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Third Elections Appear Inevitable in Israel



Benny Gantz, Avigdor Lieberman
and Benjamin Netanyahu.
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BY BENJAMIN
KERSTEIN

Israeli politics remained stuck in a logjam on Monday, with Yisrael Beiteinu head Avigdor Lieberman appearing to rebuff a call to join a right-wing coalition headed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Blue and White party number two Yair Lapid saying he would forgo a

rotating arrangement with party chairman Benny Gantz.

Following a second round of elections in September after a vote in April failed to produce a clear winner, both Netanyahu and Gantz have failed to form a workable governing coalition. If one was not established by Wednesday, a third round of elections would be triggered automatically.

On Monday, a tentative date for those potential elections was

announced — March 2.

Netanyahu called earlier Monday for Lieberman to renege on his pledge to only support a unity government and instead join a narrow right-wing coalition.

The Israeli news site Walla reported that Lieberman seemed to reject any such possibility, telling a group of officials from Netanyahu's Likud party on Monday evening that "a narrow

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Israeli Student Badly Beaten on Paris Metro by 'Antisemitic, Anti- Zionist' Assailant

BY BEN COHEN

An Israeli student is recovering in a French hospital after he was brutally beaten up on the Paris subway by a man who overheard him speaking in Hebrew on his cellphone.

The incident took place just before 7 p.m. on Monday night, the French Jewish security organization BNVCA reported. As the student boarded a train at the Château d'Eau station on the Paris Metro together with a friend, he received a phone call from his father, which he answered



Israeli student B. Yogev was beaten up on the Paris Metro by an 'anti-Zionist, antisemitic' assailant.
Photo: Meyer Habib Twitter feed.

in Hebrew. The two men — both said to be 6 feet in height and of African origin — immediately began shouting aggressively at the student, who has been named as B. Yogev, in his early 30s. Other passengers on the train also pointed toward Yogev and began threatening him, the BNVCA said.

One of the men then landed several punches to Yogev's head, face and body, knocking him to the floor of the subway carriage and leaving him with concussion and a broken nose. Yogev was taken to Lariboisière Hospital in Paris, accompanied by the friend with whom he was traveling, who was not

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Opinion.

Jeremy Corbyn Should Not Get to Downing Street



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By this time next week, Jeremy Corbyn could be the newly-elected prime minister of the United Kingdom. The gap in the polls between him and his primary opponent, Boris Johnson, is closing.

Even if Johnson's Conservative Party gets more votes than Corbyn, the election could still result in a "hung parliament," which means no party has managed to achieve a majority. This is a situation that could also hand Corbyn the country's leadership — if he is able to cobble together a coalition with smaller parties to form a majority government.

Ordinarily, British elections barely register as news for those outside the UK, and unless one has a personal interest in the outcome, the coverage hovers indiscernibly in the background of the 24-hour news cycle.

But this election is different. The Brexit debacle that has frozen British politics for the past three-and-a-half years is finally coming to a head, and the outcome of this election will have real and potentially damaging repercussions for a range of vested interests well-beyond the UK. Stakeholders across the globe, not just in Europe, are anxiously awaiting the result so that they can realistically plan for their future dealings with Britain.

For Jews in the UK and around the world,

however, this election has very little to do with Brexit, and everything to do with the possibility that Corbyn might become prime minister of a significant Western country like the UK.

Why? Because Corbyn is an antisemite. It's as simple as that.

Despite his vehement denials of any prejudice against Jews, or indeed anyone, and despite his protestations that the Labour Party he leads is devoted to fighting racism and prejudice in all its forms, Corbyn clearly despises Jews (except, of course, those Jews who say they will vote for him, although, truthfully, he probably despises them too).

In a dossier published this week, the Jewish Labour Movement (JLM), a veteran socialist affiliate of the UK Labour Party, stunningly revealed that Corbyn "has repeatedly associated with, sympathized with, and engaged in antisemitism."

Accusing the Labour Party of a "hostile response to antisemitism," and of "defending perpetrators," the dossier provides evidence that there has been a "cover-up" regarding antisemitism in the Labour Party — a cover-up that emanates directly from the leader's office.

An anonymous former member of Corbyn's inner team told JLM that when anyone demanded for former London Mayor Ken Livingstone to be excluded from Labour for his antisemitic comments, they were accused of a being part of a "Jewish conspiracy" and of being engaged in a "political smear campaign."

Seamus Milne, Corbyn's head of strategy, when he heard that a Labour member had

been suspended from Labour for virulent antisemitism, asked to have the suspension overturned on the grounds that she was "on friendly terms" with Corbyn.

A former compliance officer also told JLM that cases of "harrowing antisemitic abuse" were "routinely ignored" by Corbyn's office.

What strikes me most about Corbyn and the accusations of antisemitism are his insistent denials, as if we are all too stupid to interpret the evidence.

In a 2009 speech in London, Corbyn described terrorist organizations Hamas and Hezbollah as his "friends" — and although he later claimed to regret his statement, he has been openly friendly with Islamic extremists throughout his decades-long political life.

His assertions that one has to engage with those one disagrees with in order to facilitate solutions ring very hollow; I am not aware that he has ever met with Benjamin Netanyahu, nor even representatives of Israel's Labor Party or mainstream peace camp activists, at any stage of his political life. He has certainly not gone on the record to call them his friends.

In 2012, Corbyn attended a conference in Qatar that included two Palestinian militants that had been recently released by Israel in exchange for a captured soldier: Abdul Aziz Umar, convicted in Israel for his role in a 2003 suicide bombing in Jerusalem, in which seven people were killed; and Husam Badran, a former head of Hamas' military operations who planned suicide bombings that killed more than 100 people. Corbyn found their contributions at the conference "fascinating



Britain's opposition Labour Party leader
Jeremy Corbyn, Dec. 3, 2019.
Photo: Reuters / Lisi Niesner.

and electrifying."

The most insidious threats always come from people who deny that they pose any threat. If someone tells you how honest and straightforward they are, think twice before you invest any money with them. If someone tells you how easygoing they are, be aware that they are probably very sensitive, and just watch your p's and q's.

The effort to lull people into a false sense of security is as old as history itself, and the archetype villain masquerading as an upstanding person is none other than Laban, uncle and father-in-law of Jacob, whose duplicity is recorded in Parshat Vayitzei.

After Jacob completes seven years of working for Laban in return for his daughter Rachel's hand in marriage, Laban, in an act of extraordinary deceit, decides to give Jacob his other daughter — Leah — instead.

But when he is confronted by Jacob, instead of admitting he has done something wrong, he simply dismisses the accusation as unfounded — "this is the way we do things

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A UK Paper and 'The Trouble With Jews Today'



SIMON PLOSKER
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In the run-up to the British general election, the UK media has, for the most part, been relatively sympathetic towards the Jewish community in the face of the Labour Party antisemitism issue.

There is one mainstream media outlet, however, that seemingly has no problem giving a platform to cranks and Jew-haters: *The Independent*.

An opinion piece in that paper by Marxist psychoanalyst Slavoj Zizek was an appalling attack, not only on the British Jewish community, but on Jews in general:

However, the trouble with Jews today is that they are now trying to get roots in a place which was for thousands of years inhabited by other people. That's why I find obscene a recent claim by Ayelet Shaked, the former Israeli justice minister: "The Jewish People have the legal and moral right to live in their ancient homeland." What about the rights of Palestinians?

"The trouble with Jews today."

Yes, you read that correctly.

Not to mention, of course, that Jews have inhabited and have had historical roots in today's Israel going back thousands of years themselves.

This is from a writer who engages in the rhetorical equivalent of stating "some of my best friends are Jews" before attacking them. Zizek makes sure to give himself immunity from accusations of antisemitism by claiming

that he "of course, indisputably reject[s] antisemitism in all its forms."

Except that he clearly doesn't. The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism includes: "Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the State of Israel." Yet for him, Israel is "the trouble with Jews today."

But Zizek is not working from a recognized definition of antisemitism, but his own warped view of what is antisemitic or not. According to him:

we should supplement the standard Israeli point that the (permissible) critique of Israeli policy can serve as a cover for the (unacceptable) antisemitism with its no less pertinent reversal: the accusation of antisemitism is often invoked to discredit a totally justified critique of Israeli politics. Where, exactly, does legitimate critique of Israeli policy become antisemitism? More and more, mere sympathy for the Palestinian resistance is condemned as antisemitic. Take the two-state solution:



Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Britain's chief rabbi,
arrives to attend the National Service of
Remembrance, London, Nov. 10, 2019.
Photo: Reuters / Simon Dawson.

while decades ago it was the standard international position, it is more and more proclaimed a threat to Israel's existence and thus antisemitic. [emphasis added]

The charge that accusations of antisemitism are made in bad faith to smear opponents of Israel and shut down legitimate debate over Israeli policies is a well-worn method of dismissing antisemitism and portraying those who attack Jews and Israel as the real victims.

As David Hirsh, an expert on left-wing antisemitism, points out:

This is a formulation which often appears in response to an accusation of antisemitism, which I have called The Livingstone Formulation (Hirsh 2007; 2010). It is a rhetorical device which enables the user to refuse to engage with the charge made. It is a mirror which bounces back an accusation of antisemitism against anybody who makes it. It contains a counter-charge of dishonest Jewish (or "Zionist") conspiracy.

As for Zizek's accusation that Jews are proclaiming support for a two-state solution to be antisemitic, the mind simply boggles. The very real antisemitism is that which comes from those who support the end of Israel as a Jewish state in its entirety, like the antisemitism from some supporters of Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party.

Attacking Britain's Chief Rabbi

Zizek also calls into question the morality of UK Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, whose op-ed drew widespread attention:

Without mentioning Corbyn by name, the Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis recently

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World News.

Top US Jewish Group Welcomes New Sanctions on Iran-Backed Militia Leaders

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A top US Jewish group praised on Monday a new set of sanctions slapped by the Trump administration on leaders of Iran-backed militias over their alleged roles in the recent killings of anti-government protesters in Iraq.

"We welcome the US sanctions targeting leaders of Iranian proxy militias which slaughtered dozens of innocent Iraqis engaged in peaceful protests last week," Arthur Stark, chairman, and Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman and CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said in a statement. "The Iraqi people are fed up with Iran's increasing role in Iraq's affairs, as evidenced by the ongoing demonstrations against Iranian influence which started in October."

"The ayatollah's quest for dominance in the Middle East has resulted in protests from Beirut to Baghdad, as well as widespread demonstrations by the Iranian people who reject the



Demonstrators run from tear gas thrown by Iraqi security forces in Baghdad, Nov. 12, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Thajer al-Sudani.

regime's hegemonic goals being put before the wellbeing of the citizens under its control," they added. "The Iraqi people do not want to see Iran use their country as a staging ground for attacks against the US, Israel, or Saudi Arabia. They know the potential price that will be paid by their country for Iran's aggression."

"We hope to see more countries increase sanctions and pressure on Iran as it continues to brutally repress those who stand up to its spreading regional aggression," Stark and Hoenlein concluded.

More than 400 people have died in the unrest in Iraq over the past two months.

Lawyer for Israeli-American Woman Imprisoned in Russia Says Case May Be Resolved by 'Political Influence'

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A lawyer for an Israeli-American woman jailed in Russia said that her case would possibly be resolved through "political influence," including a pardon from Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Naama Issachar, 26, was sentenced to seven-and-a-half years imprisonment two months ago for drug smuggling, a charge she vehemently denies. She was caught with a small amount of cannabis at a Russian airport as she waited for a connecting flight.

At a press conference in Israel, Issachar's Russian lawyer Vadim Klyuvgant said, "Naama's case will possibly be examined and brought to an end in Russia through some kind of political influence."

Regarding the possibility of a pardon, he said, "In accordance with Russia's constitution, the president is authorized to pardon any

person without any conditions."

However, he added, "if we sit and deal with speculation, no miracle will happen," and said the lawyers' efforts will remain legal rather than political in nature.

At the moment, he noted, "I do not feel that there is any political involvement in the appeals process. When we feel that there is — we'll report it."

Issachar's Israeli lawyer Avi Haim said, "I see Naama's return home as soon as possible as a national mission of the first order."

He also emphasized a legal rather than political strategy, saying, "We are dealing with legal matters not diplomatic matters. We believe that good professional skills can change judgments and get correct and just legal results."

"We have approached all relevant organizations to deal with Naama's imprisonment and convey a message that the State of Israel is standing behind her," he stated.

that anti-Zionism is antisemitic in nature." It urged both the police and the security department of the RATP — the public transport authority in Paris — to "identify and apprehend the antisemitic, anti-Zionist assailant."

French Jewish legislator Meyer Habib said on Twitter that he had made contact with Yogev, describing him as an Israeli student "molested on the subway for speaking Hebrew." Habib called on France's interior minister, Christophe Castaner, to investigate the attack.

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Badly Beaten

reported to have been attacked. The assailant and his companion are yet to be apprehended. Monday's attack on the Metro came less than a week after French lawmakers voted in favor of a furiously-debated parliamentary resolution that recognized anti-Zionism as a manifestation of antisemitism.

The attack on Yogev for speaking Hebrew in public, the BNVCA commented, "confirms

Sa'ar: Lack of 'Moral Clarity' on Terrorism, Israel is 'Dangerous'



Israel Allies Foundation President Josh Reinstein (left), Knesset member Gideon Sa'ar (center) and IAF Chairman of the Board Dr. Dave Weston at the annual IAF conference in Jerusalem, on Tues., Dec. 10, 2019. Photo: Josh Hasten.

BY JOSH HASTEN / JNS.org

Likud Knesset member Gideon Sa'ar said on Tuesday that the world is currently being endangered by a "lack of moral clarity."

Speaking to 25 pro-Israel parliamentarians from around the world on the final day of the Israel Allies Foundation's annual Chairman's Conference in Jerusalem, Sa'ar said, "Today, around the world, I feel like we are suffering from a lack of moral clarity when it comes to a number of key issues."

Two of those issues in particular, said Sa'ar, who is currently challenging Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for the Likud Party leadership, were "the ongoing war against Islamic extremism and terrorism" and "the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians."

There are nations that excuse or refuse to identify terrorism for what it is, he said, and "are then surprised" when attacks take place in their streets.

Sa'ar went on to call out the recent European High Court of Justice decision requiring EU member states to label Jewish products made in Judea and Samaria, saying it was immoral.

"Let's not pretend for even a minute that we do not know the real reasons behind this decision," he added, going on to state that the ruling was an attempt to delegitimize Jewish presence in the Land of Israel.

"In the decision to mark these Israeli goods, the EU is not acting morally, nor is it acting legally," he said. "Applying rules to Israel that it does not apply anywhere else in the world is against the laws of the World Trade Organization."

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Downing Street

here, the older daughter marries before the younger one," he tells Jacob, implying that Jacob had completely misread the situation.

Rather than acknowledging his misdeed and apologizing, Laban pretends that his contemptible behavior had been misunderstood, and protests his innocence.

At Seder night on Passover, we recall Laban's attempt to destroy the Jewish nation, which seems rather strange if one considers that the purpose of the night is to record the thwarted genocidal intentions of Pharaoh and Egypt many hundreds of years later.

One explanation is that on a night

"This is an attempt to delegitimize the right of the Jewish people to live and build our future in the land of our forefathers," he added.

The world's lack of moral clarity, Sa'ar said, was not only offensive but also "dangerous." When a company in Israel which employs Palestinians is the target of BDS, he said, it is the Palestinians who are harmed and lose their jobs. "Who will be there ready to help them instead? Hamas," he said.

Hamas, he said, would step in and fill that void—while teaching the children to hate Israel.

Sa'ar went on to criticize those governments that support the Palestinian Authority financially, citing the fact that the PA earmarks the funding for its "pay to slay" program whereby terrorists and their families receive financial compensation on a sliding scale based on how many Israelis they murder or wound.

With regard to Israel and its neighbors, he said "there is no bigger mistake than to try and understand our region—the Middle East—according to the norms or standards of totally different neighborhoods around the world."

Sa'ar concluded by thanking the participants on behalf of the Israeli government for a resolution they signed expressing their commitment to the State of Israel and to continue fighting against BDS and antisemitism in their home countries.

"I accept warmly this important statement on behalf of all Israel," he said, "and join you in calling on the EU, and on governments around the world: Do not be blind to the truth. It is time to show moral clarity, when it comes to the [Israeli-Palestinian] conflict, and all the issues in the Middle East."

devoted to Jewish survival, we should not just be focusing on obvious enemies, like Pharaoh, but also on deceptive enemies, like Laban, who act against us while insisting they are our friends, with only our best interests at heart.

Corbyn, should he ever become prime minister, will undoubtedly continue to maintain that he loves Jews, and is doing everything in his power to prevent anything bad from happening to the Jewish community. But like Laban before him, he is not to be trusted.

Let us just pray that he never gets to Downing Street.

World News.



Israeli soldiers conduct a search for Palestinian terror suspects in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Dec. 10, 2018. Photo: Flash90.

In Israel, Some Tech Companies See Combat Experience as a Major Plus

BY MAAYAN MANELA/CTech

It is no secret that Israeli tech companies tend to prefer veterans of military tech and intelligence units as potential employees. However, there are also more than a few companies that are looking for other military skills and who explicitly prefer to hire combat veterans, claiming the unique prowess gained on the battlefield is perfect for handling the stressful and demanding nature of a career in tech.

The technicalities of tech can be taught but the values gained through combat situations are hard to instill in those with no battle experience, Jonathan Attias, co-founder and CEO of Israel-based in-game advertising startup Sayollo Media, said in a recent interview with Calcalist. Attias founded Sayollo together with Eitan Norel, a fellow fighter in Israeli infantry brigade Golani, and nine out of the company's 16 employees have held combat roles in the Israeli military. Warriors are just better at analytical thinking, according to Attias.

"The issues we are dealing with require an ability to weed out the 'bad guys,' and that is a challenge former warriors have experience with," Zohar Levkovitz, co-founder and CEO of Tel Aviv-based startup L1ght, said in an interview. Incorporated as AntiToxin Technologies, L1ght develops tools meant to combat online bullying of kids. "It is not as though we only hire ex-warriors, we also have veterans of Unit 8200 [the Israeli military's equivalent of the NSA] and Unit 801 [the technology unit of Israel's Military Intelligence Directorate]," Levkovitz said.

"I always want to know if a candidate served in a significant military position, regardless of the job they are interviewing for," Nati Avrahami, CEO of information technology company Taldor Group, said in an interview. Avrahami, himself a retired major, defines significant positions as any battle posting, technology elite units, or those who completed officers' training. "It helps me understand the person in front of me; I can tell if they are leaders, if they care, and if they have the necessary drive," he added. It is common knowledge that intelligence unit veterans have an advantage in the Israeli cybersecurity industry, but former warriors have unique qualities that are also crucial to the sector, according to Yifat Bar-Eli, the

general manager of Israel for Tel Aviv-based cybersecurity startup CyberHat. About 40% of the company's local employees were military fighters, she said in an interview. "Warriors do not break down under pressure and can work under extremely stressful and complex circumstances," she added.

Bar-Eli is a former field medic and the company's CEO, Nadav Arbel, also held a combat role. "We share the same values of patriotism and the will to do our part for national security," Bar-Eli said.

"We prefer people that held significant military positions and are on reserve duty because we know we are getting added value," Yoel Zabar, founder and CEO of Israel-based medical device startup Eximo Medical, told Calcalist. Such people are better at independently tackling challenges and obstacles on their way to complete their mission, he explained. "This means there is less need to invest in training and peer review," he added.

As of late 2019, about a third of tech employees in Israel served in combat roles in the military and 11% are veterans of the army's technological units, according to data from Tel Aviv-based tech human resources company Ethosia. According to a 2017 report by Ethosia, 30% of tech managers in Israel are former military warriors, while more recent data shows 20% of those employed at companies founded by tech unit veterans served in the same unit as their bosses. Since a lot of tech hiring is done through personal connections, it creates a company culture shaped after its leaders.

The large portion of tech positions filled by ex-military personnel may raise questions concerning diversity in the workplace. With the Israeli tech industry facing a severe talent crunch in the past few years, many view ultra-Orthodox (Haredi) Jews and Arabs with Israeli citizenship — amounting to 11% and 20% of the population, respectively — as an untapped potential for companies large and small. This type of networking-based hiring, however, is likely to leave out these two minority groups who do not fall under the country's mandatory military service law. It might also marginalize women.

According to Attias, however, a preference for former warriors is a type of affirmative action in favor of those who are less likely to get well-paying jobs than their counterparts who served in technological units.

"Israel faces a dual challenge — security and economic — and cannot function within the reduced framework of a narrow government, which would be a great sorrow for

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UK Paper

wrote in an article for the Times that "a new poison — sanctioned from the top — has taken root in the Labour Party." He conceded: "It is not my place to tell any person how they should vote," though went on to add: "When December 12 arrives, I ask every person to vote with their conscience. Be in no doubt, the very soul of our nation is at stake." I find this presentation of a political choice as a purely moral one ethically disgusting — it reminds me of how, decades ago, the Catholic Church in Italy did not explicitly order citizens to vote for Christian Democracy, but just said that they should vote for a party which is Christian and democratic. [emphasis added]

Chief Rabbi Mirvis called on all people of good moral standing to consider the issue of antisemitism in how they vote. Zizek's criticism is similar to the belief of many Corbyn supporters that the antisemitism issue is merely a bad faith smear used by political enemies to damage the Labour Party.

Having claimed that antisemitism is deployed in bad faith, Zizek goes even further by claiming the same principle concerning the Holocaust:

When protests against the Israel Defense Forces' activities in the West Bank are denounced as an expression of antisemitism, and (implicitly, at least) put in the same line as Holocaust deniers — that is to say, when the shadow of the Holocaust is permanently evoked in order to neutralize any criticism of Israeli military and political operations — it is not enough to insist on the difference between antisemitism and the critique of particular measures of the State of Israel. One should go a step further and claim that it is the State of Israel that, in this case, is desecrating the memory of Holocaust victims, ruthlessly using them as an instrument to legitimize present political measures. [emphasis added]

This is an appalling insult.

Zizek may wish to consider that Holocaust denial has been one of the examples of antisemitism found among some of Jeremy Corbyn's supporters on social media. But it is not Israel or Jews who are abusing the memory of the Holocaust to justify Israeli policies. The real abuse is from those on the Corbynite left who consistently breach the IHRA working definition of antisemitism that refers to "Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis." This is the real desecration of the memory of Holocaust victims: when Palestinians are falsely compared to victims of the Nazis.

Zizek concludes:

As Mirvis wrote, the soul of our nation is indeed at stake here — but also, the soul of the Jewish nation. Will Jews follow Finkelkraut and "take roots," using their sacred history as an ideological excuse, or will they remember that ultimately we are all strangers in a strange land? Will Jews allow Israel to turn into another fundamentalist nation-state, or remain faithful to the legacy that made them a key factor in the rise of modern civil society? (Remember that there is no Enlightenment without the Jews.) For me, to fully support Israeli politics in the West Bank is a betrayal not just of some abstract global ethics, but of the most precious part of Jewish

Israel," Lieberman added.

Also on Monday, Lapid told a Blue and White faction meeting that he would not seek a rotating premiership with Gantz.

When Lapid's Yesh Atid party merged with Gantz's Israel Resilience party last year to form the centrist Blue and White alliance, it was originally agreed that the two men would rotate in the prime minister's office. Polls have consistently shown this to be unpopular, with most Israelis finding Lapid unsuited for the top job.

ethical tradition itself. [emphasis added]

Zizek is simply "othering" British Jews, questioning their soul and making them and Jews in general responsible for Israel — a state whose Jewish history is but an "ideological excuse." It is Jews who may "allow Israel to turn into another fundamentalist nation-state" and it is the "Jewish ethical tradition" that is betrayed by Israeli policies.

Zizek may be able to dress up his bigotry in complicated philosophical language, but it is ultimately clear that, despite his own claims to the contrary, his piece contains clear examples of antisemitism.

A shocking discovery

That such antisemitism escaped the notice of *The Independent's* editors becomes less surprising in light of HonestReporting's discovery that Slavoj Zizek's appalling opinion piece was likely edited or approved by Rivkah Brown, who according to her Twitter feed, started as *The Independent's* new Senior Commissioning Editor only one day prior to the publication of the Zizek piece.

Judging by the tweet below, where she references editing Zizek's content in the past, it appears that she is also responsible for his latest piece.

Fitting that the first thing I edited for @IndyVoices was Slavoj Zizek on antisemitism, and why the fight against it isn't incompatible with the fight against Israeli occupation. Read it: <https://t.co/jS3ZGpZemE>

— Rivkah Brown (@RivkahBrown)

December 3, 2019

According to her Twitter profile, Brown is also an activist for the radical Na'amod: British Jews Against the Occupation, an organization that, in May 2018, was responsible for a few dozen young Jews reciting Kaddish, the Jewish mourning prayer, for fatalities in Gaza — whom a Hamas official had said mostly belonged to the terrorist organization.

Na'amod has also disrupted a StandWithUs UK pro-Israel conference, and organized protests outside the Board of Deputies' headquarters, and at airports before flights to Israel for Birthright tours.

The Independent 'Corrects'

Twenty-four hours later, as a result of the public exposure of Zizek's piece by HonestReporting and others, *The Independent* amended the opinion piece, replacing the phrase "the trouble with Jews today" with "the trouble with the settlement project today."

While *The Independent's* usual modus operandi is to quietly amend articles without acknowledging the error, in this case, Zizek's post now includes the following:

This article was amended on 5 December 2019. We acknowledge that an earlier version of this piece did not meet our own editorial standards.

While an acknowledgement that *The Independent* has been held to account and responded to the pressure is a positive, this still does not excuse the wider problems in the Zizek piece. This one offensive line has been sanitized, but it is still crystal clear what the original intention of Zizek's piece was and still is.

Shame on *The Independent* for even publishing a piece of this nature.

Simon Plosker is Managing Editor of HonestReporting, the world's largest grassroots organization monitoring anti-Israel media bias.

"What is important is not the rotation," Lapid said, according to Israeli news site Mako. "I didn't enter politics for a seat. What is important is the results for students, for the collapse of [hospital] emergency rooms, for the children in shelters in the Gaza border area."

"We are all one big united Blue and White behind Benny Gantz — our candidate for prime minister," Lapid added. "I am not giving up anything. It is a great privilege to be part of Blue and White."

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government will be sorrow for the State of Israel," a play on the Hebrew word "tzara," which means both "narrow" and "sorrow."

U.S. News.

'Daily Princetonian': Student Government Candidate Not Eligible Due to IDF Service

BY JACKSON RICHMAN/JNS.org

An opinion piece published last week by Princeton University's student newspaper stated that a candidate for president of the student government should not be elected because he served in the Israeli military.

Writing in response a few days after a Dec. 3 letter to the editor by junior David Esterlit, Braden Flax, also a junior, stated that Esterlit is a "poor choice" to be president of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) "given his front-and-center background as a member of the Israeli Defense Forces," even though "it is unclear what his role in the organization was, or whether his service was compelled or undertaken according to his own volition."

Nonetheless, wrote Flax, "the fact that he proclaimed his service at the beginning of his letter, and with no caveat or reservation, calls into question both his ability to represent the student body and his moral standing."

Flax's piece compared problems at the university that Esterlit pointed out to allegations against the IDF, which Esterlit served in for three years after taking a leave of absence in 2016.

For example, Esterlit wrote critically about Princeton's financial decisions, including assistance for students, even though, wrote Flax, "he was part of an organization known for the torment and abuse of an entire population of human beings."

Flax also criticized Esterlit's platform for enabling independent students to get to the grocery store in that one should "consider life in Gaza, where blockades have starved out a largely defenseless population. Look up whether or not a food item you regularly consume is permitted into, or has ever been prohibited from, the occupied territories—even imports of chocolate have been choked off."

Lauder Declares \$25 Million Effort to Fight Antisemitism in American Politics

BY JNS.org

Amid the rise of antisemitism in the United States, former US Ambassador to Austria and philanthropist Ronald S. Lauder announced on Monday the launch of the Anti-Semitism Accountability Project (ASAP), investing \$25 million in political campaigns against federal, state and local candidates who support or normalize antisemitism.

The group will focus on candidates from both parties who are on the ballot before or on Election Day in November 2020.

ASAP will produce and run television and digital advertisements, opposition research, grassroots and grassroots outreach, on-campus organizing and rapid response to defeat candidates supporting antisemitic ideas.

"Antisemitism has become fashionable again and for too long, American Jews have been silent. It's time to make our voices heard. It's time to confront our haters, without fear or apology," said Lauder in a statement. "ASAP will finally add real teeth in the fight against antisemitism in American politics and culture. All candidates and American cultural leaders who traffic in hatred against Jews should consider themselves on notice."

The launch of ASAP comes in response to a documented surge in antisemitism across America.

According to a poll commissioned by ASAP and conducted by Douglass Schoen of Schoen Consulting, antisemitism—as defined by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance—has doubled over the past five years. Today, 14 percent of Americans hold antisemitic beliefs, as compared to 7 percent from a survey released by the Anti-Defamation League in 2014.

ASAP will partner with existing organizations working throughout the country to combat antisemitism. ASAP will also respond and take action against institutions and cultural figures who support antisemitism.

The ASAP campaign will be managed by Tusk Strategies, and its founder and CEO Bradley Tusk.

He continued, "Anyone who has represented a government whose policy is abject terror of a chocolate bar is not fit to hold the office of president. Anyone considering Esterlit's competence to bring about justice should examine his professed qualifications. He unabashedly advertises his participation in the Israel Defense Forces, which continuously inflicts injustice that dwarfs proportions of anything most of us have ever encountered."

Neither Daily Princetonian editor-in-chief Chris Murphy nor head opinion editor Cy Watsky responded to a request for comment about why the piece was allowed to run.

The election for USG president began on Monday and concludes on Wednesday.

Esterlit told JNS that he is "disappointed," but "not surprised" at the reaction by some to his candidacy.

"I'm sure many of the hard-left elements



Princeton University in New Jersey. Photo: Flickr.

on campus reflexively pan Israel in order to demonstrate their 'woke' bona fides, without really understanding the situation there," he said. "I think a lot of it stems from an ahistorical perspective of Israel's founding. If you believe Israel perpetrated 'Nazi-like' crimes or some other false craziness, you're unlikely to give the Israeli perspective any consideration."

Esterlit remarked that he "expected better from Princeton students, whom I imagined could think critically."

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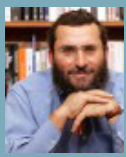
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Opinion.

Nancy Pelosi Could Use a Little Hate

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Last week, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi was asked a question by a reporter: “Do you hate the president, Madam Speaker?”

Pelosi, visibly upset, returned to the podium and responded with reflexive speed: “I don’t hate anybody.”

She then got heated, and began to draw on her faith: “As a Catholic, I resent your using the word ‘hate’ in a sentence that addresses me. I don’t hate anyone. I was raised in a way that is a heart full of love and always pray for the president. So don’t mess with me when it comes to words like that.”

This wasn’t the first time this kind of thing has come up. Back during the 2016 election, Senator Cory Booker claimed that he “loved” Donald Trump half-a-dozen times on live TV. While I’m not here to verify the authenticity of Pelosi’s non-hate or Booker’s superior love for the President, I must ask a simple question:

Why are we always hating on hate?

Today, most of us regard hatred as some sort internal problem that people have — an emotional illness — which, if not tempered by active love, can become dangerous and corrosive. Far from seeing it as something useful, we decry hatred as the emotion most likely to tear everything we have apart.

That’s not entirely wrong. Hatred can be a dangerous emotion, and there’s no doubt about the role hatred has played in the countless persecutions, massacres, and genocides that have plagued our world for thousands of years. The Jews, of course, know this better than most.

Likewise, Pelosi is right that she has no right to hate the President just as the President has no right to hate her. These are political opponents. Their differences are substantive and policy-driven and perhaps even very personal. But neither is deserving of hate as neither is wicked or evil. Indeed, I have long expressed gratitude to Pelosi for her amazing father, Thomas Ludwig John D’Alessandro

Jr., who as a Catholic Congressman from Maryland was a righteous gentile who fought to save Jewish lives during the Holocaust, bucking his Democratic party and President, Franklin Roosevelt, to join the Bergson group and protest American inaction during the genocide of the Jews.

Likewise, I have immense gratitude to President Trump as the greatest friend that Israel has ever had in the Oval Office and for standing up for innocent Muslim life in Syria when he fired cruise missiles at arch-killer Bashar Assad after he gassed Arab children.

But terrorists, murderers, rapists, and tyrant-dictators like Assad of Syria and Khamenei of Iran absolutely deserve our hatred.

Indeed, the problem arises when we refuse to hate. I’ve heard countless Christians say that they love the unequivocally evil — even those as bad as Hitler and Osama bin Laden, and even as they admit the need to fight them — because Jesus expects from them unconditional love.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus *did* tell his followers, “If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also” and enjoined his followers to love their enemies. But the “evil” in question there is both mild and interpersonal. These are our *own* enemies — the kind of people that take your parking spot or your promotion at work.

Jesus, however, said nothing of mass-murderers or those who seek to make life unlivable for the million-fold subjects of their random malice. Such do not qualify as *our* enemies. On the contrary, those who choose to hate, harm, and persecute entire quadrants of humanity are not *our* adversaries, but God’s enemies.

By asking that we turn the other cheek, Jesus did not mean that if Jeremy Corbyn comes to power in Britain, we should allow Louis Farrakhan to become a Senator in Illinois. Instead, he asked that if someone offends you in a personal way, forgive them and transcend the provocation. Any other understanding would make a mockery of one of the great moral teachers of all time.

To be sure, God enjoins us to repel the baseless hatred we feel toward personal enemies. When it comes to His enemies,

however, the Creator demands we respond to their baseless hatred with a righteous version of our own.

In the Bible, God says it clearly: “Those who love the Lord, hate evil!” When facing enemies of unique brutality, the Psalmist King David claimed to “hate them with an infinite loathing.” His son, King Solomon, eternalized the approach in his timeless book of Ecclesiastes: “There is a time to love, and a time to hate.”

Historically too, hatred has proven itself a driving force for justice. Abraham Lincoln said, “I cannot but hate slavery. I hate it because of the monstrous injustice of slavery itself.” Winston Churchill confessed openly, “I hate no man but Hitler.” Alight with righteous hatred, each of these men left a brighter and more just world in their wake.

Today, we must draw on their example and begin feeling a bit more hatred toward those who truly deserve it, like the putrid evil of ISIS and the Mullahs in Iran who over the past two weeks have murdered some 1,000 innocent protesters of their brutal regime. Because what we do not hate we are bound to tolerate, and it is the global tolerance for these evil regimes — especially in Europe, where nine governments recently formed an economic Iron Dome to protect Iran — that is most responsible for perpetuating them.

On the topic of tolerating evil regimes, Speaker Pelosi, who is a friend of Israel and the Jewish people, should express remorse for her support of the Iran nuclear agreement.

Pelosi spent months campaigning for Obama’s disastrous deal with Iran, in which America gave the mullahs an international facelift and \$150 billion cash even as they shot protesters, hanged gays, developed intercontinental ballistic missiles, continued nuclear research and development, blackballed atomic agency inspectors, threatened a second Jewish Holocaust, and tore apart the Middle East. When the deal passed in 2015, Pelosi reportedly spent “weeks” penning “handwritten, personalized thank you notes” to every single House Democrat who backed the deal. She would tell *Politico*, “All I was looking for was winning.” The millions of Syrian, Lebanese, Iraqi, Yemeni, Palestinian, and Israeli citizens being terrorized by Iranian violence surely wanted



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi addresses guests at an event hosted by the Economic Club of Washington in Washington, US, March 8, 2019. Photo: REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque.

more than a Democratic “win” in Washington. Unfortunately, they weren’t the ones Obama and Europe were trying to appease.

What’s more important is that Iran got the message. The violence the regime perpetrated over the last few weeks was monstrous, and aside from mowing down about 1,000 in the streets they imprisoned some 7,000 more. At the very least, this time around there’s an administration looking to hold them accountable.

During the protests, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, a hero when it comes to human liberty and freedom, asked Iranians to forward videos of the protests to the State Department so that Iran could be held responsible for the crimes committed against its people. Brian Hook, the State Department’s special representative for Iran, described one, which I feel the need to include in its entirety, to depict just how evil this regime is:

“Without warning, the IRGC [Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps] opened fire on the protesters, killing several people,” Hook said. “Many of the protesters fled to nearby marshlands to escape. The IRGC tracked them down and surrounded them with machine guns mounted on trucks. They then sprayed the protesters with bullets. Between the rounds of machine gun fire, the screams of the victims can be heard. When it was over, the regime loaded the bodies on trucks. We do not yet know where these bodies went.”

Despite the video, and 31,999 more, Speaker Pelosi still hasn’t changed her tune on Iran.

So, Madam Speaker, perhaps the time has come for you to let go of loving Trump and embrace some righteous hatred of Iran.

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The WhatsApp Crisis: Cracks in Iran’s Soft Power Strategy

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The “WhatsApp crisis” in Lebanon revealed a crack in Iran’s grand diplomatic strategy of using its proxies to push ideological soft power concurrently with hard power. Since 1979, Tehran has been trying to brand itself as the epicenter of the Islamic Revolution. That notion is being challenged — not by Lebanese tanks and Iraqi bullets, but by citizens armed with smartphones.

No matter what Iran might want, the people of the Middle East yearn to be connected to the world, and their access to

social media allows them to make contact. Their smartphones provide an excellent window through which Western diplomacy can reach previously inaccessible populations. Social media cannot create political change all by itself, but it can generate powerful sparks.

The WhatsApp messaging service has passed 1.5 billion users worldwide. For citizens of countries like Lebanon and Iraq, WhatsApp enables them to be connected to the rest of the planet at almost zero cost.

Ousted Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri made a career-ending mistake when he attempted to tax WhatsApp usage as a means of compensating for the decline in usage of the national cellular companies. This attack on citizens’ connection to the world generated massive protests in Tripoli, Beirut, and



Lebanese citizens protest in Beirut on Nov. 10, 2019. Photo: Freimut Bahlo via Wikimedia Commons.

Baghdad as well.

The initial demonstrations, which erupted solely to protest the proposed WhatsApp tax, evolved quickly into a forum for the expression of resentment toward Iran’s influence in protests in both Lebanon and Iraq.

Iran was clearly unnerved by this. Qassem Soleimani, head of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps’ shadowy Quds Force, was quickly dispatched to shut down the protests. Immediately after the first big protests in Iraq were launched, he flew uninvited by helicopter to the Iraqi Green Zone. That area is reserved solely for Iraqi government offices, and Iraqi Prime Minister Abdel-Mahdi and several high-ranking Iraqi security officials were surprised by his arrival.

The latest wave of protests across the

region may not lead to real political change, but it reveals cracks in Iran’s influence in countries it controls by proxy.

Today’s protests in Lebanon are much different from those of 2005. The protests of that era were driven by fury over the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri (father of Saad) and were directed against the Syrian regime.

In today’s protests, when Lebanese and Iraqis say “no more,” they are referring to Iran. It’s not only about Syria anymore.

Iran still holds strong influence among its proxies’ governments and militias, such as Hezbollah in Lebanon, the regime of Bashar Assad in Syria, and the Iraqi Mobilization Forces (PMF). But the people under the control of those proxies are beginning to chafe. This is why Hezbollah is worried. At first, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, the head of Hezbollah, claimed the organization “stands for the protesters” and “expresses the pain of the people” — but supporters of Iran and Hezbollah are now taking the streets of Beirut back from the protesters while waving the armed movement’s yellow flags.

The more violence is committed against the protesters, the more likely it is that this “digital spring” will become a cold winter.

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Opinion.

Macron's Unsettling Words: 'Until Our Dead Can Sleep in Peace'



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One of the criticisms leveled at the numerous Holocaust memorials dotted around Europe is their alleged tendency to, as an American Jewish leader memorably put it to me, "encourage Europeans to commemorate dead Jews, and ignore what's happening to the living Jews."

But even that goal appears beyond reach these days. French President Emmanuel Macron inadvertently said as much last week when he pledged, in the wake of the desecration of 107 graves in a Jewish cemetery in the eastern Alsace region, that France would fight antisemitism "until our dead can sleep in peace."

There was, of course, little doubt as to Macron's essential point: Antisemitism in his own country and in the rest of Europe is becoming so intolerable that even the dead are impacted. Still, his choice of words will have reminded many listeners that Europe's history means its lands are full of dead Jews, most of them in unmarked graves. They may also have been unsettled by the sense of despair lurking within Macron's comment: *We can't even protect dead Jews anymore*, he seemed to be saying.

In fact, the desecration of Jewish cemeteries by far-right elements in France is hardly unknown. During the 1980s, nearly a dozen Jewish cemeteries were vandalized in different parts of the country. Famously, in May 1990, 200,000 people attended a protest demonstration after gravestones at the cemetery in Carpentras, a historic Jewish center in France, were daubed with swastikas by a group of violent neo-Nazis. Most gruesomely, the desecrators exhumed a body from one of the graves and left it on display with a Star of David rammed through the chest.

At the time of the Carpentras outrage, French political leaders and the Jewish community were united in pointing the finger of blame at the late Jean Marie Le Pen, who was then in his heyday as the leader of neo-fascist National Front and enjoying a growing hold on the French public. "Mr. Le Pen, who has frequently insulted France's 700,000 Jews and 3.4 million Arab immigrants, denied that his party was responsible for the desecration of the graves," reported *The New York Times* on May 12, 1990. "I don't feel guilty at all," he said. "I condemn those who did this."

The same report quoted the observation of the then Chief Rabbi of France, Joseph Sitruk, that a "civilization that does not respect the dead is headed toward destruction of the living." And so it has come to pass in France since Sitruk spoke those words. Not just the desecration of Jewish cemeteries, but the torture and murder of ordinary, unassuming French Jews like Ilan Halimi, just 23, or Mireille Knoll, an 81-year-old Holocaust survivor; terrorist attacks against synagogues, schools, and kosher supermarkets in which dozens have been killed or wounded; the steady drumbeat of antisemitic rhetoric, much of it camouflaged as "anti-Zionism," from French Islamists and their sympathizers, along with a dizzying array of extreme left and far right factions.

Barely a year can pass, it seems, without some episode or incident in France that compels its ancient Jewish community to wonder whether they have a future there at all.

Indeed, while it would be impertinent to ask the polite and diplomatically savvy Jewish leaders of France whether they ever get fed up of hearing the same speech of reassurance from successive generations of politicians, one imagines that at least some of them must grit their teeth. It is not that Macron is insincere. It's that the gravitas of his words — for example, "Jews are and make France; those who attack them, even in their graves, are not worthy of the idea we have of France" — bear little correspondence to the experience of French Jews, for whom antisemitic acts of one sort or another are a daily experience.

Even more grave is that among all the hand-wringing, the forces that could make a difference — law-enforcement agencies, social workers, the judiciary — have signally failed to do so. Before this year is out, we



France's President Emmanuel Macron speaks to an advisor at the plenary session of the NATO summit on December 4, 2019.
Photo: Ludovic Marin/Pool via REUTERS.

will know for sure whether there will be a criminal trial for the murder, in April 2017, of Sarah Halimi — a 65-year-old Jewish woman who was beaten to death in her own home by a young intruder, Kobili Traore, who bellowed antisemitic abuse at his victim during the ordeal. At present, the indications from France are that Traore will escape the charge of first-degree murder aggravated by antisemitism because, on the night of Halimi's murder, he smoked cannabis in a quantity that left him, according to prosecutors and psychiatrists, without any "discernment" — in effect, irresponsible by dint of temporary insanity. Instead of answering for his crimes and going to prison, Traore, who appeared at a court hearing earlier this month where he apologized for the murder, may find himself in the more benevolent environment of a psychiatric hospital.

And French Jews will again ask the same questions of their civilization.

The way to break this pattern — in France and more broadly across Europe — is to toughen the legal sanctions for hate crimes against Jews and other minorities. As the president of a republican democracy, Macron cannot, of course, influence the final decision in the Sarah Halimi case. But if Halimi's family and her memory are denied justice, it is within his power to implement the lessons of that outcome. He might even start, taking Traore's own defense as a point of departure, with a legal reform that would enable the prosecution of racist and antisemitic offenders irrespective of whether or not they ingested cannabis before committing their crimes.

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Jacob

royalty." means "upright." Both of these are in sharp contrast with the name "Jacob," one who "holds on to his brother's heel."

How then are we to understand what, first the stranger, then God, said to Jacob? Read it not as, "You will no longer be called Jacob but Israel." Instead read it as, "Let your name no longer be Jacob but Israel," meaning, "Act in such a way that this is what people call you." B This would turn out to be a challenge not just then but many times in the Jewish future.

Often, Jews have been content to be themselves. But from time to time, they have come into contact with a civilization whose intellectual, cultural and even spiritual sophistication was undeniable. It made them feel awkward, inferior, like a villager who comes to a city for the first time. Jews lapsed into the condition of Jacob. They wanted to be someone else.

The first time we hear this is in the words of the Prophet Ezekiel: "You say, 'We want to be like the nations, like the peoples of the world, who serve wood and stone.' But what you have in mind will never happen" (Ez. 20:32). In Babylon, the people encountered an impressive empire whose military and economic success contrasted radically with their own condition of exile and defeat. Some wanted to stop being Jews and become someone else, anyone else.

We hear it again in the days of the Greeks. Some Jews became Hellenised. We recognise that in the names of High Priests like Jason and Menelaus. The battle against this is the story of Chanukah. Something similar happened in the days of Rome. Josephus was one of those who went over to the other side, though he remained a defender of Judaism.

It happened again during the Enlightenment. Jews fell in love with European culture. With philosophers like Kant and Hegel, poets like Goethe and Schiller, and musicians like Mozart and Beethoven. Some were able to integrate this with faithfulness to Judaism as creed and deed — figures like Rabbis Samson

Raphael Hirsch and Nehemiah Nobel. But some did not. They left the fold. They changed their names. They hid their identity. None of us is entitled to be critical of what they did. The combined impact of intellectual challenge, social change, and incendiary antisemitism, was immense. Yet this was a Jacob response, not an Israel one.

It is happening today in large swathes of the Jewish world. Jews have overachieved. Judaism, with some notable exceptions, has underachieved. There are Jews at or near the top of almost every field of human endeavour today, but all too many have either abandoned their religious heritage or are indifferent to it. For them, being Jewish is a slender ethnicity, too thin to be transmitted to the future, too hollow to inspire.

We have waited so long for what we have today and have never had simultaneously before in all of Jewish history: independence and sovereignty in the state of Israel, freedom and equality in the diaspora. Almost everything that a hundred generations of our ancestors prayed for has been given to us. Will we really (in Lin-Manuel Miranda's phrase) throw away our shot? Will we be Israel? Or will we show, to our shame, that we have not yet outlived the name of Jacob, the person who wanted to be someone else? Jacob was often fearful because he was not sure who he wanted to be, himself or his brother. That is why God said to him, "Let your name not be Jacob but Israel." When you are afraid, and unsure of who you are, you are Jacob. When you are strong in yourself, as yourself, you are Israel.

Jacob seems to have wrestled with this throughout his life, and we still do today. It takes courage to be different, a minority, countercultural. It's easy to live for the moment like Esau, or to "be like the peoples of the world" as Ezekiel said.

I believe the challenge issued by the angel still echoes today. Are we Jacob, embarrassed by who we are? Or are we Israel, with the courage to stand upright and walk tall in the path of faith?

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WhatsApp Crisis

As Nasrallah put it, "This chaos will lead to security anarchy."

In Iraq, the incessant siphoning of public funds to pro-Iranian militias has brought a strong anti-Iranian sentiment to the fore among Iraqis who are tired of Tehran interfering in their domestic issues. Not long ago, Iraqi protesters burned Iranian flags in front of Iran's consulate in Karbala. Iraqi army snipers killed 150 protesters in October by shooting at their heads, and Iran is being blamed for those deaths. The protests have also led top Iraqi officials to step down.

Whether meaningful political change will result from the protests remains to be seen, but the seed of change has been planted. Iran will continue to do everything it can to stay upright during this wave of protests. It is as focused as ever on its ultimate goal: to become the dominant military superpower in the region.

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Know Your Worth as a Jew



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I was born in Israel to Jewish parents, Rachel and Mordecai Paldiel, and never knew my maternal grandfather, because he was killed in Israel's 1948 War of Independence. My mother went into labor in an Israeli bomb shelter during the Six Day War in 1967, while my father fought to liberate the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City.

Born into conflict, I knew there were

enemies of Israel, armed and ever-present, who sought to destroy us. I learned to fear them.

Many of those fears were left behind when we moved to Cherry Hill, New Jersey five years later. In America, we found a thriving, kindred Jewish community and neighbors with outstretched arms.

After graduating from Cherry Hill High School West, I headed for the New Jersey coast to study communications at Monmouth University. By this time, college campuses were rallying against apartheid, the system of institutionalized racial segregation that existed in South Africa. Student activism and social justice were never far from my mind,

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but still my environment was unplagued by concerns about antisemitism in the US.

Antisemitism existed in the world around me, but it was far different than the physical threats from my infancy. The news would note the rising hate crimes against Jewish families in nearby Brooklyn, the occasional desecration of a shul with antisemitic graffiti, or public figures invoking Nazi imagery and words. Unfortunately, antisemitism lurked in the shadows — at least in the United States.

My true call to action came later in life, during season eight of *The Real Housewives of New Jersey*. In the middle of a dispute about the integrity of a fashion designer, Margaret Josephs, another housewife, turned to me and said: “But Siggy, Hitler would have not killed me. Does that make him a good person?”

Something woke up inside of me with those words. My father, Dr. Mordecai Paldiel, was a Holocaust survivor who went on to become a director of the department for the Righteous Among the Nations at Yad Vashem. After bringing my frustration to the other housewives and asking them to admit that invoking Hitler outside of the context of the Holocaust was wrong, they remained silent.

So, I resigned.

Antisemitism takes many forms. In my family’s history, antisemites took the form of armed soldiers marching to destroy the Old City — everything sacred and wondrous for Jews, Arabs, Muslims, and Christians in Israel. In reality, and especially in the United States, antisemitism is passive but pervasive still.

Now, just two years after that incident on Housewives, antisemitism is on the rise in America. What’s more, antisemites have found new avenues to influence attitudes in the US, mainly through the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, prominent on many college campuses.

The founders of the global BDS movement have made clear that they are not interested in change at the Israeli policy level, but seek to end Israel’s existence altogether. By nature, BDS targets Israeli civilians and business owners — inflicting maximum pressure on individuals — but hardly impacts the Israeli government.

According to a recently released survey by the American Jewish Committee (AJC), 82% of US Jews view the BDS movement’s delegitimization of Israel as fundamentally antisemitic.

American proponents of BDS make significantly more damning declarations against Israel than my classmates did challenging apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid in South Africa viciously enforced laws designed to separate racial groups into distinct social hierarchies. This is not the case in Israel. Israeli Arabs have full civil rights, vote in elections, and even sit on Israel’s highest court.

In hospitals and clinics and in the ambulances of Magen David Adom, Israel’s emergency medical services (EMS) organization, Jewish and Arab doctors, nurses, and EMTs work together to provide outstanding care to all patients. The conditions in occupied zones are also distinct — the delicate result of years of fighting, false promises, and wrongdoing on both sides. Really, BDS is thinly veiled antisemitism calling for the destruction of the only democracy in the Middle East.

All those years when I was growing up, on Shabbat, my father would tell stories. I would say, “Lamah, lamah? Why do we need to hear the same stories?” He would reply, “If we don’t tell stories from the past, we have no future.”

Now more than ever, it’s important to stand up. I challenge you to #KnowYourWorth as a Jew, especially when confronted by ignorance and hate.

And most important, know that we are all survivors.

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As Jews, We Must Never Give Up — and Always Rise Up

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“Mommy, who is going to hide us if there is another Holocaust?” I asked when I was seven years old. There was a moment of silence, and hastily, my mom assured me that there was no way a Holocaust would happen again: “We are very fortunate to live in America during this time, and we should always be grateful for the freedoms we have.”

I put aside my doubts. But when I was 10, my family and I went to Israel, and my fears and questions resurfaced.

It was during our visit to Yad Vashem (Israel’s Holocaust museum) that I lost some of my innocence. Video testimony of a woman who hid in the closet as her parents were forcibly removed, never to be seen again, haunts me to this day. New questions arose: Why the Jews? Why would the Nazis — or anyone — kill people for their beliefs?

However, when my so-called “irrational” fear of a temple shooting became a reality, I was horrified. Anger erupted when I saw the headline, “Shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue.” How could someone harbor so much hatred towards others? How could someone use his gift of life to ruin others? How could someone think that killing is the answer?

One friend tried to reassure me that only 11 people died. My heart sank. Have we become so immune to shootings and terror that we find comfort in the number 11? It is 11 souls, 11 hearts, 11 families, 11 dreams shattered. For what?

Six months after the Tree of Life shooting, there was another at Chabad of Poway in California; I crumbled inside. Despite the many precautions — alarm systems, security guards, metal detectors, cameras — people are still capable of entering our sanctuaries with guns.

How has this become our reality, the world we



*Memorial to Jewish children murdered by the Nazis, at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, April 11, 2011.
Photo: Avishai Teicher via Wikimedia Commons.*

live in? Suddenly, there was so little fight left in me. Once again, the Jewish people were faced with yet another challenge. It led me to ask my most complex question: “How do the Jewish people always rise up, in spite of the hate?” For centuries, Jews faced discrimination, persecution, and antisemitism, but at just 17 years of age, I felt defeated. How had these people overcome for so long?

How did this happen? The questions were endless, and very few answers made sense. The horrific stories and graphic pictures gave me nightmares, and I became scared of being Jewish. As my Bat Mitzvah approached, my anxiety rose. My greatest fear was that the people I loved most would attend my Bat Mitzvah only to be confronted by a shooter.

On Instagram, I saw more than 200 posts of support and advocacy swarming my feed. And there it was — the answer to my question. Once again, I was lifted by my Jewish community, and inspired to combat this hatred. Those who deny that antisemitism still exists simply do not understand that discrimination takes many forms, and that while we have moved past gas chambers and ghettos, we now face new threats.

We, the Jewish people, realize that we fight and we rise simply because it is imperative to our continuity. Frankly, there is no other choice. As a people, we refuse to be silenced. We proudly live for those deprived of life, and we will never stop fighting to create the world that we know is capable of existing. *Avi Kurtz is a junior in high school and the 2019-2020 StandWithUs high school intern at Forsyth Country Day School.*

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: NINETY-FOURTH & SOLES, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 06/24/2019. 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: Joseph R.Jean JR 1128 east 43RD Street Brooklyn, NY 11210. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 11/8/15/22/29: 12/6/13

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name:BEDROCK STRATEGIES, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/13/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Alex Castro 887 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226 purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 11/8/15/22/29: 12/6/13

605 HALSEY STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/19. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 151-69 134th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ; 11/8/15/22/29; 12/6/13

Notice of Formation of BRANED ENTERPRISES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/28/19. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 56 Gold St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Damascus Bakery, Inc. at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ; 11/8/15/22/29; 12/6/13

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: LA VEA STATIONERY LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/27/2019. 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: La VEA Stationery LLC 85 E 43RD st.,Apt. A1 Brooklyn, NY 11203. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 11/15/22/29; 12/6/13/20

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: QUALITYSNAPZ,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 03/09/2017. Office location: Bronx 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 4460 Byron Ave bronx, NY 10466. Purpose: all lawful activity
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AP Auto Enterprises, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/23/19. County: Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it

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may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Thriftway, Attn: Alex Perchuk, 2116 Ave P, 2nd Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: any lawful act.
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BARRY R. CLARKE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/19. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, c/o Barry R. Clarke, 144 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11226. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law.
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS INDEX NO. 503069/2019 REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff, Plaintiff designates KINGS as the place of trial situs of the real property vs. ENOS BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, BYRON BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, EVON BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, MELODY BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, CLIVE BROWN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF IVY BROWN any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE LINDEN GARDENS CONDOMINIUM, SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 250/260 LINDEN BOULEVARD, APARTMENT 4G BROOKLYN, NY 11226 District: Section: Block: 4868 Lot: 1030 "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within

the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$600,000.00 and interest, recorded on August 12, 2009, at Instrument number CRFN 2009000252225, of the Public Records of KINGS County, New York, covering premises known as 250/260 LINDEN BOULEVARD, APARTMENT 4G BROOKLYN, NY 11226. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. KINGS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Christina Bruderman, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675
AJ; 11/29; 12/6/13/20

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006- WMC2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2, Plaintiff AGAINST Sadaqat Choudhary a/k/a Sadaqat A. Choudhary; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 14, 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 January 9, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 7601 20th Avenue, 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 NY, Block 6240 Lot 10. Approximate amount of judgment \$732,600.13 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500807/2015. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 26, 2019
AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. MERLEY ALLEYNE A/K/A MERLEY C. ALLEYNE, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Pursuant to

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CPLR 2004 Extending the Time To Set Sale and To Ratify Sale Nunc Pro Tunc filed June 14, 2019 and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 1, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 9, 2020 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 9101 Avenue N, 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 8275 and Lot 9. Approximate amount of judgment is \$365,355.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510655/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.
AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County, WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2015-1, Plaintiff, -against- JOSE VALDEZ; COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; GENESIS VALDEZ; NADIA COLON; EMMANUEL VALDEZ; NADIA VALDEZ; ISABELLE VALDEZ; YOLANDA RUIZ; MERIAM RUIZ, Index No. 510698/2016. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, June 25, 2019 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on July 3, 2019, Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 44 Hemlock Street, Brooklyn, New York 11208 at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, Room 224, on January 9, 2020 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 4106; Lot: 60 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 510698/2016. The approximate amount of judgment is \$515,177.38 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2006-3, Adjustable Rate Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Sharifa Small, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/12/2016 and entered on 9/27/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 09, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 166 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1620, LOT: 50. Approximate amount of judgment is \$973,919.86 plus inter-

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ests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 012554/2009. Jacob Gelfand, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff against REGINA WILLIAMS, ANDRE WILLIAMS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 27, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 9th day of January, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 587 Schroeders Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11239. (Block: 4586, Lot: 898) Approximate amount of lien \$ 185,859.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 505226-13. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400
AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL3, Plaintiff against KAMWIL DUPONT, et al, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 2, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 9th day of January, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 31st Street distant 400 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 31st Street with the northerly side of Tilden Avenue; THENCE westerly parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE northerly parallel with East 31st Street, 25 feet; THENCE easterly again parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet to the westerly side of East 31st Street; and THENCE southerly along said westerly side of East 31st Street, 25 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises known as 108 East 31st Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11226. (Block: 4901, Lot: 21). Approximate amount of lien \$ 560,911.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501492-14. Jacob Gelfand, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street, Suite 700 White Plains, NY. 10606 (914) 949-2574
AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

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Tradition.

No Longer Shall You Be Called Jacob



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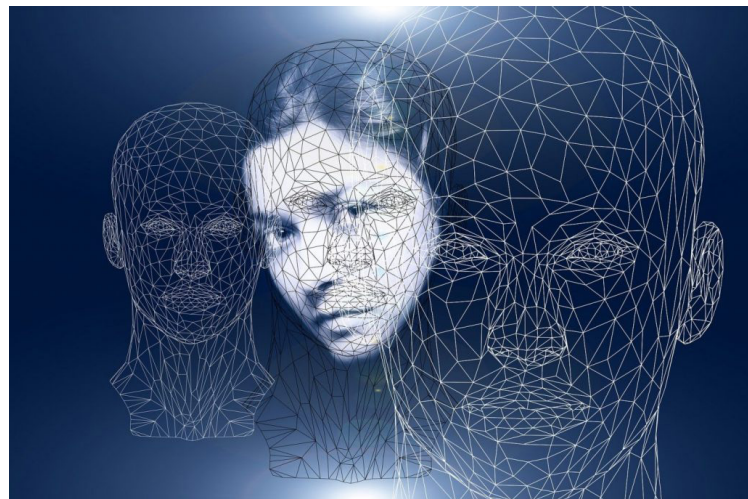
One fact about this week's parsha has long perplexed the commentators. After his wrestling match with the unnamed adversary, Jacob was told: "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with beings Divine and human, and have prevailed" (Gen. 32:29, JPS translation). Or "Your name will no longer be said to be Jacob, but Israel. You have become great (sar) before God and man. You have won." (Aryeh Kaplan translation).

This change of name takes place not once but twice. After the encounter with Esau, and the episode of Dina and Shechem, God told Jacob to go to Beth El. Then we read: "After Jacob returned from Paddan Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him. God said to him, 'Your name is Jacob, but you

tense, as used in the Torah, means the near future, not the distant one, unless explicitly specified.

This is just one mystery among many when it comes to Jacob's character and his relationship with his brother Esau. So difficult is it to understand the stories about them that, to make sense of them, they have been overlaid in Jewish tradition with a thick layer of Midrash that makes Esau almost perfectly evil and Jacob almost perfectly righteous. There is a clear need for such Midrash, for educational purposes. Esau and Jacob, as portrayed in the Torah, are too nuanced and complex to be the subject of simple moral lessons for young minds. So Midrash gives us a world of black and white, as Maharatz Chajes explained.

The biblical text itself, though, is far more subtle. It does not state that Esau is bad and Jacob is good. Rather, it shows that they are two different kinds of human being. The contrast between them is like the one made by Nietzsche between the Greek figures of Apollo and



will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel.' So He named him Israel" (Gen. 35:9-10).

Note, first, that this is not an adjustment of an existing name by the change or addition of a letter, as when God changed Abram's name to Abraham, or Sara's to Sarah. It is an entirely new name, as if to signal that what it represents is a complete change of character. Second, as we have seen, the name change happened not once but twice. Third – and this is the puzzle of puzzles – *having said twice that his name will no longer be Jacob, the Torah continues to call him Jacob.* God Himself does so. So do we, every time we pray to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. How so, when the Torah twice tells us that his name will no longer be Jacob?

Radak suggests that "your name will no longer be called Jacob" means, "your name will no longer only be called Jacob." You will have another name as well. This is ingenious, but hardly the plain sense of the verse. Sforino says, "In the Messianic Age, your name will no longer be called Jacob." This, too, is difficult. The future

Dionysus. Apollo represents reason, logic, order, self-control; Dionysus stands for emotion, passion, nature, wildness and chaos. Apollonian cultures value restraint and modesty; Dionysian ones go for ostentation and excess. Jacob is Apollonian, Esau, Dionysiac.

Or it may be that Esau represents the Hunter, considered a hero in many ancient cultures, but not so in the Torah, which represents the agrarian and pastoral ethic of farmers and shepherds. With the transition from hunter-gatherer to farmer-and-herdsman, the Hunter is no longer a hero and instead is seen as a figure of violence, especially when combined, as in the case of Esau, with a mercurial temperament. It is not so much that Esau is bad and Jacob good, but that Esau represents the world that was, while Jacob represents, if sometimes tentatively and fearfully, a new world about to be brought into being, whose spirituality would be radically different, new and challenging.

The fact that Jacob and Esau were twins is fundamental. Their

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tiff AGAINST Necta Dupuy; Frantzy Dupuy; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 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 January 9, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 8610 Avenue North, 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 8083 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$703,916.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 1128/13. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: October 25, 2019 For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff AGAINST Winston Rose; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 26, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 9, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 664 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 3840 Lot: 37. Approximate amount of judgment \$545,094.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold

relationship is one of the classic cases of sibling rivalry. Key to understanding their story is what Rene Girard called mimetic desire: the desire to have what someone else has, because they have it. Ultimately, this is the desire to be someone else.

That is what the name Jacob signifies. It is the name he acquired because he was born holding on to his brother Esau's heel. That was consistently his posture during the key events of his early life. He bought his brother's birthright. He wore his brother's clothes. At his mother's request, he took his brother's blessing. When asked by his father, "Who are you, my son?" He replied, "I am Esau, your firstborn."

Jacob was the man who wanted to be Esau. Why so? Because Esau had one thing he did not have: his father's love. "Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebecca loved Jacob."

All that changed in the great wrestling match between Jacob and the unknown stranger. Our Sages teach us that this stranger was an angel in disguise. After they fight, he tells Jacob that his name would now be Israel. The stated explanation of this name is: "for you have wrestled with God and with man and have prevailed." It also resonates with two other senses. Sar means "prince,

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subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6131/2013. Stuart Adler, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 7, 2019 AJ; 12/6/13/20/27

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 16th day of January, 2020 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; 12/13/20/27; 1/3

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: DS TECHNICAL CREATIVE, LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/17/2019 . Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: David Scheideler 428 Lexington Ave Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: All lawful activity AJ; 12/13/20/27; 1/3/10/17

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR3, V. OLGA BORTNIKOVA; ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR3 is the Plaintiff and OLGA BORTNIKOVA; ET AL. are the 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 January 16, 2020 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2515 E 63RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234: Block 8461, Lot 18: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500890/2016. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 12/13/20/27; 1/3

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT. COUNTY OF KINGS. ASPEN G REVOCABLE TRUST, Pltf. vs. SOPHIE GRAND, et al, Defts. Index #518773/2018. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Nov. 13, 2019, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on January 16, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 1141 East 10th Street, Brooklyn, NY a/k/a Block 6536, Lot 69. Said property beginning at a point on the easterly side of East 10th Street, distant 342 ft. 8 inches Southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of East 10th Street with the southerly side of Avenue K, being a plot 100 ft. x 17 ft. 4 inches. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$333,277.72 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. CHARLANE BROWN, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #98018 AJ; 12/13/20/27; 1/3

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff – against – RIFKY GRUNHUT, A/K/A RIVKY GRUNHUT et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 3, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at room 261, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 16th Day of January, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, County of Kings, State of New York. Premises known as 1139 42nd Street, Brooklyn, (City of New York) New York 11219. (Block: 5592, Lot: 64) Approximate amount of lien \$772,321.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11902/2013. Mark Longo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: October 22, 2019 AJ; 12/13/20/27; 1/3

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-9, Plaintiff AGAINST Raja M. Javed a/k/a Raja M. Javid a/k/a Javed Raja, Khawar Latif Raja, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/3/2017 and entered on 1/24/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 16, 2020 at 02:30 PM premises known as 2076 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. 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: 7807, LOT: 78. Approximate amount of judgment is \$594,467.91 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511373/2014. Richard Klass, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 12/13/20/27; 1/3

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Actor Sacha Baron Cohen arrives at the European Premiere of *Alice Through the Looking Glass* at a cinema in London, Britain, May 10, 2016. Photo: Reuters / Paul Hackett / File.

UK Actor Sacha Baron Cohen Shares Honor of Golden Globes Nomination for 'The Spy' With Executed Israeli Agent Eli Cohen's Family

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

British-Jewish actor Sacha Baron Cohen was nominated on Monday for a Golden Globe for his role as famous Israeli agent Eli Cohen in the Netflix miniseries "The Spy."

Golden Globes nominations were announced early Monday on the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Facebook page and Cohen received a nomination for "Best Performance by an Actor in a Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television."

Following the news, he wrote on Twitter, "I am hugely proud of The Spy and thrilled that it has been seen and embraced by audiences around the globe. I share this recognition with Eli Cohen's family and

everyone who worked on The Spy."

He added, "A heartfelt thank you to the members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for this honour. I have long wanted to move away from comedy and do something uncommercial, not reliant on jokes, that few people would see."

"The Spy," a six-episode miniseries, is based on the true story of Eli Cohen being selected by the Mossad to infiltrate the Syrian government in the 1960s using a fake persona as a wealthy businessman named Kamel Amin Thaabet. The Syrian government eventually discovered Cohen's true identity and he was publicly hanged in Damascus in May 1965.

The 77th Annual Golden Globes Awards will air live NBC on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020.

New Marvel 'Black Widow' Trailer With Scarlett Johansson Features Israel Reference

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A teaser trailer for Marvel's new film "Black Widow," starring Jewish actress Scarlett Johansson in the lead role, was released on Monday and suggests that the hero may have a connection to the Israeli government.

In one scene, Black Widow, also known as Natasha Romanoff, is looking through her various identification cards and on the table in front of her is a document that has the official stamp of the Israeli government, hinting that Romanoff may have worked for the Jewish state at some point.

The official Israeli document in the trailer was



Photo: Screenshot.

first spotted by the blog *Israellycool*.

"I think you'll learn about what Natasha is afraid of, and I think you'll learn about what parts of herself she's afraid of," Johansson told *CNN* about the new film. "You really see her in, like, a pretty broken-down place, and she kinda has to build herself back up."

Patriots Wide Receiver Julian Edelman Wears Custom Cleats to Support Israeli Baseball

BY JNS.org

New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman wore customized cleats on Sunday against the Kansas City Chiefs to support baseball in Israel.

His blue shoes donned a Star of David and the Israel Baseball Association's logo as part of the NFL's "My Cause, My Cleats" campaign. They will be auctioned to

raise money for the IBA.

In an Instagram post with a picture of the cleats, Edelman said he visited Israel in 2015 for the first time, and that the trip was "meaningful" and "helped shape my perspective on things."

"This year my cleats will benefit the Israel Baseball Association. They do so much for the Israeli community, bringing together people of all ages through the love of the game," wrote Edelman in the post. "They also



New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman wore these cleats on Dec. 8, 2019 in support of baseball in Israel. Photo: Julian Edelman/Instagram.

support minor league youth baseball in Israel, and if you know anything about me, you know I lived for little league."

"The Hebrew on the cleats says *yalla*, which means, 'let's go,' because for the first time in the country's history, Israel is going to compete in baseball in the Olympics," he continued. "Baseball has always been my second favorite sport, and I'm pumped to see what those studs can do in Japan. Yalla!"

Edelman scored a touchdown as the Chiefs defeated the Patriots, 23-16, ending New England's streak of 21 wins at home.

Last year, Edelman wore customized cleats honoring the 11 victims of the Oct. 2018 shooting at Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh, as part of the "My Cause, My Cleats" campaign.

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