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After Normalization Deal, Israel Invites UAE Crown Prince to Jerusalem



Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Photo: Andrew Caballero-Reynolds / Pool via Reuters.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

In a letter sent on Monday, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin personally invited the crown prince of the Abu Dhabi, Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to visit the Jewish state as an "honored guest" following the normalization deal reached with the United Arab



I sent a letter to Crown Prince @MohamedBinZayed and invited him to visit Jerusalem. I am hopeful that the agreement between our countries will help build and strengthen the trust between us and the peoples of the region, bring economic benefit and regional stability.

Emirates last week.

"I am hopeful that the agreement between our countries will help build and strengthen the trust between us and the peoples of the

region, bring economic benefit and regional stability," Rivlin tweeted.

"In my letter, I wrote that I have no doubt that future generations will appreciate how brave and wise leadership restarted the discourse on peace, trust, dialogue between peoples and religions, cooperation and a promising future, a beacon, illuminating the road ahead for others," he added.

After Peace Deal, Israeli Spy Chief Meets UAE National Security Adviser

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

The head of Israel's Mossad foreign intelligence service met the national security adviser of the United Arab Emirates during a visit to Abu Dhabi, the UAE state news agency WAM said on Tuesday.

Israel and the United Arab Emirates announced last Thursday they would normalize diplomatic ties and forge a broad new relationship.

Joseph (Yossi) Cohen and Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed



Mossad chief Yossi Cohen. Photo: Flash90.

Al Nahyan discussed ways in which to support the new accord.

"The two sides discussed prospects for cooperation in the security field, and shared perspectives on regional developments and issues of common interest, including both countries' efforts to contain COVID-19," WAM added.

Following the deal's announcement last week, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised Cohen in a tweet in Arabic for his help in developing Israeli relations with Gulf states, which he said helped in securing the UAE-Israel deal.

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Opinion.

Ushering in a New Era of Peace



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Last Thursday, together with President Donald Trump and Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, I declared the historic peace agreement between Israel and the United Arab Emirates. This is the first peace agreement between Israel and an Arab country in 26 years. It is different from its predecessors because it is based on two principles: “peace for peace” and “peace through strength.” Under this doctrine, Israel is not required to withdraw from any territory and together the two countries openly reap the fruits of a full peace: investments, trade, tourism, health, agriculture, environmental protection, and in many other fields, including defense, of course.

This peace was not achieved because Israel weakened itself by withdrawing to the 1967 lines. It was achieved because Israel strengthened itself by cultivating a free economy, military and technological strength, and by combining these two strengths to achieve unprecedented international influence.

This strong international position found expression in our willingness to take a stand against Iran’s aggression in the region and its efforts to attain nuclear weapons. The fact that we stood alone, and sometimes I had to stand alone against the whole world against Iran

and the dangerous nuclear agreement with it, made a major impression on Arab leaders in the region.

A simple fact was proven anew: Strength attracts and weakness repels. In the Middle East, the strong survive and with strength, one makes peace. I have advanced the cultivation of Israel’s strength over the years and thereby the doctrine of “peace for peace” as well. I do this with leaders around the Arab and Islamic worlds.

This concept found public expression in my meeting with the president of Sudan about six months ago, in my meetings with senior Arab foreign ministers in the open meeting in Warsaw a year and a half ago, and in my open visit to Oman two years ago at the invitation of the late Sultan Qaboos. I can tell you that it found expression in a series of secret meetings, about which I shall not go into detail.

This doctrine stands in complete contradiction to the concept that held, up until a few days ago, that no Arab country would agree to make an official and open peace with Israel before a conclusion was achieved in the conflict with the Palestinians. In the Palestinians’ view, and in the view of many in the world who agreed with them, it would be impossible to achieve this peace with our capitulating to the Palestinians’ demands, including the uprooting of communities, the division of Jerusalem, and a withdrawal to the 1967 lines.

In effect, this mistaken concept gave the Palestinians a veto over achieving peace between Israel and Arab countries. It held Israel and the Arab world as hostages to the

Palestinians’ most extreme demands, which put the State of Israel in genuine existential danger. Perhaps, in my view, the greatest danger was that more than a few Israelis agreed with the absurd conditions. No more. This concept of “peace through withdrawal and weakness” is gone from the world. It has been replaced by a different concept: Genuine peace, peace for peace, peace through strength. This is what we are advancing today.

I remind you that in the current agreement, not only has Israel not withdrawn from so much as one square meter, rather the Trump plan includes, at my request, the application of Israeli sovereignty over extensive territories in Judea and Samaria.

It was I who insisted on including sovereignty in the plan, and this plan has not changed. President Trump is committed to it and I am committed to conducting negotiations on this basis. At the UN in 2013, I said that, for years, many believed that Israeli-Palestinian peace would advance a broader reconciliation between Israel and the Arab world. I said that I was of the view that peace would be achieved in the opposite fashion: It was expanding reconciliation between Israel and the Arab world that would likely advance an Israeli-Palestinian peace. I added that in order to achieve this peace, we had to gaze not only at Jerusalem and Ramallah, but at Cairo, Amman, Abu Dhabi, Riyadh, and other places as well.

This was not a prophecy. This was the persistent and systematic policy that I led and which took years to trickle down. Thank God,



A general view of the Business Bay area, after a curfew was imposed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, March 28, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Satish Kumar / File.

it has indeed trickled down. I see additional countries joining the circle of peace with us. This historic change will also advance peace with the Arab world and, in the end, peace, true peace, monitored, and secure, with the Palestinians as well.

I would like to thank the various elements that, over the years, assisted in maintaining the link with the United Arab Emirates, especially the Mossad. I also add my special envoy to the Arab world, attorney Yitzhak Molcho, and National Security Council head Meir Ben-Shabbat and his team. I thank them all.

In addition, special thanks for advancing this peace agreement goes to an additional person, Israeli Ambassador to the US Ron Dermer. He did exceptional work, unassumingly and professionally, together with the White House team and his colleague in Washington, the Emirati ambassador.

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The Israel-UAE Deal Is a Win-Win for Peace



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The agreement by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to normalize relations with Israel bodes well for the future of Israel and the dangerous region in which it lives. It was not the first such agreement — there were peace treaties with Egypt (1979) and Jordan (1994) — but it will probably not be the last. It is likely, though not certain, that other Gulf nations may follow. Even the president of Lebanon, Michel Aoun, has “hinted at the possibility of peace talks with Israel.” In any event, he has not precluded eventually joining other Arab countries in normalizing relations with Israel.

Although the Palestinian leadership opposed the deal — it always opposes everything — it too may benefit from it. The UAE will press for a two-state solution and its voice will be more influential both in the United States and in Israel. A two-state solution that assures Israel’s security would require a demilitarized Palestine with an Israeli military presence in the Jordan Valley and territorial swaps that keep the current settlement blocks as part of Israel. This would allow for a contiguous, viable Palestinian state that could thrive if it maintained peace with Israel. The Palestinians could secure such a state if they agree to negotiate with Israel over the current Trump

plan that is now on the table.

The deal makes clear that the Palestinian leadership no longer has a veto on the actions and attitudes of its Arab neighbors who will do what it is in their own best interests. It has also become clear that strengthening ties with the militarily, technologically and economically powerful Israel is the best protection against the dangers posed by an Iran that for decades has been seeking to have its own deliverable nuclear weapons capability. Most US Democratic Party leaders including presidential candidate Joe Biden and his vice-presidential pick, Kamala Harris, have praised the deal. One of the very few prominent Americans who belittled the agreement, nevertheless, was Ben Rhodes, a foreign policy adviser to former President Barack Obama, who was instrumental in making the terrible deal with Iran that essentially green-lighted the mullahs’ quest for a nuclear arsenal. Ironically and perversely, it was the pro-Iranian policy of Obama and Rhodes that contributed to the fear that drove the UAE closer to Israel. The Emirates know that Israel will never allow Iran to develop or acquire nuclear weapons, no



The Tel Aviv municipality building is lit with the United Arab Emirates national flag, Aug. 13, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Ammar Awad.

matter what it takes to stop them. For the rest of the world — including the US — a nuclear Iran is a regional diplomatic problem. For Israel, it is an existential threat. For the Gulf States, it poses a serious threat to their regimes.

The deal, however, is more than “the enemy of my enemy is my friend.” The UAE will derive many benefits from closer relationships with the Middle East’s most stable and advanced country. These include economic and technological partnerships, military and intelligence sharing, mutual tourism and better relationships with the US and much of the rest of the world.

The deal also demonstrates how quickly changes occur in this volatile part of the globe. It was only a few decades ago when Israel’s strongest allies were Iran and Turkey, and its most intractable enemies were Egypt, Jordan and the Gulf states. Now the reverse is true. The only constant constructive element in the region is a democratic Israel, with its close ties to the United States.

The other constant — but a destructive one — has been the Palestinian leadership. They constantly say no to everything that involves normalization with Israel. This stance goes back to the 1930s, when they rejected the Peel Commission recommendation that would have given them a state in the vast majority of the British Mandate. But because it would also have given the Jews a tiny, non-contiguous state, the Palestinians said no. They wanted there not to be a Jewish state more than they wanted there to be a Palestinian state. This naysaying approach continued in 1948, 1967,

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World News.

'We Reject You,' Israeli Ambassador to Germany Bluntly Tells Far-Right AfD Party

BY BEN COHEN

Several AfD leaders have attempted to play down or whitewash the systemic brutality of Germany's 12-year period under Nazi rule.

In 2017, one of the AfD's most outspoken regional leaders, Björn Höcke, sparked outrage when he declared himself disgusted by Berlin's memorial to the Nazi Holocaust. "We Germans are the only people in the world to have planted a monument of shame in the heart of their capital," Höcke said.

Similar sentiments were also expressed by Alexander Gauland, the leader of the AfD's parliamentary faction, who dismissed the Nazi era as a "speck of bird poop" on Germany's "glorious history" in a speech in 2018.

Issacharoff commented, "Today there are again politicians in Germany, like some in the AfD, who talk down the crimes of the Wehrmacht or call the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin a 'disgrace.' There appears to be a nostalgia for the Nazi past."

The ambassador added that the AfD's rhetorical outbursts had undermined "a consensus among the established parties in Germany that the victims of the Shoah were treated with respect."

"I find it disturbing that politicians negate the necessity of commemoration," Issacharoff said.

Asked for his thoughts on left-wing antisemitism, Issacharoff highlighted the "BDS" campaign to subject Israel to a comprehensive boycott as a prime example.

"Antisemites often hide behind the BDS movement," he said. "We have many groups in Israel who argue with each other. I speak



An election campaign event held by Germany's far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party in Cottbus, Germany, July 13, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Hannibal Hanschke.

with Palestinians, with Arabs. But with any group says that it basically wants to destroy Israel, there can be no dialogue. This is about burning bridges, not building them."

Israel's ambassador to Germany has bluntly told the country's main far-right party that the Jewish state rejected its overtures and held it responsible for growing extremist violence.

In an extensive interview with the *Berliner Zeitung* published on Saturday, Jeremy Issacharoff — who has served as Israel's envoy in Germany since 2017 — emphasized that Israel had not been seduced by pro-Israel statements uttered by some leaders of the far-right, anti-immigrant AfD (Alternative for Germany) Party, whose representatives currently occupy 97 of the more than 700 seats in Germany's parliament, the Bundestag.

"It's a well-known scheme: you portray yourself as Israel's friend in order to cover up antisemitic tendencies," Issacharoff remarked.

He continued: "With its rhetoric, the AfD has contributed to a more aggressive climate in German society today. People invoke the slogans of the AfD and commit acts of violence. Therefore we reject any contact with the AfD."

Israeli Foreign Minister Speaks With Omani Counterpart, Who Stresses Palestinian Issue

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF & AGENCIES

Israeli Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi spoke by phone on Monday with his Omani counterpart, Yousuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah, in the wake of the normalization agreement reached by the Jewish state and the United Arab Emirates last week.

Oman's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Bin Abdullah had discussed the "latest developments in the region" with Ashkenazi.

The ministry noted that Bin Abdullah emphasized the need "to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, and the need to resume the peace process negotiations and fulfill the legitimate demands of the Palestinian people to establish their independent state with East Jerusalem as its capital."

It also pointed out that Bin Abdullah had



A general view of the Omani capital of Muscat. Photo: Reuters / Christopher Pike.

also spoken on Monday with a top Palestinian official, Jibril Rajoub, the secretary-general of the Fatah Central Committee, who was said to have praised Oman for "its balanced and wise policy toward Arab issues, foremost of which is the Palestinian issue."

Bin Abdullah, the ministry said, highlighted the "depth of Omani-Palestinian relations and the sultanate's regional and international efforts in support of the chances

Israel's UN Envoy Hezbollah Border Infiltration Exposes Major Flaw of UN Peacekeeping Operation in Lebanon



UNIFIL peacekeepers patrol the border with Israel near the Lebanese village of Kfar Kila, Dec. 4, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ali Hashisho.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Israeli letter of protest came amid reports that the US was threatening to veto the extension of the mandate of UNIFIL — the UN force first established in 1978 — on the grounds that it had failed to stop Hezbollah's consolidation in southern Lebanon.

Israel and the US were now "leading a joint diplomatic effort to change the UNIFIL mandate so that it functions as an effective force, including broadening access and oversight capabilities in areas where Hezbollah operates," the Israeli statement said.

"Hezbollah's terrorist operations, which violate Security Council resolutions, could lead to disaster and wreak havoc on Lebanon," Ambassador Erdan said. "The role of the UNIFIL force is to prevent these operations and to prevent Hezbollah from turning southern Lebanon into its own terrorist base.

If UNIFIL is unable to fulfill this mission, then its existence should be in doubt."

Israel's diplomatic mission to the United Nations filed an official complaint with the Security Council on Monday after Hezbollah terrorists allegedly slipped over the border from Lebanon last month.

In a letter to the Security Council, Gilad Erdan — the newly-installed Israeli UN envoy — shared intelligence proving that Hezbollah operatives infiltrated into Israel in the July 27 incident despite the presence of UN peacekeepers.

A photo attached to the letter showed "evidence of the terrorist cell's route from Lebanon to the Mount Dov area in Israel via the Blue Line [the UN-demarcated border with Israel], contrary to Hezbollah Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah's false claims that no such infiltration took place," a statement from the Israeli mission noted.

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Win-Win

2000 and 2008. It continues today with their refusal even to negotiate over the Trump peace plan. As Abba Eban once put it: The Palestinians can't take yes for an answer and never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity. But the UAE can take yes and does not miss opportunities. The rest of the Arab world should follow. Maybe then the Palestinian leadership will realize that they, too, should

sit down and negotiate a full peace with the nation state of the Jewish people.

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New Era

And of course, again, I would like to express deep gratitude to President Trump and Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed; the

cooperation between us brought about an historic move of very great importance to the future of Israel and the entire region.

Benjamin Netanyahu is the Prime Minister of Israel.

of achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

Ashkenazi tweeted after the call, "We spoke about recent developments in the region, the normalization agreement with the United Arab Emirates and the need to strengthen relations between Israel and Oman."

He added that he had voiced his "deep appreciation" for Oman's commitment to "peace and stability in the Middle East."

"We agreed to maintain direct and continual contact and to continue the important dialogue between our two countries," Ashkenazi said.

Oman, which has maintained its neutrality in a turbulent region, has said it supports the United Arab Emirates' decision last week to normalize ties with Israel

Oman maintains friendly ties with a wide range of countries and organizations involved in the region, including arch-foes the United States and Iran.

Israel's intelligence minister on Sunday said Oman, alongside Bahrain, could be the next Gulf country to follow the UAE in formalizing ties with Israel. Oman has made no comment on the subject.

World News.



Antisemitic graffiti on a house in the historic center of Lyon in France. Photo: Twitter.

Outrage Over ‘Heil Hitler’ Slogan Sprayed on House in Historic Center of French City of Lyon

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

French politicians warned against a resurgence of the far right on Tuesday after a house in the historic center of the city of Lyon was defaced with antisemitic graffiti sprayed in a lurid orange color.

Eyewitnesses said the offending messages were “still fresh” at 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning. One message read “Heil Hitler,” while the other read “Juden” — the German word for Jews.

The League Against Racism and Antisemitism (LICRA) — a leading French NGO — said in response that it would be taking the matter to court.

“Neo-Nazis are enemies of the Republic and its values,” LICRA declared on Twitter. “They must be fought as such with all means of law.”

LICRA’s announcement received

immediate support from Thomas Rudigoz, who represents the area in the French parliament.

“Racist and antisemitic acts are on the increase,” Rudigoz cautioned. “We must all — the government, the City of Lyon, the National Assembly — fight against fascism and the far right.”

Lyon has been the location of several antisemitic and racist outrages this year.

At the end of June, campaign posters promoting David Kimelfeld, an election candidate for the Lyon city government, were vandalized with antisemitic symbols.

The Muslim community in the city has also been targeted in recent weeks. In July, a Muslim-owned fast food restaurant was vandalized with racist slogans that included “Death to the Arabs,” while last week, two separate mosques in Lyon were subjected to arson attacks.

Knife-Wielding Assailant Shot Dead After Stabbing Israeli Police Officer in Jerusalem

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

A knife-wielding assailant wounded an Israeli policeman in the Old City of Jerusalem and was shot dead by an officer on Monday, a police spokesman said.

The slain man’s identity was not immediately clear, the spokesman said.

Video footage circulated on social media, and which Reuters could not immediately verify, showing a man who appeared to be in his 20s or 30s wearing a surgical mask and lying motionless in an alley as an Israeli policeman pointed a pistol at him.

Israel Opposes Any F-35 Sale to UAE Despite Their Warming Ties

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel would oppose any US F-35 warplane sales to the United Arab Emirates despite forging relations with the Gulf power, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday, citing a need to maintain Israeli military superiority in the region.

The statement followed a report in Israel’s *Yedioth Ahronoth* newspaper that the Trump administration planned a “giant” F-35 deal with

the UAE as part of the Gulf country’s US-brokered move last week to normalize ties with Israel.

The US Embassy in Jerusalem and representatives of the UAE government did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Under understandings dating back decades, Washington has refrained from Middle East arms sales that could blunt Israel’s “qualitative military edge” (QME). This has applied to the F-35, denied to Arab states, while Israel has bought and deployed it.

Friendly Adversaries: How Israelis Secretly Helped Build Up the UAE’s Military Capabilities

BY UDI ETSION/CTech

High salaries, special flights on private jets, alongside a demand for strict confidentiality that forced Israelis to make phone calls to home from out at sea, where no one could hear them talking to their families in Hebrew. Such was the life of the Israelis who for the past decade have had a major hand in building the UAE’s security infrastructure.

As early as 2009, Israeli UAV manufacturer Aeronautics, then headed by Avi Leumi, first signed a deal to sell its Dominator drones to Abu Dhabi. It was just the appetizer: in collaboration with Italian company Piaggio Aerospace, the Israeli company offered to sell the Arab country a giant UAV based on an Italian-made manned aircraft in a project worth \$500 million, dubbed “Sea Wolf.” The planned deal had even drawn investments from VC funds like Viola Ventures and KCPS.

Aeronautics employees began carrying out clandestine training sessions with the drone operators in Abu Dhabi, flying under foreign passports, introducing themselves to the soldiers they instructed using foreign names to blur the Israeli connection. The officers knew the truth, but the Israelis were forbidden to leave the military bases they were working in or the hotels they were put up in.

Despite the lavish settings, it wasn’t an easy or alluring life for them. The young employees, mostly in their late twenties and early thirties, some of them family men, faced difficulty maintaining contact with home. They were forbidden to speak to their families in Hebrew for fear of exposing themselves, so in order to bypass the prohibition, they’d enter the sea with phones wrapped in nylons, move a distance away from the coast and then dial Israel to speak to their wives and children. Despite the inconveniences, however, Aeronautics had no difficulty recruiting team members for the project by offering generous salaries.

The trouble was that, contrary to Leumi’s promises, the Ministry of Defense did not approve the Israeli involvement in the development and delivery of the giant drone to the Gulf state. A plane that arrived from Italy to be converted for unmanned flight remained parked for many years on an Israeli landing strip. After Leumi was fired from the company, his successor was surprised to find a letter of commitment sent by Leumi to Abu Dhabi confirming that the company owed the state \$18 million paid to it as an advance on the project, a debt that accompanied the company for many years until it was paid off. The Italians ended up completing the deal with other partners, but it was not a success.

The unfortunate turn of events did not

“In the talks (on the UAE normalization deal), Israel did not change its consistent positions against the sale to any country in the Middle East of weapons and defense technologies that could tip the (military) balance,” Netanyahu’s office said.

This opposition includes any proposed F-35 sale, it added.

The Trump administration has signaled that the UAE could clinch unspecified new US arms sales after last Thursday’s normalization announcement.

Israeli Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz, an observer in Netanyahu’s security cabinet, noted that past US administrations had “against



Prime Minister and Vice-President of the United Arab Emirates and ruler of Dubai Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia December 9, 2018. Photo: Bandar Algaloud/Courtesy of Saudi Royal Court/Handout via REUTERS.

prevent Aeronautics from taking another bite of the UAE apple. After Leumi’s departure, he maintained his ties in the Gulf and linked the company to another deal for the purchase of Orbiter drones by Abu Dhabi. This one, worth \$20 million, did go through.

Another Israeli company that made handsome profits from doing business with Dubai is Logic Industries, run by Amos Malka, a subsidiary of Mati Kochavi’s AGT. The cybersecurity company accumulated \$8 billion worth of contracts for the sale of observation intelligence planes, a coastal protection system, and a land-border defense network. The company also built a national command and control network. It is believed that the network of CCTV cameras that aided the Dubai police to hunt for the people behind the 2010 assassination of Hamas military chief Mahmoud Al-Mabhouh — allegedly Israeli Mossad agents — was built by Israelis.

Logic recruited several companies run by former IAI, Elbit, and Rafael managers, aided by Bird — a small Herzliya-based defense company — and a Dutch partner, to carry out the project. Israeli know-how, combined with parts purchased in Europe, is what made up the largest defense undertakings in the Persian Gulf. Lots of money flowed into the projects and even relatively junior managers pulled in salaries of \$200,000 a year.

At the start of every week, 50 Israelis would take off to a third country in the region and from there, without stamping their passports, would board private executive jets to take them to Dubai. They would do the same route back on the weekend. “The company’s motto at the time was ‘money is not a problem,’” said a former Logic employee. The projects were completed near the end of 2015 and Logic subsequently closed down.

Some of the big Israeli defense contractors tried to enter the UAE market through Logic’s projects. Rafael Advanced Defense Systems tried to get its Proctor unmanned patrol boats into the UAE coastal defense project, but the deal was not completed.

our wishes” sold the UAE more advanced F-16 warplanes than Israel possesses as well as F-15 warplanes to Saudi Arabia.

Even were Washington to sell F-35s to the UAE, Steinitz told public radio station *Kan* that they would be unlikely to pose a danger to Israel as the distance between the countries is more than twice the jet’s range without refueling.

“I would like to offer us reassurance. Any F-35 that ends up, ultimately, in the United Arab Emirates — not that we would be happy with this, as we always want to be the only ones (with such arms) in the region — threatens Iran far more than it does us,” he said, citing a foe common to Israel and many Gulf Arab states.

U.S. News.

Off-Campus, But in Touch: Students Learn Tools From CAMERA Conference to Fight Antisemitism

BY ELIANA RUDEE/JNS.org

However, she maintained that at their worst, they have also led to the harassment and intimidation of Jewish and pro-Israel students because of their beliefs. “On many campuses, Zionist students are forced to make a choice: either denounce Israel or face ostracism.”

It is therefore vital to teach students to send a critical message that bullying and demonization—from any community—will not be tolerated, said Rosenschein.

In one session at the online conference, director of the Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel (IBSI) Joshua Washington spoke at a session titled “Zionism and the Fight Against Anti-Black Racism: Are the Two Compatible?” It focused on intersectionality in the wake of the May 25 death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police, the resulting massive international protests related to the Black Lives Matter movement and the ensuing dialogue about BDS.

For decades, explained Washington, American Jews and the American black community have fought against discrimination and racism, which has continued as young Jews from across the country have pledged to support those in the black community in their struggle for equality. However, some activists and organizations, including the official BDS campaign, want to connect the fight against racism to the anti-Zionist cause, pushing many Jews into a corner.

As part of this dialogue, Washington told *JNS*, education is the key to strengthen solidarity. “Invite black students to campus events that tackle the controversial issues Jews are facing,” he told the students. “Face them head on, and have the discussion and debates. IBSI also exists to assist with those conversations as well. This will build not only a strong allyship, but genuine friendships as well,” he related.

Washington also suggested finding other ways of support outside of Black Lives Matter, pointing, for example, to the Woodson Center that helps blacks and faith-based organizations solve issues facing their communities.

CAMERA fellow Sophie Sklar, a student at McGill University in Montreal, and incoming president of the Chabad on Campus chapter and the Religious Studies Undergraduate Society, told *JNS* that the fellowship has taught her how to be a strong ally for Israel who is supported and “well-informed and armed with facts, to be open to dialogue and discussion and to properly combat those on my campus who spread misinformation.”

“On a campus such as mine,” said the 20-year-old, “sometimes advocating for Israel and challenging the dominant narratives can be an isolating experience. However, this conference has shared resources, information and other means of support that has demonstrated to me that I am never truly alone in my fight.”

Since McGill will be online this fall, she said “CAMERA has provided us with the resources to be able to continue our activism in an online format. From Zoom workshops to remote gatherings, this year will be a different one for Israel activists. Though the coronavirus has physically shut down my campus, I will still be writing as much as ever and fighting as much as ever for this cause I care so deeply about.”

As a Mizrahi Jew, Sklar appreciated the discussions on communities that are often “overlooked and overshadowed.”

“It was an amazing experience to see my identity and personal story reflected in one of the speakers and to see that my family’s history is valued by CAMERA,” she said. “It was also an incredibly positive experience for me to learn more about Mizrahi history, which will allow me to better speak up for myself when I return to campus.”

‘Focus on the facts’

Of the 100-plus students that took part in the conference, 62 were a part of the incoming CAMERA Fellow cohort that will be monitoring their campus media and anti-Israel events; attending further online trainings; publishing journalistic articles on relevant topics; and hosting events on their respective campuses once they go back in person.



A view of CAMERA staff and students participating in the 2020 virtual student summit. Photo: Screenshot.

CAMERA fellow Ben Stone, a 21-year-old student at Duke University and its business school, told *JNS* that he has “learned how to focus on the facts, and hone in on the inaccuracies propagated by SJP chapters and other supporters of BDS.”

He also noted that he has become a better writer and more educated about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

During this period of time, he said, “I’ve seen a rampant increase of anti-Israel sentiments on social media, as well as a scape-goating of Jews by many people, including celebrities. I think that the distance that COVID has put between interpersonal interactions has given bigots a ‘safe space’ for their hate speech and lies.”

However, he emphasized, “If CAMERA and other similar groups keep teaching us how to be proactive in a smart and educated way, then we will always come out on top. It isn’t about being loud, but being right.”

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Opinion.

Israel Should Not Abandon Sovereignty Plans for UAE Peace



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The peace deal signed between Israel and the UAE was a historic milestone toward Middle East peace. President Donald Trump, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Zayed all deserve credit for what is an extremely positive step for the region. Jared Kushner, US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, Avi Berkowitz, and Trump's former special envoy Jason Greenblatt also deserve special recognition for their efforts to normalize ties between Israel and the Arab world.

There's a long way to go in healing the region, but one more knot has been undone in the stubborn tangle of grudges that have defined the region for far too long.

Still, this peace deal came with the caveat that Israel abandon the planned application of Israeli sovereignty to the ancient Jewish Biblical lands of Judea and Samaria. I commend the UAE for their historic courage. But Israel need not pay for peace with concessions on issues of security and sovereignty. Other countries exist without having their policies dictated to them. Israel should not be any different.

Prime Minister Netanyahu rightly said that this peace deal is radically different from the Camp David accords because Israel did not trade any land for peace. This deal with the UAE is "peace for peace." "Land for peace" was always a flawed theory that is unfair to Israel and yields either dubious results or disaster. This is why I hope that Israel will not cease efforts to apply

sovereignty to the lands west of the Jordan river where 80% of Biblical events take place.

Control of the Jordan Valley is essential to Israeli security, and therefore Israel's eastern border must finally be etched in stone through the application of Israeli sovereignty.

To be sure, Israel has, in the past, made many concessions for peace. But those concessions — like the unilateral withdrawal from Gaza — led to war rather than peace.

A de facto state of peace and growing cooperation with the Gulf States already exists, one that stems organically from the alignment of their interests in countering Iranian expansion and aggression.

Anyone who knows the leaders of Saudi Arabia or the UAE understands that Iran is item number one on their agendas. Israel and the Gulf States complement each other in their ability to respond to this threat. Each has particular skills, strengths, and resources. Their cooperation has been something of an open secret for years. Besides defense, Israel and the UAE have a lot to gain from cooperation in economics, high-tech, and tourism.

Peace, in a very real sense, already exists. Still, it's wonderful that it's being solidified in an open treaty that will allow for the opening of embassies and tourism. And I understand that for now the UAE requires Israel to drop its bid for sovereignty in Judea and Samaria so it can show it gained a major concession from Israel in exchange for peace.

But once that peace is firmly established, and once the UAE sees that peace with Israel accrues to its unmitigated advantage, I hope that annexation of these ancient lands is placed back on the table.

Those who still cling to the outdated

formula of "land for peace" cling to Israel's concession of the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt to prove that giving away land brings peace. But that doesn't guarantee peace. If the Muslim Brotherhood had retained power in Egypt, some question whether peace would have remained.

It is troubling that these concessions were made for peace with an unstable regime. So unpopular was Sadat's "peace" among Egyptians that he was assassinated because of it. More pressingly, Sinai is now a hellhole of terrorist activity that Egypt barely controls. Unlike the state of Egypt, whose conventional army does not pose a threat to Israel, ISIS militants actually might. ISIS militants recently launched a staggering offensive in northern Sinai, killing 40 Egyptian soldiers, and taking control of four towns.

Every other time Israel traded land for peace, the results were outright calamitous. In the mid-'90s, as a part of the infamous Oslo Accords, Israel gave a sworn Fatah terrorist control over lands containing 94% of the Palestinian population. What followed was a string of suicide bombings by Palestinian terrorists that left more Israeli civilians dead in the five years following Oslo than in the 15 years preceding it.

Israel signed even more land over in 1998, in the Wye River Accords. Within years of that agreement, the Second Intifada tore through Israel, this time led by the Fatah party that Israel empowered, leaving more than 1,000 Israeli civilians dead in its wake.

And still, Israel gave away even more land in the hope of inching toward peace. In 2005, Ariel Sharon unilaterally relinquished control of the Gaza Strip, which was quickly seized by the genocidal terrorist group

More likely culprits behind Lehmann's ouster are supporters of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem who operate under the banner of Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA), which in addition to promoting anti-Israel propaganda in ecumenically-minded churches and institutions like GTU, work to mainstream Hatem Bazian, an anti-Zionist scholar at Zaytouna College, a Muslim institution of higher learning located near GTU. Bazian, who has described the US Congress as Israeli-occupied territory, has appeared at several FOSNA events in the United States.

Three FOSNA activists who have been railing against Israel for years were the authors of an "open letter" to GTU about Lehmann's presidency. His status as a pro-Israel Jew was simply too much for these authors and numerous other FOSNA supporters who signed on to the open letter. The list of signatories of the letter reads like a veritable Who's Who of FOSNA activists who helped turn mainline churches — and the ecumenical institutions they support — into bastions of anti-Israel BDS activism over the past two decades. Signatories include numerous members of FOSNA's Clergy and Seminary Action Council, which was founded to promote BDS activism.

Many, if not most, of the FOSNA activists who signed the open letter are retirees from prominent positions in mainline churches, but they were still able to muster the energy for an attack on a prominent Jew who mistakenly thought his support for Israel wouldn't disqualify him from serving as president of a progressive institution of higher learning dedicated to good interfaith relations.



Students gather in front of the UAE Embassy to protest in Tehran, Iran August 15, 2020. Photo: Majid Asgarpour/WANA (West Asia News Agency) via REUTERS.

Hamas. What followed was tens of thousands of projectiles and rockets, and bomb shelters becoming as standard in Israeli homes as a kitchen sink. Fields across Israel were burning just last week because Gazan terrorists have been launching cross-border IEDs attached to birthday balloons — and that's considered quiet for the Israel-Gaza border.

By far the most disastrous concession was the retreat from Southern Lebanon in 2000. Within six years, the area had so much Hezbollah terrorist infrastructure that Israel lost 121 soldiers and 44 civilians just wading into territory they used to control outright. Today, Hezbollah has grown even stronger, with hundreds of thousands of rockets, precision guidance equipment, and networks of sophisticated tunnels meant to enable an invasion of Israel.

Now, Israel is being asked to relinquish its right to apply sovereignty to the oldest Jewish lands on earth. By waiving Jewish rights to these lands, it reinforces the counterfactual idea that we are "occupiers" of a land to which our claims are imperfect.

The land of Israel is our God-given homeland wherein our prophets, our kings, and ancestors lived and prospered. That's a fact that everyone will eventually have to make peace with.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," has just penned his Holocaust memoir *Holocaust Holiday: One Family's Descent into Genocide Memory Hell*, which is in the process of being published. Follow him on Twitter and Instagram @RabbiShmuley.

An Antisemitic 'Peace' Organization Strikes Again



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Nobody involved is talking, but it sure looks like American supporters of Sabeel, the antisemitic "peace" organization founded by Anglican Priest Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek in Jerusalem, have forced the ouster of Rabbi Daniel Lehmann from the presidency of the Graduate Theological Union (GTU), a consortium of theological schools located in Berkeley, California.

In an August 6, 2020, article that appeared in *The Forward* and *The Jewish News of Northern California*, Gabe Stutman chronicled GTU's hiring of Lehmann in the spring of 2018, the October 2019 ceremony at which he was officially installed as president, and his quiet departure from the job he had held for about a year and a half on February 24, 2020.

The stealth ouster of Lehmann, who had moved from Boston, went unreported until Stutman broke the story.

Lehmann's exit is a big deal. Before heading west, he was a pillar of the Jewish community in the greater Boston area, serving as the founding headmaster of the Gann Academy, a respected Jewish day school in Waltham, Massachusetts.

After that, he served as president of Hebrew College in nearby Newton, and chair of the Board of the Boston Theological Institute (which now calls itself the Boston Theological Interreligious Consortium).

There was big hoopla surrounding his hiring in May 2018, with GTU board chair Susan Cook Hoganson declaring, "Rabbi Daniel Lehmann is unquestionably the right person to lead the Graduate Theological Union in its interreligious engagement of the critical issues of our time."

The school said essentially the same thing when it announced it was hiring Rev. Dr. Uriah Kim to serve as Lehmann's replacement. "He is the right president for the GTU — especially at such a time as this," said Dr. Ray Pickett, President of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, one of the schools that comprises the GTU consortium.

Before Stutman's article, the only person who said a word about Lehmann's departure was Alison Weir, the founder of *If Americans Knew*, who was condemned even by Jewish Voice for Peace for antisemitism. Weir, who had protested GTU's hiring of Lehmann because of his pro-Israel statements, took some victory laps in her writings about his ouster, but it is unlikely she was much of a factor in his departure. Her hostility toward Israel and Jews is just too vulgar.

The sad fact is that when it comes to the ecumenically-minded mainline community, the only people who know how to get anything done are the folks who hate Israel. Anyone left in these churches who is committed to tending to their flocks and passing on their faith to the next generation of believers simply cannot hold a candle to the anti-Israel activists that have hijacked their churches and the ecumenical institutions they support.

The anti-Zionists in the mainline know how to hijack church bureaucracies, punish and marginalize their enemies, and disguise their work as "peacemaking" while everyone else in this community stands back and watches.

Lehmann's ouster highlights the capitulation to anti-Jewish pressures of supposedly ecumenical, open, civil society institutions.

First, they boycotted Jews living in the West Bank.

Then they boycotted companies that did business with Jews living in the West Bank.

Then they boycotted Israel.

Then they boycotted companies that did business with Israel.

Now they are boycotting American Jews who support Israel.

Eventually — if it hasn't happened already — they will boycott Jews who haven't yet renounced their love and support for the Jewish state.

Judging from their actions, that's exactly the way some people want it.

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Opinion.

A Glimpse Into Israel's Spy Satellite Program

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Before the break of dawn on July 6, Israel upgraded its spy satellite capabilities by a considerable degree after successfully launching the Ofek 16 satellite into space from central Israel. The satellite is designed to boost Israel's ability to monitor the dangerous activities of its adversaries throughout the Middle East, including Iran and Hezbollah.

Such launches would not be possible without the participation of the Manor Division of Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, which develops and produces space propulsion technology.

Shimshon (his full name has been withheld), an official at the Manor Division, provided a glimpse into the little-known world of cutting-edge Israeli space technology.

"We deal mainly with two technologies for space. One is space propulsion, and the second is composite space structures [for securely affixing the satellite's cameras]," he said.

Propulsion in space must be extremely reliable, as any error could cause a catastrophic mission failure and see fortunes wasted, including the money spent on the launch. The responsibility to get every last detail right rests on the shoulders of Manor Division personnel.

"In terms of propulsion, we support the Israeli satellite program. We support the Israel Aerospace Industries [the prime contractor for the Ofek satellite series, and producers of the Shavit launch vehicle]. We are the secondary contractors of IAI," said Shimshon.

The Manor Division creates two kinds of propulsion systems for the satellite. The first kicks into action during the third stage of the launch into space, helping to accurately guide the satellite to its orbit. The second is the satellite's own independent propulsion system, which helps keep it in orbit and enables controllers on the ground to order the satellite to change orbit, if this becomes necessary.

The first type of propulsion is active for around 15 minutes. The second type can extend for up to 15 years — or the length of the satellite's life span, said Shimshon.

"The third stage of the launch engine functions when it's in space. This stage is made by Rafael. It was developed here, and the technology is highly advanced. When operating an engine in space, the weight is very important. The less the engine weighs, the more satellite you can bring up. The goal is to make more weight available for the satellite," he explained.

This involves the use of light metals that act as a container for the solid fuel used in this stage of the launch. The fuel used for this type of propulsion is called hydrazine, a liquid that creates many safety challenges.

"We have the means to function with this material. And its great advantage is that can easily break apart with a catalyst and create a jet stream; this creates the momentum," he added.

"We have a lab that is a simulations center. There, we check every engine to see if it passes our tests," said Shimshon.

The simulator is only one of few such facilities that exist in the world that specialize in the use of hydrazine as a fuel in space. "This chemical propulsion system keeps the



A new Israeli spy satellite, called Ofek 16, is shot into space from a site in central Israel July 6, 2020. Photo: Israel Ministry of Defense Spokesperson's Office/Handout via REUTERS.

satellite maneuvering throughout its life. The valves open up for milliseconds, and this must happen millions of time during the mission. This is the technology we developed so that this satellite can conduct all of its missions over time," he stated.

The concept is similar, at its most simple level, to a balloon emptying itself of air as it flies through a room. But applying this kind of propulsion technology in space is enormously complex. The satellite engines are not always on, but instead only activated when momentum is needed, like a change of orbits.

Bringing up the right amount of fuel is also critical. "Because orbits naturally change and have to be corrected over time, if you don't have enough fuel, the satellite will burn up in the atmosphere," said Shimshon. "We market many of these fuel tanks and engines to clients abroad."

Meanwhile, the Manor Division's composite structure holds the satellite's camera in place, which feeds intelligence agencies with vital information on activities of interest on the ground.

"The material is very stable in the face of the extreme temperatures encountered in space," said Shimshon. "If this did not happen, the structure [would become] distorted and that, in turn, can distort the images. The structure's stability is what allows the camera to provide good resolution."

During launches, company representatives arrive in specialized suits to conduct the fueling of the satellite and the launcher. This is a highly sensitive process, and the most minuscule glitch can destroy the entire satellite. "Our team gets its oxygen from another location as it conducts the fueling. It operates steps by step in line with the procedures and under the guidance of a controller," explained Shimshon. "There are few companies in the world that can provide this service."

Rafael's Manor Division has exported engines and containers to customers worldwide; today, there are more than 77 satellites in space with the division's products. "We supply leading companies in this area in Europe. We are now working on our first export project, of a fuel container for a satellite, to the US," added Shimshon.

Looking ahead, the company has been developing electric propulsion systems that are generated using the sun's energy freely available in space. "The efficiency is five times higher than chemical propulsion," he said.

Currently, a satellite jointly made by Israel and France, launched in 2017, is in space with a Rafael-made electric propulsion system, which photographs agricultural fields. "Now, we are working on the next generation of this — making the propulsion system more compact and efficient," said Shimshon. "Here, too, we seek to export to the world."

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Zionism, Zioness and the Fight for a Better Left



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Like many Zionist Jews, I have swung between political extremes for years. Growing up, I was vehemently left-wing to the point of anti-Zionism, a product no doubt of the extremely leftist suburb I grew up in and a desire to escape my Jewish upbringing — a tragedy I see with disturbing frequency among young American Jews today.

After discovering Zionism for, in many ways, the first time, and deeply disturbed by the rise of antisemitism on the left, I swung quite sharply to the right, rejecting almost everything the left stood for and coming to see it as a mortal enemy of all that is good and just.

I realize now that — as it is for many right-wing Jews — this was driven by a bitter and quite justified sense of betrayal. The Jews had always been strong supporters of the left, and now it had not only betrayed us, but gone so far as to support those who were — in that era of the Second Intifada — quite literally murdering us.

Since I moved to Israel almost 20 years ago, however, I have slowly swung away from the right to a political position that can only be described as "God knows where." For example, I have seen great poverty in Israel, largely ignored by Jews in America on both the left and the right, and become a strong supporter of economic justice. I cannot see the point of a Jewish state in which Jews (or Arabs) live in poverty. As such, I dissent from the free-market messianism many right-wing Jews and Israelis embrace with a near-idolatrous passion.

I cannot say, however, that I have gone back to the left. Besides a strong skepticism toward some left-wing ideas, I know that antisemitism and anti-Zionism on the left are extremely real, and have grown much worse since I decamped to the Jewish state.

But at the same time, I know two things: First, the vast majority of American Jews are liberal or progressive, and this is unlikely to change anytime in the near future. Second, the left exists for a reason. It addresses important issues like economic injustice, racism and the importance of a certain amount of collectivism, all of which the right often ignores or rejects outright.

As such, I part with many of my comrades on the right in their despairing rage at the left. The answer to leftist antisemitism and anti-Zionism is not, I believe, to reject the left, but to work toward a better left. One that rejects antisemitism and anti-Zionism, as according to its own ideology of equality and empowerment of the oppressed it should. As such, there seems to be only one way for liberal and progressive Jews who refuse to give up their Zionism to go: into the fray, to fight for that better left that they believe is possible.

There are signs that a groundswell of this kind is beginning to take shape, with organizations like the Democratic Majority for Israel taking on anti-Israel figures in the Democratic party. But most interesting from my perspective is Zioness, a progressive women's group formed several years ago in the wake of antisemitic incidents in the feminist and LGBT community. Zioness is particularly interesting because it seeks to defend Zionism on the left on not only a practical level, but also

an ideological one. That is, it is engaging in the battle of ideas on the left, and defending Zionism on the basis of leftist principles, in a way that no other organization — that I know of — is doing.

When I spoke to Amanda Berman, Zioness' founder and executive director, last week, I asked her about the relationship between progressivism and Zionism, and she simply replied, "It's the original progressive movement. A movement of liberation for one of the world's most enduring persecuted communities."

Berman, in other words, does not believe Zionism is an essentially political movement. It is instead a social justice movement, and as such carries with it a moral weight that solely political ideologies do not. One can argue over the efficacy of market incentives, but one cannot argue over the inalienable rights of the Jewish people.

If this is so, Berman posits, then Zionism can and must be part of the larger mosaic of social justice movements in the United States. This brought us to Black Lives Matter, which many Jews on the right consider potentially dangerous due to prominent organizations and figures in the movement extolling anti-Zionism and sometimes outright antisemitism.

For Berman, Jews must take part in the BLM movement because it is greater than the sum of the uglier sentiments held by some of its participants.

"There's a lot of different reasons why we have to carve out a space in the BLM movement," she told me. "First and foremost, in this moment people are waking up to the extent of the systemic injustice that's baked into our foundations here and there's a wake-up opportunity happening here. We don't have the luxury of not participating in a moment that is a reckoning, that could be a real opportunity to create change. We do not have that luxury as people who care about tikkun olam, about others, about showing up for marginalized people — as marginalized people ourselves."

Berman also brought up a specifically Jewish aspect to BLM, one that, I'm embarrassed to admit, hadn't occurred to me — namely, the existence of a great many Jews who are, in fact, non-white.

"There are 15-20% of American Jews who are Jews of color, and there are Black Jews that need our support," she said. "Black Jews who are doing, I think, very important work of trying to remind the sort of 'Ashke-normative' Jewish leadership of this country that they're part of our community too."

And there is another reason for Jews to participate in BLM, Berman asserted, which is that "when we are not there, the antisemitism explodes, because there's no one to check it. So the Jews just disappear from the place where the antisemitism is? We don't cede our justice movements to bigotry."

"I personally refuse to cede spaces that I care deeply about," she said. "The women's movement is — we launched as a reaction to the antisemitism in the women's movement — it's a powerful example for me as a young woman that I really truly felt that I couldn't participate in the feminist movement in America, which relates directly to my bodily integrity and autonomy."

"But because I am a Zionist, I was not allowed to fight for reproductive health and equal pay and health care and family leave,

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Impressions.

What Does Kamala Harris' Nomination for Vice President Mean for Israel?

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Former US Vice President Joe Biden's selection of Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) as his Democratic running mate has reinvigorated an abnormally quiet presidential campaign that has been overshadowed by the fallout from the global coronavirus pandemic. A well-known national figure in recent years, Harris has predictably received praise on the left and scorn on the right. While Biden's stances on Israel are widely known due to his decades of public service, Harris is lesser known for her foreign-policy stances. As such, what can Israelis and its supporters expect from a potential Vice President Harris?

Eytan Gilboa, an expert on American politics and foreign policy, and a senior research associate at the BESA Center for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, said "of all the 11 female candidates to be vice president, Harris is the best to secure Israeli vital interests in Washington."

While John Adams, the nation's first vice president, described his role as "the most insignificant office that ever the invention of man contrived or his imagination conceived," 231 years later, that role has taken on more significance and has greater potential for impact.

Indeed, current Vice President Mike Pence has taken on a significant role in the Trump administration, especially on Israel. A devout evangelical Christian, Pence has played a role in boosting Trump's pro-Israel agenda as president. Earlier this year, he made a prominent solo visit to Israel to attend the Yad Vashem event marking the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Similarly, Biden, when he served as vice president in the Obama administration, was heavily involved in foreign-policy issues thanks to his years of governmental experience. Will Biden be as generous as Obama and give Harris the freedom to use the vice presidency as a platform to influence the issues close to her heart?

According to Gilboa, if Biden wins, Harris will be an influential vice president, especially given her background and experience.

David Makovsky, a Ziegler distinguished fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, told JNS that while Biden would deal with foreign policy, he may delegate other issues to Harris.

Harris served as the District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco. After serving two terms, she was elected as the first woman and the first black woman to serve as California's Attorney General.

In 2017, Harris was sworn in as a US Senator for California, the second black woman and first South Asian-American senator in history.

'Her statements are supported by her actions'

Gilboa listed a number of bona fides that play in Harris' favor with regard to Israel.

First, she belongs to the more moderate branch of the Democratic Party. "There was a concern that Biden would select someone from the progressive, radical wing, and this did not happen," he said.

Gilboa also noted that Harris is closer to AIPAC than to J Street and has a good record on Israel, though "like all Democrats, she supports a two-state solution, is against expansion of settlements and against annexation."

However, Harris' new chief of staff has in the past been critical of AIPAC, praising Democratic candidates who decided to skip the 2019 AIPAC policy conference, saying that AIPAC's policies and values "are not progressive."

In June, Harris wrote to US President Donald Trump about annexation, saying it poses a risk to Israel's security and harms peace prospects.

But unlike those who call themselves progressives, "she is against pressure on Israel to make concessions; she is against imposing a solution; she

and Governmental Affairs Committee, the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on the Budget.

"Harris distinguished herself as a very good senator and has the qualifications to serve as president" if she decides to run in 2024 or even later, stated Gilboa.

'Compensate the progressives in other places'

With regard to Biden's intention to return to the 2015 Iran deal that Trump withdrew from in May 2018, Gilboa said that, if elected, while "Biden will call the



Former Vice President Joe Biden and US Senator Kamala Harris take the stage before the start of the second night of the second US 2020 presidential Democratic candidates debate, in Detroit, Michigan, July 31, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Lucas Jackson.

is against any conditions to US military aid; against the BDS movement; against UN discrimination against Israel; and she severely criticized Hamas's aggression," said Gilboa. "Not only that, but her statements are also supported by actions."

Gilboa said it is important to note she was one of the sponsors of a resolution in the Senate to oppose former President Barack Obama's initiative to get the UN Security Council to pass Resolution 2334 that claimed Israeli settlements were illegal.

In June 2017, Harris also signed a call to US President Donald Trump to implement the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

"So she has a good record of a moderate Democrat," said Gilboa.

He added that Harris is "married to a Jew, has very good relations with the Jewish community, and former Jewish senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have strongly supported her."

In her address to AIPAC in 2016, Harris spoke about donating to the Jewish National Fund as a child and seeing the "fruits" of those efforts when she later visited as an adult. Harris also visited Israel as a senator in 2017 and met with Netanyahu. And in 2019, she said that "support for Israel is central to who she is."

Gilboa noted that "unlike the progressives who are hostile to Israel, she has a friendly, perhaps emotional attachment to Israel. This is important," he said, adding "there is a chance she will be a good ambassador for Israel at the White House."

According to Gilboa, Harris is "much more experienced than the other candidates because she served in significant positions throughout her career on all the relevant levels."

She now serves on the Homeland Security

shots on Iran," this will be "a challenge for Israel" because although Harris didn't vote for the deal (she wasn't in the Senate then), she has said that America should return to negotiations and come up with a revised deal.

Gilboa noted that "Iran wants the Democrats to win because it thinks it can get a better deal. Based on the Obama experience, this is not far-fetched."

He also noted that since Biden "selected Harris from the mainstream branch of the party," he would have to "compensate the progressives in other places," such as in cabinet positions.

"They want as many positions as possible on domestic affairs," said Gilboa, emphasizing that "they care less about foreign affairs," which Biden would dominate.

Gilboa predicted that either the position of Secretary of State, Ambassador to the United Nations, Secretary of Defense or of the National Security Council "will go to the radicals."

The question will be how Biden divides the positions between the progressives and the mainstream.

Gilboa said that if Biden appoints one of the progressives to a position important for Israel, "then it could be a problem" since "that person might be influential on Iran."

He predicted that "it is very likely Biden would immediately try to negotiate with Iran and would remove at least some of the sanctions. Based on experience, this is not going to be a better agreement and will likely be worse."

Gilboa said Harris won't have much influence, if at all, on foreign policy or negotiations with Iran. Rather, she will be "more involved in domestic affairs, police reform, economic development, banking and housing."

Legals.

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Opinion.

Why Does 'British Vogue' Continue to Feature Antisemites?

BY KAREN BEKKER

Yet another fashion magazine has made the decision to wade into politics — with disastrous results.

British Vogue, one of 26 international Vogue editions, which claims over 800,000 print readers and 3.2 million unique monthly online visitors, has put what it calls “an inspiring army of activists” on the cover of its September issue (arguably the most important issue of the year).

Among the 20 activists Vogue chose to feature are Tamika Mallory and Angela Davis. The magazine called Mallory “one of the most vital activists of her generation” in a feature interview, and called Davis a “straight-up legend.” In January of 2017, Tamika Mallory rose to prominence as one of four main leaders of the Women's March in the US. It was not long afterwards, however, that news about her connection with Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, who has called Jews “termites” and referred to Hitler a “very great man” — as well as her own antisemitic comments — began to slowly trickle out.

In May of 2017, Mallory posted a picture of herself with Farrakhan on Instagram, writing, “Thank God this man is still alive and doing well. He is definitely the GOAT. Happy Birthday @louisfarrakhan!” (GOAT stands for “Greatest of All Time.”)

In February of 2018, as The Washington Post reported, “Mallory attended the Nation of Islam's annual Saviors' Day event in Chicago. While [she was] there, Farrakhan delivered an inflammatory keynote that included statements about ‘powerful Jews’ he considered his enemies.” She publicly refused to condemn him when she was called to task.

In April of 2018, she slandered the ADL as “CONSTANTLY [sic] attacking black and brown people.”

Finally, in December of 2018, Tablet magazine reported that Mallory's antisemitism had apparently infected the Women's March from its earliest days, alienating other leaders. At the March's very first leadership meeting, Mallory

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Linda Sarsour, left, and Tamika Mallory, Jan. 19, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Joshua Roberts.

asserted, according to Tablet, “that Jews were proven to have been leaders of the American slave trade” — an antisemitic falsehood promoted by Farrakhan. She later accused “white Jews” of “upholding white supremacy.”

After this and other problems were brought to light, the movement broke apart, with dueling, competing marches in January 2019. Mallory, along with co-leaders Linda Sarsour and Bob Bland, resigned from the Women's March board shortly afterwards.

Why would British Vogue now seek to rehabilitate and promote Mallory and her activism by putting her on the cover of the year's largest issue?

Moreover, British Vogue also made the choice to include Angela Davis on its cover. Davis, according to the ADL, “has a long record of anti-Israel activism.”

Davis has supported Rasmia Odeh, a convicted murderer and member of the terrorist group the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Odeh was convicted in Israel for the killing of two Hebrew University students, Edward Joffe and Leon Kanner. Odeh confessed to the crime shortly after her arrest, and her trial was observed and deemed fair by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Davis has also called for Marwan Barghouti to be released from Israeli prison. As CAMERA has noted previously, Barghouti “was convicted in an Israeli civilian court of five counts of murder and one attempted murder, and was implicated in four other terror attacks.”

The September cover is the third time this year that British Vogue has prominently featured Davis. Is support of convicted killers the kind of “activism” that British Vogue is trying to promote?

British Vogue claims that it is “committed to abiding by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO) rules and regulations and the Editors' Code of Practice that IPSO enforces.”

This Code states, in section 1(i), “The Press must take care not to publish inaccurate, misleading, or distorted information or images.” By omitting this vital information about Mallory and Davis, British Vogue is failing in its obligation to provide accurate information to its readers.

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Tradition.

A Sage Is Greater than a Prophet



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In Shoftim, Moses speaks about the great institutions of Judaism: courts, judges, officers, Kings, Priests, Levites and Prophets. In the case of the Prophet, Moses says in the name of God:

I will raise up a Prophet for them from among their own people, like yourself: I will put My words in his mouth, and he will speak to them all that I command him. (Deut. 18:18)



The phrase “a Prophet ... like yourself” cannot be meant literally. In the quality and clarity of his communications with God, Moses was unique. He was unique in the miracles he performed. Most importantly, only he was authorised to proclaim Torah: he was Israel’s sole legislator. The King and Sanhedrin both had powers to make temporary enactments for the sake of social order. Prophets were given the authority to command specific, time-bound acts. But no one could add to or subtract from the 613 commandments given by God through Moses.

This, therefore, is how Rambam explains our passage:

Why is it said in the Torah: “I will raise up a Prophet for them from among their own people, like yourself” (Deut. 18:18)? He will come not to establish a religion, but to command them to keep the words of the Torah, warning the people not to transgress them, as the last among them said: “Remember the Torah of Moses My servant” (Mal. 3:22).

In other words, the Prophets who followed Moses, from Elijah to Malachi, were not revolutionaries. They did not intend to create something new but to restore something old. Their task was to recall people to the mission Moses taught them: to stay faithful to God, and to create a just and compassionate society.

Eventually, during or after the Second Temple period, most of these institutions came to an end. There were no Kings because Israel had no sovereignty. There were no Priests because it had no Temple. But there were also no Prophets. How important was this? And what happened to prophecy? The Talmud gives two radically opposite

opinions. The first:

Rabbi Yochanan said: From the day that the Temple was destroyed, prophecy was taken from the Prophets and given to fools and children.

We can’t be sure what Rabbi Yochanan meant. He may have meant that children and fools sometimes see what others don’t (as Hans Christian Anderson illustrated in the famous story of *The Emperor’s New Clothes*). He may, though, have meant the opposite, that prophecy deteriorated during the late Second Temple period. There were many false prophets, soothsayers, doomsayers, mystics, announcers of the apocalypse, and messianic movements, all confidently predicting the end of history and the birth of a new order of things. There were religious sectarians. There were Essenes expecting the arrival of the Teacher of Righteousness. There

were rebels against Rome who believed that their military hero would bring freedom, even the messianic age. It was a fevered, destructive time, and Rabbi Yochanan may have wanted to discredit, as far as possible, any dependence on supposedly divine certainty about the future. Prophecy is the chattering of children or the rambling of fools.

However the Talmud also cites a quite different opinion:

Rabbi Avdimi from Haifa says: From the day that the Temple was destroyed prophecy was taken from the Prophets and given to the Sages ... Ameimar said: And a Sage is greater than a Prophet, as it is stated: “A Prophet has a heart of wisdom” (Ps. 90:12). Who is compared to whom? You must say that the lesser is compared to the greater. (Since a Prophet must have a heart of wisdom, the Sage, who is wisdom personified, must be greater still).

This is seriously interesting. The early Judges in Israel were Kohanim. When Moses blessed the people at the end of his life he said of the tribe of Levi, “They shall teach Your laws to Jacob and Your instructions to Israel” (Deut. 33:10). When Ezra taught Torah to the Israelites, he positioned Levites among the people to explain what was being said. All this suggests that when the Sages – teachers and masters of Jewish law – traced their intellectual-spiritual lineage, they should have done so by seeing themselves as heirs of the *Kohanim* and *Levi’im*. But they did not do so. We see this from the famous Mishnah that opens Pirkei Avot:

Moses received the Torah at Sinai and handed it onto Joshua, Joshua to the elders, and the elders

to the Prophets, and the Prophets to the Men of the Great Assembly.

The Sages saw themselves as heirs to the Prophets. But in what sense? And how did they come to see themselves not just as heirs to, but as *greater than* the Prophets. What is more, the proof-text they cite means nothing of the kind. The verse in Psalm 90 says, “Teach us to number our days, that *we may gain* a heart of wisdom.” The Talmud is playing on the fact that two quite different words sound alike: נבא (we may gain) and נביא (a Prophet). In other words, only by suspending our critical faculties is the proof-text a proof.

Something very strange is happening here. The Sages, who valued humility, who knew that prophecy had come to an end in the days of Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi five centuries before the destruction of the Second Temple, who believed that the most one could hear from heaven was a *bat kol*, a distant echo, are here saying that not only are they Prophets, but they are superior to Prophets.

All this to teach us that the Sages took the ideals of the Prophets and turned them into practical programmes. Here is one example. Remonstrating with the people, administering rebuke, was fundamental to the prophetic task. This is how Ezekiel understood the task:

God said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me ... Say to them, “This is what the Sovereign Lord says.’ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a Prophet has been among them.” (Ez. 2:3-5)

Ezekiel must take a public stand. Once he has done that, he has fulfilled his duty. The people will have been warned, and if they fail to listen, it will be their fault.

The Sages had a completely different approach. First, they understood the task of remonstrating as belonging to everyone, not just Prophets. That is how they understood the verse, “You shall surely rebuke your neighbour so you will not share in his guilt” (Lev. 19:17). Second, they held that it should be done not once but up to a hundred times if necessary. In fact you should keep reprimanding a wrongdoer until they hit you or curse you or scold you. All of this, though, applies only if there is a reasonable chance of making the situation better. If not, then we apply the rule: “Just as it is a mitzvah to say something that will be heeded, so it is a mitzvah not to say something that will not be heeded.”

Note the difference between the two approaches. The Prophet takes a heroic stand but does not take responsibility for whether the people listen or not. The Rabbis do not take a heroic stand. In fact, they democratise the responsibility for rebuke so that it applies to everyone. But they are ultra-sensitive to whether it is effective or not. If there is a chance of changing someone for the better, then you must try a hundred times, but if there is no

chance at all, better be silent. This is not only a wise approach; it is a highly effective one.

Now consider peace. No finer visions of a world at peace have ever been given than by Israel’s Prophets. This is just one:

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat,

the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them ...

They will neither harm nor destroy on all My holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:6-9)

Now consider rabbinic teachings:

“For the sake of peace, the poor of the heathens should not be prevented from gathering gleanings, forgotten sheaves, and corners of the field ... Our masters taught: for the sake of peace, the poor of the heathens should be supported as we support the poor of Israel, the sick of the heathens should be visited as we visit the sick of Israel, and the dead of the heathens should be buried as we bury the dead of Israel.”

Once again, the difference is glaring. What for the Prophets was a dazzling vision of a distant future was, for the Sages, a practical programme of good community relations, a way of sustaining peaceful coexistence between the Jewish community and its Gentile neighbours. It was imaginative, gracious and workable.

There are many other examples. The Sages achieved something extraordinary. Throughout the biblical era, the Israelites were constantly tempted by idolatry and foreign ways. The Prophets were often driven close to despair. During the rabbinic era, Jews became a people defined by religion, commandments, learning and prayer, sustained voluntarily and maintained tenaciously against all pressures to convert to the majority faith. That is because the Rabbis did not focus on distant visions. They devised practical programmes. These may have lacked drama, but they worked.

The Sages, perhaps to their surprise, realised this: where the Prophets failed, they succeeded. I believe that institutions like prophecy survive when they are translated from utopian ideals into practical policies. The greatness of the Sages, still not fully appreciated by the world, is that guided by the visions of the Prophets, they gave us the instructions for how to get from here to there.

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Zionism**

and all these things that matter deeply to me as a woman, and affect, literally, my body,” she recounted. “And it hit me as, ‘No one can tell me that I can’t participate in that space, there’s no way that I’m going to cede that movement.’”

The key, she asserted, is to engage in the causes of others without giving up our own. “We show up with our full authentic

selves, we push back on the antisemitism, and we do the justice work that is a part of who we are — just as Zionism is a part of my identity as a Jew, so is my commitment to the advancement of social justice,” she said.

Berman admitted that this isn’t easy. “It’s hard to put myself in a space where there’s rampant antisemitism,” she noted, “but I recognize that the most effective way for me to combat that antisemitism is actually to be in the space and to push back on it whenever I hear it.”

To me, the importance of Berman’s work, and that of Zioness as a whole, is not so much that it is fighting for Zionism on the left on a practical level — though that is hugely important — but that in its commitment to “do the justice work” while “pushing back” against anti-Zionism and antisemitism, it is carving out a space for Jews who are in the same position I once was: Jews with left-wing principles and beliefs who feel, at best, marginalized by a movement that extols the rights of all peoples except their own. For many of these Jews, there have been only two options: take vengeance for the betrayal and leave the left; or submit to the anti-Zionists’ demands that they reject their own people and embrace their enemies.

And this, of course, is precisely what the anti-Zionists want — to marginalize and defame Zionism to the point that even the Jews will give up on it. To, in effect, shatter the Jewish spirit and force left-wing Jews into a virtual apartheid where they are for everyone but themselves. But if we are not for ourselves, who are we?

Berman and Zioness are attempting to provide an answer to that question — we must be for ourselves and for others. This is an answer the Jews have often given, but I believe that the dangers of the present moment have made it something more than this: On the left today, in order to be for others, we must also fight for the right to be for ourselves.

This, I think, is perhaps the only path toward a revival of Zionism on the left. Zionism on the right is prepared to fight for itself, but less prepared to fight for others. On the left, Jews are being told — in fact commanded on pain of excommunication — that they have only the right to fight for others. To say no to both of these positions requires a renewal, but Zionism has always been good at renewal, and it is possible that in Zioness and those like it, we are seeing the first signs of one.

But as someone who has, in the end, found himself dissatisfied with both sides of the political spectrum, I can only place my hope and my solidarity on the side of Berman and Zioness’ essential argument: Zionism is, in the end, not political. Zionism is a social justice movement. And this means that the Jews have the right to be for ourselves as well as for others. It is my hope that Zioness will be the first of one, two, many such organizations to fight for this idea. And I hope they win.

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Social.



Michael Aloni as Gabriel, Hila Saada as Rosa and Swell Ariel Or as Luna in a photo from "The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem" production. Photo: Yes Studios.

'Fauda' and 'Shtisel' Actors Star in New Israeli Period Drama 'The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

"Fauda" actor Itzik Cohen and "Shtisel" cast member Michael Aloni star in a new series by Israel's Yes Studios called "The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem" that began production on Tuesday, *The Algemeiner* has learned.

Adapted from the best-selling novel of the same name by Sarit Yishai-Levy, the series is set in the early-to-mid 20th century in Jerusalem and "unravels, recreates and brings to life the story of a family set against the backdrop of the Ottoman Empire, The British Mandate and Israel's War of Independence," according to Yes Studios.

The show focuses on "the loves, heartbreak, jealousy and pain of the three Armoza sisters — Luna, Rachelika, and Becky — their parents, grandparents and children," the production company said, adding that it is "a colorful, passionate and tragic series interwoven with Judeo-Spanish traditions and the history of a nascent country."

The series will film across Israel — including in Jerusalem, Safed and Acre — and will feature Hebrew, English, Ladino and Arabic. Yes TV has already commissioned two seasons for the show, with the first set to air in early 2021, according to *Deadline*.

The Algemeiner obtained behind-the-scenes photos from the show's production.

The period drama is the biggest investment to date

for Yes Studios, which is also the producer-distributor of "Fauda" and "Shtisel," and will be one of the most expensive series' to come out of Israel.

Danna Stern, managing director of Yes Studios, said: "We have all fallen in love with the story of the Armoza family and cannot wait to see it materialize on screen. The initial two-season order is a show of confidence in the story-telling abilities of all involved. This series is a big departure from our usual fare as this is one [of] the only period pieces ever produced in the country, but we are hopeful that audiences worldwide will feel the same as we do and join us on this adventure."

The show's cast includes Hila Saada ("The Baker & The Beauty"), Yuval Scharf ("McMafia") and newcomer Swell Ariel Or, who will play Luna Armoza, the "beauty queen of Jerusalem." The producers are Dafna Prenner and Shai Eines from Artza Productions.

Prenner, co-CEO of Artza Productions, said, "After years of watching with envy costume dramas from around the world, we feel lucky to be able to produce a period drama that will bring to the screen the rarely seen sights and sounds of early 20th-century Jerusalem. From acquiring the rights to Israel's best selling book of the last decade and the formation of a brilliant dream-like creative team, this has been a surprising, emotional and inspiring journey — and we can't wait for what will come next."

Israeli Pop Star Omer Adam Invited to Perform in UAE by Royal Family Member

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Israeli pop singer Omer Adam received a "personal invitation" from the royal family of the United Arab Emirates to visit the country and perform, following the historic normalization deal signed by Israel and the UAE last week, the singer's team shared on his official Facebook page over the weekend.

Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, a member of the ruling royal family in Abu Dhabi, extended the invitation to the "Hopa" singer last weekend and negotiations are underway to have Adam meet the



Israeli pop star Omer Adam. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

UAE leader and perform in the country.

In June, Adam filmed a video in which he thanked UAE leaders for providing aid to the country's Jewish community. Since then, many UAE citizens have shared videos online of them listening to Adam's songs.

Solly Wolf, a leader of the Jewish community in the UAE, also sent Omar "a special message in light of his contribution to the positive warming in the relationship between the Emirates and Israel," according to the singer's Facebook post.

smoked fish shop that has been around since 1914.

The shirt is tie-dyed in salmon pink. Russ & Daughters, which also serves bagels, caviar and other gourmet groceries, opened a certified kosher location and sit-down dairy restaurant inside the Jewish Museum on the Upper East Side in 2016.

The shirt is available for purchase on Russ & Daughters' website with free shipping and all proceeds from the sales will go to the Independent Restaurant Coalition — a non-profit group that is leading lobbying efforts to have Congress pass the RESTAURANTS Act of 2020, which would establish a \$120 billion grant program to assist small restaurants and bars impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gyllenhaal wore the t-shirt when he performed a handstand challenge with actor Tom Holland in April.

According to the Independent Restaurant Coalition, one in three restaurants could close by the end of 2020 if they do not receive additional federal assistance.

More than one in four unemployed people since the start of the pandemic have been restaurant workers, *Variety* reported.

"The impact extends way beyond restaurants," chef Marcus Samuelsson said in a video message supporting the coalition. "Why is our government ignoring it?"

He also noted that the restaurant industry employed 15 times as many people as the airline industry, which had already received a substantial bailout.

Actor Jake Gyllenhaal Partners With Kosher-Style Restaurant to Help Benefit Struggling Eateries

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

American actor Jake Gyllenhaal has teamed up with a kosher-style New York City eatery to help raise

funds for a coalition that is seeking federal government relief for the coronavirus-battered restaurant industry.

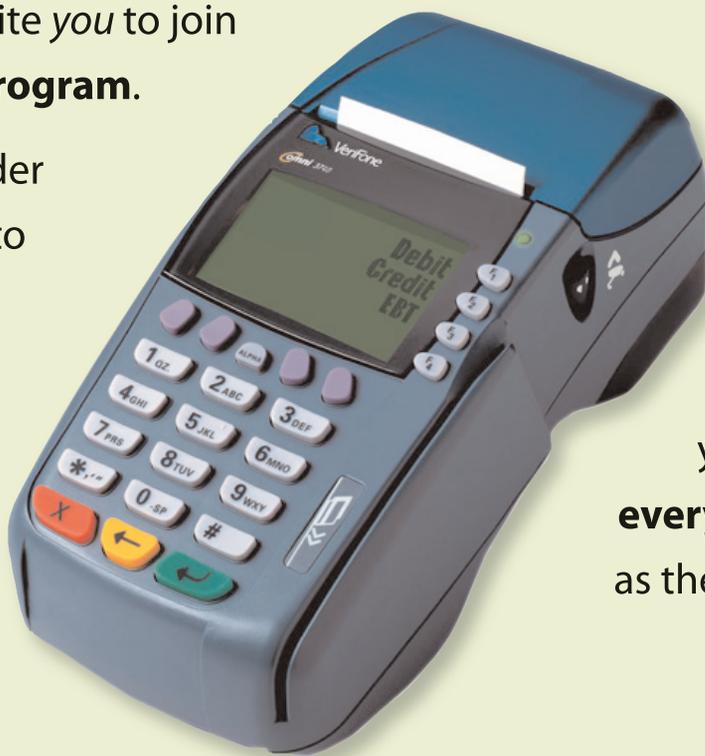
The "Southpaw" actor designed a t-shirt that features the blue logo of Russ & Daughters, a Manhattan

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