman, and urge you to help Beth Shifra in any manner possible, including publicizing their work in your shul or organization. During the Pesach holiday, the organization sponsors Kosher for Passover sedorim, food packages, lectures and programs to hundreds of people who would otherwise be unable to celebrate the holiday. In 2019, they will be sponsoring free kosher for Passover Seders and daily meals from Friday. Pesach food packages will be distributed on Thursday, April 18 at the synagogue between the hours of 12:00-2:00 PM. In the merit of helping the hungry and poor, may you only receive the choicest blessings from Heaven.

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Meir Kahane speaks The Summer of 84'

GREETINGS FROM RABBI MEIR KAHANE BETH SHIFRA

I have always said that in Heaven there is a great Synagogue. And as with all synagogues there is an East wall at which, like in all synagogues, sit the truly distinguished. But, unlike all synagogues where the truly distinguished are distinguished for their money and external attributes, in this great synagogue, we will be stunned to see whom the Almighty - the great Gabbai, warder, of Heaven - seats at the East Wall and who is relegated to the "ordinary" rows.

In every generation there walk in our midst the greatly simple, whose quiet task in life is to be simply great. They are famous in their anonymity. No reporters know their names and no television cameras record their faces and words. They walk in the streets in perfect tranquility for no one knows that they are people to be touched. They are touched only by the greatness of their deeds.

I rarely use this column to specifically praise someone and urge their support time and space are too precious. But I stand in tribute and ask you to do the same even as you write a generous check, for a simple tzadik (and are there any other?).

His name is Chaim Prussman and no one at Time magazine has ever heard of him. But I tell you that he is famous in the streets of Heaven. Daily, he walks and talks and worries and lives the pain of Jews. In the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn, where he lives, he sees the talons and fangs of the missionaries ripping away the souls of Jews, simple Jews, mostly from the Soviet Union. With meals and gifts and money they buy and destroy Jewish souls. There are synagogues and organizations and rabbis and leaders but no one stood up to cry out and do, except a little Jew named Chaim Prussman.

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Bogus Purim Service Broken Up

A group of missionaries in Brighton Beach who rented Public School 225 on the premise they were holding a social, attempted to hold a bogus "Purim Megilla" reading. The missionaries widely advertised their program in Russian as well as English throughout the Manhattan Beach and Brighton Beach area in an effort to entice young people to their service. However, when the real purpose of the "service" was discovered, groups from Boro Park, Flatbush, Crown Heights and Monsey descended on the area to help the staff of the Beth Shifra Institutions break up the rally. Since many of the protesters missed the Megilla reading, the staff of Beth Shifra held to Megilla readings, so those who were instrumental in breaking up the rally could observe the Mitzva properly. The Beth Shifra rally, held at the Jewish Center of Ocean Parkway, was termed a huge success by the children and parents who attended. There was a live band and a puppet show to entertain the children.

U.S. News.

US, France, Britain May Be Complicit in Yemen War Crimes, UN Report Says

The United States, Britain and France may be complicit in war crimes in Yemen by arming and providing intelligence and logistics support to a Saudi-led coalition that starves civilians as a war tactic, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

UN investigators compiled a secret list of possible international war crimes suspects, drawn from their latest report into violations during the four-year conflict between a coalition of Arab states and the Houthi movement that controls Yemen's capital.

Investigators found potential crimes on both sides, while also highlighting the role Western countries play as key backers of the Arab states and Iran plays in support of the Houthis.

The report accused the anti-Houthi coalition led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates of killing civilians in air strikes and deliberately denying them food in a country facing famine. The Houthis for their part have shelled cities, deployed child soldiers and used "siege-like warfare," it said.

The Houthis drove Yemen's government out of the capital Sanaa in 2014. The Saudi-led coalition of Sunni Muslim states intervened the following year to restore the ousted government, a conflict that has since killed tens of thousands of people.

The prospect of famine has created what the United Nations describes as the world's biggest humanitarian crisis.

The UN report said its independent panel had sent a secret list to UN human rights chief Michelle Bachelet, identifying "individuals who may be responsible for international crimes."

Its appendix lists the names of more than 160 "main actors" among Saudi, Emirati and Yemeni top brass as well as the Houthi movement, although it did not specify whether any of these names also figured in its list of potential suspects.

Netanyahu, Trump Said to Be Mulling Dramatic Diplomatic Gesture

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US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem on May 23, 2017. Photo: US Embassy in Israel.

"Individuals in the Government of Yemen and the coalition, including Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, may have conducted airstrikes in violation of the principles of distinction, proportionality and precaution, and may have used starvation as a method of warfare, acts that may amount to war crimes," it said.

"The legality of arms transfers by France, the United Kingdom, the United States and other States remains questionable, and is the subject of various domestic court proceedings."

It found that a Joint Incidents Assessment Team set up by Saudi Arabia to review alleged coalition violations had failed to hold anyone accountable for any strike killing civilians, raising "concerns as to the impartiality of its investigations."

The UN panel said it had received allega-



People inspect the site of Saudi-led air strikes on a Houthi detention center in Dhamar, Yemen, Sept. 1, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Ahmed al-Ansi.

tions that Emirati and affiliated forces have tortured, raped and killed suspected political opponents detained in secret facilities, while Houthi forces had planted land mines.

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Opinion.

Bret Stephens Was Justly Outraged When He Was Called an Insect



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After a report that the *New York Times* headquarters had been infested with bedbugs, George Washington University Professor David Karpf tweeted last Monday, “The bedbugs are a metaphor. The bedbugs are Bret Stephens.”

Nice. On the same exact week that commemorates the 80th anniversary of the start of World War II and, effectively, the Holocaust, a professor at one of America’s leading universities calls one of America’s most famous public intellectuals an insect.

This disgusting reference was not just a potshot at one of the country’s most respected columnists — a Pulitzer Prize winner — but a calumny reminiscent of the worst Nazi propaganda. As the US Holocaust Memorial Museum says in its online encyclopedia, “A recurrent theme in Nazi antisemitic propaganda was that Jews spread diseases.”

In the book *Hitler* by Joachim Fest, the author quotes Hitler saying, “Nature is cruel; therefore we are also entitled to be cruel. When I send the flower of German youth into the steel hail of the next war without feeling the slightest regret over the precious German blood that is being spilled, should I not also have the right to eliminate millions of an inferior race that multiplies like vermin?”

Bret was doubly abused when he was attacked for having the temerity to respond to Karpf by emailing him, with a copy to the provost of GW: “I’m often amazed about the things supposedly decent people are prepared to say about other people — people they’ve never met — on Twitter. I think you’ve set a new standard.”

“I would welcome the opportunity for you to come to my home, meet my wife and kids, talk to us for a few minutes, and then call me a ‘bedbug’ to my face,” he said. “That would take some genuine courage and intellectual

integrity on your part.”

Stephens later went on *MSNBC* to say Karpf’s remark was “dehumanizing and totally unacceptable.”

Some critics have made fun of his challenge to Karpf to come and insult him to his face, but that is more a commentary on the critics than Stephens. Bret is one of my closest friends. He is a man of morality and decency. He is a family man who is intimately involved in the lives of his children. And he is someone who tries to do the right thing.

We disagree on many things, most notably on what degree of support President Trump deserves from the Jewish community to honor his unprecedented support for Israel. But as a man in the public eye, Bret Stephens is quite simply one of the finest men I know. And if people feel that he overreacted to being called a bedbug, that’s probably because Jewish public figures like Bret are getting sick of disgusting antisemitic slurs that we’re told we have to take, just because we’re public and we’re Jewish.

One of Bret’s former colleagues, Sohrab Ahmari, condemned those now ridiculing Stephens. He said this “is as repellent and wrong as it is routine in our age of online mobs.”

People today have become accustomed to the freedom to say what they want from a distance on the Internet no matter who it harms. This is why we hear so much about kids being bullied by their peers online and the proliferation of hate on social media.

One of the members of the mob is Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who mocked Stephens in a tweet: “Imagine being on Twitter and having the worst thing you’re called in a given day is ‘bedbug.’ My own friends roast me harder.”

This is the same person who outrageously compared the detention centers on our Southern border to Nazi-era concentration camps. Why isn’t she criticizing one of the most high-profile Jews in the country being called a bug? Would she have had the same reaction if the professor had referred to Hispanics in the same way?

Stephens is a big boy, so he can take it, but

that does not mean Karpf, AOC, or anyone else should be given a pass. As Bret said, Jews have a “bad history” of “being analogized to insects that goes back to a lot of totalitarian regimes.”

He knows because he is a student of history and because his family suffered from that “bad history.” As Ahmari wrote in *The New York Post*, “the Nazi Holocaust deeply scarred his Jewish forebears in Europe; it shattered them. I remember him telling me once about how in a single day, the Nazis, in cahoots with Lithuanian locals, massacred 10,000 Jewish men, women, and children in his mother’s ancestral town. So I can see why the prof’s likely innocent analogization to bedbugs got under Stephens’ skin in a way that others may not understand.”

I agree with former ADL head Abe Foxman who said, “The comment by the professor was not a criticism — it was an insult. ... Unfortunately, words come with history — and calling someone a bug who infests a place has historic connotations, especially to Jewish people.”

In October of 2017, Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam and a notorious Jew-hater, called Jews termites. In a tweet that Twitter has since deleted he said, “I’m not an antisemite. I’m anti-termite.” The tweet linked to the video of a speech he delivered commemorating the 23rd anniversary of the Million Man March in 1995.

There was universal outrage for his disgusting comparison of Jews to insects. The next day I wrote on Twitter: “Louis Farrakhan calling Jews termites is a virtual call to genocide. The Nazis regularly referred to Jews as roaches and pests who needed to be exterminated. I call on African-American leaders like my close friend @CoryBooker to immediately condemn this vile and loathsome attack.”

But then in June of this year, rather than condemn his remarks, Cory said he would continue to meet with Farrakhan. “I have met — I live in Newark so we have famous Mosque 25, we have Nation of Islam there. ... As mayor I met with lots of folks talking to him. I have heard Minister Farrakhan’s speeches for a lot of my life, so I don’t feel like I need to do that, but I’m not one of these people that says



Journalist Bret Stephens. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

I wouldn’t sit down with anybody to hear what they have to say. But I live on a neighborhood where I’m getting guys on the streets offering and selling his works. I am very familiar with Minister Louis Farrakhan and his beliefs and his values.”

When people expressed absolute shock that Cory said he would continue to meet with a man who calls Jews bugs and praised Hitler as a great man, Cory retreated a month later and said he would now not meet with Farrakhan. It would have been nice if such moral conviction had not been forced by a public outcry.

Bret Stephens being called a bedbug and Farrakhan calling Jews termites is just the most recent example of how attacks on Jews have become normalized. We see it in the antisemitic BDS movement and in the remarks by Reps. Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib.

Have we really fallen so low that a difference of opinion merits such abuse of the people with whom we disagree?

This is unacceptable in all cases. Jews, in particular, know what happens when we are dehumanized and compared to bugs. Antisemites, Islamists and white supremacists feel emboldened to try to exterminate the pests and we get massacres at the Tree of Life and Poway synagogues.

It is appalling that public officials and, especially, Stephens’ journalist colleagues, have failed to defend Stephens and react with the revulsion the attack on him deserves. And what is truly upsetting is to see such an incredible and eloquent champion of Israel like Bret Stephens not be defended by a pro-Israel community which should stand with those who stand with the Jewish state.

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AIPAC Needs to Live Up to Being the ‘Pro-Israel Lobby’

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The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, commonly known as AIPAC, recently made headlines in almost every major media outlet when it wrongly and publicly criticized Israel’s just and proper decision to refuse to admit Jew-hating Israelophobes Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) and Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) for a trip to so-called “Palestine” sponsored by a terror-promoting group Miftah. The congresswomen’s trip was designed to demonize Israel with numerous propaganda events to incite hatred and boycotts, divestment, and sanctions against

Israel, with the goal of ultimately bringing about the destruction of the Jewish state.

AIPAC’s unwarranted, highly publicized criticism of the Israeli government harmed Israel, American Jews, and the pro-Israel community.

To many people, AIPAC’s public criticism of the Jewish state was also surprising because it claims to support the policies of the democratically elected government of Israel.

However, its public criticism was actually indicative of a longstanding problem: On some key, vital, existential issues, AIPAC opposes, fails to support, or waters down both the will of the Israeli people and common-sense positions to protect Israel from danger. AIPAC’s stances on these issues are particularly harmful because it bills itself as the “pro-Israel lobby,” leading people to wrongly believe that all of its positions are shared by

the Israeli public and Israeli officials.

Unfortunately, this has been happening for decades. And it has forced my organization, the Zionist Organization of America, Israeli officials, and other security-minded persons to have to battle against AIPAC policies that harm Israel’s safety.

Some past examples:

AIPAC’s harmful lobbying for a Palestinian-Arab state in Judea-Samaria (the “two-state solution”): This past March, AIPAC asked its thousands of policy conference attendees to lobby for purported “anti-BDS” House Resolution 246. This resolution was titled “*Opposing efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel*,” and should have solely dealt with the subject in its title — namely, opposing



Crews prepare the stage at the annual AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, DC, March 6, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Brian Snyder.

BDS. However, there was a dangerous insertion into this resolution promoting a so-called “two-state solution” — the Orwellian term for creating an Iran-Hamas Palestinian Arab terrorist state. AIPAC conference attendees, whom ZOA spoke with, thought that they were solely lobbying for an anti-BDS resolution and were unaware that they were also lobbying for the creation of a Palestinian-Arab terror state.

ZOA publicly urged AIPAC to either remove the Palestinian state language or to stop lobbying for a resolution with such harmful, dangerous language. ZOA pointed

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out that the creation of a Palestinian-Arab state, which would place all of Israel in closer range of terror groups' rockets, was a greater danger to Israel than even BDS. Polls show that between two-thirds to more than 90 percent of the Israeli public opposes the creation of a Palestinian Arab state. The ruling Israeli party, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and the 2016 Republican platform likewise oppose such a state.

AIPAC ignored ZOA's repeated pleas, the Republican Party platform and the will of Israel's people. Instead, AIPAC continued to lobby for and obtained passage of the resolution with its dangerous Palestinian-state language.

AIPAC also ignored 21 Israel Knesset (parliament) members who wrote a letter to Congress opposing the Palestinian state insertion into the anti-BDS resolution. Similar to ZOA's statements, the Knesset members wrote:

We would like to make our position clear that the establishment of a Palestinian state would be far more dangerous to Israel than BDS. Pressure to establish a Palestinian State ... opposes the position of the Government of Israel and also opposes the position of the majority of the public in Israel. ... Such a state would undoubtedly be a dysfunctional terrorist state, which would distance peace and undermine stability in the Middle East. ... [T]he affirmation of support for establishing a Palestinian state is so dangerous that we respectfully request that you take that into consideration, and in the future avoid determining that establishing an additional Arab state on territory that is the Land of Israel is part of the solution to the dispute.

The author of the Knesset letter, moreover, openly stated that AIPAC misleads Congress, saying:

Unfortunately, in recent years AIPAC has been promoting the two-state solution independently. AIPAC misleads US elected officials and presents the two-state solution as an Israeli interest and position of the State of Israel, even though the two-state solution is not the policy of the State of Israel, does not appear on the government's platform, and is not part of the US position, and the US President even removed it from the National Security Strategy Report. ... This is scandalous.

Likewise, during AIPAC's policy conference the previous year (2018), AIPAC's CEO gave a speech promoting Palestinian-Arab statehood, ignoring the pleas of Israeli government officials, and contrary to the American and Israeli positions.

AIPAC wouldn't support the Taylor Force Act for a year until it was weakened to allow the Palestinian Authority to receive the most US funding: AIPAC rejected ZOA's repeated requests to support the initial strong form of the Taylor Force Act, which conditioned all of the annual \$500 million of

US funding to the Palestinian Authority on ending its heinous \$400 million per year "pay to slay" awards to Arab terrorists who murder Jews and Americans. AIPAC instead waited until the bill was watered down, so that only a small part of the US funding to the PA would be cut. AIPAC argued that the weakened bill would have bipartisan support; however, ZOA pointed out to AIPAC that the original bill already had bipartisan support.

AIPAC's failure to support (or take a position) on "settlements" and the right of Jews to live in Judea-Samaria: Repeated Israeli governments asked AIPAC to support the right of Jews to live anywhere in Judea-Samaria. Yet to this day, AIPAC has not supported Israel's unquestionable international right to live and build anywhere there.

AIPAC gives platforms to hostile anti-Israel voices: AIPAC conferences have given platforms to some voices that are hostile to Israel, along with more moderate and legitimate pro-Israel voices. Why does a pro-Israel lobby bother to give a platform to those who are hostile to its stated mission? Yet, for years, certain staunch pro-Israel groups, such as ZOA and representatives of Judea-Samaria communities, have been denied platforms at AIPAC conferences and have had to resort to holding events "off site."

AIPAC's silence on key appointments and insults: AIPAC was silent about the prospect of anti-Israel Congressman Keith Ellison becoming the chair of the Democratic National Committee. AIPAC similarly failed to oppose various anti-Israel individuals, such as Charles Freeman and John Brennan, from being confirmed to important cabinet posts in the Obama administration and prior administrations. AIPAC also remained silent when a top Obama administration official called Israel's prime minister a "chicken****." AIPAC also didn't speak up to support strong pro-Israel attorney David Friedman's confirmation to become US Ambassador to Israel or pro-Israel CIA director Mike Pompeo's confirmation as US Secretary of State. And when the ADL attempted to derail Mike Pompeo's confirmation with absurd accusations of Islamophobia and former hostile-to-Israel ambassadors tried to block David Friedman's confirmation, AIPAC was silent. It was ZOA that stepped up to the plate, and debunked the ADL's and the former hostile ambassadors' false assertions.

In so many instances, ZOA spoke up and asked AIPAC to do the same, but was met with silence.

AIPAC's open, widely covered public criticism of Israel for rightly refusing entry to Tlaib and Omar was unfortunately just the tip of the iceberg. It's time to examine other policies that AIPAC needs to change in order to live up to its billing as the "pro-Israel lobby."

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Any Western Palestinian supporter might have been left somewhat perplexed. After all, it's an article of faith among those hostile to Israel that the indigenous inhabitants of the land are Palestinian Arabs who have been supplanted by Jewish occupiers.

Since Canaanites were said to have been conquered by the Jews, Abbas is laying claim to Canaanite ancestry to give the Palestinians a prior right to the Land of Israel. But if they were actually Canaanites, then they can't be Arabs, who many centuries later came, as the name implies, from the Arabian Peninsula, just as the Philistines, from whom in other moods the Palestinians also claim to have descended, came from Crete.

Abbas' argument is, of course, ludicrous. The fact is that the Jews were the only people for whom the Land of Israel was ever their national kingdom, several centuries before the creation of Islam. The Jews are the only extant indigenous people of the land. Palestinian identity was invented in the 1960s in order to destroy the Jews' claim to Israel, and airbrush them out of their own history.

From time to time, this inconvenient historical truth has been blurted out by Arabs themselves. In 1937, a local Arab leader, Auni Bey Abdul-Hadi, told the Peel Commission, which ultimately suggested the partition of Palestine: "There is no such country as Palestine! 'Palestine' is a term the Zionists invented!"

In 1977, PLO executive committee member Zahir Muhsein said: "The Palestinian people does not exist. The creation of a Palestinian state is only a means for continuing our struggle against the State of Israel for our Arab unity ... Only for political and tactical reasons do we speak today about the existence of a Palestinian people, since Arab national interests demand that we posit the existence of a distinct 'Palestinian people' to oppose Zionism."

In 2012, Palestinian minister Fathi Hammad said: "Brothers, half of the Palestinians are Egyptians and the other half are Saudis. Who are the Palestinians? We have many families called Al-Masri, whose roots are Egyptian. Egyptian! They may be from Alexandria, from Cairo, from Dumietta, from the North, from Aswan, from Upper Egypt. We are Egyptians. We are Arabs. We are Muslims."

All of this has been totally ignored by Westerners who continue to promote the Palestinians' fictitious identity. Now, however, a stunning if inadvertent acknowledgement of the truth has emerged from an unlikely source.

Nazmi al Jubeh, an associate professor of history and archaeology at Birzeit University outside Ramallah, told a UN conference last June that there was no evidence linking the Jews to Jerusalem.

Thus far, so predictably mendacious. But thanks to the Elder of Zion website, a piece has now surfaced written by al Jubeh in 2006 in which he demolished the myth of Palestinian identity and made plain that it was invented solely to destroy Zionism and Israel.

Not that he acknowledged the Jews' own history in the land. He made correct but passing reference to the Romans renaming Judea as "Palestina" in order "to challenge the memory of the Jews" after the Romans put down "the Jewish rebellion."

Yet he didn't provide the context for this by explaining that the Romans had crushed the Jewish kingdom, which had existed for centuries before being conquered in turn by

successive waves of colonial invaders.

Instead, he claimed that the "Palestinian Jews, an essential component of the Palestinian people, started at the beginning of the twentieth century to identify themselves with the Zionist movement, thus separating themselves from the rest of their own people ..."

Despite this egregious and absurd falsification of Jewish history, the striking element of al Jubeh's account is his admission of what we know to be objectively true — that, from the earliest times, there was no Palestinian identity.

Those living in Palestine from the time of the Romans, he wrote, were "mostly part of a greater regional or international political entity, which usually housed several nations, ethnic groups and cultures."

He goes on:

Similarly, today's Palestinians, he wrote, "are the result of accumulated ethnic, racial, and religious groups, who once lived, conquered, occupied, and passed through this strip of land."

Wars and invasions have never totally replaced the local population in any period of history; they rather added to, mixed with and reformulated the local identity. The Palestinian people are the Canaanites, the Philistines, the Jabousites, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Egyptians, the Aramaeans, the Greeks, the Romans, the Byzantines, the Arabs, the Turks, the Crusaders, and



An aerial view of the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

the Kurds, who once settled, conquered, occupied or just passed through Palestine.

What gave the Palestinians their identity, he said, was their "struggle" against Zionism and the State of Israel. "There is no way to understand this identity apart from the conflict."

Only after the 1967 Six-Day War did the Palestinians start trying to flesh this out by self-consciously developing artistic expression, architecture, and local history.

More sharply still, al Jubeh wrote that if the history of the region after the First World War had been different, the Palestinians may not have chosen a state in which to express their identity.

For decades, they marketed the conflict with Israel as "Arab-Israeli" and not as "Palestinian-Israeli." The idea of a State of Palestine, he wrote, only emerged in the mid-1970s when Palestinian identity became politicized around the heavily-promoted image of "a fighting nation seeking freedom." This aspiration became the major vehicle in forming the Palestinians' current sense of themselves.

In other words, Palestinian identity has no meaning except as a movement to deny the right of the indigenous Jewish people to their own homeland.

The Palestinians' claim to be the rightful inheritors of the land lies at the very heart of the Western animus against Israel. It represents one of the most successful, if fiendish, propaganda achievements ever to have been pulled off — to have persuaded millions of people that this ludicrous falsehood is an

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Puncturing the Lie of Palestinian Identity



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tinian Authority (PA), recently claimed that the Palestinians were the descendants of the Canaanites. "This land is for its people, its residents and the Canaanites who were here 5,000 years ago — and we are the Canaanites!" he declared, vowing that every Israeli stone and house "built on our land" would end up "in the garbage dump of history."

Mahmoud Abbas, the head of the Pales-

Impressions.

Daily Mail Distributes a Million Maps Listing Tel Aviv as Israel's Capital

BY ADAM LEVICK

The 975,000 thousand or so British news consumers who purchased the Sunday, Sept. 1st print edition of the Daily Mail (The Mail on Sunday) gotta nice freebie: a "giant, glossy" map of the world featuring



"essential geographical facts."

Here's a promotion of their special offer on Twitter, noting that the map is "just in time for going back to school."

However, they got one "essential geographical fact" wrong, as you can see here in this close-up of the Middle East section of the map:



Elsewhere on the map, it makes clear that the square icons (which you see next to Beirut, Damascus, Baghdad, and Amman) represent the capitals. So, the maps from the Daily Mail delivered "just in time for school" contain a blatant factual inaccuracy about Israel.

Despite the fact that we've posted countless times on this issue, and contacted editors to remind them that Jerusalem is Israel's capital, usually resulting in corrections, this mistake continues to crop up periodically. Though we contacted Daily Mail editors to ask for a prominent editor's note acknowledging the error, in light of the fact that the claim was made in an actual paper map that nearly one million Britons received (and not merely online), the damage can't really be undone.

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I Embrace My Israeli Arab Identity

BY ALI ADI /JNS.org

Israeli television host Yaron London's comments about Arab culture (earlier this week, he referred to Arabs as "wild men" and called Arab culture "a failure") spoke to a truth with which we are all familiar. It's not just me saying it — Arabs say it all the time, all over the world.

If you ask any one of them during a casual conversation, even the biggest hater of Israel will tell you honestly that they prefer a conflict with Jews to a conflict with other Arabs, which would naturally result in brutal, unchecked bloodshed. The Arab citizens of Israel will admit that they prefer the Israeli government to an Arab one, even if from their comfortable positions at Israeli universities they prefer to call it "the occupation."

I'm not thrilled to agree with London. If only I could tear down his remarks. If only I could feel

Arab because it's important to me to distinguish myself from the wider Arab culture. It's important to me to turn my back on what is happening in Syria and what happened in Lebanon, and from the story of Egypt's tragic fall. Because when I'm Israeli, I can feel proud sometimes.

I recently saw archived material from the First Lebanon War. Despite the fact that stories about invasion and war don't exactly warm the heart, I am filled with pride to hear and see Lebanese residents, including Palestinian refugees who have lived in Lebanon since 1948, express faith in Israeli soldiers and ask them for protection from other actors in the civil war.

The truth, which the entire Arab world already acknowledges, that the Israeli army is the more humane and considerate than Arab armies, fills me with pride. I am Israeli and these are my values. Valuing human life, liberty, dignity, and people's



Thousands of Muslims perform Eid prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque, in Jerusalem's Old City, marking the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha on September 12, 2016. Photo: Sliman Khader/Flash90.

pride in and a connection to Arab culture without any hesitation. My "Arabness," the language, the music, and the tradition, are an inseparable part of my identity, and I would like to be proud of and feel connected to them. But — and I'm saying this carefully — I feel shame.

The Arab world, from its governments that are tainted by corruption and tribal alliances to the man in the street, who exists on a basis of ignorance and violence, does not attempt to keep any of this a secret. Anyone with eyes in their head can point out these flaws, which require a fundamental reform in thinking to address. You don't need to be an intellectual or a seasoned TV personality to understand that.

So I embrace my Israeli identity: I am an Israeli

ability to support themselves are values that I would want to see expressed in my name, from Israel to the rest of the Middle East and beyond.

I will leave the question of why the Arab world looks and acts like it does to the Arab citizens of Israel to answer. We have an opportunity to build shared values with the Jews, ones that will make us stand out from the rest of the Arab world. We owe that to ourselves, not to anyone else — and should do so proudly, standing straight, with our heads held high.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Ernest L. Spence; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 3, 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 September 19, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 602 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4325 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$979,521.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 508760/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: July 9, 2019 AJ; 8/16/23/30;9/6

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wilmington Savings Fund Society, et al, Plaintiff v Kirk Gibson,

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et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 06, 2018, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on September 19, 2019 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 729 Macon Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected thereon, being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1493, Lot 66. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,065,650.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2427/2008. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 64625 AJ; 8/16/23/30;9/6

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST Eric D. Garnes, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Delia Curtis, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/2018 and entered on 10/18/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 19, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 245 E 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4851, LOT: 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$780,358.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 505910/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 8/16/23/30;9/6

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Nomura Asset-Backed Certificate Series, 2006-AF1, Plaintiff AGAINST Abou Traore, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 6/26/2019 and entered on 7/2/2019, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 19, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as :947 GATES AVE., BROOKLYN, NY 11221. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1632, LOT: 49. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,222,310.66 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 020445/2008. Dominic J. Famulari, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 8/16/23/30;9/6

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff v. Kesimal Salzborg, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, Index # 501965/17, the undersigned

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Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, on September 19, 2019 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 2123 58th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11204. All that parcel of land, with the improvements erected thereon, being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 5501, Lot 65. Approximate amount of Judgment \$429,892.33, plus interest and costs. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Davidson Fink Attorney for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street Rochester, NY. 14614 AJ; 8/16/23/30;9/6

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: INSPIRE HOME MANAGEMENT LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 08/06/2019. 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: Amy D. Littleton 545 Quincy Street 2ND floor Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 8/16/23/30;9/6/13/20

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-MX1, Plaintiff -against- CECIL HAYNES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 2, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on September 19, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Clarkson Avenue, distant 43 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Clarkson Avenue with westerly side of East 51st Street; being a plot 19 feet by 100 feet by 19 feet by 100 feet. Block: 4637 Lot: 8. Said premises known as 846 CLARKSON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$553,021.02 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 6018/2013. SIMON SHAMOUN, ESQ., Referee Dorf & Nelson LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 555 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Rye, NY 10580 AJ; 8/16/23/30;9/6

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AF2, Plaintiff AGAINST Deborah Martinez; Roberto Martinez; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 4, 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 September 26, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 938 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 Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 1714 Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,054,086.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of

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filed Judgment Index# 504322/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: August 14, 2019 65133 AJ; 8/23/30;9/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings, Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., Plaintiff, AGAINST Josianne Valery; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 1, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on September 26, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 871 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4980 Lot 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,534.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501049/2014. AJ; 8/23/30;9/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings, CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, AGAINST Kepler Balde, et al, Defendant, Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/2018 and entered on 10/18/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 26, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 12421 Flatlands Avenue , Unit 6B, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4423, LOT: 1412. Approximate amount of judgment is \$280,351.29 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504331/2014. AJ; 8/23/30;9/6/13

A Notice of Formation of Giraonline LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/25/2019. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 561 39th St., Apt 1E, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: any lawful activity. AJ; 8/23/30;9/6/13/20/27

GRIGAS REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/13/19. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 26 Delavan Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 8/23/30;9/6/13/20/27

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: BUS BABY LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 07/23/2019. Office of 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: Victor Zaraya 311A 15th Street Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 8/30;9/6/13/20/27;10/4

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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 September 26, 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; 8/23/30;9/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST ANDREW GRANT, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-10-2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 3, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 433 Jerome 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, BL: 4030/39. Approximate amount of judgment \$753,960.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #503926/2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee Carter Conboy Case Blackmore Maloney & Laird, PC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, NY 12211 26743 64750 AJ; 8/30;9/6/13/20

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC). Name: HOTSPOT STATION LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 08/21/2019. Office of 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: Legalin Corporate Services inc. 1967 Wehrle Drive suite 1 #086 Buffalo, NY 14221. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 8/30;9/6/13/20/27; 10/4

1694CARROLLST JIANG LLC Art. Of Off. Filed Sec. of State of NY 8/13/19. Off. Loc. : Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served & shall mail proc.: c/o Yan Jiang, 1694 Carroll St., Brooklyn, NY 11213. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. AJ; 9/6/13/20/27; 10/4/11

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP, CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6, Plaintiff AGAINST MOSES OTOTE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclo-

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The Ecological Imperative



JONATHAN SACKS
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In the course of setting out the laws of war, the Torah adds a seemingly minor detail that became the basis of a much wider field of human responsibility, and is of major consequence today. The passage concerns a military campaign that involves laying siege to a city:

When you lay siege to a city for a long time, fighting against it to capture it, do not destroy its trees by putting an axe to them, because you can eat their fruit. Do not cut them down. Are the trees people, that you should besiege them? However, you may cut down trees that you know are not fruit trees and use them to build siege works until the city at war with you falls. (Deut. 20:19–20)

War is, the Torah implies, inevitably destructive. That is why



Judaism's highest value is peace. Nonetheless, there is a difference between necessary and needless destruction. Trees are a source of wood for siege works. But some trees, those that bear fruit, are also a source of food. Therefore, do not destroy them. Do not needlessly deprive yourself and others of a productive resource. Do not engage in a "scorched earth" tactic in the course of war.

The Sages, though, saw in this command something more than a detail in the laws of war. They saw it as a *binyan av*, a specific example of a more general principle. They called this the rule of *bal tashchit*, the prohibition against needless destruction of any kind. This is how Maimonides summarises it: "Not only does this apply to trees, but also whoever breaks vessels or tears garments, destroys a building, blocks a wellspring of water, or destructively wastes food, transgresses the command of *bal tashchit*." This is the halachic basis of an ethic of ecological responsibility.

What determines whether a biblical command is to be taken

restrictively or expansively? Why did the Sages take this seemingly minor law to build out a wide halachic field? What led the Sages in the direction they took?

The simplest answer lies in the word "Torah." It means law. But it also means: teaching, instruction, direction, guidance. The Torah is a lawbook like no other, because it includes not only laws but also narratives, genealogies, history, and song. Law as the Torah conceives it is embedded in a larger universe of meanings. Those meanings help us understand the context and purpose of any given law.

So it is here. First and foremost is the fact that the earth is not ours. It belongs to its Creator, to God Himself. That is the point of the first chapter of the Torah: "In the beginning, God created..." He made it; therefore He is entitled to lay down the conditions within which we live in it as His guests.

The logic of this is immediately played out in the story of the very first humans. In Genesis 1 God commands humanity: "Fill the

earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground" (1:28). "Subdue" and "rule" are verbs of dominance. In Genesis 2, however, the text uses two quite different verbs. God placed the first man in the Garden "to serve it [*le'ovdah*] and guard it [*leshomrah*]" (2:15). These belong to the language of responsibility. The first term, *le'ovdah*, tells us that humanity is not just the master but also the servant of nature. The second, *leshomrah*, is the term used in later biblical legislation to specify the responsibilities of one who undertakes to guard something that is not their own.

How are we to understand this tension between the two opening chapters? Quite simply: Genesis 1 tells us about creation and nature, the reality mapped by the natural sciences. It speaks about humanity as the biological species, *Homo sapiens*. What is distinctive about humans as a species is precisely our godlike powers of dominating nature and exercising control of

the forces that shape the physical world. This is a matter of fact, not value, and it has increased exponentially throughout the relatively short period of human civilisation. As John F. Kennedy put it in his inaugural presidential address: "Man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty and all forms of human life." Power is morally neutral. It can be used to heal or wound, build or destroy.

Genesis 2, by contrast, is about morality and responsibility. It tells us about the moral limits of power. Not everything we can do may we do. We have the power but not the permission; we have the ability but not the right. The earth is not ours. It belongs to God who made it. Therefore we are not the owners of nature but its custodians. We are here to serve it and care for it.

This explains the story that immediately follows, about Adam, Eve, the serpent, and the forbidden fruit. What the fruit was, why the serpent spoke, and what was the nature of the first sin – all these are secondary. The primary point the Torah is making is that, even in paradise, there are limits. There is forbidden fruit. Not everything we can do may we do.

Few moral principles have been forgotten more often and more disastrously. The record of human intervention in the natural order is marked by devastation on a massive scale. Within a thousand years, the first human inhabitants of America had travelled from the Arctic north to the southernmost tip of Patagonia, making their way through two continents and, on the way, destroying most of the large mammal species then extant, among them mammoths, mastodons, tapirs, camels, horses, lions, cheetahs, and bears.

When the first British colonists arrived in New Zealand in the early nineteenth century, bats were the only native land mammals they found. They discovered, however, traces of a large, ostrich-like bird the Maoris called "moa." Eventually skeletons of a dozen species of this animal came to light, ranging from three to ten feet high. The remains of some twenty-eight other species have been found, among them flightless ducks, coots, and geese together with pelicans, swans, ravens, and eagles. Animals that have not had to face human predators before are easy game, and the Maoris must have found them a relatively effortless source of food.

A similar pattern can be traced almost everywhere human beings have set foot. They have consistently been more mindful of the ability to "subdue" and "rule" than of the responsibility to "serve" and "guard." An ancient Midrash sums this up, in a way that deeply resonates with contemporary ecological awareness: When God made Adam, He showed him the panoply of creation and said to him: "See all My works, how beautiful they are. All I have made, I have made for you. Take care, therefore, that you do not destroy My world, for if you do, there will be no one left

to mend what you have destroyed."

Environmental responsibility seems to be one of the principles underlying the three great commands of periodic rest: Shabbat, the Sabbatical year, and the Jubilee year. On Shabbat all agricultural work is forbidden, "so that your ox and your donkey may rest" (Ex. 23:12). It sets a limit to our intervention in nature and the pursuit of economic growth. We remind ourselves that we are creations, not just creators. For six days the earth is handed over to us and our labours, but on the seventh we may perform no "work," namely, any act that alters the state of something for human purposes. Shabbat is thus a weekly reminder of the integrity of nature and the limits of human striving.

What Shabbat does for humans and animals, the Sabbatical and Jubilee years do for the land. The earth too is entitled to its periodic rest. The Torah warns that if the Israelites do not respect this, they will suffer exile: "Then shall the land make up for its Sabbatical years throughout the time that it is desolate and you are in the land of your enemies; then shall the land rest and make up for its Sabbath years" (Lev. 26:34). Behind this are two concerns. One is environmental. As Maimonides points out, land which is overexploited eventually erodes and loses its fertility. The Israelites were therefore commanded to conserve the soil by giving it periodic fallow years, not pursuing short-term gain at the cost of long-term desolation. The second, no less significant, is theological: "The land," says God, "is Mine; you are but strangers and temporary residents with Me" (Lev. 25:23). We are guests on earth.

Another set of commands is directed against over-interference with nature. The Torah forbids crossbreeding livestock, planting a field with mixed seeds, and wearing a garment of mixed wool and linen. These rules are called *chukim* or "statutes." Samson Raphael Hirsch (Germany, 1808–1888) in the nineteenth century, like Nachmanides six centuries earlier, understood *chukim* to be laws that respect the integrity of nature. They represent the principle that "the same regard which you show to man you must also demonstrate to every lower creature, to the earth which bears and sustains all, and to the world of plants and animals." They are a kind of social justice applied to the natural world: "They ask you to regard all living things as God's property. Destroy none; abuse none; waste nothing; employ all things wisely.... Look upon all creatures as servants in the household of creation."

So it was no accident that Jewish law interpreted the prohibition against cutting down fruit-bearing trees in the course of war as an instance of a more general prohibition against needless destruction, and more generally still, against acts that deplete earth's non-renewable resources, or damage the ecosystem, or lead to the extinction of species.

Václav Havel made a funda-

mental point in *The Art of the Impossible*: "I believe that we have little chance of averting an environmental catastrophe unless we recognise that we are not the masters of Being, but only a part of Being." That is why a religious vision is so important, reminding us that we are not owners of our resources. They belong not to us but to the Eternal and eternity. Hence we may not needlessly destroy. If that applies even in war, how much more so in times of peace. "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Ps. 24:1). We are its guardians, on behalf of its Creator, for the sake of future generations.

Shabbat Shalom

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the Lie

unchallengeable truth.

All the malicious libels and distortions thrown at Israel by Western foes to delegitimize and destroy it rest on this historical lie. Claims that Israel is occupying another people's land, that its actions are illegal, that it behaves with the cruelty and ruthlessness associated with colonialist invaders — all of this and more rests upon the belief that the Palestinians are the rightful inheritors of the land.

It is the foundation stone of a cause that Western liberals believe defines them as anti-colonialist defenders of the rights of indigenous peoples. But it's the Palestinians — and behind them the Arab and Muslim world — who are intent on colonialism and depriving the Jewish people of their rightful and historic homeland. And it is support for that ignoble cause more than any other that has destroyed the moral compass of the West.

Melanie Phillips, a British journalist, broadcaster and author, writes a weekly column for JNS. Currently a columnist for "The Times of London," her personal and political memoir, "Guardian Angel," has been published by Bombardier, which also published her first novel, "The Legacy," in 2018. Her work can be found at: www.melaniephillips.com.

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sure and Sale duly dated October 11, 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 October 10, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 193 SUMPTER 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 Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1519, LOT 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,183,755.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 22250-12. ARNOLD JOEL LUDWIG, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65394 AJ; 9/6/13/20/27;

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Reality TV show star Sharon Osbourne alongside husband Ozzy in Las Vegas. Photo: Mark J. Rebilas-USA TODAY Sports.

‘I Want to Physically Hurt Jeremy Corbyn, Ugliness Oozes From Him’: Jewish Reality Show Star Sharon Osbourne Lets Rip at UK Labour Leader

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The star of pioneering US reality TV show “The Osbournes” has lashed out at Jeremy Corbyn, the leader of the opposition Labour Party in the UK, over the antisemitism scandals that continue to plague the party’s ranks.

Speaking to UK tabloid *The Sun* on Monday, the British-born star gave a “searingly honest interview... about antisemitism, her family’s tough past and the shocking discovery her mom spent time in jail — aged just 12” in the words of the paper’s correspondent.

The Los Angeles-based TV personality and author, who is married to heavy metal legend Ozzy Osbourne, became “furious” when the subject of Corbyn and the Labour Party was introduced.

“Oh my God, I hate him so much. I want to hurt him,” Osbourne said of Corbyn. “I want to physically hurt this man. He is the most arrogant, ugly f**k. I want to hurt him. Oh my God, he is revolting, so ugly, inside and out. This ugliness oozes from him, he’s repulsive.”

According to *The Sun*, Osbourne’s open admission

of her desire to physically harm Corbyn followed her retelling of father Don’s experience as a Jewish soldier for the British Army during World War Two.

“His name was Levy so of course they knew he was a Jew,” Osbourne said. “There he was fighting for his country and everybody was torturing him. People from his own country were torturing him.”

Osbourne said that her father, who later became a successful showbiz impresario, would be woken up “at two or three in the morning and it’s p***ing down with rain and they’re getting him to dig a hole outside. He’s like, ‘Why am I doing this?’. And they’re going, ‘Because you’re a f*****g Jew and this war is over you and this is why we have to fight and you’re going to dig a f*****g hole.’”

Osbourne — who describes herself as “49 per cent Irish and the rest is Ashkenazi Jewish” — said that the rise of antisemitism was keeping her awake at night.

“It’s always been around and it will always be around and that’s what terrifies me because of all the ugly groups that are coming up all over the world,” the TV star added. “It’s always the Jews or the blacks or the Muslims — everybody hates somebody.”

Iranian Judoka Who Fled to Germany Congratulates Israeli World Champion He Avoided Facing

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Iranian judoka Saeid Mollaei, who fled to Germany after authorities in Tehran instructed him to throw a World Judo Championships match to avoid facing Israeli champion Sagi Muki, has publicly congratulated Muki for the first time on his gold medal.

In an exchange on Instagram alongside a picture of Muki, Mollaei wrote, “Congratulation champion.”

“Thank you,” Muki replied. “You are inspiration as a human being and as an athlete.”

In an interview with a UK Persian-language TV



Iranian judoka Saeid Mollaei (left) competes against Canadian Antoine Valois-Fortier (right) at the World Judo Championships in Tokyo, Japan, Aug. 28, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Kim Kyung-Hoon.

channel after he fled to the West, Mollaei confirmed, “The head of the Iranian Olympic Committee and his deputy told me to lose.”

“After Sagi Muki made the final,” he recounted, “Iran put pressure on me to intentionally lose in my semi-final.”

“But I came to really compete and not to make a show,” Mollaei stated.

“I love Iran very much and I would love to continue to represent it,” he added, “but winning the medal is the most important thing for me.”

Mollaei noted that his partner lives in Germany and he has a home there.

“I did not seek asylum,” he said. “I am not a refugee. I have an apartment in Germany.”

Iran has blamed the International Judo Federation, which organized the championship, for Mollaei’s decision.

Marius Vizer, head of the IJF, confirmed that Mollaei and his family had indeed been pressured to throw a match.

Vizer added that he hoped Mollaei would be able to compete in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

In an interview with *The Algemeiner* last week, Sagi Muki addressed the issue of Mollaei’s snub, as well as an Egyptian judoka who refused to shake hands with him.

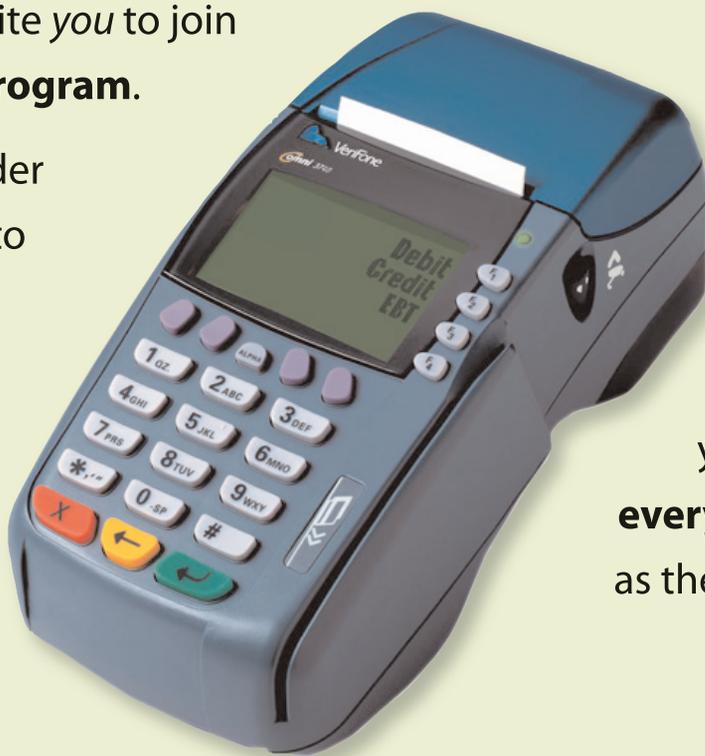
“It’s a sad situation,” he said, “because judo is about the connection between people.”

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