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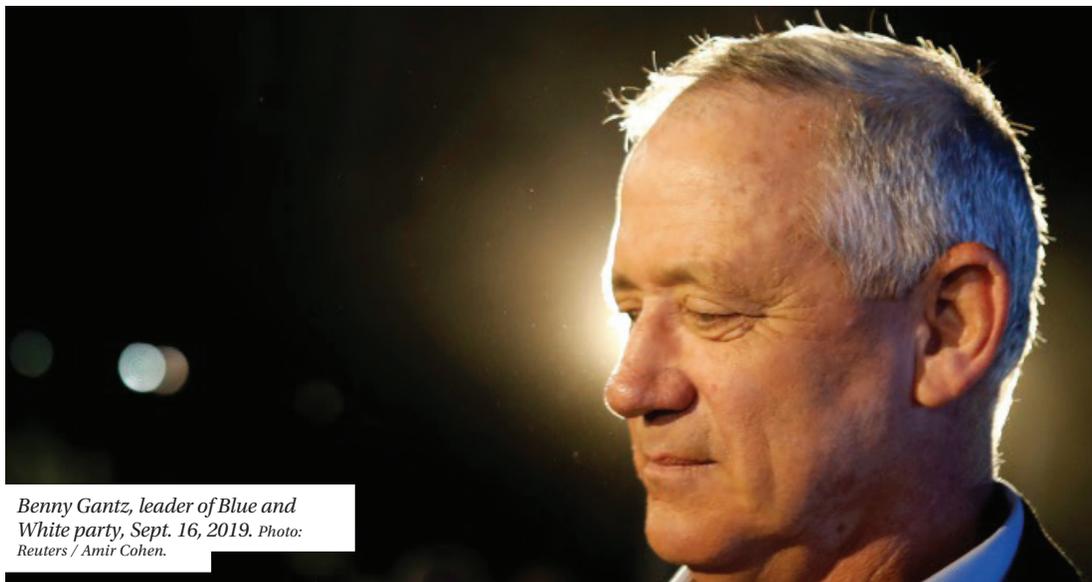
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Israeli Unity Government Talks Falter After Netanyahu Rival Rejects Meeting



Benny Gantz, leader of Blue and White party, Sept. 16, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

**BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF**

Talks to form a national unity government in Israel hit a further snag on Tuesday after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's centrist election rival called off a meeting with the embattled leader.

Netanyahu said on Sunday he would make a final effort this week to reach an agreement and would

likely meet with his challenger Benny Gantz on Wednesday after further negotiations between their parties.

On Sunday, Blue and White said it would "hold any meeting and spare no effort" to form a broad unity government. But on Tuesday the party said conditions were not ripe yet to hold effective negotiations between the parties and their leaders.

An inconclusive ballot on Sept. 17, the second this year, has

created a political deadlock and left Israel's longest-serving prime minister weakened.

Netanyahu, facing a looming indictment on corruption allegations he denies, has failed to secure a clear election victory twice in six months. His right-wing Likud party came second with 32 seats in the 120-member parliament, against 33 for former military chief Gantz's centrist Blue and White party.

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Argentina: 107% Increase in Incidents Targeting Jews Over Last Year

BY BEN COHEN

A decline in historical awareness alongside rising hate speech posted online were the two key factors behind an astonishing 107-percent rise in antisemitic offenses in Argentina during 2018, a top community official said on Wednesday.

"The main causes of these antisemitic reactions we believe have to do with the loss of collective memory, due



People hold images of the victims of the 1994 bombing attack on the Argentine Israeli Mutual Association (AMIA) community center, in Buenos Aires. Photo: Reuters / Agustin Marcarian.

to the increase in hate speech and anonymity in social networks," Jorge Knoblovits — the president of DAIA, the umbrella group representing Argentina's 180,000-strong Jewish community — remarked at a press conference in Buenos Aires.

Knoblovits was speaking at the unveiling of DAIA's annual report on antisemitism in Argentina. Data collected in 2018 revealed a total of 834 incidents targeting Jews — an increase of 107 percent on the 404 incidents registered the

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Opinion.

Can You Forgive Your Political Foes? And Can They Forgive You?



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As the year 5780 begins, political division is the predominant theme in both Israel and the United States.

In Israel, two attempts to elect a Knesset in one year may not have been enough. The stalemate that has prevented the formation of a new government is not so much about Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's policies as it is about him. That has been complicated by the reemergence of the ongoing conflict between secular and religious Jews.

But that may not be as bad as what's happening in the United States. Americans seem to be divided into two warring camps that don't merely disagree about whether President Donald Trump should remain in office as much as they simply cannot tolerate each other's existence. The rancor is fueled by competing narratives put forth by different sets of politicized media, whose purpose seems mainly in reassuring each side that they are on the side of the angels and that their opponents are the spawn of the devil.

It is in this atmosphere that Jews will head to synagogues in the next week and speak of renewal, repentance, and forgiveness. But the

sincerity of these avowals remains very much in question.

The same is true of some of our rabbis, who will be regaling their congregations with politicized sermons that may please partisans but do nothing to advance the work of healing the nation.

Some see it is a moral imperative to mobilize their members to oppose Trump. Such rabbis are merely following the lead of their congregants, who want their spiritual leaders to affirm their beliefs rather than challenge their assumptions. For those who see their faith as indistinguishable from their partisan loyalties, it's easy to blur the distinction between religion and politics. It's hard to see how the rage that animates so much of our politics is compatible with the imperative to use this time of year to turn inward.

For Jews, the 10 days that encompass Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are a period of introspection, during which each of us must conduct a cheshbon nefesh or an "accounting of our souls." That means not just deciding whether we've lived up to the highest ethical and moral standards, but also whether we've done harm to others.

The concept of teshuvah ("repentance") rests at the heart of this process. If you've wronged someone over the course of the year, then this is the moment to sincerely ask for forgiveness and, in turn, to forgive others who might have wronged you.

This has particular relevance at a time of such intense political polarization. Communities, friendships, and families have been fractured by the debate about Trump and our culture — debate that seems to revolve around the expression of contempt for opposing views and the individuals that espouse them.

Unlike the sort of ordinary bad behavior that decent people recognize, the contempt for our political foes and the deep anger behind it is something many of us are only too eager to parade before the world. A great number of Americans have come to believe that attacking or shaming those who disagree is evidence of virtue. Rather than apologize for demeaning those with whom we disagree, all too many of us pat ourselves on the back for excoriating those who disagree with us in the most uncivil terms imaginable. And we count on our "friends" — both virtual and real, assuming we still have some of those — to cheer us on. And with a presidential election coming up in which both sides are unlikely to regard any outcome other than victory as legitimate, it will only get worse.

You can blame this on the rise of social media, which has made it so easy to insult people you don't even know by writing things you won't dare utter to their faces. But we can't just blame this on Facebook and Twitter. The fault is ours.

If you attend synagogue this year on Yom Kippur and recite the Al Chet prayer, when



US President Donald Trump speaks at the third annual "Made in America Product Showcase" on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, US, July 15, 2019. Photo: REUTERS/Leah Millis.

all present publicly confess their sins and ask God for forgiveness, this would be a good year to read the text and think seriously about how much of our public discourse in the age of 24/7 cable news and nonstop social-media exchanges falls into some of the categories of conduct for which repentance is required. Behaving with contempt, offensive speech, scoffing, slander, passing judgment, and groundless hatred are just some of the sins that are staples of debate.

The answer from some of us will be that the awfulness of the objects of our anger justifies such tactics. That's an excuse used both by opponents of Trump and those who justify his conduct, as they think it's the only way to

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Unity, a New Election, or a Last-Minute Surprise?

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In an intense political arena such as Israel, politicians' biggest enemy is a deadline. If the law didn't stipulate how long a prime minister's mandate lasted, we'd be stuck with transitional governments that never transitioned, and endless negotiations. But if time presents limitations, it also heals — election promises, for example. The more time passes, the bombastic campaign declarations and billboards are forgotten, and elected officials can slowly maneuver themselves out of the corners into which they backed themselves in the campaign.

The next government, if one is assembled before yet another election is held, won't start operating for another two and a half months, at the earliest. That's an eternity. By then, anything could happen, and if experience is any indication, will happen. Everything politicians promised this past month will very soon be irrelevant.

Blue and White leader Benny Gantz's decision to be second, after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, to try to assemble a government stems from a mistake. If he thought that the threat of a third election would get things moving in his favor, he should take a look at the Basic Law: the Government. He would find that the end of the time allowed for a candidate to form a government does not

necessarily mean a new election.

The election results show us that the only option on the table is a unity government led by the Likud and Blue and White. The political realities since the election make it a necessity for the entire right-wing bloc to sit together on one side of a coalition, whereas Blue and White can bring in parties from the Left that will contribute to a broad, inclusive government.

The only way this will happen is if all sides shed the delusions they held until Sept. 17. Netanyahu will have to share power in a rotating premiership. Gantz will have to join a government that includes Netanyahu, even though he promised not to do so, and even accept Netanyahu's natural partners. But if he does that, he will be rewarded with the prime ministership two years from now.

The reason for the battle over who would be second (rather than first) to attempt a coalition government has to do with the second candidate supposedly having more leverage. If the first fails, it still doesn't mean a repeat election, because now it's the turn of



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Reuven Rivlin and Blue and White leader Benny Gantz meet in Jerusalem, Sept. 23, 2019. Photo: Haim Zach / GPO.

No. 2 in line. Gantz believes that if the threat of a third election looms, the Likud will begin to revolt against Netanyahu, allowing Gantz to lead a government with a Netanyahu-less Likud and Yisrael Beiteinu. What Gantz failed to take into account was that even if the second candidate to try fails, it doesn't mean there is automatically another election. The law allows another 21 days for any of the candidates, even the ones who failed to do so, to put together a coalition of at least 61 MKs and swear in a new government.

The most favorable scenario, therefore, would be if Gantz climbed down and agreed to talk with Netanyahu about unity. That could happen during the first try, the second try, or at the latest during the last 21-day grace period. When it would happen matters less than the result: a unity government comprising the Likud, Blue and White, the right-wing parties and the haredim, and possibly some left-wing parties like Labor.

The second scenario is that Gantz doesn't manage to hold on to his allies, either from Blue and White or the other left-wing parties like Labor-Gesher, and Netanyahu becomes prime minister with a coalition that rests on right-wing and haredi parties, with some elements from the left.

The third scenario is that Yisrael Beiteinu leader Avigdor Lieberman breaks and becomes the one who is forced to join a Netanyahu government and give him power along with his "messianic haredi" political partners. A government that appears

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World News.

Tel Aviv Included on Investment Bank's List of Real Estate Bubbles

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/JNS.org

The real estate market in Tel Aviv is expected to cool off, but home prices are still high, according to a report by UBS Global Wealth Management published before Rosh Hashanah, which for the first time included the first Hebrew city on its list of global real estate bubbles.

The Swiss bank's "Global Real Estate Bubble Index 2019" measures housing prices in 24 large cities worldwide. This year's index included, for the first time, Madrid, Moscow and Tel Aviv, listed as cities with high housing prices, as well as Dubai, where prices are listed as "balanced."

According to UBS, among the cities covered by the index, Tel Aviv has seen the largest housing price increases in the past 30 years.

The report found that home prices in Tel Aviv rose almost consistently from 2003-2017,

which caused the market to enter a "bubble price range."

However, the report said, the growing difficulty of purchasing an apartment and the rise in mortgage prices led to an actual price drop of almost 10 percent.

"The party is over," the UBS report declared, explaining that housing prices in Tel Aviv were "approaching normal."

Middle- and upper-class Israelis need to work for 11 years to be able to afford a 650 square foot apartment in central Tel Aviv, which is similar to the years required to buy a home in Tokyo or New York, but less than in Hong Kong and more than are needed to buy a home in Munich, Moscow, Frankfurt, or plenty of other major cities.

Tel Aviv is ranked 13th on the list of the world's "bubble cities," meaning cities in which housing prices are outrageous and have the most chance of seeing their real estate bubbles burst.

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Argentina

previous year in the Latin American nation.

An accompanying report on attitudes toward Jews in Argentina — compiled by the Gino Germani Institute of the University of Buenos Aires — meanwhile demonstrated the endurance of antisemitic stereotypes about Jewish wealth and influence.

In a survey of 1500 people between the ages of 18-65, the institute found that 61 percent agreed with the assertion that Jews had "too much power in financial markets," while 47 percent concurred with the statement "Jews are the first to turn their backs on people in need."

A full 87 percent of respondents "do not know or have a misconception of what Zionism is," the institute noted. When asked if they thought Jews in Argentina faced discrimination, 53 percent responded in the affirmative.

The vast majority of 2018's offenses — 90 percent — occurred on social media, but Knoblovits emphasized that violent attacks were increasingly part of the picture.

"A new element was observed in the last year — of attacks on members of the Jewish community such as the rabbi in Rosario, or the attack in Buenos Aires on a man wearing a kippah, something we've seen in Europe but not in Argentina," Knoblovits said.

The attack on Rabbi Shlomo Tawil — director of the Chabad-Lubavitch center in the provincial city of Rosario — occurred in

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Forgive

respond. To some extent, the same is true in Israel with respect to Netanyahu. So deep is each side's conviction that they are right and the other is wrong that every exchange is invariably filled with self-righteous contempt.

So rather than think back on these debates with embarrassment, we arrive at the Al Chet convinced that it is only for others to apologize — and not us.

That's a terrible mistake. The Days of Awe represent a moment in time when we should focus on finding the courage and the moral strength to forgive, as well as apologize for our faults. We should remember that none of us

June, when he was brutally assaulted by three youths who showered him with antisemitic abuse. The Buenos Aires attack took place a month earlier, when 34-year-old Eli Chamen was badly beaten up and insulted as a "f--- Jew" by his assailants as he left Friday night services at the Mikdash Yosef synagogue in Buenos Aires. A group of passersby who witnessed the attack on Chamen in the middle-class Palermo neighborhood were reported to have laughed at the spectacle.

The DAIA report also included a breakdown of antisemitic incidents by type. "Xenophobic expressions" made up 27 percent of the overall total, with Middle East-related antisemitism and the invocation of Nazi imagery or language accounting for 18 percent and 17 percent respectively. Other categories included "nationalist antisemitism" and the various antisemitic conspiracy theories that circulate on the internet.

Most of the online antisemitism reported to the DAIA took place on Facebook, which was home to 72 percent of the incidents. Twitter came next with 16 percent, followed by Instagram on 8 percent.

A brief preface to the DAIA report on antisemitism was contributed by the president of the Argentine Episcopal Conference of the Catholic Church, Monsignor Oscar Ojea.

"Our society needs to renew its commitment to work to avoid all types of racial, social, religious, and cultural discrimination, which denigrates the dignity of the human person and makes healthy coexistence impossible," Ojea wrote.

possess Divine insight, and that acknowledging doubt and what we don't know is the real beginning of wisdom. Let us say sorry for offending others, forgiving those who have done the same to us and resolving to conduct ourselves, even on points where our feelings are strongest, with more restraint, civility, and dignity.

That doesn't mean we should stop voicing our opinions — or our complaints — about critical issues. But it should motivate us to recognize that "no-holds-barred" contemporary political combat is not only coarsening and corrupting our country, but also our souls.

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British Teenager Goes Public About Months of Antisemitic Abuse



British teenager Charlotte Nathan, who recently went public about her experience of antisemitic abuse. Photo: Facebook screenshot.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A British teenager has gone public about a torrent of antisemitic invective she has faced in recent months, including taunts about the Holocaust.

Charlotte Nathan, 17, who attends school in Northwich, England, was moved to speak about her experiences after she received a derogatory message on her Snapchat account that said, "I wanna fart in your face to remind you of how your grandparents died."

The Manchester-based Jewish Telegraph quoted her as saying, "Casual racism is a common feature of daily life, especially among the millennial generation, who perceive racism as a form of humor and so-called 'banter.'"

"Catalysts, such as memes used on social media, seem to justify and sugarcoat the underlying racial tensions that as a society we fail to address," she stated. "This can be exemplified through the lack of education supplied about different cultural groups to schools and other

communities, exacerbating ignorance."

"I am no stranger to antisemitic abuse," she added, "and for the last six years, being in secular education and interacting with other cultures, I have encountered a fair share of comments and remarks."

"This is evidence of inherited, underlying racism we see daily," she said.

"The antisemitism I have encountered has been from someone with so-called 'white privilege' — a member of our white British middle-class," Nathan explained. "But I am not insinuating that racial ignorance is a feature in all of our white middle-class."

"The most worrying thing about casual racism is that these so-called jokes are based around horrifying historical occurrences," she said. "Jokes are being made with an understanding and education of events."

"People will joke about the Holocaust with reference to the murder of six million Jewish people, and they will joke about concepts such as slavery, with no restrictions on using the N- word," she continued. "This is the unfortunate world we live in."

Israeli Documentary About Wildlife Conservation Wins Emmy

BY JNS.org

An Israeli documentary won an Emmy for Outstanding Nature Documentary at the 2019 News and Documentary Emmys, which were announced in New York earlier this week.

"Trophy" examines the controversial sport of animal hunting, breeding and wildlife conservation industries in the United States and Africa, and discusses whether the industry can ensure the survival of endangered species, according to The Jerusalem Post.

The documentary was produced by Israeli cable network, YES Docu, in association with other companies, and was distributed by CNN.

It was co-produced by Alon Schwarz, the brother of the film's Israeli co-director, Shaul Schwarz, and edited by Halil Efrat.

YES previously won Emmy documentary awards for "Google Baby" in the Outstanding Science and Technology Programming category in 2011 and "Forever Pure," about the Beitar Jerusalem soccer team's extremist fans, for Outstanding Politics and Government Documentary in 2018.



A scene from the trailer for "Trophy." Photo: Screenshot.

World News.



Malka Leifer, a former Australian school principal wanted in Australia on suspicion of sexually abusing students, at the Jerusalem District Court, in Jerusalem, Feb. 14, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun / File.

Israeli Court Orders House Arrest in Australia Extradition Case

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

An Israeli court on Wednesday ordered a former Australian school principal suspected of sexual assault, and who Australia is seeking to extradite, released from prison to house arrest.

Implementation of the Jerusalem District Court's decision was delayed until Friday to give the prosecution time to appeal.

Australia has been pressing Israel to extradite Malka Leifer, who fled from Australia in 2008, with what Australian authorities believe was the assistance of the insular Adass Jewish community, after accusations against her surfaced.

"The (court's) decision strengthens our

argument that the evidence is not there," one of Leifer's attorneys, Tal Gabai, told reporters.

Leifer is the former principal of Adass Israel School, an ultra-Orthodox Jewish girls' school in Melbourne. She is wanted by Australian police on 74 sexual assault charges, including rape, involving girls at the institution.

The Israeli court ruled in 2016 that Leifer, who has denied the charges, was mentally unfit to face extradition and trial.

She was re-arrested in 2018 after a police investigation raised questions about the state of her health and has been in prison in Israel awaiting an extradition ruling.

Yehuda Fried, another lawyer for Leifer, said he hoped that house arrest would lead to his client "returning to her home (in Israel)

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Talks Falter

The parties' negotiators had met on Sunday without success, with each side blaming the other for the stalemate.

With neither party leader appearing able to put together a coalition with a ruling majority on his own, Israel's president last week tasked Netanyahu with forming the next government in the hope of securing a power-sharing deal between the Blue and White party and Likud.

If Netanyahu fails to clinch a deal, President Reuven Rivlin is then likely to ask Gantz to try to form a government, though he, like

Netanyahu, also has no clear path to power.

Gantz has pledged not to serve in a government under a premier facing criminal charges. His party has accused Likud of stalling in the talks in the hope of triggering yet another election.

Israel's attorney-general is due to hold a pre-trial hearing this week on his announced intention to indict Netanyahu on fraud and bribery charges in three corruption cases.

Netanyahu, who says he is a victim of a political witchhunt, can argue at the session against prosecution. A final decision by the attorney-general on an indictment is expected by the end of 2019.

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Unity

unlikely could turn out to be stable, because Lieberman would rejoin the right, which was his natural place until he decided to leave in the last election.

A fourth scenario is that a Netanyahu-led coalition could fall apart. Time and weak nerves on the part of people in the right-wing camp are having an effect, and two or three months from now we could see players from the right — like the haredi parties or the New Right — break away and seek new horizons in a left-wing government under Gantz.

A fifth possibility, similar to the fourth, is

that rather than the small right-wing parties and the haredim breaking away, something similar happens with Likud members. This is what Gantz is counting on. (Spoiler: It won't happen.)

And, of course, there is a sixth scenario, one that is more plausible than it seems, even though it is no less bizarre: the country holds a third election.

Last time, we all hoped that a Knesset member would get up and join the government, saving us all from a repeat election. That didn't happen. Now, one MK wouldn't be enough to save us, but the hope we can avoid a third election remains.

Mati Tuchfeld writes for Israel Hayom.

and receiving the medical care she deserves."

Last month, the district court, in considering extradition, said more psychiatric evidence was needed before it could decide the issue, and ordered a new panel of experts to assess Leifer's mental condition and deliver a report in December.

In August, Israeli police recommended

indicting Israel's deputy health minister on suspicion he tried to pressure court-appointed psychiatrists to support Leifer's mental illness claims.

It will be up to state prosecutors to decide whether to accept the police findings and charge the politician, Yaakov Litzman, who has denied any wrongdoing.

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20 Adar I, 5779/ February 25, 2019

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

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On behalf of the Igud/RAA Presidium and of the Beth Din, I extend greetings of Torah.

Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik Executive Vice - President, Rabbinical Alliance of America

July 17, 2018

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

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GREETINGS FROM RABBI MEIR KAHANE BETH SHIFRA

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



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

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

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

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Bogus Purim Service Broken Up

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

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staff of the Beth Shifra Institutions break up the rally.

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

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

World News.

50,000-Plus Worshipers Travel to Uman for Rosh Hashanah

BY JNS.org

Tens of thousands of Jews from around the world have arrived in Uman, Ukraine, to spend Rosh Hashanah near the tomb of spiritual leader Rabbi Nachman of Breslov. The two-day holiday begins on the evening of Sept. 29 and ends after sundown on Oct. 1.

The mass pilgrimage is an annual tradition that began after the rabbi's death and burial in 1810.

Following a fire that destroyed his home in Bratslav (60 miles west of Uman), the 38-year-old rabbi moved to Uman for the last year of his life, invited by a Jewish community there who provided him with housing and care as he suffered from tuberculosis. As many made the journey to hear the rabbi's sermons on the major Jewish holidays, and as his illness progressed, Rabbi Nachman asked his followers that year to be with him for Rosh Hashanah in particular.

Following the rabbi's death just weeks Rosh Hashanah, an annual pilgrimage was instituted to his gravesite every Rosh Hashanah, which continued even during Communist rule.

Until today, Jews from all walks of life—the majority Chassidic Jews from Israel and elsewhere—travel on major Jewish holidays and Rosh Hashanah in particular to Uman, a small town of 83,000 in the Cherkasy region of central Ukraine.

Each Rosh Hashanah, the number of visitors to the gravesite increases, with various Jewish organizations coming together to provide meals and medical care for the visitors. This year, organizers expect more than 50,000 visitors.

According to the National Police of Ukraine's press service, in light of the massive pilgrimage, several dozen Israeli police officers will be helping Ukrainian law enforcement to keep order during the holiday.

Ahead of the holiday, Israel's Foreign Ministry organized a meeting of the major organizations involved in running and securing the event, including Israeli Ambassador to the Ukraine Joel Lion, a representative of Israel's police force, local health agencies and law enforcement, and chief operations director for United Hatzalah David Krispel.

According to United Hatzalah, the organizations presented a summary of the previous year's operation and this year's operational plan for the health management of the pilgrimage.

Included in the plan was the oversight and operation of the local medical clinic operated and run by United Hatzalah volunteers, as well as how the organization plans to equip and dispatch volunteer first responders and ambulance teams throughout the town over the holiday.

"Working here with 50,000 to 70,000 people—seeing them pray, dance and being happy—is so exciting," said United Hatzalah EMT and full-time logistics coordinator Moshe Feuer. "There is an amazing feeling in the air [centered around] Rabbi

Salesforce Acquires Israeli Clicksoftware for \$1.35 Billion

BY MEIR ORBACH/CTech

Salesforce.com has completed its \$1.35 billion acquisition of Israeli workforce management software company Clicksoftware Technologies, the former announced Wednesday. The company first announced the acquisition in August.

Founded in 1979 by Israeli entrepreneur Moshe BenBassat, Massachusetts-headquartered Clicksoftware develops and sells enterprise software, offering task scheduling, resource management, and customer service tools. In 2014, Clicksoftware was acquired by San Francisco-based private equity firm Francisco Partners Management in a deal valued at approximately \$438 million.

Out of Clicksoftware's 700 employees, approximately 200 are based in Israel. Following the acquisition, they are expected to join Salesforce's local research and development center.

Salesforce's Israeli operation currently has around 500 employees, boosted by the 400 people it gained following its 2018 acquisition of Israel-based marketing analytics company Datorama, which was valued at more than \$800 million. In May, Salesforce acquired Tel Aviv-based conversational AI startup Bonobo, incorporated as Bonobot Technologies, in a deal estimated at \$50 million.

Nachman," he told JNS.

Originally from New York, this is Feuer's sixth time in Uman for Rosh Hashanah and second time working as an EMT during the mass pilgrimage. Compared to other holidays in which he goes to Uman, such as Sukkot, Feuer posed that Rosh Hashanah is "amazing" and markedly different, with "the music, the thousands and thousands of people in the cold weather, everybody dancing, singing and working together."

Providing health care to the tens of thousands of people is the biggest challenge of Rosh Hashanah in Uman, said Feuer.

Among the medical volunteers in Uman are non-Jewish Israeli Arab medics who, in addition to their life-saving efforts, will perform tasks during the holiday to provide comfort and care at the medical clinic operated by Oxford Medical and United Hatzalah.



Ultra-Orthodox Jewish men pray in a synagogue in the town of Uman before the start of the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 16, 2012. Photo: Yaakov Naumi/Flash90.

In addition to the 85 Israeli volunteers that United Hatzalah brings, said Feuer, he was tasked this year with arranging an American unit of 35 medics, EMTs and paramedics who came from abroad, supplying them with medical equipment bags, radios and vests to provide medical care to those in Uman for the holiday.

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Opinion.

'Smokescreening' — Anti-Israel Sentiment Expressed Through False Friendship



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Smokescreening, the false pretense of friendship toward Israel, is a common practice. Practitioners include US Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, former US president Barack Obama, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel. There is also a mirror phenomenon in which Israeli leaders identify smokescreeners as friends, as when Israeli president Reuven Rivlin called German president Frank-Walter Steinmeier a "true friend of Israel."

Smokescreening is a widespread activity in both politics and society, yet it is mainly looked at as an individual hypocrisy rather than analyzed as a systematic phenomenon. Israel is regularly subjected to smokescreening.

Sanders is a super-smokescreener. He claims he is 100 percent pro-Israel and says Israel has every right in the world to exist in peace and security and not be subjected to terrorist attacks. He also says the US must be more "evenhanded" in how it approaches the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He implies, but does not state outright, that the US should avert its eyes from genocide-promoting Hamas, the largest Palestinian Islamist movement, and from Palestinian terror attacks supported by financial rewards from the Palestinian Authority.

Sanders has said, "It's not antisemitic to criticize Israel for electing a right-winger like Netanyahu," and has called Netanyahu's government "racist." Yet he does not address the racism in large parts of Palestinian society. Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Palestinian Authority (PA), is an extreme racist. He has pledged that there will be no Israelis in the prospective Palestinian state, saying, "In a final resolution, we would not see the presence of a single Israeli — civilian or soldier — on our lands." Sanders is silent on this.

Sanders has said that the Palestinians deserve to be treated with "dignity and respect." He does not explain how people who are 93 percent antisemitic, according to a 2014 global study conducted by the ADL, merit that dignity and respect. Sanders' smokescreening

of Israel warrants a full article of its own.

Another major smokescreener toward Israel is Barack Obama. While president of the US, he visited Israel in March 2013. He said at the Jerusalem Convention Center, "I bring with me the support of the American people, and the friendship that binds us together." He added, "As the president of a country that you can count on as your greatest friend, I am confident that you can help us find the promise in the days that lie ahead."

In that same Jerusalem speech, Obama openly bent the truth. He said, "But while I know you have had differences with the Palestinian Authority, I believe that you do have a true partner in President Abbas and Prime Minister Fayyad. Over the last few years, they have built institutions and maintained security on the West Bank in ways that few would have imagined a decade ago. So many Palestinians — including young people — have rejected violence as a means of achieving their aspirations." A few months later, Abbas would push Fayyad out.

In 2008, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Abbas discussed a peace agreement. Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, who was present at the negotiations, told PA TV that Olmert accepted all the PA's demands. He even offered Abbas a little more than the full area of the West Bank. Erekat said he told Abbas to accept the extremely generous proposal, but Abbas rejected it.

In December 2016, in one of his last acts as president, Obama had the US abstain from voting on a major anti-Israel UN Security Council motion. The proposal demanded an immediate halt to all settlement construction in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Through the abstention, Obama enabled the measure to pass. Donald Trump had already been elected president and would be installed a few weeks later. Trump had made it clear that he opposed the resolution and notified the White House, to no avail.

American law expert Alan Dershowitz said the former president told him he would always protect Israel, yet he believes Obama hurt the Jewish state with the abstention. He said, "President Obama's decision on the way out to allow the United Nations to condemn Israel for occupying the Western Wall, the holiest place in Judaism, the Jewish Quarter, Hebrew University, the Hadassah Hospital bypass road, was abominable."

In Europe, German politicians are among the foremost smokescreeners in regard to friendship with Israel. In view of the genocide of six million Jews in the grandfather generation, some leading Germans feel they cannot easily express negative opinions about Israel. A fully researched article about smokescreening by Germans, including leading individuals, is needed.

German politicians often appear to feel the need to pretend that their country is an almost unconditional friend of Israel. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, a Christian Democrat, has said Israel's security is part of Germany's national ethos.

The reality is far from that. As head of the German government, Merkel leads German policymaking. The German daily Bild pointed out that Berlin regularly sides with Israel's enemies at the UN. In November 2018, of 21 UN General Assembly resolutions against Israel, 16 were supported by Germany; it abstained on four.

Merkel is also a smokescreener as far as the fight against antisemitism is concerned. Despite significant German right- and left-wing antisemitism, she has welcomed far more than a million refugees since 2015 — many from the Arab world. The percentage of antisemites among these immigrants is much higher than that of the indigenous population.

There are probably more prominent smokescreeners of friendship toward Israel in the other German government party, the socialists (SPD). A current example is Foreign Minister Heiko Maas. He has often said Auschwitz inspired him to go into politics, yet many German votes against Israel in the UN General Assembly have taken place under his authority.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the Associate Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, has attacked Maas' behavior frontally: "Before he invokes Auschwitz again, he should go back and reread history. We expected much more from Foreign Minister Maas. Unfortunately, we find him on the wrong side of the tracks of the existential threats that Israel is facing every day."

Cooper added, "With all due respect, it is time for the German foreign minister to drop his assertion that it was the lessons of Auschwitz that propelled him into public life. He clearly has not applied any of the lessons to the current situation. Instead of weakening the tyrannical, genocidal regime in Tehran, he is doing everything to strengthen Iran. His



Former US President Barack Obama.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

instructions to the German UN ambassador are not those of a friend of a Jewish state."

The "mirror" or "reverse" phenomenon also exists. Some Israeli leaders make the huge mistake of calling people who are smoke-screener "friends." President Reuven Rivlin called German socialist president Frank-Walter Steinmeier "a true friend of Israel" during his visit to the Jewish state in 2017. While FM, Steinmeier was responsible for a flood of German condemnations of Israel at the UN.

More recently, Steinmeier "congratulated the Iranian government cordially on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the revolution, also in the name of my fellow country citizens." The daily Tagesspiegel wondered whether one had to remind Steinmeier that "Iran is a sponsor of international terrorism, threatens Israel with destruction, denies the Holocaust, oppresses women, executes homosexuals, and punishes religious conversions with death."

The paper concluded: "The moral compass that should guide the words of a president of the German republic has in this case greatly failed." To put the congratulation of the Iranian government in even more perspective: When Donald Trump was elected US president in November 2016, Steinmeier, then FM, explicitly said he would not congratulate him.

Israeli leaders have found many ways to express gushing praise for people who are far from friendly toward Israel. When Shimon Peres, then Israel's president, visited Norway in 2014, he stated nonsensically, "Norway is the pearl of humanity, built on human values, and seeks to keep people equal and free."

A report, published in 2012 by the Norwegian Center for Studies of the Holocaust and Religious Minorities and paid for by the government, found that 38 percent of Norwegians believe Israel acts toward the Palestinians as the Nazis behaved toward the Jews. The tiny Norwegian Jewish community has suffered from substantial antisemitism in the country supposedly "built on human values."

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The Popular Mobilization Forces at a Crossroads



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The al-Hashd al-Sha'abi (Popular Mobilization Forces, or PMF) militia bases in Iraq, which are largely supported by Iran, operate separately from the Iraqi army.

These militias were founded in response to the crisis in the Iraqi army that followed the conquest of Mosul by Islamic State in June 2014. The catalyst for their formation was an advisory opinion (*al-wajib al-kifai*) issued by Ayatollah Ali Sistani, a senior Iraqi Shi'ite cleric. His fatwa called for the establishment of popular mobilization forces to protect Iraq, and its Shi'ite community in particular.

In February 2016, the Iraqi parliament approved a decree ordering the PMF to integrate into Iraq's armed forces, with its members instructed to disengage from any



Members of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) take part in a military parade in the town of Taza, south of the northern oil city of Kirkuk, June 28, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Aki Rasheed / File.

political party, but this order was ignored. The war against ISIS led to a triangular collaboration among the Iraqi army, the Kurdish Peshmerga forces, and the PMF militias, which remained under independent Iranian command.

When the fighting came to an end, the PMF militias were faced with two alternatives:

integrate into Iraq's security forces, or disarm and integrate into Iraq's sociopolitical system. Both were anathema to Tehran.

Elections for the 329-member Iraqi parliament were held in May 2018. The election campaign was a golden opportunity for Iran to implement its plan to turn the militias operating under its umbrella into an influential political axis in Iraq. To this end, a new political mechanism was established, called the Fatah Coalition. Led by Hadi Ameri, the coalition included representatives of the Iranian Shi'ite militias, including the Badr organization, Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq, Kata'ib Hezbollah, and Kata'ib al-Imam Ali.

Once the votes were counted, the Fatah Coalition stood in second place with 48 seats in the new parliament. The Saairun Alliance, led by Muqtada al-Sadr, came in first with 54 seats. In third stood the Al-Nasr Coalition, led

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by Haider Abadi, with 42.

In July of this year, Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi issued an ultimatum — against Iranian resistance — demanding that the PMF finally integrate into Iraq's security forces. The Shi'ite militia commanders do not appear to intend to implement this directive. The Liwa al-Muntadhar militia (operating in the Kurdish region) made headlines with its refusal to be evacuated from that battle-stricken area, despite American pressure on President Barham Saleh and Prime Minister Abdul-Mahdi.

From Iran's point of view, turning Iraq into a client state is a vital step in implementing the "axis of resistance" conceived by the leader of the revolution. This conceptual pattern rests on four dimensions:

- Penetrating through soft power; i.e., establishing cultural centers, providing welfare and Islamic guidance with the aim of recruitment and creating sympathy for Ayatollah Khomeini's "Vilayat-e Faqih" (Governance of the Jurist) concept.

- Establishing militias functioning under the guidance of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, with the object of setting up a hybrid mechanism operating parallel to the Iraqi army.

- Investing great resources in post-war restoration, with an emphasis on telecommunications infrastructure, and industrial and urban reconstruction.

- Turning the militias into a powerful political force that is actively involved in formulating foreign and domestic policy in line with Iran's interests.

This conceptual pattern is intended to combine the military, political, economic, and — no less importantly — cultural dimensions.

Tehran's inroads into Lebanon (through its Hezbollah proxy) have served as a springboard from which to implement the same model in Iraq, Syria, and Yemen. Yet despite Iraq's economic dependence on its neighbor to the east, the presence of Shi'ite militias under Iranian rule has been met with both domestic and foreign opposition. The recent round of attacks on the organization's bases and warehouses has created a renewed debate about the presence of PMF militias on Iraqi soil, with voices objecting to their activities and expressing concern about the possible outcome of Iran's violation of Iraqi sovereignty.

The attacks on the bases are seen as an attempt to disrupt Iran's grip on Iraqi (as well as Syrian and Lebanese) territory, which Tehran needs to establish its long-sought ground corridor from the Iranian border to the Mediterranean basin.

In a move widely interpreted as a signal that Muqtada al-Sadr is under Iran's influence, Tehran recently distributed an image of that influential cleric sitting between the supreme leader and the Quds Force commander at a ceremony marking the Islamic holiday of Ashura. The spectacle of Sadr in Iran fanned the flames of the internal argument in Iraq between supporters of the Iranian presence and those in opposition to it.

Some argue that Sadr's presence in Iran will strengthen its sphere of influence and jeopardize Iraq's independence. But others praise it, stating that it is natural for a Shi'ite leader to be present at ceremonies marking the holiday, which is of special significance to Shi'ite Muslims. They stress that Sadr enjoys good relations with all neighboring countries and claim that leaders throughout the region value his views.

It is worth noting that Sadr recently announced that he would implement the integration of the Sarayat al-Salam militia into the Iraqi military apparatus, in accordance with the ultimatum issued by the Iraqi prime minister. This stood in sharp contradiction to the position of Shi'ite militia commanders operating under Iranian auspices, who oppose the move.

Ever since the establishment of the Islamic Republic in 1979, the regime has worked tirelessly to promote its revolutionary ideology throughout the Muslim world. The disintegration of Iraq following the removal of Saddam Hussein, in combination with Iraq's demographic structure, provides fertile ground for advancing this worldview.

The Iraqi prime minister, who faces a great challenge in integrating the militias, stands between the hammer and the anvil. On one side is Iran, which strives to exploit Iraq's structural weaknesses to boost its leverage. On the other are the United States and, to some extent, Saudi Arabia and Israel, which hope to counter Tehran's efforts to transform Iraq into a client state.

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Losing Bolton Increases the Chance of War



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After US National Security Advisor John Bolton resigned (or was fired, depending on who you ask), Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) said that Bolton was "naive" and his departure would "decrease the chance of war." Sen. Paul is wrong. Bolton is realistic, not "naive." Indeed, this was among the reasons cited by President Donald Trump for why he hired Bolton.

Without Bolton's sage advice, Trump is likely to find himself at a distinct disadvantage in understanding how our enemies behave. For example, meeting or negotiating with evil regimes is understood by them as a sign of weakness, potentially prolonging a war or leading to an appeasement strategy to end a war quickly (as sometimes happens in the lead-up to a domestic election).

Recall that World War II could have been avoided had England and its European allies heeded the warnings of Winston Churchill and dealt decisively with Germany as it was building a massive war machine in violation of the Versailles Treaty. Had they done so, some 60 million lives could have been saved.

Let's look at four of the most complicated national security and foreign policy dilemmas facing America right now:

- The Taliban: America should treat the Taliban in Afghanistan as the enemy it is. The Taliban must be bankrupted or destroyed. No negotiations.

- Islamic State and Al Qaeda: Similarly, we should be fighting these and all Islamist terrorist gangs militarily, not engaging in pointless negotiations. This does not necessarily mean that America should engage in this war alone; ideally we should be working with 20-30 local allies to wipe out these non-state terrorist organizations.

- Iran: The world's #1 Islamist terror-sponsoring nation should be treated like ISIS, not like China. We have nothing in common with the Iran's theocratic totalitarian rulers, who have promised to take over the world



US National Security Advisor John Bolton. Photo: Michael Vadon via Flickr.

and kill everyone in the United States. Recall that Iran's "supreme leader" led public chants of "Death to America!" as his agents were "negotiating" the nuclear "deal" with the Obama administration.

Most recently, Iran or its terrorist proxies in Yemen launched a massive strike on Saudi Arabian oil facilities, which caused fuel costs to soar by 10 percent worldwide. The United States must severely punish Iran's military, and unmercifully bankrupt the country over the next 12 months. There is no middle ground. In any case, no negotiations.

- China: For now, China is more of a competitor than an enemy, run by very rational and determined leaders. A trade deal is quite doable, but cannot be consummated quickly, as there are numerous issues that must be addressed. A good chance exists that a reasonable deal can be negotiated. (This may well change, as China continues building its massive war-fighting capability, including a blue-water navy, capable of challenging the United States on every front.)

With savvy strategists like Bolton, the bad guys are more likely to give up or surrender. Perhaps this is why Iran's leaders praised and mocked John Bolton's departure from the White House, echoing the US mainstream "news" media and "social justice" groups.

Without advisers like Bolton, the United States is likely to choose inaction, and wars will drag on forever. We certainly hope the remaining national security advisers quickly fill the void created by Bolton's departure. Right now, the threat of war is rising rapidly, whether our political leaders like it or not. Inaction is not in America's best interest.

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What the Golan Heights Can Teach Us About Peace for Israel



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Israeli wine has taken the world by storm. And some of the very best comes from the Golan Heights.

Similarly, the Gaza Strip during the pre-Islamic era, when it was still mostly populated by Jews, produced wines to compete with the finest in the Byzantine Empire. But where is Gaza today? Sadly, it has become a place of squalor, unemployment, and a haven for terrorists, while the Golan has transformed into a place of life and productivity.

Across the Arab world, it is widely believed that former Syrian President Hafez al-Assad secretly bartered the Golan Heights to Israel in the years following the 1973 Yom Kippur War (in which Syria briefly recap-



An Israeli soldier rides an armored vehicle during an army drill after the visit of Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman in the Golan Heights, Aug. 7, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

tured parts of the strategic plateau), either in exchange for a large sum of money, or for Israel's assistance in keeping the Assad regime in power.

This alleged exchange was the subject of a recent *Al Jazeera* documentary, as it has been — over the past several decades — of numerous reports and surveys that cite Syrian officers who served in the 1967 and 1973 wars and were privy to Assad's decisions.

Nor does the idea of such a covert deal

come as much of a surprise to most in the Middle East, considering that the ruling Assad family belongs to Syria's tiny Alawite minority, and being able to point to an external threat like the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights helped them maintain control over the country's Sunni majority.

Known in ancient times as the Bashan region (see Deuteronomy 43:4 and Joshua 20:8), the Golan is a relatively small, but very strategic bit of real estate. Recognizing its importance to any future Jewish settlement, Baron Edmond de Rothschild in 1894 purchased a large plot of land in the Golan. Other wealthy Jews from the US, Russia, Canada, and Europe similarly bought up portions of the Golan. Such land sales were prohibited by the Ottoman authorities of the time, but, just as today, money has the final word.

After the collapse of the Ottoman Empire in World War I, Syria and the Golan fell under the French Mandate. Following the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, Syria built fortifications in the western Golan Heights overlooking the Sea of Galilee, but did little else to develop the region.

In the final days of the Six-Day War in 1967, after having defeated Egypt and Jordan, Israel turned its attention to Syria, and the

IDF began advancing up the steep slopes of the Golan. The Syrians fled and Israel put the Golan under military administration, but it had no intention of treating the plateau as anything but a big army base, as the Syrians had done. But in the decade following the war, no fewer than 30 Jewish settlements were established in the Golan Heights, transforming it into an agricultural and industrial success story.

With the unilateral annexation and introduction of Israeli civil law in 1981, the Golan further flourished.

In the subsequent decades, there have been several attempts to negotiate an Israeli surrender of the Golan in exchange for peace with Syria. But they have all come to naught (perhaps, as noted above, because the Assad regime didn't really want to regain the Golan). And that's probably for the best. Because not only has this border been far quieter with the Golan under Israeli rule, but most of the Muslims and Druze living there have quietly confirmed to regional media outlets over the years that they prefer to remain part of the Jewish state.

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Impressions.

Christians Flee Gaza Due to Hamas — and No One Cares

BY ELDER OF ZION

Mako (Hebrew) has an interview with a Gazan who recently escaped from the Hamas-run enclave:

Since Hamas' rise to power in the Gaza Strip, Christians living in the sector have become the scapegoats and a target for harm from both Hamas and extremist Salafis. Due to their predicament, most of them fled; out of a community of 4,200 people twelve years ago, there are now several hundred left.

Until recently, Kamal Teresi was there too, but managed to escape 4 months ago: "The Hamas people took over my house and turned it into a war room," he says.

Teresi provides a rare glimpse into the unbearable reality he and his community have had to face every day. "I was put in a number of prisons, and the Hamas prison is nothing but beating and psychological torture," he recalls. According to him, the attacks on Christians in Gaza [have] become routine, and it



Palestinian police officers loyal to Hamas march during a graduation ceremony in Gaza City, April 29, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

does not stop even in times of war.

"We Christians are not bystanders in Palestine, we have been in Palestine for two thousand years, we are not guests," says Kamal painfully. "They are harassing and hurting the Christian public and Christian institutions, churches and associations."

... One thing is certain for Kamal: he no longer has a way back: "I can't go back to Gaza; returning would be a death sentence."

So why haven't there been any reports by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, or Oxfam about the plight of Christians in Gaza?

Because those groups go out of their way to make Israeli Jews look bad, and to make Palestinians look good. For Israel, any tiny problem gets highlighted; for Palestinians, only undeniable abuses like torture or suicide bombs are grudgingly mentioned — and even then, they are semi-excused by also talking about things like the "occupation."

According to these reports, over 80% of Christians have fled Gaza under Hamas rule. Things are better under the Palestinian Authority, but not that much. Bethlehem used to be 70% Christian, and is now less than 15%, as many have been intimidated into leaving.

It is rare for a Christian to complain on the record about Palestinian officials, because they know what the consequences could be. So most articles have them dutifully toying the line that everything can be blamed on Israel. Only a few reporters bother to look under the surface — and human rights groups are simply not interested.

High Holiday Challenge for College Students: Finding a (Spiritual) Home Away From Home

BY DEBORAH FINEBLUM/
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Spending the High Holidays away from home can be a lonely experience.

And, sadly, without the family around, many a Jewish college student simply ignores the call of the shofar — even the apples and honey — and attends class as usual.

But for countless others, the pull of these special days, fueled by memories of childhood Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur holiday services and festive meals, is too strong to ignore. Even when they can't get home to celebrate, they take a break from schoolwork long enough to celebrate in new ways with their campus "family."

"I loved the holidays with my family, and I was pretty active at my temple," says Melissa Denish, who left Philadelphia behind to attend Elon University in North Carolina. "But it's too far to go home just for a couple of days, so I stay at school."

Fortunately for Denish and other Jewish college students, most schools offer opportunities for these young adults to be, if not exactly home for the holidays, at least able to celebrate these days together and, when it works, begin to find a spiritual home of their own.

And those who provide these services tend not to take the responsibility lightly. At a time when other Jews are getting a break from their jobs, rabbi Zalman Deitsch says what he does during the holidays, including the 600 meals that he and his wife Sarah serve, may be the most important moments of his entire year.

"Much is at stake here," says the rabbi, now in his 23rd year of leading High Holidays for Chabad at Ohio State University in the state's capital of Columbus. "It's an opportunity to reach our students with a deep experience of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, to create a home away from home for the holidays."

As he relates, "When they're away from their families and on their own for the first time, they ask themselves, 'Who am I?' If they have the right experience, they can take this into themselves for the rest of their lives, so it's an amazing opportunity and also an awesome responsibility."

"Each one of them who stays here on campus for the *chagim* [holidays] is precious to us," says rabbi Chana Leslie Glazer. "For those who don't go home, we know it's a time of year when they need to feel part of something, a sense of community, and when we can help students feel empowered to take the reins of their Jewish lives."

But the competition is stiff.

Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, where

Glazer is in her fourth year as chaplain for the Jewish community and a Hillel adviser, is "a very demanding school where missing even one class can be a problem, so even though university policy insists the professors be willing to make accommodations, I'm hearing more and more students who genuinely want to observe the holidays, but are concerned that missing material will affect their grades."

The result: Many come only to evening meals and services. "But whenever they come," she notes, "we work at making it a welcoming, special, and



The University of California-Los Angeles campus. Photo: Photo: Pixabay.

nurturing experience for them."

Tobin Gevelber would certainly understand how the students at Bucknell feel about missing class. His engineering curriculum at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland is also demanding. "But there's no way I'm *not* going to go to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services," he says. "That's not really an option for me."

One difference Gevelber notices from the holidays back at home in Boston: "There everyone you see is pretty much doing the holiday, too, but on campus for most people, it's just another day, and that feels kind of strange."

Still, there is an advantage to being cast adrift from the comforts of home, he points out. "There it's a more straightforward way of celebrating the holidays; there's no question as to exactly what you're doing, whereas at school it's actually fun to make these decisions, to have that new independence in this area, to navigate the holidays yourself with a new awareness."

Involving the students is key to the way Betsy Polk at Elon University in North Carolina constructs the services for those among the school's 600 Jewish students who opt to stay on campus for the holidays.

"We have a fairly small population," says Polk, who directs the Hillel for the university. "So we need to make sure our services are pluralistic and inclusive for our Reform, Conservative, unaffiliated, and more observant students. Our challenge is creating a High Holiday experience where everybody feels comfortable."

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: BUS BABY LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 07/23/2019. Office of location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Victor Zaraya 311A 15th Street Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 8/30; 9/6/13/20/27; 10/4

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC). Name: HOTSPOT STATION LLC.Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 08/21/2019. Office of location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Legalinc Corporate Services inc. 1967 Wehrle Drive suite 1 #086 Buffalo ,NY 14221. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 8/30; 9/6/13/20/27; 10/4

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

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-OPT1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT1, V. BESSIE C. LEE; ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 27, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-OPT1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT1 is the Plaintiff and BESSIE C. LEE; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 360 ADAMS STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on October 17, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1247 E 86TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236: Block 8065, Lot 21: 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 will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 514557/2015. Bruno Codispoti, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT. COUNTY OF KINGS. U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9

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MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Pltf. vs. JUDY BRATHWAITE, et al, Defts. Index #502954/2013. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Dec. 20, 2018 and order entered June 10, 2019, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on October 17, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 211A Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY a/k/a Block 1625, Lot 8. Said property beginning at a point on the Easterly side of Lewis Avenue, distant 40 ft. Southerly from the Southeasterly corner of Lewis Avenue and Lexington Avenue; being a plot 20 ft. x 80 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$709,220.23 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. BRUNO CODISPOTI, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old Country Rd., Mineola, NY. #97516
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: MAGS77 LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 06/03/2019. Office location: Kings county . SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail process to: MAGS77 LLC 25 Washington st. #8A Brooklyn ,NY 11201 . Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST PAUL ZAGARI, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 03, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on October 17, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 114 BAY 32ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11214. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 6416, LOT 56. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,256,098.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 31789/09. HELENE E. BLANK, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 65235
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: XIN YUE PROPERTY LLC.Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 08/19/2019 . 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: XIN YUE Property LLC 611 57th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4/11/18

Notice of formation of Limited liability company(LLC) Name: ROJAH LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 08/05/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Roger Girard 1405 Prospect Place A3 Brooklyn, NY 11213 purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 9/13/20/27; 10/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Amarnauth Ramotar; et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/11/2018 and entered on 6/11/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 24, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 97-24 Drew Street a/k/a 442 Drew Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4185, LOT: 43. Approximate amount of judgment is \$405,883.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504301/2014. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Betty Lugo, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff against BERISH ROTTENBERG, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered December 14, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on October 24, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 4412 10th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Block 5607 Lot 40. All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$956,249.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506418/ 2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee RRJC004
AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11/18/25

File No.: 2017-1052/C CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Robert H. Barry, Robert G. Tetmeyer, Esq., Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aged, now known as Bushwick Center for Rehabilitation and Health American Cancer Society, Queens Division Mental Illness Foundation, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Elizabeth Funk, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested, a copy of this citation and the account as well as all amendments to it, if any, and a copy of the purported Last Will and Testament dated 5/23/1995 shall be served on the Guardian ad Litem, Jeanne Forster, Esq., as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Elizabeth Funk, deceased, who at

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the time of death was a resident of 94-21 208th Street, Queens Village, NY 11428, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Temporary Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Funk, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 14th day of November, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Temporary Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$19,448.70 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the Last Will and Testament dated May 23, 1995, a copy of which is attached, should not be admitted to Probate; and why the Letters of Temporary Administration issued to the Public Administrator should not be revoked; and why Letters of Administration CTA should not be issued to the Public Administrator; and why the net residuary estate should not be paid pursuant to the Last Will and Testament as follows: STATEMENT OF PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION 1/3 to the Bushwick Center for Rehabilitation and Health care f/k/a Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aged 1/3 to the American Cancer Society, Queens Division 1/3 to the Mental Illness Foundation Dated, Attested and Sealed 16th day of September, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation
AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: MIKE'S SEWER AND DRAIN LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 05/16/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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mail process to: The LLC 29 Highland Drive Manalapan NJ 07726 Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11/18/25

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: B MOORE SERVICES LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/05/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC 180 Bethel Loop 14C Brooklyn, NY 11239. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 9/20/27; 10/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff against RODNEY LIVINGSTONE A/K/A RODNEY LIVINGSTON A/K/A LIVINGSTONE RODNEY A/K/A LIVINGSTONE A/RODNEY, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered May 9, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on October 31, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1092 East 54th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Block 7757 Lot 72. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with all the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$725,267.19 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 21583/10. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee RSHC106
AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff against ANNETTE HURLEY A/K/A ANNETTE CONLIFFE, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered January 28, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on October 31, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 159 E. 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. Block 4877 Lot 46. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$536,235.03 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 510311/2017. Cash will not be accepted at the sale. Joel Abramson, Esq., Referee 2267-001342
AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

Notice of formation of 2325 Astoria Blvd LLC, Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/13/2019. Office located in Kings County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 2325 Astoria Blvd LLC, 1202 Halsey Street Brooklyn NY 11207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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Tradition.

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The Torah as God's Song



JONATHAN SACKS
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At the end of his life, having given the Israelites at God's behest 612 commands, Moses gave them the final mitzvah: "Now therefore write down for yourselves this song and teach it to the people of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be My witness against the people of Israel" (Deut. 31:19).

According to the plain sense of the verse, God was speaking to Moses and Joshua and was referring to the song in the following chapter, "Listen, O heavens, and I will speak; hear, O earth, the words of my mouth" (Deut. 32:1). However, Oral Tradition gave it a different and much wider interpretation, understanding it as a command for every Jew to write, or at least take some part in writing, a *Sefer Torah*:

Said Rabbah: Even though our ancestors have left us a scroll of the Torah, it is our religious duty to write one for ourselves, as it is said: "Now therefore write down for yourselves this song and teach it to the people of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be My witness against the people of



Israel." (Sanhedrin 21b)

The logic of the interpretation seems to be, first, that the phrase "write down for yourselves" could be construed as referring to every Israelite (Ibn Ezra), not just Moses and Joshua. Second, the passage goes on to say (Deut. 31:24): "Moses finished writing in the book the words of this law from beginning to end." The Talmud offers a third reason. The verse goes on to say: "That this song may be My witness against the people" – implying the Torah as a whole, not just the song in chapter 32 (Nedarim 38a).

Thus understood, Moses' final message to the Israelites was: "It is not enough that you have received the Torah from me. You must make it new again in every generation." The covenant was not to grow old. It had to be periodically renewed.

So it is to this day that Torah scrolls are still written as in ancient times, by hand, on parchment, using a quill – as were the Dead Sea Scrolls two thousand years ago. In a religion almost devoid of sacred objects (icons, relics), the Torah scroll is the nearest Judaism comes to endowing

a physical entity with sanctity.

My earliest memories are of going to my late grandfather's *little beit midrash* in North London and being given the privilege, as a two or three-year-old child, of putting the bells on the Torah scroll after it had been lifted, rolled, and rebound in its velvet cover. Even then, I had a sense of the awe in which the scroll was held by the worshippers in that little house of study and prayer. Many of them were refugees. They spoke with heavy accents redolent of worlds they had left, worlds that I later discovered had been destroyed in the Holocaust. There was an air of ineffable sadness about the tunes they sang – always in a minor key. But their love for the parchment scroll was palpable. I later defined it as their equivalent of the rabbinic tradition about the Ark in the wilderness: it carried those who carried it (Rashi to I Chr. 15:26). It was my first intimation that Judaism is the story of a love affair between a people and a book, the Book of books.

What, though – if we take the command to refer to the whole Torah and not just one chapter – is the significance of the word "song" (shira): "Now therefore write down for yourselves this song"? The word shira appears five times in this

passage. It is clearly a key word. Why? On this, two nineteenth-century scholars offered striking explanations.

The Netziv (Rabbi Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin, 1816–1893, one of the great yeshiva heads of the nineteenth century) interprets it to mean that the whole Torah should be read as poetry, not prose; the word shira in Hebrew means both a song and a poem. To be sure, most of the Torah is written in prose, but the Netziv argued that it has two characteristics of poetry. First, it is allusive rather than explicit. It leaves unsaid more than is said. Secondly, like poetry, it hints at deeper reservoirs of meaning, sometimes by the use of an unusual word or sentence construction. Descriptive prose carries its meaning on the surface. The Torah, like poetry, does not.[1]

In this brilliant insight, the Netziv anticipates one of the great twentieth-century essays on biblical prose, Erich Auerbach's "Odysseus' Scar." [2] Auerbach contrasts the narrative style of Genesis with that of Homer. Homer uses dazzlingly detailed descriptions

so that each scene is set out pictorially as if bathed in sunlight. By contrast, biblical narrative is spare and understated. In the example Auerbach cites – the story of the binding of Isaac – we do not know what the main characters look like, what they are feeling, what they are wearing, what landscapes they are passing through.

The decisive points of the narrative alone are emphasised, what lies between is non-existent; time and place are undefined and call for interpretation; thoughts and feelings remain unexpressed, only suggested by the silence and the fragmentary speeches; the whole, permeated with the most unrelieved suspense and directed towards a single goal, remains mysterious and "fraught with background."

A completely different aspect is alluded to by Rabbi Yechiel Michel Epstein, author of the halachic code *Aruch HaShulchan*. Epstein points out that the rabbinic literature is full of arguments, about which the Sages said: "These and those are the words of the living God." This, says Epstein, is one of the reasons the Torah is called "a song" – because a song becomes more beautiful when scored for many voices interwoven in complex harmonies.

I would suggest a third dimension. The 613th command is not simply about the Torah, but about the duty to make the Torah new in each generation. To make the Torah live anew, it is not enough to hand it on cognitively – as mere history and law. It must speak to us affectively, emotionally.

Judaism is a religion of words, and yet whenever the language of Judaism aspires to the spiritual it breaks into song, as if the words themselves sought escape from the gravitational pull of finite meanings. There is something about melody that intimates a reality beyond our grasp, what William Wordsworth called *the sense sublime/Of something far more deeply inter-fused/Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns/And the round ocean and the living air*. Words are the language of the mind. Music is the language of the soul.

The 613th command, to make the Torah new in every generation, symbolises the fact that though the Torah was given once, it must be received many times, as each of us, through our study and practice, strives to recapture the pristine voice heard at Mount Sinai. That requires emotion, not just intellect. It means treating Torah not just as words read, but also as a melody sung. The Torah is God's libretto, and we, the Jewish people, are His choir, the performers of His choral symphony. And though when Jews speak they often argue, when they sing, they sing in harmony, as the Israelites did at the Red Sea, because music is the language of the soul, and at the level of the soul Jews enter the unity of the Divine which transcends the oppositions of lower worlds.

The Torah is God's song, and we collectively are its singers.

Shabbat Shalom

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Challenge

One approach Polk has found successful in her two years-plus on the job: "They need to know it's going to be different from being at home, but when they say, 'That's not the melody we use,' I answer, 'Great. Let's hear your melody. Maybe we can sing it together.'"

Unlike smaller schools where Jewish students attending services on campus need to find common ground, the larger ones can afford to offer more choices. Over at the Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life at Columbia/Barnard Hillel, Lavine Family executive director Brian Cohen says students can select which service they feel comfortable with ("And if one doesn't feel right to them, they can try the next one," he adds.) "My primary goal is to provide our Jewish students with a meaningful High Holiday experience, including services, meals, etc."

To build momentum, Cohen's team presents holiday programming not only in the Hillel building, but in dorms and other campus locales. "We want to reach the Jewish students, of course, but we also want the broader campus community to be aware that this is an important time for Jewish students and professors."

A key ingredient: food. They serve hundreds of meals over these 10 days, including nearly 500 bagels at the Yom Kippur break-fast.

Nor does he think that the presence of anti-Israel forces on his campus puts a damper on holiday celebration. "I think they feel safe expressing their Jewishness," he adds. "It's a beautiful sight, hundreds of students walking up to the Kraft Center at sundown on Rosh Hashanah."

In fact, says OSU Chabad's rabbi Deitsch, "holidays away from home in a community that feels like family can give students an opportunity they never had before: to be open to the experience and bring themselves to the table, to begin to decide the kind of person they want to be beginning right now at the beginning of this new year."

Now the religious and educational chair at the Elon Hillel, Denish is already reaching out to her fellow students to lead a prayer or a song or a reading from the Torah. "We're at a stage in our lives when we're no longer forced to come, so we need another reason – to see it as an opportunity to really learn about ourselves and our community, about different traditions than what we may have grown up with."

When everyone comes willing to ask and answer questions, she adds, "the holidays can be a powerful learning experience and can have more of an impact than they did at home."

"With no tickets or dress code required, we want our students to feel completely welcome," says Columbia/Barnard Hillel's Cohen. "Even the students who never got it or who were turned off as kids, we're hoping they give it another shot."

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SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, Plaintiff against ZISEL BRIEGER; LARRY BRIEGER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 2, 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 31st day of October, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1252 58th Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219. (Block: 5704, Lot: 28) Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,641.64 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 16371-11. Bruno Codispoli, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400
AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE J.P. MORGAN ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-A5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff against ISAAC SHOUELA, A/K/A ISAAC SHOUELA, ELI SHOUELA A/K/A ELI SHOUELA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 25, 2018, 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 31st day of October, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain lot, 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, known and designated as Lots Numbers 63 and 64, Block 6826, on a certain plan of lots called "Brooklyn Harlem" (temporary Name) surveyed for Wood Harmon & Co., March 1902 by Samuel H. McElroy, C.E. and C.S. and filed in Kings County Register's Office, March 23, 1902, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Easterly at East 21st Street, 40 feet as shown on said plan; Southerly by Lot 62 in Block 100 feet as shown on said plan; Westerly by lots 26 and 25 in said Block 40 feet as shown on said plan; Northerly by Lot 65 in said Block 100 feet as shown on said plan. Said premises known as 1946 E. 21st Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229. (Block: 6826, Lot: 27). Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,153,565.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 20507-13. Steven J. Baker, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street - Suite 700 White Plains, New York 10606 (914) 949-2574
AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. KAIJUM AKANDA, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Pursuant to CPLR 2004 Extending

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Social.



Sir Ben Kingsley speaks at the 6th annual Algemeiner gala in New York City, Sept. 27, 2019.
Photo: PMC / Sean Zanni for The Algemeiner.



Algemeiner Publisher Simon Jacobson, UK TV star Rachel Riley, Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart and Algemeiner Editor-in-Chief Dovid Efune. Photo: PMC / Sean Zanni for The Algemeiner.



New York University student leader Ben Newhouse.
Photo: PMC / Sean Zanni for The Algemeiner.



Entrepreneur and philanthropist Michael David Heller.
Photo: PMC / Sean Zanni for The Algemeiner.

Algemeiner Unveils 6th Annual 'J100' List at Gala Featuring Sir Ben Kingsley and Rachel Riley

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Algemeiner unveiled its 6th annual "J100" list of the top 100 people "positively influencing Jewish life" on Thursday night, at a lavish gala in New York City. Honorees in attendance included famed actor Sir Ben Kingsley and TV star Rachel Riley.

The event, held at Gotham Hall, was attended by some 500 people, who gathered in support of *The Algemeiner*.

Both Kingsley and Riley received *The Algemeiner's* prestigious "Warrior for Truth" award, and the 2019 Algemeiner Honoree was entrepreneur and philanthropist Michael David Heller.

The evening's Master of Ceremonies was CNN journalist Bianna Golodryga, and the Event Chairs were Robert H. and Amy Book, and Neil and Sharon Book. Bernard-Henri Lévy served as Honorary Chairman, and News 12 anchor Emily Lorsch hosted

the red carpet.

Other high-profile attendees at the event included artist Ron Agam, journalist James Taranto, designer Rickie Freeman, radio host Buck Sexton, Consul General of Israel in New York Dani Dayan, activist George Farmer, writer and musician Dominic Green, publisher Marty Peretz, journalist Jere Van Dyk, publicist Stu Loeser, Carnegie Hall Executive and Artistic Director Sir Clive Gillinson, author Tuvia Tenenbom, journalist Tunku Varadarajan and jeweler Erwin Pearl, among many other notable community and industry leaders.

US President Donald Trump, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli President Reuven Rivlin — all of whom were included on this year's "J100" list — sent greeting messages.

Past honorees and participants in the yearly event have included media mogul Rupert Murdoch, the late Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel, Czech President Miloš Zeman, artist Yaacov Agam, the late

entertainer Joan Rivers, former British Justice Secretary Michael Gove, Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein and actress Sharon Stone, among others.

The crowd was roused by the speech of New York University student leader Ben Newhouse, who recalled his efforts to fight the Israel boycott movement on campus.

In his address on Thursday, *Algemeiner* Editor-in-Chief Dovid Efune remarked, "How does the tragic story of antisemitism end? Who can say? What we do know is that we are called on today to write our chapter in the story. And we are determined that it shall never be said that under our watch the beast of antisemitism reawakened and that it did so unopposed, or that it was only met with mild resistance."

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the Time to Set Sale and to Ratify Sale Nunc Pro Tunc and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 20, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 31, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 922 Herkimer 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 1713 and Lot 22. Approximate amount of judgment is \$608,434.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 4719/13. Kecia Juanita Weaver, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted. AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Citibank, N.A., as trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Tyrone Lewis a/k/a Tyrone G. Lewis; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 10, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 31, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 102-02 Farragut Road, Brooklyn, NY 11236. 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 8171 Lot 33. Approximate amount of judgment \$853,969.62 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 514002/2015. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: September 20, 2019 65711 AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

File No.: 2019-1499 PROBATE CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT-QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Teresa Diaz, Azucena Diaz, and Guadalupe Bordas Blanco if living and if dead to her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Lino Bordas Rogueni; the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained A petition having been duly filed by Gerardo Modesto Perez Velasco, who is domiciled at 35-20 Leverich Street, Apt. C-449, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, 11435, on November 7th, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Lino Bordas Rogueni, lately domiciled at Residencia De Ancianos San Jose, Torrelavega, Cantabria, Spain, admitting to probate a Will dated March

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11, 1988, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Lino Bordas Rogueni, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to Gerardo Modesto Perez Velasco (State any further relief requested) And that a certified copy of the last Will and Testament of the deceased be admitted to probate as an ancient document, and that the filing of a bond is dispensed with Dated, Attested and Sealed September 20th, 2019 Hon. Peter J. Kelly Surrogate, James Lim Becker Chief Clerk, David Schachter. Esq. 37-06 77th Street. Jackson Heights. NY 11372 (718) 505-4556 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.] AJ; 9/27; 10/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Troy James; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 28, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 7, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1125 East 55th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 7781 Lot 34. Approximate amount of judgment \$553,632.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 517212/2017. Charlane Odetta Brown, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: September 17, 2019 For sale information, please visit www. Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 AJ; 10/4/11/18/25

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, NY. 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 AJ; 10/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST THAKOR MADHO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 27, 2017 I, the undersigned

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Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 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, as Trustee for Lehman Mortgage Trust Mortgage Pass Through Certificates Series 2007-10, Plaintiff AGAINST Shamika Dowell; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 18, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 7, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 648 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206. 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 1774 Lot 47. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,087,478.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 512093/2015. Leonard C. Spector, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: August 19, 2019 65214 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 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

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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 AJ; 10/4/11/18/25; 11/1/8

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

PROBATE CITATION File No. 3064/A-2019 SURROGATE'S COURT-NEW YORK COUNTY CITATION 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, distributees, 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. HERSCHE 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. HERSCHE. Dated, Attested and Sealed September 25th , 2019 Hon. Nora S. Anderson Surrogate - Diana

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Sanabria Chief Clerk. Wimpfheimer & Wimpfheimer, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner Telephone number: (212) 247-8448 Address of Attorney: 330 West 58th Street, Suite 308, New York, New York 10019 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 2E, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. AJ; 10/4/11/18/25; 11/1/8

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 improvements 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 Mcclean Ave. Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 10/4/11/18/25; 11/1/8

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 AJ; 10/4/11/18/25; 11/1/8

