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Chad Announces Opening of Diplomatic Mission in Jerusalem



The chairman of the cabinet of Chad, Abdelkarim Déby, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Photo: Kobi Gideon / GPO.

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

In what appears to be another significant breakthrough in Israel's relations with the Muslim world, the chairman of the cabinet of the government of Chad arrived in the Jewish state on Tuesday and said the African country would open a diplomatic mission in Jerusalem.

N12 reported that

Abdelkarim Déby, who is the son of Chadian President Idriss Déby, told Israeli Intelligence Minister Eli Cohen that the mission would be established as early as next year.

The two men also agreed that an Israeli business delegation would travel to Chad in the near future, and the two countries would work together to promote agricultural projects and enhance technological and security cooperation.

Cohen and Déby further discussed the threat of terrorism against Chad by Shi'a militias headquartered on its borders.

Déby also expressed approval of Israel's new normalization agreement with the United Arab Emirates.

After the meeting, Cohen said, "Tightening relations between Israel and Chad is a mutual

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Far-Right 'Boogaloo Bois' Charged With Conspiracy to Aid Hamas

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Two members of a violent far-right group appeared in court in Minneapolis before the weekend charged with conspiring to aid the Palestinian terrorist organization Hamas.

A Justice Department statement on Friday announced a federal criminal complaint charging Michael Robert Solomon, 30, and Benjamin Ryan Teeter, 22, with conspiring and attempting to provide material support to Hamas — a designated terrorist organization under US law.

Solomon and Teeter describe themselves as members



Boogaloo Bois members Michael Solomon (l) and Benjamin Teeter have been charged with conspiring for Palestinian terror group Hamas. Photo: Police handout.

of the Boogaloo Bois, one of a growing number of radical right-wing organizations in the US that is composed principally of disaffected white males.

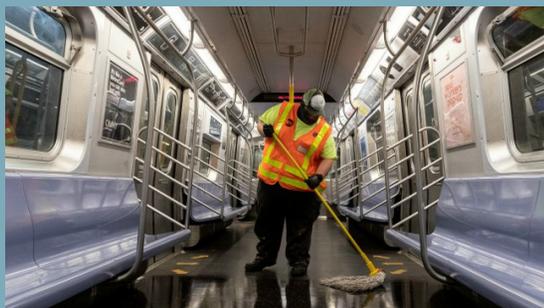
The group "espouses a violent ideology and an objective to overthrow the government," US Attorney Erica H. MacDonald said in the Justice Department statement.

"The defendants believed their anti-US government views aligned with those of Hamas, a foreign terrorist organization, and actively developed plans to carry out violence in Minnesota and elsewhere," she said.

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Opinion.

US Aid to Lebanon Helps Hezbollah



JAMES SINKINSON
/JNS.org

The massive explosion that rocked Beirut on August 4 not only inflicted warlike damage on Lebanon's capital city; it also exposed a subversive force hidden to most Westerners, which increases its control of the country daily.

The detonation of 3,000 tons of ammonium nitrate killed nearly 200 people, injured thousands, and devastated Beirut's port. Perhaps the only good to come of the accident is its highlighting of Hezbollah's insidious role in Lebanon.

Many in Lebanon and around the world accused Hezbollah — considered a terrorist organization by the United States, Europe, and in the Arab world — of owning the ammonium nitrate. This possibility is all the more ominous since Hezbollah also operates as an unofficial state-within-a-state, holding a vice-like grip on the Lebanese government, where it commands a veto on government policies and appointments.

Hezbollah's power and activities are indicative of much that is wrong in the region, especially as a vital part of Iran's arc of influence throughout the Near and Middle East. Unfortunately, the United States and European nations have continued to enable Hezbollah by supporting the façade of an independent Lebanese government, and have contributed

billions of dollars of aid and assistance to it.

Hezbollah was founded, funded, and ideologically inspired by the Islamic Republic of Iran. While Hezbollah opposed Israel's military initiative in Lebanon's south to bring protection for Israeli citizens in the north, it was a full partner to the Syrian occupation of eastern Lebanon. Syria's brutal occupation of Lebanon only ended when former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, widely considered to be the main architect of the end of the Lebanese Civil War, was assassinated. Hezbollah members were recently found guilty of the murder by a United Nations tribunal.

Hezbollah has built up a mighty military that is far superior to the Lebanese army. It has an arsenal of weapons equal to that of a medium-size national army and is generally considered the most powerful non-state actor in the world. The group is estimated to have 25,000 full-time fighters and perhaps 20,000-30,000 reservists.

They reportedly have, at a conservative estimate, around 14,000 precision rockets, which have a range of up to 200 kilometers, and between 100,000 and 150,000 non-precision rockets. This is without Hezbollah's longer-range missiles, which can pretty much cover every inch of territory in Israel, something Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah has regularly boasted about. Their army is financed by Iran and trained by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. Hezbollah's military budget runs to about \$1 billion per year.

Hezbollah has committed terrorist

attacks all over the world, including in Latin America — where it bombed a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires in 1994 — in Europe, and the wider Middle East. It is held directly responsible for the murder of 241 American servicemen in Beirut in 1983, the deadliest attack against US Marines since the battle over Iwo Jima in 1945.

Hezbollah also maintains a social services wing, a private school system, and its own TV and radio channels, whose primary aim is propaganda and indoctrination. This is to serve Hezbollah's ultimate agenda of turning Lebanon — whose now bombed-out capital used to be known as "The Paris of the East" — into a brutal and extremist Shiite state modeled on the Islamic Republic of Iran.

With Near and Middle East politics now being split into a moderate wing, headed by pragmatic Sunni states, plus Israel; and an extremist wing, including Qatar and Syria, led by Iran; Hezbollah plays a major role in destabilization across the region. The group has been condemned and designated as a terrorist organization by both the Arab League and the Gulf Cooperation Council for leading efforts to destabilize nations like Egypt, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia.

Hezbollah has also been involved in countless atrocities in Syria in the service of Iranian interests in propping up the Bashar al-Assad regime, which is responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths since the Syrian civil war began in 2011. Hezbollah has been described as a crucial ally in allowing



The site of last week's deadly blast in Beirut's port area, Lebanon, Aug. 8, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Hannah McKay / File.

the Syrian regime and its Iranian backers to brutally quell any opposition in the country.

With the help of Hezbollah, Lebanon has effectively become an Iranian colony. As Mordechai Kedar of the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies wrote last year, "Lebanon has not existed for quite some time. The country's agenda is dictated by Tehran, and its military and economy are designed to serve the needs of Hezbollah. ... The Lebanese parliament, government, president, and all other state institutions are nothing more than a façade."

Ironically, with all of this, Lebanon still receives billions of dollars in aid and assistance from the international community, much of it earmarked for the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), which is generally considered to be subservient to Hezbollah's agenda. Since 2006, the United States has provided over \$1.7 billion to the LAF, even though that military has never lifted a finger to disarm or neutralize Hezbollah.

According to the US government,
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The UAE Peace and the Lie of 'Betrayed' Palestinians



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JERUSALEM

Last month, we documented some widely-promoted framing in BBC radio and television reports concerning the agreement between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The essence of that framing was described by its prime (but not sole) proponent, the BBC Jerusalem bureau's Yolande Knell, as follows in one broadcast:

Palestinian leaders in the West Bank are going to meet to discuss this later. They've already rejected this deal. ... Because of course previous peace plans, including the breakthrough Oslo Accords, promised that Israel would get full diplomatic ties with those wealthy, powerful Arab Gulf countries — Arab countries in general — only in exchange for peace with the Palestinians ... and that would be on the terms of a two-state solution that would see an independent Palestinian state set up alongside Israel. ... That's something that came out also in the Saudi-led Arab Peace Initiative.

The BBC has yet to respond to CAMERA UK's complaint concerning that inaccurate portrayal of the Oslo Accords. In the meantime, promotion of such framing — which dovetails with the PLO's narrative on the subject — continues.

Listeners to the BBC World Service radio program "Newshour" on August 31, heard

a report from Yolande Knell (from 48:18 here) about the first flight from Israel to the UAE, which included an interview with an inadequately presented "businessman and commentator" [emphasis in italics in the original, emphasis in bold added].

Knell: But Palestinians see the normalization agreement as a stab in the back. They've held protests. In the past, the Arab world promised recognition for Israel only when the Israel-Palestinian conflict was solved. Palestinian businessman and commentator Sam Bahour says the new deal won't bring peace here.

Bahour: The indication [is] that Israel has no intention whatsoever, especially this government, of resolving the core issue at hand which is the Palestinian issue. Trump needs to understand: without addressing that, there is no progress. Kushner's traveling circus around the Arab world will not result in anything.

In that case, Knell's phrasing at least appeared to confine her claims to the unilateral 2002 Saudi initiative rather than making inaccurate assertions about the Oslo Accords.



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

However a report published on the BBC News website's "Middle East" page on August 24 — "Pompeo urges more Arab states to make peace with Israel" — made the following vague claim:

Palestinians have accused the Emiratis of betrayal. Previous peace plans promised Israel relations with Arab nations only as part of a deal to end their conflict.

Other BBC reports gave context-free amplification to the Palestinian position. Listeners to the BBC Radio 4 program "World at One" on August 31 were told by the BBC Jerusalem bureau's Tom Bateman (from 05:12 here):

But the Palestinians believe the deal breaks years of Arab solidarity against Israel's occupation of land they want for a future state. They have called it a betrayal.

On the same day, Bateman promoted similar framing in a report which appeared on the BBC News website's "Middle East" page under the headline "Israel and UAE in historic direct flight following peace deal."

But the deal is striking for another reason — it leaves the Palestinians feeling as sidelined as ever.

They believe it breaks years of Arab solidarity — and leverage — against Israel's occupation of land they want for a future state; while ordinary Palestinians feel more and more hemmed in as Israeli settler numbers grow.

They see not only betrayal, but a blind eye being turned by the Emiratis to their reality on the ground.

Earlier BBC News website reporting on

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World News.

Netanyahu: Opposition Leaders' Calls to Ignore COVID-19 Directives Will Lead to Anarchy

BY JNS.org

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday took opposition politicians to task for calling on the public not to cooperate with Health Ministry directives regarding the coronavirus pandemic. Such calls, said Netanyahu, would lead to an increase in COVID-19 morbidity and deaths.

Speaking after a visit to the Israel Defense Forces Home Front Command headquarters in Ramle, Netanyahu called on the opposition figures to show more responsibility.

"I regret that politicians are exploiting the pandemic for political needs and are calling for non-compliance with Health Ministry directives and disobedience to the police. This is anarchy. I have just sent a letter to the heads of the opposition and I told them: Show responsibility, stop this. Do not bring the State of Israel to anarchy. Anarchy will lead to very many severe cases and, I regret, many more deaths as well," said Netanyahu, according to a statement from his office.

The letter was sent to Opposition leader Yair Lapid, the head of Yesh Atid, as well as to Yamina chairman Naftali Bennett, Yisrael Beiteinu's Avigdor Lieberman and the Joint Arab List's Ayman Odeh.

Calling on Israelis to ignore the police, said Netanyahu, was not leadership.

"Leadership is making the tough and complex decisions, even very complex—but also correct," Netanyahu admonished.

"I think that we knew to make the correct decisions in the first wave, and we will also make them in the second wave. We will do everything to maintain the economy and safeguard health and lives. I am certain that we will succeed," he added.

During a meeting of his party's Knesset faction on Monday morning, Lieberman urged Israelis to ignore government coronavirus directives and instead rely on "common sense."

Referring to the government's decision on Sunday night to impose nightly curfews and school closures in "red" cities—those with high COVID-19 morbidity rates—starting on Monday evening, Lieberman accused Netanyahu of "sacrificing public health at the altar of coalition-preservation." Thus, stated Lieberman, "all decisions taken [by this government] are clearly illegal."

The government had originally intended to impose a complete lockdown on the cities in question, most of which have majority ultra-Orthodox or Arab populations, but reportedly backed down following pressure from the ultra-Orthodox parties. On Monday, even the lesser measures approved on Sunday night were delayed by a day, and are now scheduled to take effect on Tuesday evening.

According to Netanyahu, the 24-hour delay was due to the fact that since Sunday night, 10 more cities had joined the "red list," and that "each one must be heard and consulted" before the decision-making



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem May 24, 2020. Photo: Abir Sultan/Pool via REUTERS.

process is complete.

He stressed that avoiding lockdowns was one of the government's goals, and had been since the start of the pandemic.

"In effect, we have been doing this for months and have been reaping the economic benefit."

The country's fight against the pandemic was being waged on two fronts, health and the economy, Netanyahu said.

"Our goal was first to bring about low mortality and as few severe cases as possible," he said, pointing to the government's aggressive actions early on in the outbreak, which kept the "relatively low" morbidity and mortality rates compared to other countries of a similar size.

"The recent rise in those rates, he said, was due to the reopening of the economy following the nationwide lockdowns in March and April.

"While on health we were among the first to close, on the economy we were among the first, if not the first, to open—and we opened a lot," said Netanyahu.

"Regarding the economy, the intention was to prevent the contraction of the economy as much as possible," he said, claiming that Israel has suffered far less in this respect than Europe.

However, when the morbidity rate began to rise in recent weeks, it became clear that additional action needed to be taken on the health front, he said, pointing to a similar rise in Europe and the United States, "in places where the restrictions were eased."

According to Israeli Health Ministry data, 3,425 new COVID-19 cases were recorded on Tuesday, bringing the total number since the onset of the pandemic to 135,288. Of 27,962 active cases, 467 were categorized as "serious," with 134 patients on ventilators and a national death toll of 1,031.

According to the ministry, 40,456 COVID-19 tests were administered over the past 24 hours, of which 8.8 percent tested positive.

The curfew measure is meant to constitute a "blocking step," said Netanyahu.

"During the week we will convene the corona Cabinet and we will make more important decisions to prepare the State of Israel so that we can deal with the challenges of health and the economy. I know that these decisions entail personal and economic costs that are not simple; we will provide solutions," he said.

Minneapolis on May 25.

The pair are allegedly members of a Boogaloo Bois subgroup called the "Boojahideen," whose "stated goal," according to the Justice Department, is "overthrowing the government and replacing its police forces."

Former Dubai Police Chief Denounces Abbas for Opposing Israel-UAE Peace Deal



Dubai deputy police chief Lt. Gen. Dhahi Khalfan Tamim. Photo: Screenshot.

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The former chief of the Dubai police, who was outspoken about the alleged Israeli assassination of a top Hamas terrorist in his city in 2010 and threatened to arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, criticized Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Monday for opposing the United Arab Emirates' peace deal with the Jewish state.

Dhahi Khalfan Tamim, who is now Deputy Chief of Police and General Security, tweeted, "Remove from your heads the idea that you do not establish relations with Israel except by order of Mahmoud Abbas."

Since the peace deal was announced last month, Abbas has condemned it in increasingly harsh terms as a betrayal of the Palestinian cause and the Arab people in general.

Tamim's statement is all the more remarkable because of his leading role in the investigation of the execution of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai in January 2010.

While openly carrying weapons in a residential neighborhood of Minneapolis, Solomon and Teeter encountered the key witness in the case against them — an individual they believed was an agent of Hamas.

"According to the allegations in the criminal complaint and law enforcement affidavit, in early June, the FBI received information about Solomon, Teeter, and other members of the Boogaloo Bois and the Boojahideen through a confidential human source (CHS), whom the defendants believed to be a member of Hamas," the Justice Department explained. "In audio-recorded conversations, Solomon and Teeter expressed that Hamas shares anti-US government views that align with their own views. Solomon and Teeter also expressed their desire to employ themselves as 'mercenaries' for Hamas as a means to generate cash for the Boogaloo Bois/Boojahideen movement, including funding for recruitment and purchasing land for a training compound."

The two men shared with the witness and with "another individual whom they believed to be a more senior member of Hamas (and who was actually an undercover employee of the FBI), their ideas about destroying government monuments, raiding the headquarters of a white supremacist organization in North Carolina, and targeting politicians and

Mabhouh, one of the founders of the Hamas terrorist force the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, was killed in a Dubai hotel room by what was reported to be a hit team of 26 suspects using stolen or forged passports, including some belonging to Israeli dual citizens.

Israel's Mossad intelligence agency was widely assumed to be behind the assassination, and Tamim was extremely outspoken about his suspicions in this regard.

In March 2010, an Australia news website reported that Tamim said, "I am now completely sure that it was Mossad" and claimed he had instructed Dubai authorities to arrest Netanyahu and Mossad chief Meir Dagan.

"I have presented the prosecutor with a request for the arrest of Netanyahu and the head of Mossad," he said.

It was rumored that he further said Jews would henceforth be banned from traveling to Dubai, but Tamim denied making such a statement.

members of the media," the statement said.

Solomon and Teeter also spoke of their ability to manufacture unmarked parts for guns and create unregistered and untraceable weapons, including suppressors, the statement revealed.

"On July 30, the pair delivered to the individual they believed to be a senior member of Hamas five suppressors and expressed their desire to manufacture additional suppressors and fully-automatic weapons for Hamas," the statement said. "Solomon and Teeter later negotiated with the individual a price of \$1,800 for five additional suppressors. Solomon and Teeter also delivered to the individual a 'drop in auto sear' (DIAS), a part designed and intended for use in converting a weapon to shoot automatically. Solomon and Teeter believed the suppressors and the DIAS would be used by Hamas overseas to attack Israeli and US soldiers."

The affidavit in the case quoted Solomon as saying on one occasion: "Here's the thing. I want to take down twenty senators while they're playing f—ing baseball, right? I don't want to blow up a courthouse. I want to murder a bunch of US politicians. That's the statement I want to make."

The next hearing for Teeter and Solomon will take place on Wednesday via video conference.

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The FBI began investigating Solomon and Teeter during the unrest in the Twin Cities that followed the death of George Floyd while in the custody of police officers in

World News.



Scientists at work in laboratory. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Israel to Establish a National Laboratory to Study Covid-19 and Future Life-Threatening Viruses

BY UDI ETSION/CTech

Due to the urgent need for research on the coronavirus (Covid-19) and the obstacles preventing civilian researchers from accessing the advanced laboratories of the Israel Institute for Biological Research in Ness Ziona, the government has decided to set up a new national laboratory for the study of viruses.

The lab is expected to start operations later this year out of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem at a cost of NIS 4 million (\$1.2 million). The lab will be funded by the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Finance, and the university itself.

"We believe that we will have to cope with other pathogens after the coronavirus and we haven't got that beat yet either," Nadav Cohen, head of the defense ministry's research and technological development unit of the Directorate of Defense Research and Development (Mafat) said. "It will be an especially well-guarded facility that will enable researchers to conduct tests on live coronavirus samples and study the virus' behavior. The lab will serve Israel's scientific and defense community."

The new lab will be built according to the strict BSL-3 standard, equipped with a special air conditioning system that operates at lower air pressure than the surrounding environment so that nothing can spread outwards. It will also be equipped with advanced testing and experimentation tools and scientists using it will be provided with high-level protective gear.

Around the world, there exists only one standard of labs that is higher, BSL-4, which is mainly in use in the US and Russia, where scientists work on the types of viruses that pose a risk to public safety, such as the Ebola virus.

"As coronavirus research matures, the need for such a lab increases," said Professor Re'em Sari, vice president of research and development at the Hebrew University. "Until now, experiments could be conducted on dead virus samples, but the new lab will allow researchers to study the behavior of a living virus, how to identify it and how to kill it. The lab will also allow us to develop a vaccine for the virus, by examining new ideas in parallel to the work of the commercial vaccine developers."

French Court Convicts Man for Antisemitic Assault on Young Muslim in Process of Converting to Judaism

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A court in France passed sentence on Monday on one of the men involved in a violent antisemitic assault last week on a young Algerian Muslim who was in the process of converting to Judaism.

The assailant — a 21-year-old homeless man — will serve a one-year prison sentence for his part in the attack on the victim, a 26-year-old named Younes who gave an extensive interview about his ordeal to the news outlet Le Parisien.

The attack occurred on the evening of Sept 2, as Younes was walking to his home in the Aubervilliers suburb of Paris. Spotting the Star of David necklace Younes was wearing, three men approached him, and one of them yelled in Arabic, "Dirty Jew, give us your

money!"

Younes was then robbed of his necklace, his wallet and his phone. As they rounded on him, one of the men poked Younes in the chest with the tip of a knife, drawing blood.

As the three assailants left the scene, Younes decided to pursue them. Seeing one of the assailants entering a fast food restaurant, Younes followed him inside, where he explained that the man had robbed him and asked other customers to call the police. None of those present responded to his appeal, leading Younes to reflect in his interview, "I think they were afraid of reprisals."

Moments later, a passing police patrol arrested one of the attackers, named as Mohammed. Prior to his sentencing on Monday, Mohammed reportedly apologized to his victim in court.

Hamas, Fatah Have Agreed to Join Forces Against Israel, Top Hamas Official Says

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/
JNS.org

Hamas deputy political chief Saleh al-Arouri said on Monday that due to recent events in the region, the terrorist organization and its political rival, Fatah, had agreed to join forces.

In an interview with Hezbollah-affiliated *Al Mayadeen* TV, Arouri said the Palestinian people had been stabbed in the back three times in recent months. The first betrayal, he said, was the Trump administration's "Peace to Prosperity" plan, the second was the Israeli sovereignty initiative and the third was the normalization agreement between Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

In light of the "dangers strangling the Palestinian cause," said Arouri, the Palestinian people no longer had the option of accepting the split between Fatah and Hamas.

For this reason, he said, Hamas had initiated contact with members of Fatah and with Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas. He went on to say that the differences between the sides were strictly political, rather than personal.

Arouri also told *Al Mayad French Court Convicts Man for Antisemitic Assault on Young Muslim in Process of Converting to Judaism* that Hamas and Fatah had agreed on three initiatives to be implemented by joint committees. These committees, he said, will lead the "popular resistance" in Judea and Samaria, undertake reforms in the Palestinian Liberation Organization, and mend



Hamas deputy political chief Saleh al-Arouri. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

the internal rift between Fatah and Hamas, sparked by Hamas's hostile takeover of Gaza in 2007.

The deputy Hamas leader then threatened Israel, saying that the next conflict between the Jewish state and Gaza would be "unprecedented."

"If there is an open confrontation, the entire Israeli home front will be involved," he said. "We're at the stage where we will not tolerate the pressure in Gaza and we are ready for an open fight."

On Sunday, a Hamas delegation led by Hamas political bureau chief Ismail Haniyeh met with Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut to discuss Arab countries' new willingness to normalize relations with Israel, *Hezbollah's Al-Manar* website reported.

The two discussed regional developments, as well as "the dangers to the Palestinian cause, especially the so-called deal of the century and normalization attempts by Arab regimes with the Zionist entity and the nation's responsibility in this regard," according to the report.

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interest for the two countries from both the security perspective and the economic perspective."

Déby met later on Tuesday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"The most important thing is give my warmest regards to your father and to the people of Chad," Netanyahu said. "I mentioned our relations in the discussions about beginning peace with the Emirates. I mention it and

I want to do more than mention it. I want to be able to advance it even further. So welcome. It's good to see you."

Netanyahu visited Chad in early 2019, meeting with President Idriss Déby to restore diplomatic relations, which had been severed in 1972.

During the prime minister's visit, President Déby expressed enthusiasm about promoting relations between Israel and the north-central African nation.

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U.S. News.

Baseball Hails 'Kremer Show' as First Israeli to Pitch in MLB Dominates in Baltimore Orioles Victory Over New York Yankees

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli-American Major League Baseball player Dean Kremer enjoyed a dream debut as a starting pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles in their 5-1 victory over the New York Yankees on Sunday.

Kremer struck out seven in six innings as he pitched in his major league debut at Camden Yards Stadium in Baltimore, calling it a "dream come true."

Orioles coach Brandon Hyde applauded the performance of Kremer — who joined the Orioles in 2018 and has been hailed as a top pitching prospect. "Only allowing one run shows a lot about his character and composure," he told The Baltimore Sun.

Kremer was born to Israeli parents and had his bar mitzvah in Israel. He competed in Team USA during the 2013 Maccabiah games and helped the team take home the gold. He previously played for Israel's national baseball

team for three years and was also named the European baseball championship's most valuable pitcher.

He became the first Israeli citizen to sign with a major league team in 2016 when he was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers, but did not play in the major leagues until Sunday.

"I was born here in the United States, but I go back and practically live [in Israel] for two months out of the year in the summer, so it's definitely home," Kremer told the Las Vegas Review Journal in February.

Kremer's triumph over the Yankees was duly noted by his friends on the Israeli baseball scene, as well as by the Israeli Embassy in the US.



Israeli-born MLB pitcher Dean Kremer making his debut for the Baltimore Orioles in a 5-1 victory over the New York Yankees. Photo: Reuters via Kenneth K. Lam/The Baltimore Sun/TNS.

Embassy of Israel @IsraelinUSA
 @DJ_KREY6 is now the first #Israeli to pitch & second to play (after @RyanLavarnway) in the majors!
 Mazel tov Dean! #Birdland

Trump to Host Israel-UAE Deal-Signing Ceremony at White House on Sept. 15

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

US President Donald Trump will hold a Sept. 15 signing ceremony for a groundbreaking Middle East agreement normalizing relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, a senior White House official said on Tuesday.

As part of the deal, announced at the White House on Aug. 13 following what officials said were 18 months of talks, the Gulf state agreed to normal relations with Israel, while Israel agreed to suspend plans to annex parts of the West Bank.

The senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed al-Nahyan, would lead the two delegations to the ceremony.

Trump and other administration officials have said they expect Saudi Arabia and other countries to follow suit in recognizing Israel.

Iran has dismissed the agreement, which also served to firm up opposition to Tehran, a regional power seen by the UAE, Israel and the United States as the main threat in the Middle East.



An El Al plane is seen on the ground in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Aug. 31, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Nir Elias / Pool.

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Opinion.

The Hidden Zionists

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It is common knowledge to anyone who studies the phenomenal trajectory of the State of Israel that the miracle of its creation in 1948 would not have occurred without the pivotal role and support of non-Jews.

Harry S. Truman, a virtually unknown senator from Missouri, replaces Henry Wallace as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's pick as vice president and, following the death of FDR, succeeds him. Truman then presides over not only the defeat of Nazism, but the creation of the United Nations, and in 1948 becomes the first to recognize the new Jewish state. In doing so, he defies the recommendation of his own Secretary of State, Gen. George Marshall, a decorated World War II hero, who warns him

that such a recognition would endanger the United States by severing America's relationship with the oil-producing Arab world.

It was non-Jews again who played the decisive role in helping Shimon Peres and Israel build the Dimona nuclear plant in southern Israel, which to this day continues to be Israel's strongest deterrent against the combined terrorist threat now posed by Iran and its proxies, Hamas and Hezbollah. Peres, with David Ben-Gurion's blessing, went to Paris, where he befriended three French officials, two of whom — Guy Mollet and Maurice Bourgès-Maunoury — later became the country's prime ministers and agreed to lease uranium to Israel, a move that forever changed the strategic Arab advantage over the tiny Jewish state.

In our time, there was President Donald Trump, with his historic and bold decision to be the first American president to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capital. This idea of the unexpected appearance of non-Jewish

heroes — suddenly, from out of nowhere, stepping out of the shadows — is not at all new. On the contrary, it is a well-articulated concept that made its appearance at the very dawn of Jewish history.

As the 20th-century Talmudist and thinker Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik points out, it was not only Abraham the Jew who discovered and yearned for Zion, but Terach his non-Jewish father who first led him there. As the Torah clearly states, “and Terach took Abraham his son ... to go to the land of Canaan” (Gen 11:31). “Terach's relationship with his son Abraham had been hostile ... infused with hatred and insanity he had conspired with the local tyrants to destroy his own son both physically and spiritually ... what changed his mind? ... stirrings of repentance ... the thought that perhaps his sons way was correct ... a well-known revered and respected manufacturer of idols suddenly abandoned everything to begin his life anew ... father and son formally locked in combat



Pan El Al plane is seen on the ground in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Aug. 31, 2020.
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now started together on the march to Canaan ... in order to be a great teacher one must be able to reach his own family ... that occurred when Terach who once hated Abraham now reverses course and personally escorts him to the promised land.”

What Rabbi Soloveitchik is teaching is what the whole world is now witnessing. Non-Jews, both Christians and now even Muslims, like the leaders of the United Arab Emirates, are stepping forward to recognize the legitimacy of today's Zionists as the descendants and great-grandchildren of Abraham, just as Terach himself once came forth to recognize the legitimacy of his son Abraham, the founder and great lover of Zion.

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Putin's Evil, Belarus, and the Battle for Freedom

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It was once thought probable, if not inevitable, that from the ashes of the USSR would arise liberal democracies. But few Soviet republics have become real republics.

Belarus has seemed a particularly hopeless case. A nation of fewer than 10 million on Russia's western border, it proclaimed its independence in 1991. Three years later, Alexander Lukashenko, a former Soviet border guard and collective farm director (with all the charm and empathy such a background might suggest) was elected president in what may have been a reasonably free and fair election. Since then, elections in the country certainly have not been.

Prior to the most recent, on August 9, would-be challengers were denied registration, imprisoned, or forced to flee the country. The wife of one, Svetlana Tikhanovskaya, got on the ballot after the arrest of her husband, Sergei Tikhanovsky.

President Lukashenko was unconcerned about this former teacher and stay-at-home mother. A woman president “would collapse, poor thing,” he told workers at a tractor factory in May.

When the official poll results were announced — a whopping 80% for President Lukashenko, no more than 10% for Tikhanovskaya — disbelieving and furious Belarusians by the tens of thousands took to the streets to peacefully protest. There was no looting, no rioting, no burning. They displayed signs reading: “We want fair elections” and “Stop the regime machine.”

The dictator cracked down: thousands arrested, hundreds of credible reports of serious torture. Officers of the KGB — that's what his intelligence agency is still called — went into factories and warned workers they could lose their jobs if they weren't careful.

Tikhanovskaya fled across the border to Lithuania, where she had sent her two children, ages five and 10, prior to the election. For more than a week, she holed up, saying

nothing publicly.

Then, a few days ago, she gave an interview to the BBC. Her English was impeccable. The reason why is interesting. In 1986, the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Soviet Ukraine exploded. Seventy percent of the radioactive fallout blew north, contaminating much of Belarus. Charities sent thousands of children out of the country. Tikhanovskaya, then 12-years-old, was among them. She went to Ireland where she rapidly mastered the language of her hosts.

In the interview, she comes across as modest, committed, and principled. She says: “I'm not a leader by nature. But if it's my fate and my mission now, I have to be a leader.”

She says people voted for her “not as a future president but just like a symbol of change.” And “I want Belarusians to live in a free country, where they are not afraid to speak.” And “I don't believe I can win. But I believe the people can win. I believe in the Belarusian people the way they believed in me.”

Vladimir Putin, Russia's de facto president-for-life, has been watching. He would not be pleased to see Belarus with a government that permits basic freedoms. What kind of example would that set for those he rules?

Last week, he said on state television that he had assembled a team — police, soldiers, paramilitary, he wasn't specific — to intervene should the situation in Belarus spin out of control. If Lukashenko wants Putin's muscle, might he do the spinning himself? I think he might.

But I also think Putin is ambivalent about Lukashenko (whom he perhaps regards as a JV version of himself) and uncertain about what best suits his interests.

The protesters are not proposing that Belarus join the European Union or NATO. Historically and culturally, Belarusians are closely linked with Russia, and almost all speak Russian rather than Belarusian, a related Slavic tongue.

The protesters haven't burned Russian flags. Some have even waved them. If Putin sends in Russian thugs to crack Belarusian skulls, that could change.

Putin also has a rather full plate these days. He has been intervening militarily in Syria for five years, helping Iran's rulers prop

up the mass-murdering Assad dictatorship. He's had forces backing a separatist insurgency in eastern Ukraine since 2014.

In Khabarovsk in Russia's far east, anti-Kremlin demonstrations have persisted throughout the summer. Last month, Alexei Navalny, the most important Russian opposition leader, apparently drank a cup of poisoned tea while on a commercial flight from Siberia. His supporters quickly flew him to Berlin for treatment — they didn't trust Russian hospitals — where, at last report, he was stable but in a medically induced coma. Putin's press secretary said there's no reason for a criminal probe.

European Union foreign ministers announced last week that they are preparing sanctions against about 20 Belarusian officials responsible for “violence, repression and the falsification of election results.” It's not clear whether Lukashenko will be on the list. Lithuanian Foreign Minister Linas Linkevicius called the EU response “definitely not sufficient.”

The Trump administration appears to be weighing its options. “We want good outcomes for the Belarusian people, and we'll

take actions consistent with that,” said Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

The Belarus Democracy Act, signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2004 and updated by President Barack Obama in 2012, authorizes assistance for Belarusians working for democratic reform.

My two kopeks: I don't believe that the United States has the skills necessary to export liberal democracy. But supporting those fighting for their unalienable rights conforms with American values and promotes American interests.

It's become increasingly obvious that the victory of freedom over authoritarianism is not inevitable or maybe even probable — not in Belarus, not in other former Soviet republics, not anywhere. I worry that too many Americans no longer understand how much that matters.

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Putting Hezbollah 'Out of Business'

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Since the August 4 explosions at the Beirut Port, politicians and policy-makers around the world have been raising questions about the future of Lebanon, particularly in relation to Hezbollah.

All those trying to formulate a policy on the issue need to understand, however, that Lebanese society has a tribal structure, which is intricate, interconnected, and challenging.

What is clear from Israel's experience in Lebanon in the 1980s, and that of the US in Iraq and Afghanistan, is that trying to overthrow regimes and install replacement governments has not delivered the desired results. On the contrary, such a policy has led to long, exorbitantly expensive military campaigns and negative reactions on the part

of the Israeli and American public.

When the Ottoman Empire controlled the Middle East for almost seven centuries, there was no concept of “national identity” as it exists today. The primary responsibilities of Ottoman subjects were to pay taxes and serve in the military. Nor was there any sort of national integration plan, like the American melting pot or Canadian multicultural mosaic.

Ottoman subjects living in Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen would not identify themselves as “Ottoman.” They likely wouldn't see themselves as being Yemenites either. Their identity was based on their family, village, religion, or sectarian group.

As the late Middle Eastern scholar Bernard Lewis explained, the idea of identity deriving from a country of origin is a recent invention, which emerged in the 18th century as a way for Western countries to delineate areas and people that they were colonizing. But even then, a Nigerian citizen would not likely identify himself as “Nigerian” or even

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Opinion.

Justified Contempt for the International Criminal Court



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It's the sort of thing that infuriates those who have been complaining for three-and-a-half years that the Trump administration has no respect for the norms and traditions of international diplomacy. By placing sanctions on two top officials at the International Criminal Court, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo bluntly rejected the notion that multilateral institutions deserved the respect and deference of the American government.

This contempt for the international court roughly sums up the administration's attitude towards the United Nations and a host of other world bodies. Critics see this as the embodiment of everything they hate about President Donald Trump's "America First" foreign policy. Instead of embracing the internationalist tradition that has largely guided the American approach to world affairs since the end of the Second World War, Trump judges international institutions by whether or not they serve the interests of the United States and its allies.

But the US attack on the ICC is a long overdue dose of reality. The court and the entire network of global entities that Trump scorns operate as parodies of the postwar idealism that created them. Trump's critics in the foreign-policy establishment, the media, and those who are poised to reshape American foreign policy if former Vice President Joe Biden wins in November are blasting the decision. But they should realize that

Trump's approach to the issue is not merely popular but far more realistic than their blind faith in multilateralism.

The particular targets of the US sanctions may claim to be defenders of international law but are, in fact, exactly the kind of individuals that specialize in engendering disrespect for the concept.

Gambian attorney Fatou Bensouda is the ICC's chief prosecutor, and Phakiso Mochochoko heads the prosecutor's office in The Hague. Since assuming office in 2012, Bensouda — a former operative in her own country's tyrannical government, which is widely considered among the world's worst human-rights offenders — has presided over an organization that has mostly specialized in trying to pick fights with democratic countries and done little to advance the cause of justice in places where there is none.

In particular, Bensouda has sought to target Israel and prosecute the Jewish state for alleged "war crimes" during the various campaigns conducted to stop Hamas terrorists from attacking Israel from their Gaza stronghold. As outrageous and false as that charge might be, it was telling that she also claimed to be investigating Israeli crimes committed in Jerusalem and the West Bank, making it clear that hers was a political agenda intended to delegitimize Israeli self-defense, rather than just the bogus claims against its military actions in the Gaza Strip. The fact that she later expressed a vague willingness to investigate Hamas war crimes, of which there were many easily documented instances, in order to maintain a pretense of objectivity, convinced no one that she was interested in justice.

and, by extension, the support of the tribes and territory under Warfalla control.

In Iraq, Saddam Hussein pursued the power model — the "Republic of Fear" — in which insubordination was dealt with so severely that subjects slept "with two eyes open" in the back of their heads.

One of the heads of the secret service in Israel, who spent decades on the ground pursuing and planning policy and coordinating it with the tribes in Lebanon, noted that its "tribal and family system is even more complex than that of the rest of the Middle East."

It is this that enabled Hezbollah to become so ensconced in the country and its government. Hezbollah money comes from drug-smuggling, weapons-trafficking, and other illegal activities. It also takes aid money given to Lebanon and uses it for its own purposes. This should be prevented and stopped.

In addition, Hezbollah should be designated universally as a terrorist entity — as it is in the US and many other parts of the world — and denied any political legitimacy. Of course, its rockets and other military capabilities should be destroyed as well.

Rather than attempting to tackle Lebanon's convoluted tribal structure through policies that do not work, the West needs to take the necessary step of putting Hezbollah out of business.

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But Bensouda hasn't used her post just to snipe at Israel and threaten its officials and soldiers with prosecution on false charges. She has also sought to use the considerable resources placed at her disposal to attack the United States by threatening to prosecute Americans for crimes allegedly committed in the war still being fought against Taliban terrorists in Afghanistan.

The ICC's defenders say these legal fishing expeditions are justified in the name of the post-Nuremberg consensus that declared that the international community would not tolerate crimes committed by nations that, like the German Nazis, could claim that they were merely following their own unjust laws. That principle is a sound one, but it only works when it is employed against nations that don't have independent judiciaries and accountability under the rule of law. The ICC has, at least in theory, a role to play in holding someone to task, such as tyrants that commit genocide, as was the case in the Balkans and Central Africa in the 1990s.

But when it selectively prosecutes what it alleges are war crimes committed by democracies defending the rule of law and against terrorism, it turns the entire concept of international law into a joke.

When institutions like the ICC behave in this manner, it creates a problem for the true believers in multilateral institutions. They know that the United Nations and its many branches is a cesspool of corruption, hypocrisy, and antisemitism. But for people like former President Barack Obama and those who served in his administration, support for these bodies is a matter of political faith in the world coming together to govern itself. What it generally does is wind up empowering bad actors and undermining the values of liberty that the post-World War II order created by the United States was intended to preserve.

When Obama and his foreign-policy advisers looked at the United Nations and the ICC, they saw an idealistic future in

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'Betrayed'

the Israel-UAE agreement delivered similar messaging:

There were no consultations between the UAE foreign ministry in Abu Dhabi and its Arab neighbors. Almost everyone was taken by surprise, most of all the Palestinians, who called it "a stab in the back" since they have yet to come close to getting a state of their own or ending Israeli occupation.

"For the Palestinians, there is zero upside here," comments Emile Hokayem from the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies. ("With UAE deal, Israel opens tentative new chapter with Gulf Arabs" Frank Gardner, August 27)

The agreement reportedly took Palestinian leaders by surprise. A spokesman for President Mahmoud Abbas said the deal amounted to "treason." ("Israel and UAE launch direct phone links after historic accord," August 16)

The Palestinians however reacted angrily, calling the peace treaty a "betrayal."

Nabil Abu Rudeinah, a spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, called on the UAE to withdraw from what he called a "disgraceful" agreement, while the Palestinian ambassador to the UAE was recalled. ("Kushner: Israel-UAE treaty a 'massive change' for the region," August 14)

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And as far as the Palestinians are concerned, it is hard to see this news creating anything other than frustration that they have



The International Criminal Court.
Photo: ICC Website.

which international institutions could solve problems individual sovereign governments couldn't fix.

Trump and his foreign-policy team are unencumbered by that sort of gooey faith in world government that sounds better when it is mouthed by characters in sci-fi shows like "Star Trek," which are set in future centuries when humanity has supposedly fixed all of its internal problems and is ready to expand its sway to the stars. All Trump and Pompeo see when they look at arrogant figures like Bensouda and Mochochoko are puffed up functionaries of failed states that have been empowered by global bureaucracies to attack democracies.

They're right, and it's high time that the United States acted to warn the ICC that unless it sticks to prosecuting genuine war criminals as opposed to democratic countries fighting against war criminals, they will face the wrath of the world's lone superpower. The sanctions against the two prosecutors won't stop them from carrying on with this legal charade in their Dutch enclave. It will, however, put them on notice that there will be consequences for further such travesties.

Rather than bash Trump for defending the interests of the United States, as well as of allies like Israel, establishment critics should agree that sanctions on the ICC are exactly what the American people expect of their government.

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once again been pushed to the sidelines. ...

But a senior Palestinian official, Hanan Ashrawi, condemned the deal, saying the UAE had "come out in the open on its secret dealings/normalization with Israel" and telling Prince Mohammed: "May you never be sold out by your 'friends.'" ...

And in Gaza, the Hamas militant group called the deal a "stabbing in the back of our people." ("Israel and UAE strike historic deal to normalise relations," August 13)

As we see, for over two and a half weeks BBC audiences repeatedly heard that the Palestinians had been "stabbed in the back," "betrayed," and "sidelined" by an agreement portrayed as "treason" and described as breaching "Arab solidarity" and "promises" supposedly made in "previous peace plans."

Interestingly, in all that time, BBC audiences were not provided with a realistic portrait of the unilateral 2002 Saudi initiative — which, as the corporation itself reported at the time, was deemed a "non-starter" by Israel from the outset, not least because its various "take it or leave it" conditions included the "return" of Palestinians to Israel.

Neither did the BBC make any effort to remind its audiences of the opportunities for resolution of the conflict that were serially rejected by the Palestinians over the years, including the Olmert offer and the earlier Clinton proposal.

In the absence of that relevant context, the BBC's repetitive but unquestioning amplification of Palestinian framing of this story does not contribute to audience understanding of the reasons why — as one leading Israeli analyst put it soon after the agreement was announced — "the Arab world has changed,

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Impressions.

Why All Jews Should Care About New York's Subway System

BY HAROLD BRACKMAN

As Paul Simon of Simon and Garfunkel once sang, "The words of the prophets are written on subway walls."

Soon after opening in 1904, New York City's subway system was carrying millions of passengers daily — more than all the nation's railroads combined. After World War II, New York's subways were "a United Nations on wheels," carrying the global diversity of passengers to every corner of the city — including to UN Plaza.

During the worst parts of 2020, subway ridership was down 75%. At certain times, and for the first time in a half century, bus traffic (also down) exceeded subway turnstile spins. New York Times stories about the New York subways recently have featured piles of trash and other ominous signs.

The subway system is in crisis. Whether it — or New York City — will recover fully is in doubt. Why should suburbanized New Yorkers and others, many of whom have abandoned subways for other means of commuting, care?

One reason is the human triumphs and tragedies involved.

A recent op-ed by Sujatha Gidla, a subway



A New York City MTA transit worker cleans a subway car, during (COVID-19), May 6, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Jeenah Moon.

conductor herself, offers rays of hope. She does not minimize the problems. One New York transit worker died on the tracks; another died sitting on a bench in front of a supervisor's office. The MTA gave contradictory messages about wearing masks, and then provided insufficient, poorly made PPE gear. It lectured conductors about hand washing, despite the frequent absence of working rest rooms.

Gidla was infected with the virus, but recovered and after recovery went back to work.

Benjamin Schaeffer — one of only a reported two Orthodox Jews employed as New York subway conductors — was not so lucky. He died of coronavirus. During his 20 years on the job, he was as reliable as clockwork except for taking off Jewish holidays.

Over 130 New York transit workers have died from coronavirus.

It was proper that New Yorkers shouted out praise from the rooftops for the anonymous heroes among fire and police, and doctors and nurses, during COVID-19. But underground transit workers should not be overlooked.

We live in historically amnesiac times, in which few Jewish New Yorkers have a memory of what a lifeline subways were for their forbearers. Subways allowed East Side Jews to spread to Uptown (including to Harlem), and then to the Bronx and Brooklyn. The subways provided not only physical mobility, but upward social mobility, as immigrant Jews or their children moved into less crowded neighborhoods with larger apartments, each with its own bathroom, and

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Amar'e Stoudemire: A Role Model for the Jewish People

BY FARLEY WEISS/ JNS.org

Former NBA All-Star Amar'e Stoudemire's very public conversion to Judaism, and his life as an Orthodox Jew, is extraordinary.

Stoudemire began his Jewish journey many years ago, when he was playing for the New York

Knicks and Boris Diaw were suspended in 2007. This was after the two briefly went onto the court after Robert Horry of the San Antonio Spurs viciously shoved Steve Nash into the scorers table once the Suns had Game 5 in hand to go up 3-2 in the Western Conference finals against the Spurs.

The Commissioner ruled that since



Former NBA star Amar'e Stoudemire showing off his new line of kosher-for-Passover Israeli wines. Photo: Jewish National Fund-USA.

Knicks. It was then that he began wearing tzitzit (ritual fringe), studying Jewish books, and fasting on Yom Kippur. He eventually joined a yeshiva, Ohr Somayach, where he engaged in intensive study that led to his recent conversion.

What makes his conversion, which he announced on Twitter, so remarkable is the great lengths that he has gone to since his challenging childhood. His mother was in and out of prison during his early years; from the age of 12, he grew up without a father around as well.

He attended five different high schools. And though he only started playing organized basketball at the age of 14, he was considered the number one high-school player when he was 18. Forfeiting college, he was recruited straight out of high school by the Phoenix Suns as the ninth overall pick in the NBA draft. I lived in Phoenix at the time, and Stoudemire immediately became my favorite player on the Suns.

Stoudemire endured many misfortunes. His older brother tragically died in a car accident. He himself suffered a serious eye injury that required him to lie face down on a bed for 22 hours a day for two weeks, and he wore goggles after that every time he played. Both his knees also were injured, requiring microfracture surgery. This hindered his playing ability and shortened his NBA career, which ended in 2016. Yet he still managed to make six NBA All-Star games, as well as earn All-NBA selections and one first-team All-NBA, which means he was considered one of the five best players in the NBA.

Despite his difficult upbringing, Stoudemire was a great example to others through his actions both on and off the court. He was the victim of likely the worst decision by a league commissioner, when

Stoudemire and Diaw walked onto the court, they would be suspended for Game 6, which was played on the home court in Phoenix. This was in spite of the fact that they never got close to Horry before returning to the bench. The suspension cost the Suns their best player and another major player in Diaw, which resulted in their losing Game 6 at home (a game that I attended, which saw the Suns hold a lead until the last few minutes), and subsequently losing Game 7 in San Antonio. After that, the Spurs went on to sweep the Cleveland Cavaliers in the finals.

Stoudemire's last year in Phoenix was in 2010, when the team lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference finals after sweeping the Spurs a round earlier. Even though Stoudemire wanted to stay in Phoenix, the Suns would not match the Knicks' five-year contract offer.

In a personal email to one of the Suns' owners, I wrote that if the team were to let Stoudemire leave, it would go from being a championship contender to one unable to make the playoffs. I also noted that they could always trade Stoudemire in the future if they were so worried about his knee.

Although the owner responded to the email, Stoudemire left for the Knicks. Had he remained in Phoenix, the Suns would have had a good chance to win the NBA championship, as they had been better than the Dallas Mavericks, who ended up winning in 2011. Instead, Stoudemire took the Knicks to the playoffs, and the Suns have not made the playoffs since he left.

While he was on the Knicks, and studying Jewish books, he influenced his teammate, Chris Smith, who eventually decided to convert to

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File No.: 2018-445/B AMENDED CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Sidney Trubowitz, Julius Trubowitz, Estate of Lawrence Kreshin, Patricia Alison Kreshin, Rosalind Sarkees, Alice Friedman, James Breslow, Neal Resnikoff, Don Resnikoff, Roy Resnikoff, Brooke Breslow, Robert Cervoni, Esq. Bennet Wernick, Esq. Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of DANIEL FRIEDMAN, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained . A copy of this citation and the accounting, as well as all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, Vivia Joseph, Esq. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of DANIEL FRIEDMAN, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 5901 Palisades Avenue, Manhattan, NY 10471 but was domiciled at 153-70 58th Road, Flushing, NY, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of DANIEL FRIEDMAN, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 17th day of September, 2020 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$4,690.88 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the petitioner should not be authorized to retain the sum of \$15,000.00 to satisfy the contingent and possible claim of Don Resnikoff, Esq., Robert Cervoni, Esq., and the

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Court Examiner Bennet Wernick, Esq. for a period of 6 months from the date of the decree to be settled hereon; and why, upon service on the petitioner on an Order from the New York Supreme Court fixing the legal fees and commissions Don Resnikoff, Esq., Robert Cervoni, Esq., and the Court Examiner Bennet Wernick, Esq. for services rendered to the decedent, petitioner should not be further authorized to pay Don Resnikoff, Esq., Robert Cervoni, Esq., and the Court Examiner Bennet Wernick, Esq. said amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; and why if Don Resnikoff, Esq., Robert Cervoni, Esq., and the Court Examiner Bennet Wernick, Esq. should fail to obtain an order from the New York Supreme Court within six months from the Notice of Entry of the Decree to be settled hereon fixing legal fees and commissions for services rendered to the decedent, the amount retained by the petitioner shall be distributed as set forth in the petition; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship. Dated, Attested and Sealed 6th day of August, 2020 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County JAMES LIM BECKER Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. AS A RESULT OF THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COURT TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PHYSICAL PRESENCE AT THE COURTHOUSE ON THE RETURN DATE IS NOT POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. Accounting Citation
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File No.: 2014-3073/C CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Estate of Gary Calleo, Randee Levine, Anthony J. Calleo, Estate of Richard Calleo, Cheri Freville, Christian Calleo, if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of

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residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A copy of this citation and the accounting, as well as all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, for Christian Calleo, Louis Cannazzaro, Esq. Being the persons interested, as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Frances Calleo, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 22-04 169th Street, Whitestone, NY 11357, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Frances Calleo, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 29th day of October, 2020 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$18,100.23 less \$245.75 previously paid, for a total due of \$17,854.48 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the balance of said funds should not be paid as follows: 50% to the Fiduciary of the Estate of Gary Calleo, and if none appointed within 90 days of the Decree to be signed, then to the Commissioner of Finance 50% to the Fiduciary of the Estate of Richard Calleo, and if none appointed within 90 days of the Decree to be signed, then to the Commissioner of Finance Dated, Attested and Sealed 24th day of August, 2020 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. AS A RESULT OF THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COURT TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PHYSICAL PRESENCE AT THE COURTHOUSE ON THE RETURN DATE IS NOT POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE

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Judaism. It is quite shocking that two players out of the less than 15 on the Knicks at any one time eventually converted to Judaism.

After Stoudemire's NBA career ended, partially due to his knee problems, Stoudemire started playing basketball in Israel, winning two championships. The obstacles that he had to overcome in his life are only part of what is amazing about him. When a number of Black entertainers and athletes recently made some outrageous antisemitic comments, Stoudemire began a dialog with Nick Cannon, and Cannon has significantly changed his comments about Judaism.

We live in a time when people talk about privilege. Judaism views even someone as poor as Hillel as a person able to rise to great heights: No matter the situation, it is up to the person. Unfortunately, many Jews do not take the time that Stoudemire has devoted to learning about Judaism. They likely hail from much better backgrounds than he. Amar'e Stoudemire, whose Hebrew name when called up to the Torah is Jehoshaphat Ben Abraham, is a role model for the Jewish community.

Farley Weiss is president of the National Council of Young Israel. He is an intellectual property attorney for the law firm of Weiss & Moy.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: PUBLIC DRIP, LLC . Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 09/03/2020. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Neil Tan 185 Putnam Ave.#4 Brooklyn, NY 11216.purpose: all lawful activity
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Tradition.

How to Renew a Nation



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The Talmud gives an ingenious reading to the line, "Moses commanded us a Torah, as a heritage of the congregation of Israel." Noting that there are 613 commands, and that the numerical value of the word Torah is 611, it says that in fact Moses gave us 611 commands, while the other two – "I am the Lord your God," and, "You shall have no other gods beside Me," (the first 2 of the 10 commandments) – the Israelites received not

Hillel's words, "If I am not for myself, who will be, but if I am only for myself, what am I?" In Judaism, the state is not all, as it is in authoritarian regimes. Nor is the individual all, as it is in the radically individualist liberal democracies of today. A covenantal society is made by each accepting responsibility for all, by individuals committing themselves to the common good. Hence the Sefer Torah – our written constitution as a nation – must be renewed in the life of the individual (command 613) and of the nation (command 612).

This is how the Torah describes the mitzvah of Hakhel:

"At the end of every seven



from Moses but directly from God Himself.

There is a different distinction the Sages might have made. Moses gave us 611 commands, and at the very end, in Vayelech, he gave us two meta-commands, commands about the commands. They are Hakhel, the command to assemble the people once every seven years for a public reading of (key parts of) the Torah, and "Now write for yourselves this song" (Deut. 31:19), interpreted by tradition as the command to write, or take part in writing, our own Sefer Torah.

These two commands are set apart from all the others. They were given after all the recapitulation of the Torah in the book of Devarim, the blessings and curses and the covenant renewal ceremony. They are embedded in the narrative in which Moses hands on leadership to his successor Joshua. The connection is that both the laws and the narrative are about continuity. The laws are intended to ensure that the Torah will never grow old, will be written afresh in every generation, will never be forgotten by the people and will never cease to be its active constitution as a nation. The nation will never abandon its founding principles, its history and identity, its guardianship of the past and its responsibility to the future.

Note the beautiful complementarity of the two commands. Hakhel, the national assembly, is directed at the people as a totality. Writing a Sefer Torah is directed at individuals. This is the essence of covenantal politics. We have individual responsibility and we have collective responsibility. In

years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Festival of Tabernacles, when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God at the place He will choose, you shall read this Torah before them in their hearing. Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the strangers in your towns—so they can listen and learn to revere the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this Torah. Their children, who do not know, shall hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess." (Deut 31:10-13).

Note the inclusivity of the event. It would be anachronistic to say that the Torah was egalitarian in the contemporary sense. After all, in 1776, the framers of the American Declaration of Independence could say, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," while slavery still existed, and no woman had a vote. Yet the Torah regarded it as essential that women, children and strangers should be included in the ceremony of citizenship in the republic of faith.

Who performed the reading? The Torah does not specify, but tradition ascribed the role to the King. That was extremely important. To be sure, the Torah separates religion and politics. The King was not High Priest, and the High Priest was not King. This was revolutionary. In almost every other ancient society, the head of state was the head of the religion; this was not accidental but essential to the pagan vision of religion as power. But the King was bound by

the Torah. He was commanded to have a special Torah scroll written for him; he was to keep it with him when he sat on the throne and read it "all the days of his life" (Deut. 17:18-20). Here too, by reading the Torah to the assembled people every seven years, he was showing that the nation as a political entity existed under the sacred canopy of the Divine word. We are a people, the King was implicitly saying, formed by covenant. If we keep it, we will flourish; if not, we will fail.

This is how Maimonides describes the actual ceremony:

Trumpets were blown throughout Jerusalem to assemble the people; and a high platform, made of wood, was brought and set up in the centre of the Court of Women. The King went up and sat there so that his reading might be heard ... The chazzan of the synagogue would take a Sefer Torah and hand it to the head of the synagogue, and the head of the synagogue would hand it to the deputy high priest, and the deputy high priest to the High Priest, and the High Priest to the King, to honour him by the service of many persons ... The King would read the sections we have mentioned until he would come to the end. Then he would roll up the Sefer Torah and recite a blessing after the reading, the way it is recited in the synagogue ... Proselytes who did not know Hebrew were required to direct their hearts and listen with utmost awe and reverence, as on the day the Torah was given at Sinai. Even great scholars who knew the entire Torah were required to listen with utmost attention ... Each had to regard himself as if he had been charged with the Torah now for the first time, and as though he had heard it from the mouth of God, for the King was an ambassador proclaiming the words of God.

Apart from giving us a sense of the grandeur of the occasion, Maimonides is making a radical suggestion: that Hakhel is a re-enactment of the Giving of the Torah at Sinai – "as on the day the Torah was given," "as though he had heard it from the mouth of God" – and thus a covenant renewal ceremony. How did he arrive at such an idea? Almost certainly it was because of Moses' description of the Giving of the Torah in Va'etchanan:

The day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when the Lord said to me, "Assemble [hakhel] the people to Me that I may let them hear My words, in order that they may learn to revere Me as long as they live on earth, and may so teach their children." (Deut. 4:10).

The italicised words are all echoed in the Hakhel command, especially the word Hakhel itself, which only appears in one other place in the Torah. Thus was Sinai recreated in the Temple in Jerusalem every seven years, and thus was the nation, men, women, children and strangers, renewed in its commitment to its founding principles.

Tanach gives us vivid descriptions of actual covenant renewal ceremonies, in the days of Joshua (Josh. 24), Josiah (2 Kings 23), Asa (2 Chron. 15) and Ezra and Nehemiah (Neh. 8-10). These were historic moments when the nation consciously rededicated itself after a long period of religious relapse. Because of Hakhel and covenant renewal, Israel was eternally capable of becoming young again, recovering what Jeremiah called "the devotion of your youth" (Jer. 2:2).

What happened to Hakhel during the almost 2000 years in which Israel had no king, no country, no Temple and no Jerusalem? Some scholars have made the intriguing suggestion that the *minhag Eretz Yisrael*, the custom of Jews in and from Israel, which lasted until about the thirteenth century, of reading the Torah not once every year but every three or three-and-a-half years, was intended to create a seven year cycle, so that the second reading would end at the same time as Hakhel, namely on the Succot following a sabbatical year (a kind of septennial Simchat Torah).

I would suggest a quite different answer. The institution of the reading of the Torah on Shabbat morning, which goes back to antiquity, acquired new significance at times of exile and dispersion. There are customs that remind us of Hakhel. The Torah is read, as it was by the King on Hakhel and Ezra at his assembly, standing on a *bimah*, a raised wooden platform. The Torah reader never stands alone: there are usually three people on the *bimah*, the *segan*, the reader and the person called to the Torah, representing respectively God, Moses, and the Israelites. According to most halachists, the reading of the Torah is *chovat tizbur*, an obligation of the community, as opposed to the *study* of Torah which is *chovat yachid*, an obligation of the individual. So, I believe, *keriat ha-Torah* should be translated not as "the Reading of the Torah" but as "the Proclaiming of Torah." It is our equivalent of Hakhel, transposed from the seventh year to the seventh day.

It is hard for individuals, let alone nations, to stay perennially young. We drift, lose our way, become distracted, lose our sense of purpose and with it our energy and drive. I believe the best way to stay young is never to forget "the devotion of our youth," the defining experiences that made us who we are, the dreams we had long ago of how we might change the world to make it a better, fairer, more spiritually beautiful place. Hakhel was Moses' parting gift to us, showing us how it might be done.

Shabbat Shalom

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US Aid**

this aid is provided specifically to "enable the United States to mitigate Iranian, Hezbollah, and Sunni extremist threats and influence in the country. US foreign assistance will build the capacity of the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and the Internal Security Forces

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'Betrayed'**

the Palestinian narrative has not":

Palestinians lost a great deal last week. They weren't "betrayed," as some PA leaders have complained, but simply left behind. They didn't lose vital allies who cared deeply for their cause, but one-time supporters who still vaguely support them but are tired of the intractability of their cause.

Unfortunately for BBC audiences, those bringing them Middle East news appear to be quite content to amplify, by rote, trite PLO talking points rather than providing the "range and depth of analysis and content not widely available from other United Kingdom news providers" that the BBC's public purposes pledge.

Hadar Sela is the co-editor of CAMERA UK, an affiliate of the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA), where this article first appeared.

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Should Care**

amenities such as neighborhood parks.

The New York City subway system was a ticket to a better life for all the city's riders, including Jews.

Today, we should mourn Benjamin Schaeffer and applaud Sujatha Gidla. We should also do what we can so that the subway system survives to serve newer minorities striving for a better life.

Historian Harold Brackman is coauthor with Ephraim Isaac of From Abraham to Obama: A History of Jews, Africans, and African Americans (Africa World Press, 2015).

(ISF) to secure Lebanon's borders and disrupt and mitigate violent extremism."

Nonetheless, it has now become almost impossible to differentiate Hezbollah from Lebanon, and any aid or assistance given to the Lebanese Republic merely contributes to the growth and power of the Shiite terrorist organization and its destabilizing and bloody influence in the region and globally.

At a minimum, nations that seek to help Lebanon should make their assistance dependent on disarming Hezbollah and ending its military and political presence, something demanded by United Nations resolutions, including UN Security Council Resolution 1701.

With the region facing mounting challenges and changes, now is the time for the international community to end one of the greatest threats to security and stability. The United States should use its economic and diplomatic clout to pressure Lebanese authorities to establish their sovereignty over all of its territory and put an end to the perverse role of Hezbollah as a state-within-a-state.

James Sinkinson is President of Facts and Logic About the Middle East (FLAME), which publishes educational messages to correct lies and misperceptions about Israel and its relationship with the United States.

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The Tel Aviv skyline at night. Photo: Gilad Avidan via Wikimedia Commons.

Fortune's '40 Under 40' List Includes Four Israelis in Tech, Finance and Health Categories

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Four Israelis were among the notable figures included in *Fortune* magazine's latest "40 Under 40" list, its annual ranking of emerging leaders and influential young people that was published on Wednesday.

The business magazine's 2020 ranking is different from previous years in that it highlights 40 influential people in each of five categories: finance, technology, healthcare, government and politics, and media and entertainment.

Fortune explained, "It's been a year of monumental change...To reflect this wave of transformation, we decided that we needed to embrace change in this year's 40 Under 40. We needed to go bigger-- and search more widely. Just one list of 40 emerging leaders wouldn't be enough."

In the finance category is Nir Bar Dea, the co-head of Bridgewater Associates, a hedge fund which, with \$138 billion in assets, is "by far the largest in the world," *Fortune* said. Previously serving in the Israeli special forces, the 38-year-old started as a management associate in the research department of the hedge fund and now oversees a team of more than 500 people. Also in the finance category is Yoni Assia, 39, the co-founder

and CEO of eToro. *Fortune* reported that the company "offers one of the world's most popular stock-buying apps with more than 13 million users in over 100 countries. The company has also proved to be a pioneer in recent stock market innovations such as fractional shares and commission-free trading, and, as CEO, Assia has championed causes like sustainability and universal basic income, while also becoming influential in the emerging cryptocurrency industry."

Instagram CEO Adam Mosseri, 37, is listed in the technology category. Mosseri worked ten years at Facebook before becoming Instagram's leader in 2018 following the resignation of co-founders Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger. *Fortune* called Instagram "one of Facebook's fastest-growing apps."

A New York native, Mosseri, whose father is Israeli and mother is American, has dual US-Israeli citizenship.

Yonatan Adiri, 38, is listed in the health category. He is the founder and CEO of Healthy.io, which created a FDA-approved smartphone app that allows users to take urine analysis tests at home. In January, the company "expanded their tools to digital wound management," according to *Fortune*.

Adiri was also the former chief technology officer for the late former Israeli President Shimon Peres.

Israeli 'Fauda' Star Tells UAE Fans 'We Can't Wait to Come Visit Your Beautiful Country'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

"Fauda" star and Israeli singer-songwriter Idan Amedi has shared on Twitter a video message to all his fans in the United Arab Emirates following the recently announced normalization agreement between the Jewish state and the UAE.

"If I can speak for all Israelis, we all think peace is a good thing. It's the right thing and we can't wait to come visit your beautiful country. Hopefully you [will] come to Israel as well," Amedi, 32, said.

He then blessed those watching from the UAE,



Idan Amedi. Photo: Screenshot.

telling them in Arabic, "I hope all of us will live in peace and prosperity."

The video message included a clip that showed Amedi's music being played on the radio in the UAE, which he called a "kind gesture" that made him "very excited."

Iranian nuclear reactor. When her mission fails and she is trapped under her false identity, Tamar must plan an operation that puts her life, and those close to her, in jeopardy.

Zonder is the show's creator alongside Dana Eden and Maor Kohn. Daniel Syrkin serves as director, while Zonder and Omri Shenhar are the show's writers.

The series is executive produced by Zonder, Dana Eden, Shula Spiegel, Alon Aranya, Julien Leroux, Peter Emerson and Eldad Koblenz; and produced by Donna and Shula Productions in association with Paper Plane Productions, with the participation of Cineflix Rights and Cosmote TV.



A general view of a highway in Tehran, Iran, Nov. 15, 2019. Photo: Nazanin Tabatabaee / WANA (West Asia News Agency) via Reuters / File.

Apple TV Releases Official Trailer for New Israeli Spy Thriller 'Tehran'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Apple TV+ debuted on Wednesday the official trailer for "Tehran," an eight-episode spy thriller co-created by "Fauda" writer Moshe Zonder.

The first three episodes of "Tehran" will premiere globally on the streaming platform on Sept. 25, followed by new episodes every Friday.

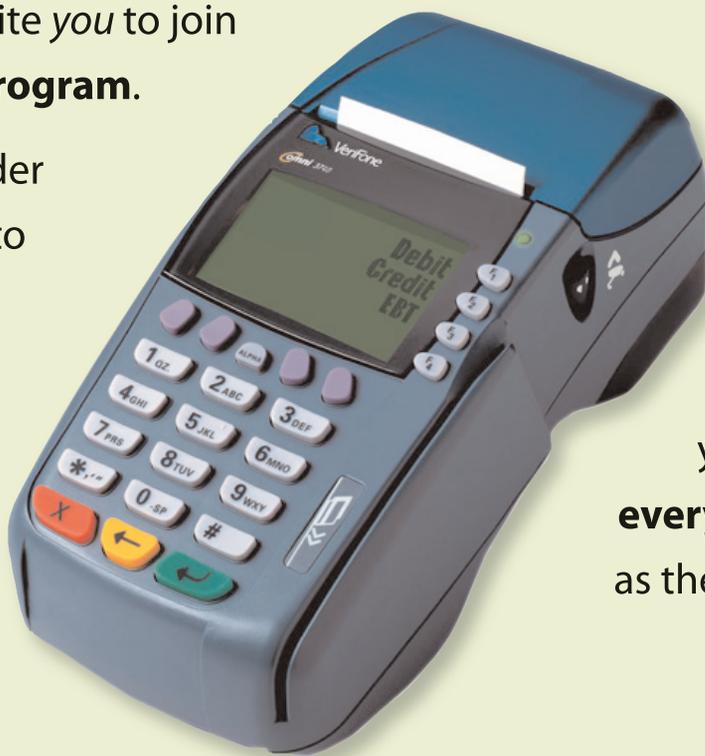
The show is about Tamar, an Israeli Mossad agent, who goes undercover in Tehran to help destroy an

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