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## Blue and White Leader Gantz Receives Mandate to Form Government



Israeli President Reuven Rivlin and Benny Gantz, leader of the Blue and White party, Oct. 23, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Benny Gantz, the head of Israel's centrist Blue and White party, received the mandate to try to form a government from President Reuven Rivlin in a ceremony in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

In his remarks at the event, Gantz — a former IDF chief of staff — said he would “establish a liberal unity government,” pledging to

“serve all Israeli citizens.”

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — the leader of the right-wing Likud party — received the mandate several weeks ago after the Sep. 17 elections ended in a deadlock, with neither the right-religious or center-left blocs commanding a majority. Netanyahu vowed to form a unity government with Gantz, but was unable to do so and returned the mandate to the president.

Wednesday marked the first time in over a decade that someone other than Netanyahu was given the mandate to attempt to form a government.

Standing next to Rivlin, Gantz said, “I promised that I would establish a liberal unity government, and I intend to do so. In the government that I will establish, I will serve all Israeli citizens and act for the benefit of all Israeli citizens.”

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## Family Rejects ‘Interview’ of Imprisoned Israeli-American Woman

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Russian media outlets carried an interview on Wednesday with the Israeli-American backpacker who was recently sentenced to seven-and-a-half years in prison after being arrested during a stopover at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport in April when a small amount of cannabis was found in her luggage.

A global campaign has been undertaken on 26-year-old Naama Issachar's behalf, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has asked Russian President Vladimir Putin for her to be pardoned.



Naama Issachar. Photo: Facebook.

According to Russian media outlets, the interview occurred as Issachar was being visited by members of a human rights organization.

“I want to be reunited with my family and be set free,” Issachar was quoted as saying.

Family members and Issachar's lawyer called the interview a PR ploy by the Russian government to try to show that Issachar was not being mistreated.

Issachar's lawyer, Alexey Dobrynin, told Israel's

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## Opinion.

# New York Times Readers Offer Vicious Responses to Articles by Israelis



IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

In at least two recent cases, articles in The New York Times by Israeli authors were greeted by responses from Times readers who insisted that a Jewish state should not exist.

The Times published a page of letters to the editor in response to my former Forward colleague Hillel Halkin's review of Bari Weiss's book about antisemitism. One of the letters comes from Wayne Price of the Bronx, who insists, "There should be no Jewish state, no Christian state, no Muslim state, no Hindu state, and not even an officially atheist state. If such a view leads to a rejection of Zionism, then so be it. Democratic anti-Zionism is not antisemitic."

Why the Times considers this view worthy of print publication is a mystery to me, particularly because while no one is working to wipe Vatican City or Saudi Arabia off the map, the Jews of Israel are regularly the target of eliminationist rhetoric from a nation with a nuclear weapons program. Because Jews are not only members of a religion but also of a people, the letter-writer's sentence is like saying there should be no French state, no Greek state, no Italian state. Mr. Price doesn't explain how he'd assure the physical safety of Jews in the

absence of a Jewish state. The historical record on that front isn't exactly encouraging.

The Times also published 262 online comments in response to an op-ed by Micah Goodman, the Israeli author, teacher, and institution-builder.

One of the comments, which Times comment moderators awarded with a gold medal "Times Pick," says:

Here is an solution for an honest and just peace: 1. Israel should return to its LEGAL 1948 borders and forbid any non-Palestinian immigration with immediate effect. 2. Pay all expenses necessary to resettle Palestinians in their historic homeland, Palestine, now occupied by Zionists and branded as Israel. 3. Use the epic fundraising apparatus which has fed the malignant growth of Judeo-fascistic Zionism to pay Palestinians compensation and punitive damages for all Zionist activity in Palestine. Existing housing and infrastructure, in as new condition, in all occupied lands and within the 1948 borders would be a partial payment. 4. Upon return of displaced Palestinians, a constitutional convention must be convened to write a constitution allowing Palestinians the right of self-determination. 5. Ratify the constitution with a plebiscite where Palestinians worldwide and Israelis living within the 1948 borders will determine the future of the currently named State of Israel. Straightforward. The United States is adept at regime change. Maybe that skill and capability



The New York Times logo. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

could once be used for good.

Two other gold-medal "Times Pick" comments on the same article are also nasty. One says, "You have a state that recognizes the rights of just one of the communities and suppresses the rights of the others. Call it racism, call it apartheid, call it naughty-naughty, call it 'necessary,' call it Zionism, call it 'Jewish liberation,' call it whatever. Until the discrimination ends, until democracy (where EVERY adult between the river and the sea has an equal vote), there will be no peace." Another insists, "If they do nothing, Israel will soon turn into South Africa."

It's great to see the Times publishing articles by brilliant Israeli writers such as Halkin and Goodman. I suppose the fact

that the articles provoke a furious reaction is one sign that they have touched a nerve. The challenge for the Times is how to run a newspaper that accurately reflects the range of debate without turning itself into an amplifier of fringe or hateful viewpoints or of totally baseless slurs. Should the price of publishing in The New York Times, as an Israeli, be that the newspaper is going to also publish responses that call for destroying your home country and that libel its existence is racist, malignant, or fascist? No. Yet that, unfortunately, seems to be the current Times approach.

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## Why Anti-Zionism Is Worse Than Antisemitism



BENJAMIN KERSTEIN  
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There is currently a noisy and often bitter debate over the issue of anti-Zionism and antisemitism. The vast majority of the Jewish community, which remains resolutely Zionist despite rumors to the contrary, sees anti-Zionism as either a mask for traditional antisemitism or inherently antisemitic in and of itself, as it denies to the Jews the right to self-determination granted to every other people, and proposes the destruction of an existing Jewish nation.

Anti-Zionists of one stripe or another counter-claim that they are simply defending the rights of the Palestinian Arabs, who have been done a grave injustice, or that they are merely criticizing current Israeli policies, whose detrimental nature is an inherent expression of Zionism's immorality. Invoking all the current names for evil that still exist in an irreligious age, they hold that Zionism is racist, colonialist, oppressive and inimical to the revered gods of human rights.

What cannot be denied is that, to a great extent, anti-Zionism has become an ideology of hate. To the extent that it demonizes Israel using classic antisemitic themes and stereotypes, and that it openly employs intimidation and violence against Jews, it is without doubt objectively antisemitic. The question, then, is

whether it is also subjectively antisemitic — that is, whether it is inherently, in and of itself, antisemitic.

In this context, it seems worthwhile to examine what may not be anti-Zionism's primary document, but what is perhaps its most potent and politically successful expression: the Palestinian National Charter. Adopted in 1964, the charter amounts to the founding document of Palestinian national ideology and the Palestinian Liberation Organization, the most militant anti-Zionist group short of Hamas that has ever existed.

The Palestinian National Charter has never been officially abrogated, and there is no question that the vast majority of Palestinians and their supporters, and indeed anti-Zionists worldwide, continue to hold to its ostensible principles.

Most of the charter deals with the nature of the nascent Palestinian national identity and its political expression, as well as specific grievances against the official Zionist movement and the State of Israel. Only a few times does it actually refer to the Jews themselves outside of a political context. Its most explicit — and, it must be said, convenient — claim regarding the Jews is "Judaism, being a religion, is not an independent nationality. Nor do Jews constitute a single nation with an identity of its own; they are citizens of the states to which they belong."

Putting aside the question of antisemitism, it is worth asking what the nature of this claim means in and of itself. What, in other words, is it actually saying about the Jews?

The answer is quite apparent: The Jews are not a people, and therefore have no national rights whatsoever. And it is safe to say that the overwhelming majority of anti-Zionists around the world agree with this.

Leave aside the most essential problem with this, which is that it seeks to define the essence of being Jewish — and, being an Arab document, abrogates to non-Jews the right to do so, and to impose this definition upon us, as is codified in another clause: "The Jews who had normally resided in Palestine until the beginning of the Zionist invasion will be considered Palestinians." Even without this, it is quite clear that it is a remarkable statement, because placed in the context of gentile views of the Jews, antisemitic or otherwise, it is quite unprecedented.

This is because, throughout the long history of philo- and antisemitism, non-Jews never claimed that the Jews were not a people. Christianity and Islam never much loved the Jews, but always acknowledged that they constituted a nation. In the modern era, an official of the French revolutionaries once famously said, "For the Jews as a people, nothing; for the Jew as a citizen, everything" — something that could not possibly have been said if the Jews had not been a people in the first place.

The very foundation of anti-Zionism, however, is the claim that the Jews are not a people. Where traditional antisemitism held that the Jews should not exist, anti-Zionism holds that the Jews do not exist. Neither

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## World News.

## UK Jewish Groups Condemn Desecration of Synagogue Cemetery

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Leading UK Jewish groups on Wednesday condemned the recent desecration of a Jewish cemetery in Rochester, Kent.

The vandalism at the Chatham Memorial Synagogue cemetery in Rochester, Kent, apparently took place on the eve of Rosh Hashanah and was discovered an hour before the beginning of Yom Kippur. Tombstones were upended, pried out of the ground and smashed to pieces with sledgehammers.

The president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Marie van der Zyl, said, "This disgraceful antisemitic vandalism will cause huge upset to the families of those buried in the cemetery and to all right-thinking people."

"The low lives who perpetrated this hateful attack should face the full force of the law," she added.

Stephen Silverman of the Campaign Against Antisemitism said, "This cowardly act of vandalism must not go unpunished. We are grateful to Kent Police for their swift response."

The Daily Mail quoted Dalia Halpern-Matthews, the chair of trustees at the 300-year-old Chatham Memorial Synagogue, as saying she "was in shock" when the vandalism was discovered.

"It's difficult to describe the sense of horror at the disrespect and needless violence," she noted.

The police currently have no leads, and there were no security cameras at the site, making identification of the perpetrators unlikely.

"It's frustrating that there's little chance



The Chatham Memorial Synagogue cemetery in Rochester, Kent, United Kingdom. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

of a prosecution because of this," said Halpern-Matthews. "Police can't even call it a hate crime even though it happened at the synagogue because there were no swastikas this time."

She blamed the tense political atmosphere in Britain, particularly regarding the Brexit issue, for the incident and a general rise in antisemitism.

"Before the referendum the attacks were few and far between," she said.

"We have now had swastikas drawn on the ground, human excrement spread on the front door, and stained-glass windows smashed on the day of my son's bar mitzvah," she stated.

"The damage done by Brexit is something we will be dealing with for generations," she added. "It is any wonder people are behaving in this way when you hear how politicians speak in parliament? They are giving permission to hate."

"There are so many parallels with 1930s Germany now," she said, pointing out that most of the synagogue members had lost family in the Holocaust.

## Alibaba Sets Up Direct Shipping Route to Israel Ahead of Singles Day

BY OFIR DOR /CTech

Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holding is setting up a direct shipping route to Israel meant to speed up delivery times from its online marketplace AliExpress, several people familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity told Calcalist. Direct shipping is set to launch ahead of next month's Singles Day, a Chinese shopping holiday akin to America's Black Friday.

Despite Israel's relatively small population of about nine million, Alibaba lists it among AliExpress' ten hottest markets, and Israeli shoppers came in fourth in the site's list of global transactions during last year's Singles Day sales.

Alibaba subsidiary Cainiao Smart Logistics Network will be responsible for directly shipping orders from China to Israel, where state-owned Israel Postal Company will deliver the packages to customers within two days after receiving them, according to a recently signed agreement, the people said. The entire shipping process, which now takes

over a month, will take up to 14 working days, the people said.

The new shipping method will be more expensive than the standard free shipping often offered through China's postal service, but significantly cheaper than other express shipping methods, the people said. Though AliExpress cannot impose the new shipping method on its mostly independent sellers, the company intends to heavily encourage sellers shipping their products to Israel to begin using it within the next few months, they added.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu takes a selfie with chairman of Alibaba, Jack Ma, during a meeting with leaders of large corporations in China, during Netanyahu's visit to China on March 20, 2017. Photo: Haim Zach/GPO.

## Lieberman Calls Likud MKs 'Chickens,' Says They've 'Buried Netanyahu Alive'



Avigdor Lieberman delivers a statement to the media at the Knesset in Jerusalem, Nov. 14, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ammar Awad.

BY JNS.org

Likud Knesset members are "a bunch of chickens" who have already begun to eulogize Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu behind his back, Yisrael Beiteinu leader Avigdor Lieberman said on Wednesday.

Netanyahu announced on Monday his intent to return the mandate to form a government to President Reuven Rivlin, opening the door for Blue and White Party leader Benny Gantz to make his own attempt to form a coalition. If Gantz fails, Israel will likely undergo a third round of national elections.

Speaking to Israel's *Kan* public broadcaster on Wednesday, Lieberman said that lip service to Netanyahu aside, in practice Likud members were already "burying him alive" and preparing for party primaries.

"The Likud members are fending for themselves and Likud. We already see that all the senior members are preparing for primaries," said Lieberman. "While they paying lip service and add the words 'after the

Netanyahu era,' in practice they are already eulogizing Netanyahu and burying him alive—[Nir] Barkat, [Israel] Katz and [Gideon] Sa'ar already said they would run. Whoever sees the events they're hosting... understands that they are deep in the race."

Lieberman could have averted the current coalition crisis, but refused to join the Netanyahu government following the April 9 election due to its inclusion of ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties. Following the Sept. 17 election, he demanded Gantz and Netanyahu form a secular unity government.

Gantz has refused to join a government with Likud, due the threat of criminal indictment looming over Likud leader Netanyahu.

On Tuesday, Lieberman accused Netanyahu of "dragging [Likud], against their will and their interests, to another election" by not stepping aside as Likud Party leader.

He also said rumors circulating that he sought to create a coalition with Blue and White and the Arab parties was false.

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He said Israel badly needed a functioning government and "a government that will strengthen Israel and prepare the IDF for any challenge, a government that will strive for peace and know how to defeat every enemy."

Gantz also promised to work to heal the rifts in Israeli society through a "national reconciliation government" that would include everyone except those who see "racism as their inheritance and for whom violence is part of their way of acting."

In an apparent reference to Netanyahu, Gantz said, "Anyone who sees only his personal good, who seeks to drag Israel into another election, will be expelled from the political system. Anyone who prefers to improve his personal situation in a disastrous election for the third time this year will disappear and become extinct on the political map."

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**Family Rejects**

Channel 12, "We were not informed about the visit at any stage. We were not allowed to

Israeli citizens will not forgive."

In a nod to Netanyahu's potential indictments on corruption charges, Gantz said, "I wish you to be exonerated," but added, "It is clear to both of us that the results of the elections and the legal situation demand change."

Gantz now has 28 days to form a governing coalition, though his path to doing so remains unclear.

The Israeli news site Mako reported that, after receiving the mandate, Gantz spoke with secular-nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu party leader Avigdor Lieberman, whose eight Knesset seats could well make him the kingmaker. The two men agreed to meet personally and their negotiation teams will also hold talks.

Gantz also reportedly spoke with Labor party chief Amir Peretz, and a meeting will be set as soon as possible.

visit inside the prison itself and we have no way of knowing under what conditions she is actually imprisoned there."

## World News.



Nachshon Zenton, one of the directors of the Pilgrimage Road excavation in Jerusalem's City of David, holds a catapult projectile apparently used during the Great Jewish Revolt. Photo: Shai Halawi, Israel Antiquities Authority.

## Pontius Pilate Built Jerusalem's 'Pilgrimage Road,' Say Israeli Archaeologists

BY JNS.org

Archaeologists now believe that Jerusalem's "Pilgrimage Road" was built by none other than Pontius Pilate, the infamous Roman governor of Judea.

The ancient road in the City of David, which was preserved under the ashes of the Roman sack of Jerusalem in 70 C.E., was used by pilgrims to ascend from the Siloam Pool to the Second Temple, according to historical descriptions.

According to research published on Tuesday in the *Journal of the Institute of Archaeology of Tel Aviv University*, the more than 100 coins found beneath the ancient road prove that it must have been completed between 31 and 40 C.E., a period mostly covered by Pilate's governorship.

According to Donald Ariel, an archaeologist and coin expert with the Israel Antiquities Authority, "Dating using coins is very exact. As some coins have the year in which they were minted on them, what that means is that if a coin with a date on it is found beneath the street, the street had to be built in the same year or after that coin had been minted."

To further narrow things down, Ariel explained that "statistically, coins minted some 10 years later are the most common coins in Jerusalem," and that because these coins are not found under the road, "the street was built before their appearance, in other words only in the time of Pilate."

He suggested the possibility that Pilate had the street built to reduce tensions

between the Romans and the Jewish population. Although "we can't know for sure," he said, "these reasons do find support in the historical documents."

Although the excavation of the road began more than a century ago following its discovery in 1894 by British archaeologists, in the past six years, Israeli archaeologists from the Israel Antiquities Authority and Tel Aviv University uncovered 350 meters of the road as well as artifacts such as coins, cooking pots, complete stone and clay tools, rare glass items, a dais (a raised platform used for public announcements), and parts of arrows and catapults.

At a dedication ceremony for the unveiling of a section of the road in June, US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman said the discoveries made at the site as a confirmation of Israeli sovereignty over the City of David.

Before hammering through the final bit of the wall covering the road at the ceremony, Friedman said: "Whether there was any doubt about the accuracy, the wisdom, the propriety of [US] President [Donald] Trump recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, I certainly think this lays all doubts to rest."

The City of David Foundation, which plans to open the road to the public, funded the excavation and restoration.

The project has been controversial, as it runs underneath some Palestinian homes in eastern Jerusalem, with Palestinian Authority leaders calling the excavation a "war crime" and part of Israel's "imperialistic Judaization plans."

## Report: Palestinian Convert to Judaism Arrested, Tortured by PA

BY JNS.org

A 50-year-old Palestinian man who recently converted to Judaism was arbitrarily arrested by Palestinian Authority security forces two weeks ago and is still in custody, according to a Ynet report. The man claims to have been tortured by PA forces.

The man, a Hebron resident, was arrested on the eve of Yom Kippur while on a visit to a West Bank area under PA control to meet one of his nine children, who along with their

mother are Muslims. He was dragged into a waiting vehicle by four men and then taken to a Hebron police station, where he was arrested, according to the report.

Various sources indicate, according to Ynet, that the man's brother had filed a police complaint regarding an alleged assault several months ago, however the man denies these allegations, claiming his brothers beat him and told him that he was not entitled to his share of the family inheritance due to his conversion.

## Mystery Martyr's Church Unearthed in the Holy Land

BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

A Byzantine-era church built in honor of an unnamed martyr has been unearthed near Jerusalem after a three-year excavation, Israeli researchers said on Wednesday.

The dig uncovered floors decorated with vast mosaics depicting birds, fruit and plants, colorful frescoes, and a curious Greek inscription that has baffled the researchers.

"We found one inscription in the courtyard of the church which dedicates the site in the memory of a 'glorious martyr,'" said Benyamin Storchan, who directed the excavation. "The martyr is unnamed and it's still a mystery."

The Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) dates the shrine, located about 10 miles west of Jerusalem, to the 6th century.

An underground crypt found below the main part of the church is believed to have housed the martyr's remains. "This is the holiest place in the church," said Storchan, adding that pilgrims likely frequented the site.

Though the martyr in question is



Two Israel Antiquities Authority workers clean a mosaic floor in the remains of a 1500-year-old church which archeologists say was built in honor of a 'glorious martyr,' whose identity is unknown, in Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel, Oct. 23, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

unknown, Storchan said the lavishness of the complex may indicate this person was an important figure. Another inscription showed Byzantine emperor Tiberius II Constantinus had helped fund the church's later expansion.

"We know of a few hundred churches in the Holy Land but this church by far surpasses most of them by its state of preservation and the imperial involvement which funded it," said Storchan.

## Hungarian Far-Right Mob Vandalizes Jewish Community Center in Budapest During Protest

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Hungarian neo-fascists vandalized a Jewish community center in Budapest on Wednesday during a nationalist march in the center of the capital to commemorate the 1956 uprising against Soviet occupation.

Dozens of far-right activists converged at the Aurora community center — which was closed at the time — plastering the building with neo-Nazi stickers and setting fire to a rainbow flag at the entrance, local media outlets reported.

Adam Schönberger, the Aurora center's director, told Budapest news hub Index that "dozens" of supporters of the far-right Legio Hungaria organization were involved in the vandalism. He said he had been alerted to the outrage, in which no one was injured, by residents of a neighboring building.

On its website decorated with Nazi-style iconography, Legio Hungaria said that Wednesday's march was a "tribute to our predecessors, who fought against the oppres-



Demonstrators in Budapest marking the 1956 Hungarian uprising against Soviet rule. Photo: Screenshot.

sive red terror at the cost of their lives, their blood and their freedom, and a protest against the continued spread of new leftist ideas."

A short-lived revolution against Soviet rule in Hungary began on Oct. 23, 1956 — a date seen by many Hungarians as a milestone in their struggle for freedom. Far-right groups have regularly attempted to exploit the anniversary since the collapse of communism 30 years ago.

Founded by the Hungarian-Jewish group Marom, the Aurora center opened in Budapest in 2014 "to connect cultural programs, civil and activist organizational work, community building and fun in an open community."

As the man is a resident of the PA, Israel's Civil Administration has so far been unable to assist him, according to the report, though Hebron Jewish community leader Haim Perg is attempting to help him.

According to Perg, the man's grandfather helped save 26 Jews during the 1929 Hebron Massacre.

"As far as I'm concerned, he's like my son, and I will shake up the world for somebody to come and save him," Perg is quoted as saying.

According to Ynet, the man converted to Judaism on the eve of Rosh Hashanah last month through Rabbi Nissim Karelitz, who passed away on Monday, at a rabbinical court in Bnei Brak. He previously studied at Machon Meir Yeshiva in Jerusalem, an institution of

religious learning associated with the Jewish settler movement. Once the Chief Rabbinate of Israel recognizes the man's conversion, he will be allowed to apply for an Israeli passport.



Head of Palestinian national security forces in Hebron Brig. Gen. Hazem Abu Hanood and head of the Palestinian police Brig. Gen. Ahmad Abu Rob during a visit to the Old City in Hebron on July 31, 2018. Photo: Wisam Hashlamoun/Flash90.

## U.S. News.

# Five US Officials Including Kushner, Mnuchin to Attend Saudi Financial Conference: Sources

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and presidential adviser Jared Kushner will lead Washington's delegation to an annual financial conference in Saudi Arabia, government sources said on Tuesday.

The conference comes a year after US-based journalist Jamal Khashoggi was murdered inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, prompting a global outcry.

State Department Iran adviser Brian Hook and Kushner adviser Avi Berkowitz plan to join Mnuchin and Kushner at the Future Investment Initiative in Riyadh, a senior administration official told.

Energy Secretary Rick Perry, who is due to step down on Dec. 1, will also attend, a second government source said.

Perry has held a series of private talks with Saudi officials, including former energy minister Khalid al-Falih,

on the use of US technology to build civilian nuclear power plants in the kingdom.

Kushner will attend the conference after leading a delegation to Israel, Reuters reported Oct. 17. Mnuchin's plans to attend were first reported by.

The conference, nicknamed "Davos in the Desert" seeks to draw global investment banks and financiers to Riyadh to interact with Saudi officials and drum up investment for projects in the region. It will be held from Oct. 29 to 31 at the Ritz Carlton in Riyadh.

Last year executives including J.P. Morgan Chase Chief Executive Jamie Dimon and Ford Motor Co Chairman Bill Ford pulled out of the October conference, after Khashoggi's Oct. 2 disappearance.

The incident led to US Treasury sanctions on 17 Saudi individuals and a Senate resolu-



White House senior adviser Jared Kushner (C) and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin (L) wait in the Rose Garden prior to President Donald Trump's news conference on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) at the White House in Washington, DC, Oct. 1, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Leah Millis.

tion blaming Saudi Arabia's crown prince. But Saudi officials, including Prince Mohammed, later blamed Khashoggi's death and reported dismemberment on rogue officials.

# Governor Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Mark Year Since Pittsburgh Shooting

BY JNS.org

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf signed a proclamation declaring Oct. 27 as an official day of remembrance, ordering state flags to half-staff one year after the attack at the Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh, where 11 Jewish worshippers were shot and killed during Shabbat-morning services by lone gunman.

"A year has passed, but I continue to carry sorrow for the victims and their families of this heinous attack. We must honor them by remembering and through our thoughts, prayers and actions," said Wolf. "I ask all Pennsylvanians to spend Oct. 27 doing the same in their honor. Pittsburgh is a city of bridges, and so it is a fitting tribute to commemorate this occasion with a day of building bridges of understanding, welcome and friendship."

While state flags will be at half-staff, the U.S. flag will remain at full-staff.

Wolf honored the shooting's victims last month while visiting Auschwitz in Poland, where he wrote their names in the memorial site's guestbook.

The Pittsburgh synagogue has announced that it plans to reopen with the inclusion of a memorial and new classrooms, among other additions. A date for the reopening has yet to be set. The building has not been in use since the shooting.

It remains the deadliest attack in U.S. Jewish history, though six months to the day, a similar incident occurred on April 27 at Chabad of Poway, Calif., where a 60-year-old woman was shot dead in the synagogue lobby, also while Shabbat-morning services were taking place.



The Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh, where a mass shooting took place during Shabbat services on Oct. 27, 2018. Photo: Google Maps screenshot.

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## Opinion.

# Why America Can't Escape the Middle East



JONATHAN S. TOBIN  
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The excuses President Donald Trump and his loyal fans continue to put forward for his disastrous decision to give Turkey a green light to invade Syria continue to be as foolish as they are disingenuous. Pretending that it's not really a betrayal to leave loyal Kurdish allies in the fight against ISIS to the tender mercies of an authoritarian and murderous Turkish regime determined to destroy them doesn't pass the smell test.

The same is true of efforts to argue that the Kurds aren't worth our sympathy because they weren't with us "at Normandy," as the president preposterously claimed last week. Trashing that brave people because they're not "all angels" or because they are politically divided is unworthy of a superpower who not long ago was arming and training the same people to do the dirty work in a war against an enemy of America that Americans didn't want to fight anymore.

But these terrible arguments were just a smokescreen for something that has little to do with the Kurds, whom most Americans couldn't care less about, or the admittedly complicated politics of Syria and the Middle East. Americans are tired of foreign conflicts.

That's why, no matter how absurd Trump's self-justifications for his policy blunder might be or how comically inept his letter to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was as he vainly sought to mitigate the damage he had already done, there's no

sign that his moves there is doing him any political damage.

Trump's instinctive neo-isolationism and talk about opposing endless wars may be wrongheaded, but it's not unpopular — and there are good reasons for that.

Americans paid a high price in dealing with the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. The war in Afghanistan was an unavoidable response to Al-Qaeda's assault on America, yet after 18 years of inconclusive fighting, the reason why that was necessary has been largely forgotten. The decision to invade Iraq turned out to be a mistake, not least because it had the unintended effect of strengthening neighboring Iran.

As Trump's predecessor learned, escaping that conflict wound up being a lot more complicated than ordering troop pullouts and a president claiming that he had "ended" the war. That's what President Barack Obama did in Iraq, and the American people cheered. Many of the same people are cheering Trump's decision to get out of Syria and leave the Kurds to fend for themselves.

Trump's crude rhetoric about the Kurds is indefensible, but it's easy to see why his comments about avoiding spilling another drop of American blood in the Middle East resonates with the public.

Even many supporters of Israel are backing him on this decision, though the consensus in the Jewish state is that the American retreat from Syria and its encouragement of Turkish depredations are a blow to the security of Israel and the region, as well as a humanitarian disaster for the Kurds.

Part of this is a matter of blind partisanship. In our current bifurcated political culture, most of the public takes their cue as to how to think about the issues from the president

and his opponents, rather than contemplating current events for themselves. If Trump is for it — even if it is something they would have lauded had it come from a Democratic president — most Democrats will still oppose it, as Trump's stand on Jerusalem illustrated.

The same was true with respect to the 2015 Iran nuclear deal. Pro-Israel Democrats would have called it appeasement and a disgrace had a GOP president made such a deal. But since it was Obama doing the appeasing, they fell into line and supported it without batting an eye. The same people who applauded Obama's bug out from Iraq are condemning Trump for similar conduct.

Still, there is more to this problem than partisan hypocrisy.

As Obama discovered after his withdrawal from Iraq and humiliating "red line" fiasco in Syria, the price of dishonor can be quite high. Having washed his hands of those countries and punted their fate to Iran and Russia, it wasn't long before a new threat arose. The establishment of ISIS and its so-called caliphate in large portions of Syria and Iraq was the logical consequence of Obama's policies. As that terror group expanded the territory under its control (and videos of the hideous atrocities it was committing went viral), Obama had little choice but to reverse course and commit to fighting ISIS.

Trump made an issue of the failure of Obama's half-hearted campaign against ISIS and vowed that he would defeat the group. And that's exactly what he did after winning the 2016 election. But with ISIS largely but not completely defeated, he has now reverted to his instinctual isolationism, vowing to escape any more involvement in Syria and leaving the Kurds to their own devices after years of promises by



US President Donald Trump addresses the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Sept. 24, 2019.  
Photo: Reuters / Lucas Jackson.

America that they would not be abandoned.

Some Americans outside the Beltway including some supporters of Israel have no problem with what he's done in Syria because they are blind supporters of the president. Others share his ignorance of a complex conflict and see no reason why Americans should be part of it.

As Obama found out after ISIS atrocities aroused the anger of the public, Trump or his successor will have to respond to Turkish atrocities or those of the next Islamist terror group that will fill the vacuum he is creating by withdrawing US forces.

Islamist terror is an international problem, and not just something Israelis and Arabs have to worry about. Israel can defend itself, but actions that make its neighborhood even more dangerous undermine its security. More than that, allowing Turkey and Iran to do as they like in the region ultimately harms everyone, including Americans who have yet to absorb the fact that their safety is no longer ensured by the oceans that separate them from other continents. Unfortunately, Republicans and Democrats who still imagine that Americans can simply go home and avoid further involvement in the wars of the Middle East are engaging in magical thinking rather than supporting a coherent strategy.

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## When the Dust Settles in Syria...

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To speak about Kurds has suddenly become a cry in favor of human rights and self-determination by the Western press, and rightly so: The assault they are suffering is lethal and may become genocidal. More frightening is that it is being perpetrated by the Turks, who are already stained by the Armenian genocide and led by a leader who considers himself an almighty sultan. And it's really odd that Europe is only now discovering who he really is.

How can this be? Didn't Europe know that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan during these last 16 years in power has been possessed by a vicious fundamentalist Islamic and imperialist dream, repeatedly displayed unprecedented arrogance (he has closed newspapers and thrown more than 150,000 dissidents in prison), and expressed extreme ideas that have systematically dismantled the precious Kemalist heritage that once made Turkey the hope of a bridge between the Islamic world and the West? Didn't Europe see that he inundated the world with slogans and antisemitic standpoints corroborated by his friendship with Hamas? That he supported

former Egypt President Mohammad Morsi as leader of the Muslim Brotherhood — a man he praised being himself the greatest Muslim Brotherhood politician in office? Is it coincidence that Erdogan allowed the passage from his country of thousands of Islamic fundamentalists in possession of whatever passport to boost ISIS, which many claim he supported through trade and furnished with weapons?

His hatred of the Kurds, identifying them all with the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), is one of the signs of the dangerous character of the man who hasn't hesitated — and won't hesitate again now — to threaten Europe with opening Turkey's borders and flooding Europe with millions of refugees.

The Kurds are a divided population, disillusioned and sometimes even struggling with each other, often split by multiple geographical and political divisions (Abdullah Ocalan was certainly a leader, but also a Communist and a terrorist). Still, they are also a persecuted, courageous, and special population with respect to their yearning to aim for equality between the sexes and to practice it as much as they can. Moreover, the Kurds are in favor of democracy and a positive relationship with the West and also Israel, whose citizens in these days — in opposition with US President Donald Trump's decision to pull out of Syria and abandon its Kurdish allies — are demonstrating in their favor on the streets. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

has also lent words of support to the Kurds.

What is happening is that the media now assigns Erdogan an omnipotence that he doesn't have and a long-term outlook he lacks, demonstrated by the fact that within his own country, he no longer enjoys half of the support he once did in the past. Erdogan has embarked on a path full of unexpected, dangerous events. How will the Turks now see his use of the army and Arab extremist militias against a civilian population far from Ankara? And how will its population, which is already in financial difficulty, react to additional American sanctions that already affect the defense and energy sectors, as well as the rise in tariffs, including European ones that will now be determined? And it will be Turkey's fault if the bloodthirsty zombies of ISIS are again unleashed by the thousands because of the confusion caused by this war.

In chorus, the international media argue that Trump's withdrawal marks a total radical strategic change in the structure of power and American influence in the region, and that those who will gain are first and foremost Russia, Iran and Syrian President Bashar Assad. But we must remember that the Alawite power, since its beginning, has always leaned on Russia to dominate the country. In fact, this duo is nothing new. And that the Turks and Assad have a relationship of continuous clash-rapprochement is equally well-known: for now, instead, the fact that Assad has established a relationship with the Kurds means that the Russians tend towards the status quo without Turkish domination. As for Iran, the non-fortuitous coincidence of the beginning of Turkish hostilities with a powerful exercise along the same border by the Iranian army tells us that Tehran shows up to signal that it doesn't like the excess of a Sunni presence in northeast

Syria, and this contrasts not just a little with the photo diffused everywhere during the summit between Erdogan, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, and Russian President Vladimir Putin, which took place this past September in Ankara. At this moment, the trio no longer works together, and Russia will be the "tight-rope walker" between the Sunni and Shi'ite powers that seemed momentarily calmed.

The United States has — and not just with Trump, as demonstrated by former President Barack Obama's approach vis-à-vis Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the famous failure to enforce the "red line" against Assad — left the Middle East numerous times under several American presidents. But then it, as Politico notes, returned for better or worse: Jimmy Carter with the battles at the Iranian embassy; Ronald Reagan with the explosion of the barracks and the massacre of soldiers at the hands of the Hezbollah in Beirut; and George W. Bush after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks with the invasion of Afghanistan and later Iraq.

Now the field correspondents write that a mass of Arab militias armed by the Turks commit atrocities on the Kurdish population with the cry of "Allahu Akbar," against kafirs (infidels). This outbreak of Islamic fundamentalism can have great repercussions that certainly won't leave anyone indifferent, including Trump. We will see. And for Israel, which certainly cannot afford to move armed troops considering all the problems it currently faces on its borders, we can still bet on the fact that its standing on the side of the Kurds will mean something.

It's not the fact that America no longer wants to stay on that border that has changed things, but the war cry of Islamic fundamentalism that resounds again and again the

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## Opinion.

# Twitter, YouTube Pull No Punches With David Duke



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As David Duke remains in the news, a few social media powerhouses made it clearer that his presence on their platforms may not be viable for long.

Some days ago, I was notified by Twitter for the third time this month that Duke had been targeted by the company for violating its policies against hateful conduct. I was informed of this because I had reported him to Twitter for a variety of antisemitic tweets — something I've done intermittently in the past. This time, however, I am noticing a difference. Twitter is getting stricter about hate speech, and even public figures are not immune to its decisions.

Meanwhile, a quick search for David Duke's name on YouTube on October 19 resulted in plenty of videos from various news outlets featuring him — but his actual channel could not be found. A separate search produced a playlist for "David Duke," housing a number of his videos; yet its name was unclickable, indicating the playlist could be accessed but not the channel.

This is an intriguing development, especially given the fact that YouTube earlier this year reportedly made moves, including via the development of a tweaked policy on hate speech, to address bigotry on the platform more thoroughly. Just this month, the site removed white supremacist channel Red Ice TV, which had more than 300,000 subscribers. And now it appears that YouTube is lessening the impact of perhaps the United States' most high-profile antisemite and racist — Duke.

When one considers the fact that Duke is idolized by thousands of neo-Nazis worldwide and has more than 50,000 followers on Twitter, this is a huge step indeed.

Is it, however, enough? It's peculiar that YouTube would allow his videos to remain viewable while restricting access to his channel. This begs the question as to why the platform would allow his content to be seen

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**Anti-Zionism**

Haman nor Hitler ever went so far. If antisemitism has an essence, it is that it, in one form or another, negates the Jews — but nowhere is this negation taken further than in anti-Zionism.

That may well be why, if nothing else, anti-Zionism shares with antisemitism the same outcome of its terrible logic: genocide. It is a short leap from saying the Jews do not exist to doing what is necessary to prove yourself right. And indeed, anti-Zionism's Achilles' heel has always been the paradoxical question: if the Jews do not exist, what should be done with them?

Palestinian anti-Zionists and their supporters essentially propose an apartheid solution: the Jews should be made second-class members of the human race, doomed to perpetual wandering, weakness, and deracination — their non-existence confirmed by the imposition of arbitrary alien identities. The endgame of this, one imagines, is obvious: disappearance.

Other forms of anti-Zionism have gone much further. As George Orwell once pointed out, during World War II, Gandhi believed

at all. If he is considered persona non grata on the site, there's no reason whatsoever for keeping his screeds online.

Then we come to Twitter. At press time, Duke hadn't tweeted anything for at least a couple of days — possibly a sign that he has been blocked from doing so for a specific period of time. If that's the case, and Twitter has repeatedly sanctioned him, he's a repeat hate speech offender and should not be allowed on the site. Still, his account remains. Isn't this enough to warrant Twitter deactivating it entirely?

I've previously written about the need to remove hate-filled social media accounts such as Hamas' — and Duke's situation is similar. The Red Ice deactivation is a good sign of things to come, but it's not enough. YouTube and Twitter's actions to combat intolerance shouldn't be a trickle-down initiative. Instead, it must be proactive, quick, and a deterrent to other malfesants. Prejudice doesn't go away if it's plucked out bit by bit. It grows and spreads. On popular platforms such as YouTube and Twitter, this is a particular concern.

I'd like to see the trend toward nullifying such accounts go further to mitigate bigotry. While the process may be slow right now, I believe it's just getting in gear. And you never know what else the future will bring.

If it's David Duke being off YouTube and Twitter for good, that can't be a bad thing.

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*Former KKK leader David Duke narrates a YouTube video titled "Jews admit organizing White Genocide." Photo: Screenshot.*

that the Jews should commit mass suicide in order to show the world how horrible Hitler was. The implications of this might outdo even Auschwitz, since it would involve the Jews not merely being eliminated, but also having to do it themselves. And this is, more or less, precisely what today's anti-Zionists are demanding of Israel.

In the face of this, however, there is at least some hope, as it is clear that anti-Zionism, like antisemitism, is fundamentally absurd: The Jews are a people, we have the right to define our own identity, we have the right to claim those rights inherent in that identity, and we are not obligated to annihilate ourselves because of the abstract constructions of non-Jews. And we can hold uncompromisingly that any human being, Jewish or gentile, is bound by morality to reject any such construction.

The Jews are one of the world's smallest minorities; therefore, the world has certain moral responsibilities and obligations towards us. First and foremost ought to be the simple elemental recognition and respect — the radical admission that we do exist, which anti-Zionism, as much as if not more than antisemitism, seeks to erase.

# US Army Chooses Israeli System to Protect the Lives of Tank Crews

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In recent days, Israeli defense corporation Rafael made a dramatic announcement, stating that it delivered on time the first batch of Trophy Active Protection System to the US Army.

Trophy, a system that was first deployed by the Israel Defense Forces in 2011 and which has intercepted many threats fired at Israeli armored vehicles, will be eventually be installed on-board four American M1 main battle tank brigades, for both the US Army and Marine Corps.

The fact that the world's most powerful military chose an Israeli active protection system to protect the lives of its tank crews is historic.

In Israel, Trophy is installed onboard Mk3 and Mk4 Merkava tanks, and onboard the advanced Namer armored personnel vehicle. It has made many successful combat interceptions of anti-armor missiles and rockets, particularly those fired by Gazan terror factions, with no injuries to Israeli personnel or damage to platforms.

Trophy's radar is made by Israel Aerospace Industries subsidiary, Elta.

The system has accumulated more than 600,000 operational hours and underwent 4,000 successful field tests. It is now under contract for production for thousands of systems.

The US Army is in a rush to install the system on its tanks because it wants to urgently send them to the European theater, according to statements by American military officials who manage combat vehicle upgrades. In the past, the United States spent a great deal of money trying to develop Active Protection Systems, but didn't manage to find one it was satisfied with.

It therefore took a decision that is far from being a given and looked beyond American shores for a solution.

The armored brigades that will receive Trophy will take part in American deployments to Europe, dubbed "Operation Atlantic Resolve," which began after Russia's seizure of the Ukrainian Crimea region in 2014. The United States is seeking to reassure European allies, and deploys infantry and armored forces as a result.

Rafael has made major sales to America before, including Popeye air-to-surface missiles and electro-optic pods that help American aircraft gather critical intelligence.

Israeli defense firm Plasan Sasa has in the past sold the US passive armor for thousands of vehicles, which saved many lives. In previous years, Rafael teamed up with General Dynamics to equip Bradley fighting vehicles with explosive reactive armor.

In passive defenses, plates of armor stop incoming threats like anti-tank missiles and

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Middle East. Perhaps Erdogan, with Sunni and regal pride, lacks a complete vision of what he has unleashed.

Iran certainly doesn't like this Sunni invasion and neither do the Alawis. Russia is in the middle. America is far away, but vigilant. And Europe, as usual, is absent.

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IEDs. In explosive reactive armor, explosives sandwiched in between armor plates set off the warhead of the incoming threat.

Yet active protection is a breakthrough technology—one that Israel developed as a painful lesson learned from the destruction of multiple tanks by Hezbollah missile cells during the Second Lebanon War of 2006.

Since being deployed in 2011, Trophy has saved many Israeli personnel on the battlefield. Now, it's set to do the same for American soldiers.

**Other countries considering similar defense purchases**

The selection by the US of Trophy is a statement on the global stage of its faith in Israeli defense technology. Several other states could be next in line to purchase the system, including potential European clients such as Germany and Poland. Australia, which is also seeking to upgrade its land forces, is another likely buyer.

Meanwhile, an American brigade of Bradley M2 armored vehicles is undergoing advanced trials with the Iron First Active Protection System, which is made by Israel's Elbit company.

Israeli defense companies have established cooperation with local partner companies since governments insist that local firms conduct the marketing, handle the transactions, and most importantly, that the systems are locally produced.

As a result, Rafael has teamed up with US contractor Leonardo DRS, which specializes in ground combat systems. Leonardo DRS is headquartered in Arlington, Va.

According to a statement by Rafael, "the deliveries are the culmination of a multi-year qualification process. A joint team of government and industry from both the US and Israel worked together to adapt and integrate Trophy for both Army and Marine Corps Abrams variants."

Leonardo DRS's CEO, William J. Lynn, described Trophy as an "advanced defensive protection systems for our front-line tanks to give our warfighters a needed layer of survivability against real and emerging battlefield threats."

He added that "our partnership between Leonardo DRS and Rafael has worked tirelessly to bring this battle-proven technology to the U.S. military while improving the system to meet the stringent needs and requirements from the customer."

Rafael CEO and President, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Yoav Har-Even, described the first delivery as "a major milestone in US-Israel cooperation. There is no greater pride and satisfaction than the knowledge that the technology developed by Rafael and Elta over many years of investment, trials and combat performance will play an instrumental part in safeguarding American lives, just like it has saved Israeli lives and revolutionized the way our armored forces perform their missions."

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## Impressions.

# Hitler Satire 'Jojo Rabbit' Mixes Dark Humor With Plea for Tolerance

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

New Zealand movie director Taika Waititi says he likes a challenge and his satire of Adolf Hitler and Nazi culture may be his riskiest and most successful yet.

"Jojo Rabbit," which Waititi wrote, directed and in which he plays a ridiculous Hitler, combines dark, absurdist humor with a serious plea for tolerance as an antidote to hate.

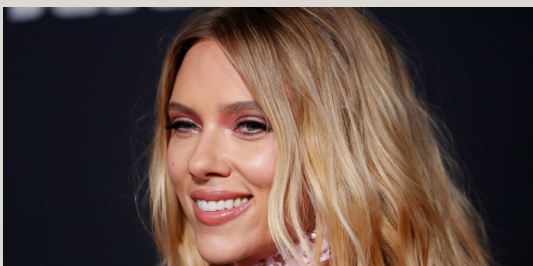
"The movie opens in US theaters on Friday after winning the top award in September at the Toronto film festival, which has often been the proving ground for Oscar glory.

It tells of a 10-year-old German boy (Jojo) toward the end of World War Two who is a Nazi fanatic and whose imaginary friend is Hitler. Filled with antisemitic ideas, Jojo's world is turned upside down when he finds his mother has hidden a young Jewish girl in the attic of their home.

I was really taken by the idea of children witnessing grown-ups doing terrible things," said Waititi, whose mother is Jewish and whose father is Maori.

"We need to educate our kids about tolerance and continue to remind ourselves that there's no place in this world for hate."

Waititi, whose work ranges from the New Zealand



Cast member Scarlett Johansson attends the premiere for the movie 'Jojo Rabbit' in Los Angeles, California, Oct. 15, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Mario Anzuoni.

TV musical parody "Flight of the Conchords" to superhero movie "Thor: Ragnarok," said he wanted the film to overturn any notion that stories about the Nazi era have had their day, especially given the worldwide rise of white nationalism.

"It's really crazy that at the end of World War Two, if you were a Nazi, you went to jail. Now it's like, if you're a Nazi, feel free to go to the town square and have a rally," he said.

Movie critics have called "Jojo Rabbit" both bold and divisive, despite a history of Hitler spoofs dating back to Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" in 1940 and the 1967 Mel Brooks film "The Producers."

"I've always been prepared that for some people it's still too soon to be mixing humor with this subject matter. There are one or two people who won't see the film because they've had family members who've gone through the camps. And that's totally fine." But it's so obvious what this is. You'd have to be dumb to misconstrue the message of this movie," Waititi said.

Waititi said a 2018 survey commissioned by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany showed that 41 percent of Americans and 66 percent of US millennials questioned could not say what Auschwitz was.

"The fact that number is so high is staggering and

# Israeli Politicians Must Be Careful With Their Words

BY MARTIN OLINER

Many politicians have things to apologize for, and there's no time like the days after Yom Kippur.

Jews around the world recently pounded their chests at Yom Kippur services, as they said, "For the sin we have sinned before you through foolish speech." This need for repentance is especially true for politicians.

One of the lessons of the fall holidays is the power and impact of words. As Herb Keinon pointed out on the pages of *The Jerusalem Post*, Foreign Minister Israel Katz triggered a diplo-

Bennett decided to react on Twitter in English.

"At this time, we, Israelis, pray for the Kurd People who are under a brutal Turkish attack," Bennett wrote. "The lesson for Israel is simple: Israel will ALWAYS defend itself by itself. The Jewish State will never put its fate in the hands of others, including our great friend, the USA."

While every word Bennett wrote is correct, what point is there in a leading Israeli politician insulting the American administration on social media? Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose foreign policy experience dwarfs Bennett's, was much more careful and waited for the right



Israeli President Reuven Rivlin addresses the opening session of the 22nd Knesset, in Jerusalem Oct. 3, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

matic crisis with Poland by quoting former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir saying that Poles imbibe antisemitism with their mother's milk. Katz still has not apologized for that statement.

I had an opportunity to meet Polish President Andrzej Duda recently, and he said he was upset that Katz had not apologized. I told him I have gratitude to Poland, because a righteous couple risked their lives and the lives of their three children by hiding my parents for four years during the Holocaust. I owe my very existence to these people. Our family is still in touch with them.

While my family did not want to go back to Poland because antisemitism is still part of life there, there are many righteous Poles and their descendants, and it is absolutely wrong to judge all of them together. Duda himself said he knows his people are not perfect. But Katz should see that it is time to move forward and heal.

And he is far from the only Israeli politician who needs to repent. Former Education and Diaspora Affairs minister Naftali Bennett, who had an awful 5779, has a bad habit of also dabbling in the politics of the United States.

Following Donald Trump's questionable decision to withdraw American forces from Syria,

time to tweet on the issue. This is also not the first time Bennett made the mistake of interfering in American politics in an unseemly manner.

Then there are the statements about matters of religion and state from both secular and haredi politicians, which did nothing to calm tensions and bring either side closer to the other's point of view. Blue and White Party leader Benny Gantz's campaign against "extortionist" haredim was no more acceptable than the most extreme statements against secular people and left-wingers of the Noam Party.

The final chest-beatings on Yom Kippur should have gone to Democratic Union MK Yair Golan and other politicians across the Israeli political spectrum who have compared virtually anyone to Nazis.

It is not the 1940s, thank God. We have a Jewish state to protect the Jewish people. Now all we need is to stop ourselves from making statements that make us into our own worst enemies.

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shocking and simply not good enough. We are forgetting. So no, we should not stop having this conversation and making these films and talking about it.

"If I have to make a film with an imaginary Hitler and a few jokes, then so be it," he said.



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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against ROSA ELISA PEREZ A/K/A ROSA E. PEREZ A/K/A ROSA PEREZ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 25, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 7th day of November, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 239 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11207. (Block: 3436, Lot: 40). Approximate amount of lien \$ 205,480.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 512109-14. Julie Ann Clark, Esq., Referee. FEIN SUCH & CRANE, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST THAKOR MADHOO, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 27, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 07, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 205 HALE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3960, LOT 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$651,242.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 512152/2015. LEONARD C. SPECTOR, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65662  
AJ; 10/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST ANNISA DANCE, RUSSELL DANCE, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 01, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams

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Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 07, 2019 at 02:30PM, premises known as 686 WORTMAN AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4546, LOT 100. Approximate amount of judgment \$844,763.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511425/2014. DAVID J. HERNANDEZ, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65483  
AJ; 10/4/11/18/25

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: THE BOYS' ROOM LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 07/18/2019 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: the LLC 382 Lefferts Avenue #7E Brooklyn, New York 11225. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - ALEXANDER LEWIS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 18, 2019. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 7th day of November, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 411 Madison Street, Brooklyn, (Borough of Brooklyn) NY 11221. (Block: 1820, Lot: 51) Approximate amount of lien \$1,097,918.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 12788-13. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 Dated: August 15, 2019  
AJ; 10/4/11/18/25

COLIN KING STUDIO LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/17/2019. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 60 Clark St., Apt 2F, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, TD BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TD BANKNORTH, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ARON SCHARE, RAIZY SCHARE, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on September 13, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 7, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1331 58th Street, Unit 3, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improve-

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ments thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 5698 and Lot 1104. Approximate amount of judgment is \$355,325.04 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 012276/2014. Gregory M. Laspina, Esq., Referee Duane Morris, LLP, 1540 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ; 10/4/11/18/25;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: PEGASUS COACH LINE LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 09/03/2019 Office location: Richmond County SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Pegasus Coach Line LLC 388 Mclean Ave. Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: PLEASANT 30 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 08/09/2019. Office location: Richmond County . SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of process to: Yan Xing 85 Tompkins Circle, Staten Island, NY 10301. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. PENTEX HOLDINGS, LLC, Pltf. vs. DAPHNE RODNEY, et al, Defpts. Index #511699/2014. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Aug. 27, 2018 and order entered Mar. 8, 2019, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on November 14, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 716 Logan Street, Brooklyn, NY. Said property beginning at a point on the Westerly side of Logan St., distant 298 ft. Northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Westerly side of Logan St. with the Northerly side of Hegeman Ave., being a plot 100 ft. x 24 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$471,392.39 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DANA JENKINS, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #97716  
AJ; 10/11/18/25; 11/1

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, 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 November 14, 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

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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 65930  
AJ; 10/11/18/25; 11/1

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. Ganes, 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 November 14, 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; 10/11/18/25; 11/1

PROBATE CITATION File No. 3064/A-2019 SURROGATE'S COURT-NEW YORK COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO-Edward Stern, Public Administrator of the County of New York, Attorney General of the State of New York, To the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of MARGOT HERSCH, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributes, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees, and successors in interest, whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by RONALD G. HERSCH who is domiciled at 1220 Friendly Way, St. Petersburg, Florida 33705. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court New York County at 31 Chambers Street, Room 509, New York, New York on November 19th 2019, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of MARGOT HERSCH, lately domiciled at 4523 Broadway, Apt. 4G, New York, New York 10040 admitting to probate a Will dated July 15th, 2019, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of MARGOT HERSCH, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: RONALD G. HERSCH. Dated, Attested and Sealed September 25th, 2019 Hon. Nora S. Anderson Surrogate - Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk. Wimpfheimer & Wimpfheimer, Esqs. Attorney for Petitioner, Telephone number: (212) 247-8448, Address of Attorney: 330 West 58th Street, Suite 308, New York, New York 10019  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: VANSARY, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the

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## Tradition.

## The Genesis of Love



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

In *The Lonely Man of Faith*, Rabbi Soloveitchik drew our attention to the fact that Bereishit contains two separate accounts of creation. The first is in Genesis 1, the second in Genesis 2-3, and they are significantly different.

In the first, God is called Elokim, in the second, Hashem Elokim. In the first, man and woman are created simultaneously: "male and female He created them." In the second, they are created sequen-



tially: first man, then woman. In the first, humans are commanded to "fill the earth and subdue it." In the second, the first human is placed in the garden "to serve it and preserve it." In the first, humans are described as "in the image and likeness" of God. In the second, man is created from "the dust of the earth."

The explanation, says Rabbi Soloveitchik, is that the Torah is describing two aspects of our humanity that he calls respectively, 'Majestic man' and 'Covenantal man.' We are majestic masters of creation: that is the message of Genesis 1. But we also experience existential loneliness, we seek covenant and connection: that is the message of Genesis 2.

There is, though, another strange duality – a story told in two quite different ways – that has to do not with creation but with human relationships. There are two different accounts of the way the first man gives a name to the first woman. This is the first:

*"This time – bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman' [ishah]*

*for she was taken from man [ish]."*

And this, many verses later, is the second:

*"And the man called his wife Eve [Chava]*

*because she was the mother of all life."*

The differences between these two accounts are highly consequential. In the first, the man names, not a person, but a class, a category. He uses not a name but a noun. The other person is, for him, simply "woman," a type, not an individual. In the second, he gives his wife a proper name. She has become, for him, a person in her own right.

In the first, he emphasises their

similarities – she is "bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh." In the second, he emphasises the difference. She can give birth, he cannot. We can hear this in the very sound of the names. *Ish* and *Ishah* sound similar because they are similar. Adam and Chavah do not sound similar at all.

In the first, it is the woman who is portrayed as dependent: "she was taken from man." In the second, it is the other way around. Adam, from *Adamah*, represents mortality: "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground (*ha-adamah*) since from it you were taken." It is Chavah who redeems man from mortality by bringing new life into the world.

The consequences of the two acts of naming are completely different. After the first comes the sin of eating the forbidden fruit, and the punishment: exile from Eden. After the second, however, we read that God made for the couple, "garments of skin" ("*or*" is spelled here with the letter *ayin*), and clothed them. This is a gesture of protection and love. In the school of Rabbi Meir, they read this phrase as "garments of light" ("*or*" with an *aleph*). God robed them with radiance.

Only after the man has given his wife a proper name do we find the Torah referring to God Himself by His proper name alone, namely *Hashem* (in Genesis 4). Until then He has been described as either *Elokim* or *Hashem Elokim* – *Elokim* being the impersonal aspect of God: God as law, God as power, God as justice. In other words, our relationship to God parallels our relationship to one another. Only when we respect and recognise the uniqueness of another person are we capable of respecting and recognising the uniqueness of God Himself.

Now let us return to the two creation accounts, this time not looking at what they tell us about humanity (as in Soloveitchik's *The Lonely Man of Faith*), but simply at what they tell us about creation.

In Genesis 1, God creates things – chemical elements, stars, planets, lifeforms, biological species. In Genesis 2-3, He creates people. In the first chapter, He creates systems, in the second chapter He creates relationships. It is fundamental to the Torah's view of reality that these things belong to different worlds, distinct narratives, separate stories, alternative ways of seeing reality.

There are differences in tone as well. In the first, creation involves no effort on the part of God. He simply speaks. He says "Let there be," and there was. In the second, He is actively engaged. When it comes to the creation of the first human, He does not merely say, "Let us make Man in our image according to our

likeness." He performs the creation Himself, like sculptor fashioning an image out of clay: "Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

In Genesis 1, God effortlessly summons the universe into being. In Genesis 2, He becomes a gardener: "Now the Lord God planted a garden ..." We wonder why on earth God, who has just created the entire universe, should become a gardener. The Torah gives us the answer, and it is very moving: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." God wanted to give man the dignity of work, of being a creator, not just a creation. And in case the man should view such labour as undignified, God became a gardener Himself to show that this work too is Divine, and in performing it, man becomes God's partner in the work of creation.

Then comes the extraordinarily poignant verse, "The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'" God feels for the existential isolation of the first man. There was no such moment in the previous chapter. There, God simply creates. Here, God empathises. He enters into the human mind. He feels what we feel. There is no such moment in any other ancient religious literature. What is radical about biblical monotheism is not just that there is only one God, not just that He is the source of all that exists, but that God is closer to us than we are to ourselves. God knew the loneliness of the first man before the first man knew it of himself.

That is what the second creation account is telling us. Creation of things is relatively easy, creation of relationships is hard. Look at the tender concern God shows for the first human beings in Genesis 2-3. He wants man to have the dignity of work. He wants man to know that work itself is Divine. He gives man the capacity to name the animals. He cares when He senses the onset of loneliness. He creates the first woman. He watches, in exasperation, as the first human couple commit this first sin. Finally, when the man gives his wife a proper name, recognising for the first time that she is different from him and that she can do something he will never do, He clothes them both so that they will not go naked into the world. That is the God, not of creation (*Elokim*) but of love (*Hashem*).

That is what makes the dual account of the naming of the first woman so significant a parallel to the dual account of God's creation of the universe. We have to create relationships before we encounter the God of relationship. We have to make space for the otherness of the human other to be able to make space for the otherness of the Divine other. We have to give love before we can receive love.

In Genesis 1, God creates the universe. Nothing vaster can be imagined, and we keep discovering that the universe is bigger than we thought. In 2016, a study based on

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secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on: 08/09/2019. Office location: Kings county.SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Liang Zhao 461 Dean St., Apt. 19L Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/11/18/25; 11/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. MVMF III FIN TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- JOSEPHINE JEAN PIERRE; PHENICIEEN JEAN PIERRE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGEIT INC.; PRA FUNDING, LLC; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; KINGS SUPREME COURT; NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL SERVICES; CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC, ASSIGNEE OF CALVARY SPV I LLC, ASSIGNEE OF SPRINT; ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING NCC-2 CORP; NYC ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NYC TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NYC DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PARKING VIOLATION BUREAU; EMMA JEAN PIERRE, Index No. 6953/2009. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, January 3, 2017 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on January 26, 2017, Elena K. Makau, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 689 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11230 at public auction in Room 224 at Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 21, 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: 5240; Lot: 80 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 6953/2009. The approximate amount of judgment is \$1,476,235.56 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN

three-dimensional modelling of images produced by the Hubble space telescope concluded that there were between 10 and 20 times as many galaxies as astronomers had previously thought. There are more than a hundred stars for every grain of sand on earth.

And yet, almost in the same breath as it speaks of the panoply of creation, the Torah tells us that God took time to breathe the breath of life into the first human, give him dignified work, enter his loneliness, make him a wife, and robe them both with garments of light when the time came for them to leave Eden and make their way in the world.

The Torah is telling us something very powerful. Never think of people as things. Never think of people as types: they are individuals. Never be content with creating systems: care also about relationships.

I believe that relationships are where our humanity is born and grows, flowers and flourishes. It is by loving people that we learn to love God and feel the fullness of His love for us.

Shabbat Shalom

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTINA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FRO CARLSBAD FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. MEIR WEISS; WILLIAM SPIEGEL, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 31, 2018 and a Decision and Order filed September 10, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 21, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1524 49th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 5453 and Lot 1004. Approximate amount of judgment is \$645,305.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501008/2014. Philip J. Smallman, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted. AJ; 10/18/25; 11/1/8/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. BRENDA A. BULL, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on September 15, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 21, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 609 East 96th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4756 and Lot 31. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 12064/13. Dominic J. Famulari, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenichel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 10/18/25; 11/1/8/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Enid Mason; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 18, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 21, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 722 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210-1938. 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: 4984 Lot: 27. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,503.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20693-13. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: August 27, 2019 65240 AJ; 10/18/25; 11/1/8/

## Social.



Steven Spielberg. Photo: Gage Skidmore via Wikimedia Commons.

## Director Steven Spielberg Recalls Antisemitic Bullying He Faced in School: 'It Made Me Feel Ashamed of Being Jewish'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Filmmaker Steven Spielberg was the target of antisemitic bullying in school as a youngster, the Hollywood heavyweight revealed in a recent interview.

The result, he admitted, was that he was left feeling ashamed of his Jewish identity.

"I encountered antisemitism as an elementary school student in my school, and not throughout the entire school but small parts of popular kids they would pick on less popular kids, in my case zero popularity, growing up," Spielberg said. "I didn't think of it as hate but thought of it as a shame. I was ashamed of a lot of things and they actually managed with enough chiding and bullying to make me actually feel ashamed of being Jewish."

He added, "I felt pretty much like an outcast and when I got older, I realized bullying is a very pervasive tool to make other people feel like they are empow-

ered. So, I was on the other receiving end of people's power trips and that was my main experience with being hated, something that I had no control over and something that inside me, I have always been very proud of to be a Jewish."

Spielberg is the co-executive producer of a new six-part series called "Why We Hate," which premiered Sunday on the Discovery Channel. The series examines hatred and how we can fight it and shares personal stories of those who hate and are targeted by hate. The series argues that hate is part of human nature and is in our DNA.

"This has been a subject that has been very close to me personally and a subject that seems to be even more relevant today compared to even 10 years ago," Spielberg explained to CBS News. "I think hate is the constant abnormal." He also told the news station that he was bullied as a high school student for some time.

Prior to their marriage, Chang told Shapiro she would never convert to Judaism, though she was open to raising their children as Jewish. The mother-of-three changed her mind about the conversion years later.

"A good eight years went by, where I would go to high holiday services, and do the seder and I really enjoyed Yom Kippur of all holidays, all that sacrifice and inward spiritual thinking," she explained. "One day I said to my husband, 'I think I'm going to convert.' And he literally did a spit-take. Kind of as if hit by a metaphorical bolt of lightning."

"When I examined why, I really felt like I wanted it for me," Chang continued. "I wanted that kind of clarity and perspective that Neal had. He just felt like he had a stiffer spine and a clearer outlook and I wanted that...I aspired to that and it turned out to be an amazing experience."



Juju Chang. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Chang described her conversion ceremony as "unexpectedly meaningful, and beautiful and powerful," and further talked about other aspects of Jewish life, such as going to the mikvah (ritual bath), which she said, "was hilarious...and yet when you get in the water and you look and you say the shema, it's incredibly powerful."

She briefly discussed making "pretty good" latkas and cooking matzah ball soup for her Korean aunt who then took the recipe back home to Seoul, South Korea to make for all her friends. She additionally opened up about her biracial children growing up in New York City amid a rise in antisemitism in the US.

Chang said, "I think what they're starting to see, and what all young Jewish kids who are coming of age are beginning to understand, is that there's a hostile world out there that doesn't like Jews. If you look at the Tree of Life synagogue shooting [and] the kind of beefed up security that the Jewish schools have now, they're actually more afraid of a school shooter than they are of an antisemitic act being perpetrated upon them."

## 'Nightline' Co-Anchor Juju Chang Talks About Conversion to Judaism and Raising Jewish Children

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

"Our families, I think it's safe to say, were not thrilled" about her courtship with Shapiro, she said.

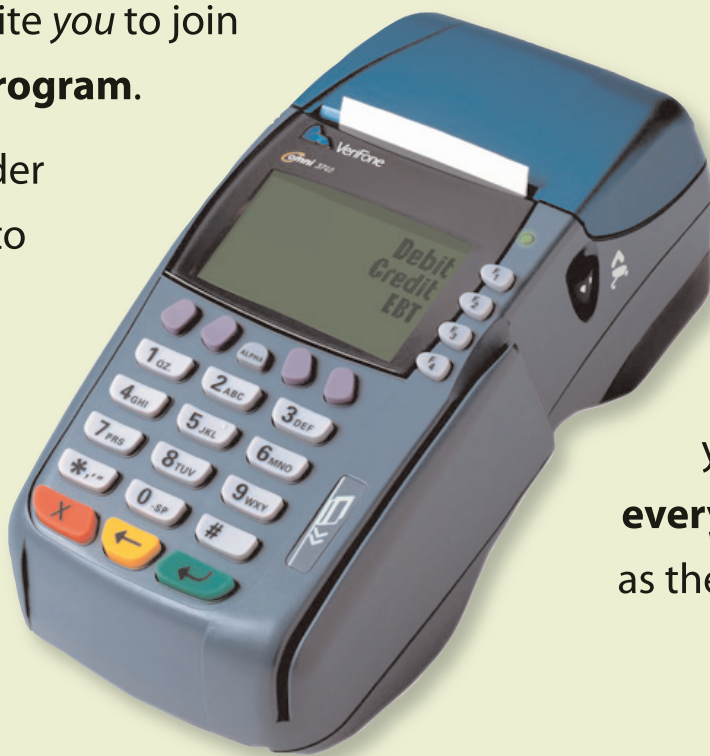
"There was a lot of 'Are you sure?'" She added, "I think a lot of it was under the well-meaning umbrella of 'Well, your kids are going to be biracial and bicultural, and that will be really tough.'"

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