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## Israeli Soldier Killed by Rock Thrown During West Bank Arrest Op



A Palestinian rioter runs away from tear gas fired by Israeli forces in the West Bank village of Yabad, near Jenin, May 12, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Mohamad Torokman.

BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

An Israeli soldier died after being struck in the head by a rock thrown from a rooftop during an arrest raid in the West Bank on Tuesday, the military said.

The incident was a departure from a relative lull in lethal violence in the West Bank as Palestinians and Israelis have curbed

movements and, to a degree, cooperated on measures in response to the coronavirus crisis.

The Israeli military said the soldier — identified as 21-year-old Amit Ben-Yigal of Ramat Gan — was hit in the head by a rock thrown from a rooftop in the village of Yabad, near Jenin, as his unit withdrew after detaining four Palestinians.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tweeted,

“On behalf of myself and the citizens of Israel, I would like to send sincere condolences to the family of Amit Ben-Yigal, who was killed by depraved individuals during an operation last night. As has occurred in all the cases in recent years, the long arm of Israel will reach the terrorist and settle accounts with him.”

The Palestinians detained in Yabad are suspected of having

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## Watchdog Reports Record Number of Antisemitic Incidents in US Last Year

BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Jews in the United States suffered the largest number of antisemitic incidents last year since the Anti-Defamation League began collecting records 40 years ago, the racism watchdog said on Tuesday.

The 2,107 antisemitic incidents recorded in 2019 in the United States included deadly attacks by gunmen at a California Synagogue and a New Jersey kosher grocery store, and a fatal stabbing at a rabbi's home in New York.

It marked a 12% rise from 1,879 incidents in 2018.



A picture of the scene the day after an hours-long gun battle around a kosher market in Jersey City, New Jersey, Dec. 11, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Lloyd Mitchell.

Previously, the highest number was recorded in 1994, when the ADL reported multiple unsolved arsons, cross burnings and a drive-by shooting.

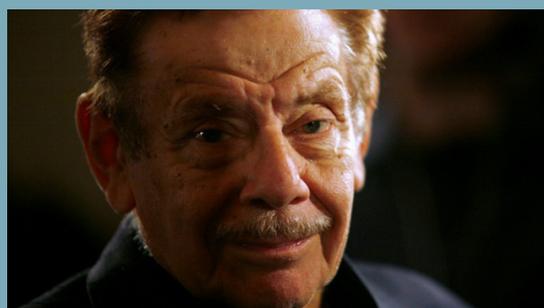
The group's audit of anti-Semitic incidents from 2019 counted 1,127 cases of harassment, 61 cases of physical assaults and 919 instances of vandalism. More than half of the assaults took place in New York City.

“This was a year of unprecedented antisemitic activity,

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Opinion.

# Examining the American Public and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 2000-2020



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Gallup recently published the results of its 2020 world affairs survey, which included questions on Israel. The Pew Research Center published a similar report in 2019. Both surveys received considerable attention in the American and Israeli media. Much of the analysis, however, focused on the specific surveys and ignored long-term trends and critical events that may explain the results and place them in historical and strategic context. Long-term trends on three issues require particular attention and analysis: views of Israel vs. the Palestinian Authority, sympathy for the two sides, and support for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

### Views of Israel vs. the Palestinian Authority

Americans in general have always had favorable views of Israel and unfavorable views of the Palestinian Authority (PA). Figure 1 below compares the scores of Israel vs. the PA from 2000 to 2020. Substantial majorities, between two-thirds and three-quarters of respondents, held favorable opinions of Israel.

During the first decade of this century, the average favorable-to-Israel percentage

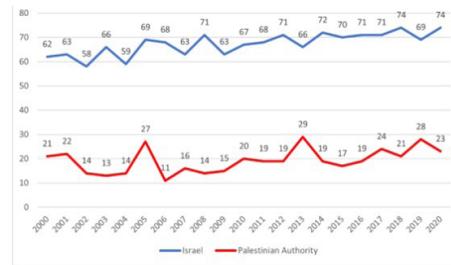
was 64%; in the second, it climbed to 71%. The highest favorable results were registered in 2018 and 2020. The PA's scores were exactly the opposite. Since 2000, about 70% of national samples held unfavorable views of the PA. In the first decade, the average was -17% to -70%, and the figures remained similar in the second decade at 21% to 71%. A -67% negative ratio was registered in 2006 following the PA feud with Hamas in Gaza.

Long-term trends were mostly stable. Israel went up from a 62% favorability rating in 2000 to 74% in 2020. The PA remained steady at just above 21%.

Figure 1 shows that in 2020, 74% held favorable views of Israel while only 23% held a similar view of the PA. It also shows that from 2000 to 2020, Israel's favorability went up by 12%, while that of the Palestinians remained almost constant at around 20%, with peaks in 2005, 2013, and 2019. In 2000, the gap between Israel and the PA was -41%. In 2010, the gap widened to -47%. And in the most recent survey of 2020, it reached -51% in favor of Israel.

**Figure 1: Views of Israel vs. the Palestinian Authority, 2000-2020**

**Question:** I'd like your overall opinion of some foreign countries. Is your overall opinion of [country] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable? (%)



**Source:** Justin McCarthy, Iran, North Korea Liked Least by Americans. The Gallup Poll, March 3, 2020.

### Sympathy with Israelis vs. Palestinians

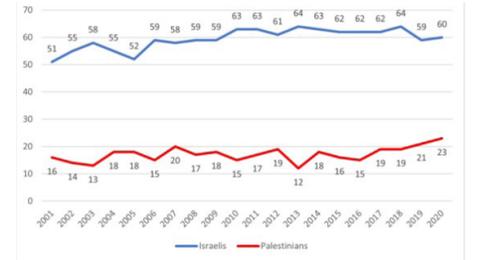
Since 1945, Gallup has been asking which side inspires more sympathy in the "Middle East situation": Israelis or Arabs/Palestinians. Figure 2 shows the results for the past 20 years. From 2001 to 2009, sympathy with Israel went over the 50% mark. It moved from 51% in 2001 to 59% in 2006. Since 2010, it has increased further, passing 60%. Twice, in 2013 and 2018, the figure matched the highest score ever of 64%, which was first registered during the 1990-91 first Gulf War, when Saddam Hussein attacked Israel with ballistic missiles and the Palestinians enthusiastically supported his invasion and occupation of Kuwait.

**Figure 2: Sympathy with Israelis vs. the Palestinians**

**Question:** In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or the Palestinians? (%)



A worker on a crane hangs a US flag next to an Israeli flag near the site of the US Embassy in Jerusalem. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.



**Source:** Lydia Saad, Majority in US Again Support Palestinian Statehood. The Gallup Poll, April 22, 2020.

The 2001 low of 51% vs. 16% could have resulted from the failure of President Bill Clinton's effort to broker a peace agreement and the subsequent violent eruption of Arafat's war of terror (euphemized as the "al-Aqsa Intifada").

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# New York Times Claims Israeli Army Is Known for 'Pioneering Cutting-Edge Ways to Kill People'



IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

Israel's consul general in New York City is mocking *The New York Times* for a news article that claimed, "The Israeli Defense Ministry's research-and-development arm is best known for pioneering cutting-edge ways to kill people and blow things up."

"The Israeli Defense Ministry's R&D arm is best known for pioneering cutting-edge ways to save innocent lives, with Iron Dome & David Sling among its more famous recent projects," Ambassador Dani Dayan wrote on Twitter. "I edited it for you @nytimes. Now it's fit to print." Dayan had plenty of company in cringing at the introduction that the *Times* Jerusalem bureau chief, David Halbfinger, used for an article highlighting the way Israel's military is using high-tech to tackle the novel coronavirus.

The CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, Jonathan Greenblatt, called a *Times* tweet promoting the article and using the "cutting-edge ways to kill people" language "sensationalist" and "irresponsible." He described it as "demonizing language that seems to question Israel's legitimate security needs."

The *Times* article begins, "The Israeli Defense Ministry's research-and-devel-

opment arm is best known for pioneering cutting-edge ways to kill people and blow things up, with stealth tanks and sniper drones among its more lethal recent projects."

The next paragraph of the *Times* article says, "But its latest mission is lifesaving. Since March, it has been spearheading a sprawling, high-speed effort to unleash some of the country's most advanced technologies against an enemy of another kind: Covid-19."

A retired Israel Defense Forces lieutenant colonel, Peter Lerner, who served as a spokesman for the military, tweeted that though he liked the story overall, the "cutting-edge ways to kill people" line was a klunker.

"The defense establishment has been developing weaponry for the defense of the island of Israel that hasn't had a day of peace since it was established," he said. "More accurate wording needed like: kill militant enemies."

Halbfinger responded to Lerner's complaint by writing on Twitter, "Enemies are

people, too. You'd have to be predisposed to think Israel kills indiscriminately — or weary of such accusations — to read it that way. All armies are trained and equipped to kill, not just Israel's. The point here is to contrast with the mission of saving lives."

Lerner responded, "Unfortunately too many people are predisposed and don't read beyond the first paragraph. This would reinforce that predisposition."

As Dayan pointed out, the Iron Dome system shoots down incoming enemy rockets and artillery shells to protect Israeli lives and prevent the killing of people. David's Sling also shoots down incoming enemy missiles. And the Israeli Defense Ministry's high-tech and research defense units are probably best known not only for those, but also for contributing talent, training and ideas to Israel's phenomenally successful high-tech "startup nation" civilian economy.

A reporter and editor for the *Jewish Insider* newsletter, Amy Spiro, commented in response to the *Times* promotion of its article using the "cutting-edge ways to kill" language, "I am not usually one to relentlessly dunk on the @NYTimes but good lord is this a bad tweet. Have you heard of the Iron Dome."

It's nice of Halbfinger to respond to critics on Twitter. Unfortunately, though, he displayed the typical *Times* "it's the reader's problem, not ours" defensiveness. He'd be



A taxi passes by in front of The New York Times head office in Manhattan, Feb. 7, 2013. Photo: Reuters / Carlo Allegri / File.

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## World News.

# European Lawmakers Protest EU Official's Pledge to Fund Palestinian NGOs Linked to Terror

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A group of members of the European Parliament have sent a joint letter to the European Union's top diplomat expressing outrage at the news that a top EU official had pledged to continue supporting Palestinian NGOs that employed members of terror organizations.

The promise was made in a missive sent by Sven Kühn von Burgsdorff — the head of the EU Office to the West Bank and Gaza Strip — to the Palestinian NGO Network (PONGO). Von Burgsdorff affirmed the EU's ongoing backing of Palestinian NGOs despite their employment of members of terror organizations proscribed by the EU itself.

No Palestinian NGO, he said, would have to "change its political position toward any Palestinian faction or to discriminate against a natural person based on his/her political affiliation."



The European Parliament's debating chamber during a plenary session, in Strasbourg, France. Photo: David Iltff.

In letter to EU's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell, MEPs Lukas Mandl of Austria, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou of Greece, Petras Auštrevičius of Lithuania, Carmen Avram of Romania, Dietmar Köster of Germany and Alexandr Vondra of the Czech Republic, all chairs of the Transatlantic Friends of Israel organization, condemned Burgsdorff's statement a violation of EU policy and demanded an investigation.

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a time when many Jewish communities across the country had direct encounters with hate," ADL Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Greenblatt said.

In recent weeks, the ADL has issued warnings of a continuing surge in incidents, saying conspiracy theories connected to the coronavirus outbreak could worsen antisemitism in the United States.

Greenblatt has also in the past partly blamed President Donald Trump for the rise in anti-Semitism, saying Trump should have done more to condemn incidents, including a far-right demonstration in Virginia in 2017 at which protesters chanted anti-Jewish slogans. One counter-protester was killed.

Among last year's attacks, a gunman

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previously thrown rocks at Israeli cars on a nearby road, and other security offenses,

Pointing out several EU regulations that explicitly forbid funding organizations with terror connections, the signatories asserted that Burgsdorff's statement "contravenes the spirit of the above-referenced general conditions as well as basic EU values and raises serious questions about this EU official's compliance with those critical values and regulations guiding our representatives' conduct abroad."

"The EU is funding Palestinian NGOs to help the Palestinians build a democratic and pluralistic society which is critical to facilitate a negotiated two-state solution," they said. "Ensuring that these NGOs are in no way connected to terrorists ought to be the very minimum our diplomats and officials must help ensure."

"We owe it to our taxpayers, particularly in the midst of a deep economic crisis, that their money is spent to advance — not violate — our values," the letter added.

The signatories then made three demands, including "an investigation to shed light on this matter and to ensure that EU taxpayer money is spent in line with EU values to advance EU policies."

They also asked for "immediate clarification and reassurance from you that EU funds are never knowingly spent to benefit NGOs linked to terrorists."

"We urge you to initiate a review of the standards and criteria for NGO funding in general and specifically to Palestinian groups, some of whom are employing terrorists and terror group sympathizers, propagate antisemitism, and promote the BDS movement against the Jewish state," they concluded.

killed a worshiper and wounded three others during Sabbath services in Poway, California, near San Diego. Two gunmen killed a police officer and three bystanders before storming a kosher supermarket in New Jersey. Five people were wounded, one of whom later died, when an attacker broke into a rabbi's house and stabbed Hanukkah celebrants in Rockland County, north of New York City.

In late 2018, a gunman killed 11 worshipers at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh in the deadliest antisemitic attack in US history.

"We plan to work with members of Congress and other elected officials this year to ensure that funding is in place and that all states mandate Holocaust education, which can serve as an effective deterrent for future acts of hate," the ADL CEO said on Tuesday.

according to the IDF.

There were no immediate reports of Palestinian casualties in Tuesday's incident.

# Pro-Israel Groups React to Erdan's Appointment as Next Israeli Ambassador to US and UN



Israel's Strategic Affairs Minister Gilad Erdan at a press conference for the foreign media in Bnei Brak, Israel, on Feb. 3, 2019. Photo: Flash90.

BY JACKSON RICHMAN/  
JNS.org

Jewish and pro-Israel groups reacted positively to Minister of Public Security, Strategic Affairs and Minister of Information Gilad Erdan's appointment as the Jewish state's next ambassador to the United States and the United Nations, succeeding Ron Dermer and Danny Danon, respectively.

"I am proud and excited for the privilege of being able to fight on behalf of the righteousness of our path in the international arena, and to defend Israel in light of the challenges ahead," said Erdan in a statement.

AIPAC spokesperson Marshall Wittmann told JNS, "We congratulate Minister Erdan, who brings impressive credentials to these important posts. We look forward to working with him to further strengthen the relationship and cooperation between the two countries at the United Nations."

"[He] is a committed public servant with deep connections to the American Jewish community," said the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in a statement. "His most recent postings provide him with extraordinary credentials for representing Israel in the diplomatic arena at the United Nations, and with Israel's greatest friend and ally, the United States of America." B'nai B'rith International CEO Daniel Mariaschin told JNS, "With bias and double standards the rule at the United Nations, Erdan's unique experience in battling BDS and other issues impacting Israel's security make him a sound choice for these positions. No question these particular assignments will clearly involve multi-tasking, but that is the general rule in diplomatic assignments."

"We have always enjoyed a close relationship with Israel's ambassadors in Washington and at the United Nations. Ambassadors Dermer and Danon have served their country with distinction and honor," Christians United for Israel Founder and Chairman John Hagee said. "Likewise, we know Minister Erdan well—he, too, is a dedicated and passionate advocate for Israel. We look forward to working with him as he takes on his new and challenging roles."

Zionist Organization of America national president Mort Klein told JNS that Erdan is "an inspired and brilliant choice."

Klein said Erdan is "a very hard-working, smart, articulate Zionist who knows how to effectively present Israel's case and defend Israel

from all the propaganda lies against it." He added that he "was a leader against the Israel-bashing BDS movement and understands all the issues in the Arab/Islamic war against Israel."

As strategic affairs minister, Erdan carved out a high-profile role in combating the BDS movement. Most notably, Erdan's ministry was behind a two-year campaign aimed at exposing connections between anti-Israel BDS groups and terrorist organizations.

Endowment for Middle East Truth (EMET) Founder and President Sarah Stern said Dermer was "one of Israel's most sagacious and skilled ambassadors in Israel's history," such as challenging the Obama administration over the 2015 Iran nuclear deal and UN Security Council Resolution 2334, which condemned Israeli neighborhoods in Judea and Samaria. The resolution passed as the United States did not exercise its automatic veto power and instead abstained.

Regarding Danon, she said he "has been a searing voice of reason and of the truth in the United Nations, who has had to defend Israel on an almost daily basis from unwarranted and viscous attacks, that no one would dare to wage on another country, especially in a similar situation."

Nonetheless, she said, "What we have read and heard about Minister Erdan leads us to believe that he is every bit the man for the task."

Reports have circulated for some time that Danon would be stepping down at UN ambassador. He was first appointed in 2015 for a three-year term and was extended multiple times.

Like Danon, Dermer has also been reported to be stepping down from his post as well. However, his tenure was also extended due to Israel's political deadlock. Dermer has served as Israel's envoy to the United States since 2013.

Erdan has served as a Likud Knesset member since first being elected in 2003; prior to that, he was an adviser to Netanyahu and former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. The longtime Likud lawmaker has served in a variety of ministerial roles over the past decade-and-a-half.

According to Haaretz, Dermer will likely step down as ambassador only after the US presidential election in November.

Erdan will continue to serve as a minister in the government until his official appointment as ambassador and take up the UN post once the new government approves his nomination.

Israel set to swear-in its new government on Thursday.

# World News.



A photo taken during the trial of Adolf Eichmann. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## 60 Years Later, Eichmann Capture Remembered as Moment of Justice for Holocaust Victims

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Monday was the 60th anniversary of the capture of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Argentina by the Mossad.

Eichmann — one of the masterminds of the murder of six million Jews during the Holocaust — was subsequently brought to Israel, where he was found guilty of war crimes and executed.

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Israeli UN Ambassador Danny Danon tweeted, “60 years ago today, Israel showed the lengths it would go to seek justice for the Jewish people when it captured Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Argentina, and brought him to Jerusalem to stand trial. Then, #Holocaust survivors shared their stories. Today, we #neverforget.”

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Yad Vashem @yadvashem  
Today marks 60 years since the capture of Adolf Eichmann in Argentina by Israeli agents. He was smuggled to Israel and put on trial for crimes against humanity, the Jewish people, and more.

Learn about the trial, including testimony from participants: [ow.ly/68Ah50zym5u](http://ow.ly/68Ah50zym5u)



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WJC @WorldJewishCong  
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## Outrage in Ukraine as Letter Emerges From Top Police Official Demanding ‘List of Jews’ in Western City of Kolomyia

BY BEN COHEN

A demand by a senior police officer in western Ukraine for a list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of local Jewish community members has been roundly condemned by Jewish leaders as reminiscent of the Nazi occupation of the former Soviet republic.

The demand — from the Department of Strategic Investigations of the Ukrainian national police, which combats organized crime — was received by Yakov Zalischiker, the head of the Jewish community in the city of Kolomyia, on Feb. 11. As quoted on Monday by local news outlet *Kolomyia Today*, Zalischker explained that he had initially interpreted the letter as a prank, as most of the members of his community were elderly.

The letter was eventually revealed over the weekend by Eduard Dolinsky, head of the Ukrainian Jewish Committee, who published it on his Facebook page.

Signed by Mykhailo Bank, a senior police official in the Ivano-Frankivsk region of Ukraine, the letter demanded a copy of the community's charter, together with “a list of community members with addresses and mobile phones” and “a list of Jewish students in universities of Kolomyia and Ivano-Frankivsk.”

Bank explained that he required the information because his department was “engaged in the fight against transnational and ethnic organized groups and criminal organizations.”

A response from the community dated Feb. 25 informed Bank that its charter was available in the state registry, adding a reminder that “religious communities are separate from the state” and pointing out that “personal data of community members can be provided only in the case of registered criminal cases.”

Dolinsky condemned the police letter as echoing the roundup of Ukrainian Jews by the Nazis and local collaborators following the German military invasion of June 1941.

“Interestingly, in 1941, the Nazis and the Ukrainian auxiliary police also demanded a list of all Jews,” Dolinsky wrote.

One Ukrainian parliamentarian announced on Monday that he would seek a investigation into Bank's letter, charging that the Ukrainian police demand was itself a “violation of the law.”

The parliamentarian, Igor Fris, told the local WestNews agency that he had also spoken with Volodymyr Holubosh — the regional head of Ukraine's Interior Ministry — who “apologized on behalf of the leadership

and staff to the entire Jewish community for the situation.”

While acknowledging Holubosh's apology, Fris asserted that the police letter had been dangerously inflammatory.

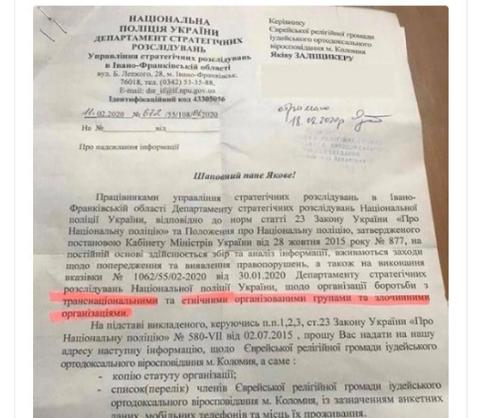
“I believe that the leadership of the Ministry of Internal Affairs should evaluate the actions of its subordinates, which not only tarnish police uniforms, but also inflame ethnic conflict where it has never been in modern Ukraine,” he was quoted as saying.

Another parliamentarian urged the immediate dismissal of Bank from the Ukrainian police force.

“A policeman who decides to conduct a census of the Jews of Ivano-Frankivsk must and will be fired,” Oleksander Dubinsky declared on his Facebook page.

The letter was also condemned by the Israeli ambassador in Kiev, Joel Lion.

Joel Lion @ambassadorlion  
Just after I brought this letter to the attention of @APUKraine, @MFA\_Ukraine & @MVS\_UA. I received phone calls from the highest officials of #Ukraine strongly condemning this act of #Antisemitism. We will work together to better educate Police about Antisemitism. 🇺🇦🇮🇱



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Settled by Jews from the early part of the sixteenth century, the present size of the community in Kolomyia is less than 1,000. During World War II, most of the city's Jews were deported to the Belzec concentration camp.

The region continues to be a flashpoint of concern regarding ultranationalist and far-right activism. Just last month, local Jews expressed outrage when a 95-year-old veteran of the “Halychyna” division of the Waffen SS was honored in the neighboring city of Kalush.

Vasyl Nakonechny was pictured giving a Nazi salute as he received the title of “Honorary Citizen of Kalush” at the ceremony on April 20.

company EarlySense, the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak has had one positive impact on healthcare systems around the world: The pandemic helped eliminate things that were blocking innovation in the medtech sector, Meger said in a recent interview with *30 Minutes or Less*, a podcast dedicated to the Israeli tech scene.

The pandemic highlighted what happens when you let healthcare be left behind in terms of new technologies, Meger said. “Suddenly,” he added, “no one could bear the thought of looking in the mirror a year from now and knowing that there was a technology that could have saved lives that was not adopted

due to bureaucratic hurdles.”

While previous partnerships with hospitals in the US took years to sign, the coronavirus outbreak meant EarlySense managed to secure a deal with the prestigious Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York in just 30 hours, Meger said. In the past, it was impossible to even get them on the phone, he added.

Founded in 2004 and based in central Israeli town Ramat Gan, EarlySense develops a patient monitoring system capable of registering parameters such as heart and respiratory rates, motion, and quality of sleep. The system uses an ultra-sensitive sensor

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## Covid-19 Gave Medtech a Push Forward, Says Israel's EarlySense CTO

BY CTech STAFF

If you ask Guy Meger, the chief technology officer and general manager of Israeli medtech

U.S. News.

# ‘The Mayor Says You Jews Are Getting Us All Sick’: NYC Couple Cite de Blasio During Violent Assault on Brooklyn Hasidim

BY BEN COHEN

A married couple who were arrested in Brooklyn after they attacked a group of Hasidic Jews in a bid to rip off their coronavirus protection masks reportedly cited New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio as justification during the assault.

The attack occurred on Sunday night in the Williamsburg section of the borough. Paulo Pinho, 35, and wife, Clelia Pinho, 46, jumped out of their vehicle at Bedford Ave. and Ross St. where they confronted the three male victims, police said.

“You Jews are getting us all sick,” the couple yelled at a trio of men, according to police sources quoted by the **New York Daily News** on Monday, before adding: “The mayor says you Jews are the reason we’re getting sick.”

New York Mayor de Blasio sparked anger among Jewish leaders at the end of April for singling out “the Jewish community” in a tweet condemning the alleged violation of coronavirus distancing restrictions at the public funeral of the late Rabbi Chaim Mertz.

Jonathan Greenblatt — head of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) — responded to the mayor by telling him that

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that is placed under the patient’s mattress and collects data in the background. The company’s products are approved for medical use in both the US and the European Union.

The idea first came to EarlySense’s four co-founders when they were dealing with a common problem, Meger said. Each of them had a child suffering from asthma and they wanted to be able to make sure the child is able to breathe regularly while sleeping, without having to disturb them.

This market, however, was too small, Meger said, and the team soon realized the technology can be used in hospitals for monitoring patients at night. A night nurse can only check on each patient once or twice during their shift, but EarlySense’s system can offer constant monitoring and alerts on any changes.

With the vast amounts of data its system collects, Meger said, EarlySense uses artificial intelligence algorithms to predict when a patient’s condition is likely to deteriorate. According to him, the system can detect early signs of heart or respiratory failure hours before they become life-threatening.

When it comes to Covid-19, EarlySense’s system lets doctors know exactly how their patients are doing and detect signs of deterioration without having to conduct a face-to-face examination and expose themselves to the virus, Meger said. In coronavirus departments that use EarlySense’s technology, there have been no cases of medical staff contracting the virus, he added.

According to Mager, EarlySense’s system is in use in 250 hospitals and medical institutions in the US and seven hospitals in Israel, including the Sheba Medical Center, which was the first to set up a coronavirus department in the country. Sheba contacted EarlySense when it was setting up the department and other hospitals in the country followed suit.

EarlySense also has a partnership with Florida-based medical equipment company HERO Medical, and for the past two years, its latest model has come with the system pre-installed and activated, Meger said.

EarlySense has 120 employees, 65 of whom are based in Israel, and has raised \$160 million to date, according to Mager.



Israeli firefighters wearing protective clothes disinfect Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, on March 20, 2020, as part of measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Photo: Flash90.

“generalizing against the whole population is outrageous especially when so many are scapegoating Jews.”

The Pinho couple combined their verbal abuse with a physical assault against the three men, with Clelia Pinho falling down and breaking her arm as she attempted to rip off their masks. The couple were held at the scene by members of the Shomrim communal security agency until police arrived to take them into custody.

While Clelia Pinho has no prior record, her husband Paulo has been arrested four times in the past. Most recently, he was detained in May 2019 after he brandished a screwdriver at a 61-year-old man before punching him in the face in a dispute over a parking spot.

Mayor de Blasio meanwhile strongly denounced Sunday’s attack, saying that the



New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio. Photo: Reuters / Andrew Kelly.

Pinhos would likely face hate crimes charges. “Whether it is this horrible antisemitic act that we saw or the horrible anti-Asian acts we saw in previous weeks, none of these acts of bias or discrimination are acceptable in New York City,” de Blasio declared on Monday.

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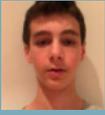
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## Opinion.

# The Financial Action Task Force Finally Acts on Iran — but Too Little, Too Late?



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The Financial Action Task Force (FATF), an intergovernmental organization founded in 1989 by members of that year's G-7 Summit, convened not long ago to discuss global developments in illicit financial terrorist dealings and money laundering. Since 2000, the FATF has issued Black and Grey Lists of international bodies deemed, respectively, "non-cooperative" or in need of regular monitoring. Member states are urged to issue sanctions and "counter-measures" on countries not supporting the eradication of terror-financing/money laundering practices. The group establishes and purports to enforce international regulatory standards and policy recommendations for state-assisted terror-financing and money laundering.

The prime question at the conference was whether or not to move Pakistan and Iran from the Grey List to the Black List, where they would face maximum pressure campaigns in an effort to cripple their terror infrastructures and resources. At the end of 2019, the only state on the Black List was North Korea.

At the conclusion of the plenary, Pakistan stayed on the Grey List on the condition that it complete an action plan laid out by the FATF by June 2020. We've seen this before: Pakistan was fresh off an earlier four-month extension from the FATF's October 2019 plenary at which the body concluded that should Islamabad fail to make significant progress by February 2020, Pakistan would be black-listed. As of October, Pakistan had met only five of the 27 criteria previously laid out by the

FATF for remaining "Grey" and government agencies remain inextricably associated with regional terror commands.

Since at least the mid-1990s, Pakistan has robustly sponsored the Taliban militia, supplying arms and funds in a concerted attempt to assert influence in Afghanistan, and allowing corruption among military officials and ISI (Pakistani intelligence) operatives that is thought to have aided anti-Indian terror factions. Daniel Byman of the Brookings Institute wrote in 2008 that "Pakistan is probably today's most active sponsor of terrorism," and there's little indication that much has changed. Yet the FATF extends unending leniency to Pakistan and other states by choosing not to blacklist, de-incentivizing progress, and reducing FATF guidelines to mere suggestions, devoid of repercussions for failure to comply. True, its mission is essential to defunding terror regimes and achieving maximum collaboration on an increasingly global threat. However, the soft-handedness with which the FATF conducts itself in terms of applying pressure to foreign powers indicates a less-than-adequate effort at rooting out terror financing. By extending the timeline within which non-cooperative countries such as Pakistan must comply with guidelines, not only does FATF lose legitimacy, but terror organizations are able to continuously reap benefits of state funding. For localized, smaller terror groups, an additional four months of state sponsorship could facilitate an additional three years of terror. A meandering, toothless FATF keeps terror groups alive.

A more positive outcome of the plenary was that Iran was put back on the Black List, entailing probable added pressure on the regime to divest from terror activities.

Iran has a long history in the global orchestration of terror, and continues to wreak havoc in the Middle East, Asia, and other regions. Hezbollah, which is wholly funded by Iran, dominates the sociopolitical landscape of Lebanon and is estimated to maintain an arsenal of well over 100,000 rockets that are armed and pointed at Israeli urban centers. The regime likewise funds and trains Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the Gaza-based groups responsible for impoverished living conditions for Gazans and nearly 500 terror attacks on Israel since 2015. Iranian government officials routinely incite against and assail America, Israel, Jews, and more — burning flags in town squares and condoning the plethora of terror attacks carried out at the behest of the Supreme Leader. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) is internationally recognized as a terror body, and its robust long-range missile and progressing nuclear programs pose unprecedented global threats.

The decision to blacklist Iran is well and good. However, Iran's terror ties are so overt, and have been for decades, that it should never have been off the list in the first place. Its status on the Grey rather than the Black List gave it breathing space to economically recuperate and further develop its vast terror infrastructure.

The FATF eases rather than increases pressure on terror-sponsoring states — in fact, it never applies it to begin with. A host of countries with immense capital and robust terror affiliations have been blatantly disregarded by the body, which looks aside as they stir up terror without fear of condemnation. Most prominent among them is the Qatari regime. In true antisemitic fashion, Qatar doesn't allow Israelis within its borders, and it maintains royal monetary and personnel ties



Demonstrators carry the Iranian flag as they gather for a rally marking the 41st anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, in Tehran, Iran, Feb. 11, 2020. Photo: Nazanin Tabatabaee / WANA (West Asia News Agency) via Reuters.

to Al-Qaeda, ISIS, Hamas, Iran, and more. The Emir and his family have doled out billions in support of Hamas terror efforts in Gaza and millions to Al-Qaeda, and several members of the royal family have been directly implicated in terror plots.

The Palestinian Authority similarly enjoys free rein to grow their Martyr's Fund, a government program to provide income to the families of terrorists, offering more cash according to length of prison sentence and a maximum if the martyr dies in the act of killing.

This practice, like others that promote terror against Israel, warrants no mention by the FATF. Neither Qatar nor the Palestinian Authority have ever been on a Grey List, which is intended to monitor countries with developing terror-financial ties, let alone a Black List. As it blatantly ignores the efforts of a host of nations to facilitate terror funding, the FATF's scope is severely narrowed. Major terrorist havens are unaffected by its policies.

The FATF's half-hearted attempts at addressing the problem of money laundering and terror financing reveal an unwillingness on behalf of the international community to combat the rise of terror in a serious way. The FATF's purported mission of ending global terror financing and money laundering will remain a non-starter until it devotes itself in earnest to cutting down the looming terror threat.

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## When It Comes to Sovereignty, Daniel Pipes Is Wrong

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In a recent *New York Times* article, noted Middle East scholar and pro-Israel pundit Dr. Daniel Pipes warns that Israeli application of sovereignty in parts of the "West Bank," known as Judea and Samaria, would be a grave mistake for the Jewish state, and backs up his thesis with six reasons.

However, while Pipes sees himself as pragmatic, the article is riddled with one consistent flaw: It's entirely founded on needlessly fearful conjecture.

### Fear #1: President Trump's fury

Right off the bat, Pipes reveals his phobic perspective: "First, President Trump could well erupt in fury at Israel for unilaterally taking that step."

What is the basis for this concern? The annexation Pipes thinks will set off the

president is in Trump's very own "deal of the century" plan. Moreover, President Trump's constituency supports Israel, and his administration is filled with officials who have openly backed Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria, as they did in the Golan Heights and in Jerusalem.

And with regard to the commander-in-chief's fury, it is clear that Trump respects strong leaders, not fearful weaklings.

So what is the basis for this terrified speculation that President Trump will "erupt in fury"? All indications are that the only "erupting" America's president will do is the laughter he emits when he reads Pipes' assessment.

### Fear #2: Alienating Europe and the Democrats

For his second point, Pipes warns that "annexation would alienate and weaken Israel's diminishing number of friends in the Democratic Party and in Europe."

But "annexation" is just the latest excuse for the distance between Israel on the one hand and some Western European countries and much of the Democratic Party on the

other. For these self-styled progressives, the very idea of nationalism has become abhorrent (except Palestinian nationalism), and the Zionist project, no matter what it does, is therefore distasteful. This mindset minimizes Israel's accomplishments — military victories, impressive national economy, scientific and technological innovations. For progressives, the real heroes are perceived victims, not people who actually bring progress, liberty, and freedom.

At the United Nations, Israel, the most liberal country in the Middle East, is regularly maligned as the world's leading "human rights abuser." There is no way for Israel to please the radical progressives in Western Europe and the Democratic Party.

So while Pipes is right that Israel is losing the progressives, it has little to do with annexation.

### Fear #3: Provoking Sunni Arab states

Third, Pipes warns that "the Israeli government has successfully managed to expand ties with the Sunni Arab states" and "this working relationship has been premised on the Arab governments de-emphasizing the Palestinian issue."

The truth is that for many Arab states, the Palestinian leadership and their endless whining, corruption, and support of terrorism are a source of instability in the region and a financial bottomless pit. The Palestinians are seen as a hurdle to overcome on the road to regional realignment with Israel, which the Gulf States view as a key security and stability force.

Moreover, the progress Pipes warns that Israel stands to lose occurred precisely in the environment of America's official recognition

of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, its recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, and Israel's obvious preparations to announce its sovereignty in Judea and Samaria. Israel's growing self-respect and military activities against Iran and its proxies are driving the Sunni states to improve their ties. Annexation is a manifestation of that same principle. It does not sabotage it.

### Fear #4: Palestinian fury

For the fourth point, Pipes warns of "Palestinian fury that could well destabilize Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza" in which "residents of the West Bank could start a new intifada — uprising — costing Israeli lives."

Hamas and Fatah have been feeding us this Palestinian intifada rhetoric for decades and (strangely) Pipes seems to have bought right in. The sad truth is that those Palestinians who engage in violence don't need justifications. And violence has increased as Israel has made concessions. Israel fought three wars with Hamas-controlled Gaza after surrendering land to them.

Instead of recoiling in fear of possible Palestinian violence, Israel should tell the Palestinians the simple and clear truth: This is our land. We intend to hold on to it forever. If you start an intifada, we will end it.

### Fear #5: Israel's vicious infighting

But if you're not afraid of Arabs, maybe you will fear the Jews. So, Pipes turns to internal Israeli politics:

"Fifth, annexation is sure to alienate Israel's Left, which would lead at a minimum to a vicious political battle and probably to a contingent of

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## Opinion.

# From Daniel Pipes: A Response to My Critics



DANIEL PIPES/  
PHILADELPHIA

As Aristotle long ago recognized, virtue is the midpoint between extremes. And I found myself smack at that midpoint in recent days.

I published a modest article suggesting

six reasons why the Jewish state should not extend its sovereignty to a Palestinian-majority territory. (Confusingly, *The New York Times* titled the May 7 online version “Annexing the West Bank Would Hurt Israel” and the slightly different May 8 print version as “Annexation Would Hurt Israel.”)

I hardly expected the article to arouse high emotions. It deals with a tactical issue distant from philosophical foundations, principles, or ideology. I did not condemn annexation in principle — but only argued

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Israeli Zionists turning anti-Zionist, with some Israelis leaving the country in disgust.”

The “vicious political battle” is called the ballot box. The Israeli right has achieved victory after victory for almost 20 years. The coalition that is about to be formed — the one which is about to apply Israeli sovereignty in parts of Judea and Samaria — is going to be one of the biggest and most politically diverse ever. And Israeli sovereignty in the Jordan Valley has long enjoyed consensus support.

In short, Pipes’ apocalyptic prophecy of Israeli civil war is misguided. And Israeli Jews are not about to increase emigration. In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, Israel is seen as one of the safest places on earth, with Israeli scientists making progress on creating a vaccine. The economy is also expected to make a strong recovery. Israeli start-up Moovit was bought by Intel for \$900 million just as the quarantine was ending. And on the eve of Israel’s 72nd year of independence, the population stands at over 9.1 million, with Israelis consistently polled as enjoying high levels of happiness and life satisfaction.

Nobody is thinking of leaving Israel because of annexation. Indeed, a recent survey of Israeli opinion found that “the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was low on the list of issues that the Israeli public cares about.” In other words, Pipes’ theory of civil unrest and flight is pure imagination; there is no indication that Israelis are poised to abandon the country if their representatives apply sovereignty to communities in the West Bank which are already filled with Israelis.

## **Fear #6: The threat of Arab citizens**

Then there is the demographic argument. Pipe’s final warning is that “annexation would be likely to make more Palestinians eligible to become citizens of Israel. That would be a profound mistake, since its Arab citizens constitute ... the ultimate enemy of Israel’s status as a Jewish state.”

On the simple technical level, the proposed “deal of the century” annexation is meant to bring Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria, and the Jordan Valley, into a normalized Israeli status. The mapping that is being done is precisely meant to assert sovereignty over Jews and not Arabs. While Pipes is right about the dangers of possibly seditious Arab citizens, the application of Israeli sovereignty to Jewish communities will not add to

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better off just acknowledging the truth, which is that it was an inelegantly-worded phrase in what was overall an article that depicted the Israel Defense Forces as contributing to life-saving efforts to combat disease.

The *Times* tends to point out in its own defense that it gets criticized from both



View of Ma'aleh Adumim in Judea and Samaria on Jan. 1, 2017. Photo: Yaniv Nadav/Flash90.

that problem.

## **Bonus Fear #7: Israeli sovereignty will achieve nothing**

While not numbering it, Pipes sneaks in a seventh fear: that Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria is merely “a symbolic move, a gesture towards Israelis living on the West Bank in legal limbo,” and will achieve nothing except trouble.

But Pipes forgets that symbolism is a powerful force in the ancient Middle East. Sending a signal that Israel intends to stay in its historic heartland forever will do much to deflate jihadist intentions. Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria will also broadcast a message of Jewish historic rights to all those who claim that Israel is merely a European colonizer.

Far from achieving nothing, Israeli sovereignty in the ancestral homeland and the annexation of strategic positions will have a much-needed positive impact for both Israeli identity and Israeli security. Daniel Pipes’ latest article serves as a boon to enemies who wish to weaken Israel through exaggerating the very fears he mentions. To be fair, he has written many strong articles in favor of a robust Israeli policy; this one seems to be a departure.

The real Israel, thankfully, is not afraid because it shouldn’t be. There is a buoyant sense of prosperity in the air, and a healthy embrace of tradition is permeating Israel’s consciousness. Thousands of new housing units were just green-lighted in the Etzion block in Judea. Israel’s birth rate continues to be high, and the GDP per capita is above even that of the United Kingdom. Now is not the time to be gripped by fear. Now is the time for Israelis to gather strength and confidence from all we have been through and all we are becoming, and to take control of our land through sovereignty and of our future.

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sides. That is true here, too, as an editor of a stridently anti-Israel website asked, accusingly, “Has the #NYTimes Jerusalem bureau chief left the paper to join #Israel’s military as a publicist? Today’s article sounds like it.” Sorry, not quite.

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that now, given today’s circumstances, the trade-off looks unfavorable compared to the status quo. I evaluated the topic from a mainstream friend-of-Israel vantage point. I did not instruct Israelis what to do, but addressed fellow Americans.

Maybe I am right, maybe I am wrong, but let’s stay calm.

Show me how annexation now is in fact a good idea, and then we can get a beer together, friendship intact. Indeed, several colleagues at the Middle East Forum (Efraim Inbar, Gregg Roman, Matt Mainen, Nave Dromi) argue for annexation, which is fine with me. Some responses, such as those by Jonathan Tobin and Yishai Fleisher respectfully disagree; I am grateful for their constructive sobriety.

But mostly, my analysis prompted wild attacks, starting with a deranged Twitter mob of Leftists (like Bernie Sanders’ foreign-policy advisor), Islamists (CAIR), and Israel-haters (Jewish Voice for Peace, IfNotNow). Extremists slithered from their holes to bay at the moon with long, boring, incoherent refutations. The anti-Israel Electronic Intifada decried my “anti-Palestinian racism.”

The pro-Israel Zionist Organization of America also denounced my “absurd falsehoods.”

And I happily perch at Aristotle’s midpoint, ignoring their howls.

Some critics note that dire predictions about moving the US embassy to Jerusalem (a step I heartily supported) proved wrong, therefore my predictions about annexation must also be wrong. To which, I reply: 1) That was an American action. 2) It had wide Israeli support, contrary to annexation. 3) It created no potential Israeli citizens. In short, there’s no comparison.

As founder of the Israel Victory Project, I defer to no one in seeking to compel the Palestinians truly and permanently to accept Israel as the Jewish state. *The New York Times* article makes that point repeatedly — and to a newspaper audience that almost never hears such arguments:

*I am not someone who frets over the Israeli “occupation” of the West Bank: in my view, the Palestinians long ago would have*

*enjoyed self-rule had they stopped murdering Israelis. Contrarily, I do encourage Israeli steps that signal the Palestinians that the conflict is over, and they lost. ...*

*Annexation would likely make more Palestinians eligible to become citizens of Israel. That would be a profound mistake, since its Arab citizens constitute what I believe is the ultimate enemy of Israel’s status as a Jewish state. ...*

*Israel must assert itself against the Palestinians; but any moves must align with the larger campaign to compel Palestinians to give up their goal of eliminating the Jewish state. Annexing the West Bank is a self-indulgence that has the opposite result. It buoys the anti-Zionist cause and hinders a resolution of the conflict.*

I believe in a smart Israel “victory” that goes for the jugular, and I see annexation of the West Bank at this time as dumb, as going for the extremities. As I wrote in the article, it “would probably damage Israel’s relations with the Trump administration, the Democrats, Europeans, and Arab leaders, as well as destabilize the region, radicalize the Israeli left, and harm the Zionist goal of a Jewish state.”

I appeal for cool tempers, clear goals, and smart tactics.

In this case, that means carefully considering what steps will most advance the goal of breaking the Palestinian will to eliminate Israel, while simultaneously doing the least damage to Israel’s internal harmony and external standing. One possibility would be, as I have argued before: “When official [Palestinian Authority] guns are turned against Israelis, seize these and prohibit new ones, and if this happens repeatedly, dismantle the PA’s security infrastructure. Should violence continue, reduce and then shut off the water and electricity that Israel supplies.”

Again, let’s debate calmly and stay focused. Only that way — and not via legalistic distractions or tactical enthusiasms — can Israeli victory be achieved.

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## Annexation Wouldn’t Hurt Israel



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“Annexation Would Hurt Israel” declared the headline of a May 8 op-ed in *The New York Times* by Mideast scholar Daniel Pipes. According to Pipes, the incorporation of any part of the Judea-Samaria territories into the State of Israel is a bad idea because it will anger a lot of people. But the historical record shows that such fears are not well founded.

Donald Trump will “erupt in fury,” writes Pipes. Democrats will be “alienated” from Israel. “Major European states” will be outraged. The hope for improving relations with moderate Arab regimes will “quickly blow up.” And it could “incite” Palestinian Arabs to violence.

There’s no need to speculate about what might happen if the whole world becomes angry at Israel... because it’s happened before. Let’s recall that episode and examine the consequences.

It was in June 1981. Ignoring the danger that many people around the world would become angry, the Israelis bombed Iraq’s nuclear weapons facilities. The pro-Israel Republican president, Ronald Reagan, condemned the Israeli action and even suspended the delivery of F-16 fighter aircraft as punishment. Undersecretary of State Walter Stoessel Jr. testified before the House of Representatives that the Reagan administration was “dismayed by the damage which has been done to the search for peace in the Middle East” by the Israeli action. He accused Israel of “embarrassing” Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. In fact, the Israel-Egypt peace treaty proceeded without interruption.

Some Democrats defended the Israeli strike, but many did not. The chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Clement Zablocki (D-WI), condemned Israel and praised Reagan for withholding the planes. Senator John Glenn (D-OH) denounced Israel for “taking the law in its own hands.” Rep. David Brown (D-MS) blasted the Israelis for failing to wait “until they had exhausted diplomatic efforts.” He said Israel

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## Impressions.

# Jerry Stiller's Last Performance Opens in Heaven

BY ARYEH KALTMANN

Maybe you knew him as Frank Costanza. Or as Arthur Spooner from *The King of Queens*. Or as half of Stiller and Meara. I knew him as Latke Larry.

Fifteen years ago, I created the singing action figure Latke Larry as a fundraiser to benefit Friendship Circle — an outgrowth of the Chabad movement that pairs teen volunteers with children who have special needs. Needing a well-known voice, I searched for the most endearing, down-to-earth celebrity I could find to inhabit that character, and realized Jerry Stiller was my man. Not only did he accept, but he also readily agreed to donate his time. He was struck by the opportunity to give thousands of deserving families a lift. Jerry, in his sweet way, was all about making us happy. When he and I were together, walking down the street or eating in a restaurant, we often were stopped by fans who wanted to chat with him. He gladly signed autographs and made them laugh.

When he was born, Jerry's parents seemed to envision the impact he would make in brightening our lives, for they named him Yosef Yitzchak, which translates to "he will add in laughter." A story in the Talmud, the compendium of the oral tradition of the Torah, tells



Jerry Stiller, a cast member in "The Heartbreak Kid," arrives with his wife Anne Meara at the premiere of the film in Los Angeles, September 27, 2007. Photo: REUTERS/Chris Pizzello/.

of the prophet Elijah presenting two men to a great sage and saying they were destined for the World to Come. Curious about their ticket to the afterlife, the sage asked the men, "What do you do?"

"We are comedians," they said, "and we cheer up those who are depressed." That was Jerry.

On *Seinfeld*, Jerry Stiller's character Frank Costanza was instructed by his doctor to say "Serenity now!" when he felt his blood pressure rise. As Latke Larry, Jerry ended his song the same way: "Serenity now!" One thing I know: Jerry "Yosef Yitzchak" Stiller, as he ascended to heaven and met a host of paparazzi angels asking him for autographs, said, "I want to talk to the boss." His message to the King of Kings? "Enough with suffering. Enough with the coronavirus. We get the point. Serenity now!"

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# New Book Reveals a Gripping True Story From Auschwitz

BY STEVEN WENICK

In his gripping new book, *The Boy Who Followed His Father Into Auschwitz*, Jeremy Dronfield relates the true story of the Kleinmann family of Vienna. Like much of Europe, Austria was caught in the winds of the gathering Nazi storm. Early on, its citizenry became the newfound weathercock friends of the Third Reich. There had been a time when people could sit and discuss — and even

and their European accomplices prowled the countryside hunting down their fleeing prey.

The Kleinmanns, like millions of their fellow Jews, had both their property and dignity confiscated before being tossed into the jaws of the baying hounds of the Third Reich. And the steady refrain of clanging, banging wheels of steel trains carting victims of tyranny across Europe was callously ignored by those who "knew nothing."

In time, the Kleinmann family was cast



The main gate at the Auschwitz concentration camp. Photo: Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum.

debate — their differences over a cup of coffee. But that was before the Anschluss of March 12-13, 1938, when the barbarians breached the gates of civility. And Austria opened her doors warmly to the invading horde.

In the early years of the Nazi terror campaign against the Jews, escape by emigration was still possible if you managed to obtain an affidavit from two people to sponsor you and a guarantee of financial support. Failing that, the hapless victims were imprisoned in their apartments, prior to their transfer to a death camp.

Gustav and Fritz Kleinmann, father and son, were inseparable. Together, they endured what neither man nor beast should suffer. Their story has been told a million-fold, but it is Gustav's meticulously kept diary that bears witness to the greatest crime against humanity in history: The Holocaust.

Dronfield's prose, at times gruesome and grotesque, accurately and meticulously details the conditions of Auschwitz, Buchenwald, and Mauthausen — places paradoxically shared by perpetrators and victims, tethered to a destiny bound on divergent paths. Their condition was as different as the uniforms they wore, black and white-striped tattered rags as opposed to neatly pressed SS uniforms sporting highly polished hobnail boots. The systematic dehumanization of Jews by their tormentors, transformed the victims into livestock, while the savage beasts of Germany

asunder, some to England, others to the United States, and the remaining hapless ones to the camps. Fritz, ever resourceful, managed to secure a job as a skillful brick layer in one of the camps, but when he learned his father had been sent to Auschwitz, he did the unthinkable; he requested to be transferred there to be with his father.

Since Jews were forbidden to hold supervisory positions inside or outside the camps, the Nazis had a work management problem. They needed Jews with language and construction skills to fill some positions of authority, like a foreman. To solve that dilemma, they designated the supervisory Jews as Aryans, thus proving the idiocy of Nazi racial ideology. Dronfield accurately opines, "The mind of a Nazi was beyond fathoming, let alone reasoning."

As the Allies closed in on the Third Reich and defeat was deemed inevitable, the genocidal Nazis tried to bury their crimes along with their victims. Murders accelerated at a feverish rate, and it seemed only a matter of time before Gustav and Fritz would join the millions of victims.

This is a story of family loyalty, courage, and determination to survive in the face of the most inhumane of conditions. The lesson father and son learned during their years of being transported from work camp to concentration camp to death camp was this one incontrovertible fact — the key to survival in the camps was not good luck, not fate, nor God's blessings. It was the kindness of others.

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From 2016 to 2020, the figures for Israel were stable, moving between 59% and 64%. For the Palestinians, the figures have risen steadily, from 15% to 23%.

With the caveat that the sympathy index is very sensitive to events, it reveals substantial and stable gaps in favor of Israel. The largest were registered during the 1991 Gulf War (-57%) and in 2013 (-52%) following the two 2012 violent confrontations between Hamas and Israel (operations Returning Echo and Pillar of Defense). The gaps were the lowest during the 1988 Palestinian Intifada (-22%) and at the beginning of the 1993 Oslo "peace process" (-27%), when it seemed as if the two sides had embarked on a new road to peace.

Figure 2 also shows that in the past 20 years, the lowest figure for Israel was 41% while the highest for the Palestinians was 23%, a difference of 18% in favor of Israel. In the past 20 years the average gap in favor of Israel was 58% vs. 17%. In recent years, there has been some increase in sympathy with the Palestinians, but this didn't necessarily come at the expense of sympathy with Israel.

## Support for the establishment of a Palestinian state

A two-state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, or the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza alongside Israel, has been highly popular for years in surveys on American attitudes toward Israel and the Middle East. During the Oslo years, very few polls directly addressed the two-state solution, probably because all sides assumed it was the only possible option. The issue resurfaced in 2000 during the violent "al-Aqsa Intifada" and after a series of dramatic events in Gaza: the 2005 Israeli unilateral disengagement, the 2006 Hamas victory in the Palestinian elections, and their subsequent 2007 military takeover of Gaza.

Surveys conducted for Newsweek between 2000 and 2002 found that small pluralities of Americans supported the establishment of an independent Palestinian state: 38% vs. 29% in 2000, and 40% vs. 39% in 2001. In a 2002 CBS poll, 39% vs. 30% supported the idea.

Figure 3 below shows long-term trends in the Gallup poll from 2002 to 2020. Changes over time reflect the effects of developments in the conflict as well as the views and policies of US presidents, but the graph shows support for a two-state solution throughout the entire period. The lowest figure was recorded in 2000 during the "al-Aqsa Intifada." The highest,

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58%, appeared in 2003, following the subsidence of violence and the presentation of President George W. Bush's new peace plan, which included the establishment of a Palestinian state. Slight majorities (51%) supported the idea during first term of President Barack Obama, who strongly supported a two-state solution.

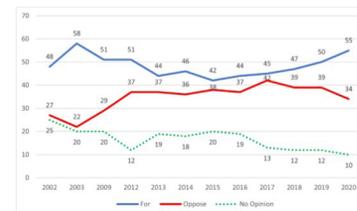
A close division appeared in 2017 when 45% supported the solution and 42% opposed it. In 2019, support reached 50%. In 2020, 55% of Americans supported a Palestinian state, with 34% opposed and 10% unsure.

Both the close division and the higher figures may have resulted from President Donald Trump's statements and policies. In 2017, he severely criticized the Palestinians and the Obama administration for orchestrating a resolution (No. 2334) at the UN Security Council on December 20, 2016 declaring Israeli settlements in the West Bank illegal. The higher figures in 2019 and 2020 could reflect Trump's inclusion of a prospective Palestinian state in his peace plan. A change in Republican opinion supports this explanation. Republicans continued to oppose the idea, but their opposition had waned in strength by 2020. In 2019, only 34% of Republicans favored a two-state solution and a majority of 53% opposed it. In 2020, the ratio was 44% for it and 48% against it. These results represent -5% in the opposition column and +10% in the support column.

## Figure 3: Establishment of a Palestinian state, 2000-2020

Question: Do you favor or

oppose the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip? (%)



## Conclusions

The data indicate that from 2000 to 2020, Americans continued to view Israel very favorably and the PA very unfavorably. This sentiment is probably related to the nature of the political systems of the two sides. Israel is a liberal democracy while the PA is a corrupt, ineffective, and failed dictatorship. The last elections were held there 15 years ago, when Mahmoud Abbas was elected for a four-year term. Gaza is ruled by Hamas, an Islamist terror organization. The sympathy index pitting Israelis vs. the Palestinians shows substantial gaps in favor of Israel.

The confrontations between Obama and Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu over Palestinian-Israeli negotiations and the 2015 nuclear agreement with Iran did not negatively affect pro-Israel sympathy results. Trump's policies in favor of Israel, including the transfer of the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and cutting of aid to the PA and UNRWA, may have increased sympathy for the Palestinians, whom the US media have portrayed as victims of his policies. Similarly, Figure 3 shows that in 2019 and 2020, for the first time since 2003, slight

majorities supported the establishment of a Palestinian state. Like the 2003 peak, these results were probably related to the inclusion of a Palestinian state in peace plans proposed, respectively, by Presidents Bush and Trump.

The surveys show results that should worry Israeli leaders. Socio-demographic analysis indicates that over all three of the issues discussed here, Republicans have supported Israel much more than have Democrats. The widening gap threatens to damage the already declining bipartisan support Israel has enjoyed in Washington for decades.

Support for Israel is also diminishing with age. Young voters support Israel much less than old voters. If this continues, it could significantly alter the present favorable trends. Finally, although most American Jews are still somewhat attached to Israel, they have grown increasingly critical of its domestic policies and approaches to both the Democrats and the pursuit of a resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

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A View From Israel:  
Are We Failing the Diaspora?

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On Monday evening, May 4, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stood before the television cameras and announced that Israel had achieved remarkable success in its battle against coronavirus.

While the prime minister rightfully observed that every life lost is one too many and that it is far too early to declare victory against the deadly virus, the reality is that Israel has established itself as an international leader in minimizing the health impacts of COVID-19.

Our accomplishments in this ongoing battle are undoubtedly a source of great national pride. While explaining why one nation has succeeded where others have failed is deeply complex — perhaps even unexplainable — there is a general consensus that Israel's history and ongoing security challenges make us that much better suited to address crises. With decades of unfortunate experience, the nation and its leader-

ship are able to adopt a military mindset that allows us to very quickly adjust from "routine" to an "emergency" that requires difficult decision-making from both our elected officials and the general public.

And yet, while we are deeply thankful for where we are today, we risk a contentment that borders on hubris.

Potentially most problematic, the Jewish state is in danger of celebrating while the Jewish Diaspora continues to suffer. This would be a callous and inexcusable mistake.

For many years, Israel has been on the receiving end of endless waves of compassion and outright support from our friends and family in the Diaspora. When our enemies hoped to destroy us, whether it be in the form of physical attacks or financial embargoes and boycotts, the Diaspora community was unwavering in the intensity of their response.

Hundreds of millions of dollars of philanthropic aid pours into our country every year from Jewish donors who are moved by Israel's challenges and recognize our historic plight. In times of increased

tension, we are always moved by the arrival of missions from all over the world who disregard security concerns and choose to demonstrate solidarity with real action; Jews relating to Israel as their real homeland and coming home when our country was in need.

In a painful reversal of fortunes, today it is the Diaspora that requires Israeli support.

Not only has Israel fared relatively well in this crisis, but the Jewish world abroad has been terribly maimed. Communities with large concentrations of Jews, like New York, New Jersey, and London, are bearing the brunt of the pandemic. In a community where respect for the dead is paramount, we have been horrified by the images of funeral homes stretched beyond their capabilities. The very tenets of Jewish life — schools and synagogues — have been closed, and communal prayer and study forced into the privacy of homes.

I write this as my own elderly parents in Florida are homebound, some of my siblings in New Jersey are recovering from COVID-19, my

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## Tradition.

## The Power of a Curse



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The book of Vayikra draws to a close by outlining the blessings that will follow if the people are faithful to their covenant with God. Then it describes the curses that will befall them if they are not. The general principle is clear. In biblical times, the fate of the nation mirrored the conduct of the nation. If people behaved well, the nation would prosper. If they behaved badly, eventually bad things would happen. That is what the Prophets knew. As Martin Luther King paraphrased it, “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it



bends towards justice.” Not always immediately but ultimately, good is rewarded with good, bad with bad.

Our parsha starkly sets out the terms of that equation: if you obey God, there will be rain in its season, the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit; there will be peace. The curses, though, are almost three times as long and much more dramatic in the language they use:

*“But if you will not listen to Me and carry out all these commands ... then I will do this to you: I will bring on you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and sap your strength...”*

*I will break your stubborn pride and make the sky above you like iron and the ground beneath you like bronze... I will send wild animals against you, and they will rob you of your children, destroy your cattle and make you so few in number that your roads will be deserted... Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins...*

*As for those of you who are left, I will make their hearts so fearful in the lands of their enemies that the sound of a windblown leaf will put them to flight. They will run as though fleeing from the sword, and they will fall, even though no one is pursuing them.” (Lev. 26: 14-37)*

There is a savage eloquence here. The images are vivid. There is a pulsing rhythm to the verses, as if the harsh fate that would overtake the nation is inexorable, cumulative and accelerating. The effect is intensified by the repeated hammer blows: “If after all this ... if you remain hostile ... if in spite of these things ... if in

spite of this.” The word *keri*, key to the whole passage, is repeated seven times. It appears nowhere else in the whole of Tanach. Its meaning is uncertain. It may mean rebelliousness, obstinacy, indifference, hard-heartedness, reluctance or being-left-to-chance. But the basic principle is clear. If you act toward Me with *keri*, says God, I will turn that same attribute against you, and you will be devastated.

It has long been a custom to read the *tochachah*, the curses, both here and in the parallel passage in Devarim 28, in a low voice in the synagogue, which has the effect of robbing them of their terrifying power if said out loud. But they are fearful enough however they are read. And both here and in Devarim, the section on curses

is longer and far more graphic than the section on blessings.

This seems to contradict a basic principle of Judaism, that God’s generosity to those who are faithful to Him vastly exceeds His punishment of those who are not. “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands ... He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation” (Ex. 34:6-7). Rashi does the arithmetic: “It follows, therefore, that the measure of reward is greater than the measure of punishment by five hundred to one, for in respect of the measure of good it says: “maintaining love to thousands” (meaning at least two thousand generations), while punishment lasts for at most four generations.

The whole idea contained in the 13 Attributes of Compassion is that God’s love and forgiveness are stronger than His justice and punishment. Why, therefore, are the curses in this week’s parsha so much longer and stronger than the blessings?

The answer is that God loves and forgives, but with the proviso that, when we do wrong, we acknowledge the fact, express remorse, make restitution to those we have harmed, and repent. In the middle of the Thirteen Attributes of Mercy is the statement, “Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished” (Ex. 34:7). God does not forgive the unrepentant sinner, because were He to do so, it would make the world a worse place, not a better one. More people would sin if

there were no downside to doing so.

The reason the curses are so dramatic is not because God seeks to punish, but the precise opposite. The Talmud tells us that God weeps when He allows disaster to strike His people: “Woe to Me, that due to their sins I destroyed My house, burned My Temple and exiled them [My children] among the nations of the world.” The curses were meant as a warning. They were intended to deter, scare, discourage. They are like a parent warning a young child not to play with electricity. The parent may deliberately intend to scare the child, but he or she does so out of love, not severity.

The classic instance is the book of Jonah. God tells Jonah the Prophet to go to Nineveh and warn the people, “In forty days Nineveh will be destroyed.” He does so. The people take him seriously. They repent. God then relents from His threat to destroy the city. Jonah complains to God that He has made him look ridiculous. His prophecy has not come true. Jonah has failed to understand the difference between a prophecy and a prediction. If a prediction comes true, it has succeeded. If a prophecy comes true, it has failed. The Prophet tells the people what will happen if they fail to change. A prophecy is not a prediction but a warning. It describes a fearful future in order to persuade the people to avert it. That is what the *tochachah* is.

In their new book, *The Power of Bad*, John Tierney and Roy Baumeister argue on the basis of substantial scientific evidence, that bad has far more impact on us than good. We pay more attention to bad news than good news. Bad health makes more difference to us than good health. Criticism affects us more than praise. A bad reputation is easier to acquire and harder to lose than a good one.

Humans are designed – “hardwired” – to take notice of and rapidly react to threat. Failing to notice a lion is more dangerous than failing to notice a ripened fruit on a tree. Recognising the kindness of a friend is good and virtuous, but not as significant as ignoring the animosity of an enemy. One traitor can betray an entire nation.

It follows that the stick is a more powerful motivator than the carrot. Fear of the curse is more likely to affect behaviour than desire for the blessing. Threat of punishment is more effective than promise of reward. Tierney and Baumeister document this over a wide range of cases from education to crime rates. Where there is a clear threat of punishment for bad behaviour, people behave better.

Judaism is a religion of love and forgiveness. But it is also a religion of justice. The punishments in the Torah are there not because God loves to punish, but because He wants us to act well. Imagine a country that had laws but no punishments. Would people keep the law? No. Everyone would choose to be a free-rider, taking advantage of the efforts of others without contributing oneself. Without punishment, there is no

effective law, and without law there is no society. The more powerfully one can present the bad, the more likely people are to choose the good. That is why the *tochachah* is so powerful, dramatic and fear-inducing. The fear of bad is the most powerful motivator of good.

I believe that being warned of the bad helps us to choose the good. Too often we make the wrong choices because we don’t think of the consequences. That’s how global warming happened. That’s how financial crashes happen. That’s how societies lose their solidarity. Too often, people think of today, not the day after tomorrow. The Torah, painting in the most graphic detail what can happen to a nation when it loses its moral and spiritual bearings, is speaking to us in every generation, saying: Beware. Take note. Don’t function on autopilot. Once a society begins to fall apart, it is already too late. Avoid the bad. Choose the good. Think long and choose the road that leads to blessings.

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“acted in a way which endangered the peace process.”

Yet most Democrats continued to be pro-Israel. The changes in their party regarding Israel were decades away.

Daniel Pipes is worried about “major European states” criticizing Israel. Well, they criticized Israel in 1981 too. So what? The British called the Israeli bombing “unprovoked.” The French, who had built the Iraqi nuclear reactor that Israel bombed, demanded that Israel pay reparations for the damage caused. (“Did the Allies pay reparations after they destroyed the Nazis’ atomic plant at Peenemünde and elsewhere during World War II,” Israel’s ambassador to the United Nations responded.)

Antisemitic Austrians were up in arms. The Nazi war criminal Kurt Waldheim, then serving as secretary-general of the United Nations, vehemently denounced the Israelis. So did Prime Minister Bruno Kreisky, who accused Israel of acting “according to the law of the jungle.” Kreisky said the problem with the policies of those like Polish-born Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin was that “they think in such a warped way, these Eastern Jews, because they have never had political responsibilities.”

Was it so terrible that all

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daughter is a health-care professional in New York City, and we have yet to personally hug a new granddaughter born to us in Connecticut.

Jewish tradition and practice are predicated upon the concept of unity, that wherever our people find themselves in the world, we thrive on the recognition that we are “one people with one heart.” It is that understanding that has always inspired Diaspora Jewish support for Israel and must therefore be the one that motivates our actions in the face

these people were mad at Israel in 1981? Not really. The United States remained pro-Israel, despite the occasional disagreement. The Europeans continued trading with Israel, because it benefits their economies, regardless of political disagreements. Egypt went ahead with its peace treaty with Israel because it was in Egypt’s interest.

That’s more or less what would happen today. Various governments will condemn Israel if it annexes part of Judea and Samaria. But they will continue to have relations with Israel because it’s in their interest to do so. Their bark is much worse than their bite.

The Palestinian Arabs certainly will object. Perhaps they will stage a few riots. But how different would that be from the current situation, in which Palestinian Arabs periodically fire rockets from Gaza or stab Israelis at random? I have full confidence in the ability of Israel’s security services to deal with such eruptions, as they always have.

Annexation will serve several important purposes. First, it will affirm the Jews’ right to their national homeland. Judea and Samaria have been the heart of the Land of Israel for 3,000 years. “Annexation” is not the correct word – that term implies taking over some foreign territory. “Reunification” is the accurate word.

Second, it will abolish a grievous double standard. The hundreds of thousands of Israelis who reside in the territories have a right to be governed by Israeli law, just as 98% of the Arabs living in Judea and Samaria are governed by the laws of the Palestinian Authority.

Third, it will put an end to the threat of “Nine Miles Wide.” Israel requires permanent control of the Jordan Valley, the Etzion bloc, and the other areas under discussion in order to have defensible borders. Giving those areas to the Arabs would mean a retreat to the pre-1967 armistice lines, when Israel was just nine miles wide and could be cut in two in a matter of minutes.

It’s one or the other. “Annexation” and some international whining – or nine miles wide and a daily threat to Israel’s very existence. That’s the choice Israel really faces.

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of this latest crisis.

I am proud of some of the activities that I have witnessed among the Israeli community in an effort to help Diaspora Jewry. World Mizrahi, based in Israel, has put together a plethora of programs to inspire thousands in the Diaspora during this difficult time, and convened a WhatsApp group that has engaged hundreds of community rabbis throughout North America and Israel so we can share in real time best practices during this time of

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## Social.



Actor Jerry Stiller arrives at the American Museum of Natural History for the premiere of the movie 'Night at the Museum,' in New York City, Dec. 17, 2006. Photo: Reuters / Eric Thayer.

## Tributes Pour in for Legendary Jewish Actor and Comedian Jerry Stiller: 'His Comedy Will Live Forever'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A number of Hollywood stars have paid tribute on social media to Jerry Stiller, best known for his roles on the sitcoms "Seinfeld" and "The King of Queens," after the legendary Jewish actor and comedian died on Monday of natural causes at the age of 92.

Jerry Seinfeld tweeted, "Jerry Stiller's comedy will live forever," and shared a photo of himself holding one of Stiller's albums with his late wife, Anne Meara, called "Ed Sullivan Presents the Last Two People in the World."



Fellow "Seinfeld" star Julia Louis-Dreyfus shared a video of bloopers between her character, Elaine, and Stiller's, Frank Costanza. She wrote, "The truth is that

this happened all the time with Jerry Stiller. He was so funny and such a dear human being. We loved him. RIP Jerry Stiller."

Jason Alexander — who played Stiller's son, George Costanza, in "Seinfeld" — wrote on Twitter, "Such sad news that my beloved friend, Jerry Stiller, has passed. He was perhaps the kindest man I ever had the honor to work beside. He made me laugh when I was a child and every day I was with him. A great actor, a great man, a lovely friend. #RIPJerryStiller I Love you."

He then shared a photo of him with Stiller and captioned the shot, "Yeah. I adored this man."

Kevin James, who starred alongside Stiller on "The King of Queens" for nine seasons, took to Instagram to share his sorrow over his costar's passing. He called the late actor, "One of the most kind, loving, and funny people to ever grace this earth" and added, "Thank you for so many incredible memories. I love you and miss you. Requiescat in pace."

Leah Remini, who played Stiller's daughter on "The King of Queens," also mourned his death on Instagram.

"I was lucky enough to work with Jerry Stiller, playing his daughter for 9 years on The King Of Queens, but even luckier to know him, the man, the husband, the father, the grandfather," she captioned a collage of pictures of them together.

"I am only comforted knowing that Anne & Jerry, the great comedy duo of Stiller & Meara are back together," Remini added. "I will be forever grateful for the memories, the fatherly talks off screen and for the many years of laughter, the kindness he had shown to me and my family...You will be so very missed Jerry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Amy & Ben."

Ben announced his father's passing on Twitter on Monday morning. In replies to Ben's tweet, Hamilton star and creator Lin-Manuel Miranda wrote, "Sending you love, Ben. What a giant. So grateful for him, and Anne, and you."

"So sorry for your loss, Ben," wrote Ricky Gervais, with Hank Azaria adding: "He was a lovely man —

always so kind to me. Condolences Ben." Seth Rogen wrote, "He made me laugh till I cried on many many occasions."

"He was one of a kind," wrote "Princess Bride" star Cary Elwes. "So grateful for all the joy he brought into my life. Our sincere condolences, to you and your family."

"Today" show host Al Roker shared photos of Jerry, including one from when Roker made a cameo on "Seinfeld," while Josh Gad wrote, "Thank you Jerry for your brilliant comedic prowess. There was nobody who quite turned a phrase like #JerryStiller & few who got to create a holiday iconically linked to them. Happy eternal Festivus."

"General Hospital" actor Parry Shen shared a touching story from when he worked with Jerry in an episode of "The King of Queens" in 1998. Shen tweeted to Ben, "After the table read, I was canned & your father talked to the producers & got me my job back. When I thanked him, he said, 'Hey, it's not Shakespeare!' A class act & a legend. What a gift to the world. Deepest condolences."

On Monday's episode of "Live with Kelly and Ryan," co-host Kelly Ripa recalled a personal memory of working alongside Jerry on "All My Children." She said about the late actor, "He was the kindest, loveliest person. But his acting was like, in another dimension. He could go into a far off place and bring out things in a scene that would never occur to you."

Actress Morgan Fairchild said to Ben, "He was always a joy to be around, as was your wonderful mother. Sending love and condolences to you and your family."

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emergency.

Israeli musicians like Ishay Ribo and media personalities like Sivan Rahav Meir have engaged tens of thousands throughout the Diaspora. Our hospitals and research institutes are in constant dialogue with those around the world in order to leverage our experiences for the betterment of the global community. Furthermore, I take great pride in Ohr Torah Stone's 300 rabbinic and educational emissaries around the world.

Nevertheless, I fully recognize that Diaspora Jewry feels alone, and we need to do better.

The situation demands a reevaluation of what it means to be "one Jewish community." Help and solidarity cannot — and must not — be a one-way street. We are no longer the poor cousin. Israel has succeeded in countless ways; it would be ignorant and irresponsible to minimize the contribution of Jewish communities abroad in that achievement.

Just like our pain has been your pain in decades past, you deserve to know that today your pain is ours.

Until we are all blessed with a return to a far healthier world very speedily in our days, every Jew — and particularly the people of Israel — must open their hearts to Diaspora Jewry and say, "We are with you and without you we are incomplete."

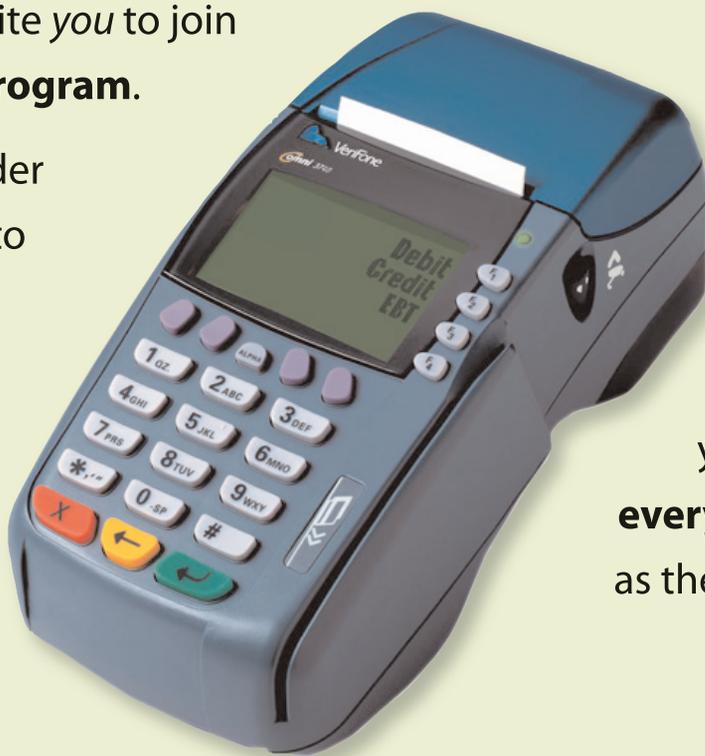
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