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## Historic 'Abraham Accords' Between Israel, UAE and Bahrain Signed at White House



Bahrain's Foreign Minister Abdullatif Al Zayani, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and UAE Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed holding signed agreements while U.S. President Donald Trump looks on.  
Photo: Reuters/Tom Brenner.

BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

The United Arab Emirates and Bahrain signed agreements on Tuesday to normalize relations with Israel, becoming the latest Arab states to break a longstanding taboo in a strategic realignment of Middle Eastern countries against Iran.

US President Donald Trump hosted the White House

ceremony, capping a dramatic month when first the UAE and then Bahrain agreed to reverse decades of ill will without a resolution of Israel's decades-old dispute with the Palestinians.

In front of a crowd of several hundred people on the White House lawn, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signed accords with Emirati Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed al-Nahyan and Bahrain's

Foreign Minister Abdullatif Al Zayani.

The deals, denounced by the Palestinians, make them the third and fourth Arab states to take such steps to normalize ties since Israel signed peace treaties with Egypt in 1979 and Jordan in 1994.

Meeting Netanyahu earlier in the Oval Office, Trump said, "We'll have at least five or six countries coming along very quickly" to forge

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## Pompeo Says Administration Eager for End to Gulf Rift

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo pressed on Monday for a solution to the three-year rift between the Gulf state of Qatar and Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt, saying the Trump administration was eager to see it resolved.

Speaking at a State Department meeting with Qatar Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Pompeo said it was important to concentrate on countering Iranian activity in the Middle East.



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo welcomes Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, in Washington, DC, Sept. 14, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Erin Scott / Pool / File.

"To keep our focus on this work and to close the door to increased Iranian meddling, it's past time to find a solution to the Gulf rift," Pompeo said.

"The Trump administration is eager to see this dispute resolved and to reopen Qatar's air and land borders currently blocked by other Gulf states. I look forward to progress on this issue."

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt cut diplomatic and trade links with Qatar in June 2017, accusing it of backing terrorism. Qatar denies the charge and has accused its neighbors of seeking to curtail

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## Opinion.

## The Middle East Transformation



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It is hard — but not too hard — to feel sorry for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Now in the 15th year of his four-year term, he confronts the new reality that two Arab states — the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain — have recognized Israel. The triumphant El Al flight to the UAE, with permission from Saudi Arabia to fly through its air space, was the wedge that opened the gate to a new era of amicable relations between Israel and the Arab world. The ceremonial White House signing marks its affirmation.

Predictably, the *New York Times* quickly found reasons for caution and criticism. A chorus of four *Times* reporters, responding to the Israel-UAE accord, noted sharp disapproval from the PLO, whose spokesman called it “a black day in the history of Palestine.” Palestinians “have not authorized anyone to make concessions to Israel in exchange for anything,” he said, as if Palestinian approval was required.

Focusing on “Democrats and many Middle East analysts in Washington” who dismissed praise for the agreement as “hyperbolic,” the *Times* cited an “expert” who claimed, with no supporting evidence, that “it’s hard to credit the Trump administration with this deal.” The *Times* also noted “an

immediate backlash” from Jewish settlers, whose opinions are rarely sought by its reporters and columnists for anything but criticism of Israel.

One day later, London Bureau Chief Mark Lander reiterated the *Times*’ denigration of the accord. He hastened to assert that the new agreement was “not the result of months of delicate shuttle diplomacy by the Trump administration.” Instead, it represented “an opportunity to make progress on one front after its failure on another: brokering a peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians.” In the end, he concluded, Jared Kushner (President Trump’s son-in-law and chief Middle East negotiator) was “hungry for success after three years of Middle East diplomacy.”

Primacy on the *Times* opinion page was, predictably, given to Palestinian lawyer Diana Buttu, who has served as a PLO adviser. The give-away *Times* headline asserted: “The UAE-Israel Flight Is Nothing to Celebrate.” For Ms. Buttu, the deal between the UAE and Israel was a failure because it is “normalizing relations with Israel without Israel ending its military rule over Palestinians.” She lamented that the United States, Israel, and now even Arab countries “are willing to move ahead with plans that disregard Palestinian rights.”

Later, the *Times* reiterated Palestinian suffering with a five-column article devoted to Abbas himself (born, ironically, in the Galilee town of Safed to parents who fled to Syria in 1948). With characteristic Palestinian self-destructiveness, Abbas refused to accept

more than \$100 million in taxes collected monthly by Israel that account for more than 60% of the Palestinian Authority budget.

As a result, salaries to Palestinian government employees go unpaid, families confront severe hardships, and the Palestinian Authority “is careening toward bankruptcy.” Like a petulant child, Abbas — furious that he was not consulted about the UAE agreement — absurdly imagines that the suffering of his own people can persuade the UAE to relent.

Predictably, given its loathing for Israeli settlers, the *Times* focused on Palestinian hardship in the Jewish sector of Hebron, where 25,000 Palestinians outnumber 750 Israelis. The accompanying photograph shows two Palestinians walking along a deserted street between shuttered shops. The *Times* ignored the prospering Arab sector, where 200,000 Palestinians (no Jews allowed) enjoy the pleasures of shopping malls, high-rise apartment buildings, and universities.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s signing of a normalization agreement at the White House with the UAE and a Declaration of Peace with Bahrain came nearly 30 years since Israel’s last treaty with an Arab state (Jordan). The price, exorbitant to 450,000 Jewish settlers, is an Israeli agree-



PA President Mahmoud Abbas. Photo: Reuters/Osman Orsal.

ment to postpone indefinitely any steps toward annexation of settlements in Biblical Judea and Samaria (the West Bank). But it is absurd to identify flourishing Israeli communities in Judea and Samaria — Ariel, Ma’ale Adumim, Modi’in Illit — as “settlements.” Their thousands of residents are as unlikely to be removed from their homes as settlers in Tel Aviv.

Annexation, even the less menacing “extension of Israeli sovereignty,” may be on hold for now. But as Prime Minister Menachem Begin pointedly declared decades ago, “You cannot annex your own homeland.” One way or another, settlements are and will surely remain under the umbrella of Israeli sovereignty. It is cause, even if not at the *Times*, for celebration.

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## The Cultural Genius of the Abraham Accords

MICHAEL SUSSMAN/  
JNS.org

The Arabic concept of balance (“*mu-wazana*”) plays a critical role in virtually every aspect of life in the Arab world.

Unlike its Western version — “keeping up with the Joneses” — *mu-wazana* does not have a negative connotation. Rather than depicting the need to amass material goods to match the status or worth of one’s neighbors, *mu-wazana* means maintaining balance with other tribes or nations. In the Middle East, this is considered not only a positive, natural phenomenon, but a matter of survival.

The US-brokered Abraham Accord between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, announced by President Donald Trump, is especially relevant in this context. Its key genius lies in the way that it plays into the culture of *mu-wazana*. Indeed, to restore and maintain this type of balance, the rest of the Gulf States — and other Arab countries — will wish to follow Abu Dhabi’s lead. This has already been proven by Bahrain.

More importantly, they will not want the UAE and Bahrain to be the sole beneficiary of Israeli hi-tech, defense systems, and agricultural advancements — or the only ones among them with an embassy in the Jewish state. The flip side in Arab culture — revealed in folklore that dates back to the period prior to the advent of Islam in the seventh century, when

nomads would sing to the hoofbeats of their camels as they trekked through the desert — is revealed in a widely quoted Bedouin proverb: “I am against my brother; my brother and I are against my cousin; my cousin and I are against the stranger.”

This apothegm sums up the importance of competition between and among groups, sub-tribes, and individuals. In such a hierarchy, without balance, one person’s or group’s gain is the other’s loss.

This concept of balance derives from the nomadic “way of the desert,” when it was common for tribes to fight over scarce resources, including water. Tribal raids were common, and reciprocity or proportionality of war did not exist. A weak tribe raided by a stronger one, therefore, would be enslaved, taken over, or obliterated. It was thus advantageous for a tribe to have more people and better weapons, for example, to safeguard its survival. Tribal competition in the Middle East is not simply a thing of the past, however. In today’s popular Arab culture, even television shows, such as soap operas, tell tribal stories.



The national flags of Israel and the United Arab Emirates flutter along a highway, in Netanya, Israel August 17, 2020. Photo: REUTERS/Nir Elias.

Museums in the Gulf display family trees of their countries’ leaders and powerful tribes.

In the corporate world too, photos of ruling families and tribes line the walls of major companies. In the political arena, key cabinet positions — including those of defense, foreign affairs, and intelligence — are allocated according to tribes, not only giving their representatives a seat at the table, but helping to establish loyalty to the country’s ruler and maintain *mu-wazana*. Even Jordan’s parliament is dominated by tribal, rather than religious or ideological, parties. One reason for this is that the tribe as a unit supports all legal, financial, and social aspects of the lives of individuals.

This primacy of the collective and “balance” in the Arab world is foreign to Western culture, which emphasizes the rights and freedoms of individuals. Westerners doing business in the Middle East thus frequently encounter difficulty as a result of this difference. Western corporations in Arab countries often make the mistake of allocating benefits to their local employees based on individual merit, for example, rather than recognizing the authority of the tribal leaders to decide on such matters.

This brings us to Iran, which created “imbalance” in the region through expansionism, backed by its military and many proxies, and by spreading fear among the Arab countries. This is why Bahrain — whose population is predominantly Shiite, but whose ruling family is Sunni — has followed the UAE’s lead and made peace with Israel. Even neighboring Saudi Arabia appears inter-

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## World News.

# Vexed by Mideast Peace Deals, Palestinians Call to 'Reconsider' Ties With Arab League

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/JNS.org

The Palestinian Authority on Monday called on its leader, Mahmoud Abbas, to "reconsider" Ramallah's ties with Arab League in the wake of what it called the pan-Arab forum's "impotence" vis-à-vis the growing momentum for regional peace independent of the Palestinian cause.

The Palestinian factions have criticized the Persian Gulf states of Bahrain and United Arab Emirates for seeking rapprochement with Israel before the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is resolved, decrying the two nations' recognition of Israel as a "stab in the back."

The Arab League has remained mum over the peace deals, sparking both fury and concern among the Palestinian leadership, which fears the winds of change blowing through the region will marginalize the Palestinian issue.

"The Arab League has become a symbol of Arab weakness," PA Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh stated on Monday.

Ramallah has already recalled its envoys in Abu Dhabi and Manama in protest over the peace deals with the Jewish state.

A potential exit from the Arab League could undermine the Palestinian Authority in more ways than one. It will further distance them from the 20 nations comprising the powerful forum, and may also backfire—driving more Arab

states to normalize relations with Israel.

"These peace deals will kill the Arab peace initiative," Shtayyeh said, referring to the 2002 Saudi outline for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"The signing of these agreements is a dark day in the history of the Arab nations and it is a defeat for the Arab League."

According to the Palestinian prime minister, "We have managed to foil much of [US President Donald Trump's] 'deal of the century' only to find ourselves struggling with the UAE and Bahrain."

Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi urged the Palestinians to relinquish their policy of rejectionism and resume the peace talks with Israel.

In an interview with an Emirati publication, Ashkenazi hailed Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan as "a true leader who leads his people to prosperity and success."

"We appreciate the vision and pioneering role of [the crown prince], who will go down in the history books alongside world peace leaders thanks to his courageous decision," said Ashkenazi.

"I call on the Palestinian leadership to understand the reality, to be responsible, to play a leadership role—as the UAE and Bahrain have done—and to return to the negotiating table," he added.

the Middle East, David Schenker, said last week there could be some progress within weeks in resolving the rift, citing signs of "flexibility" in negotiations.

With Trump's facing re-election on Nov. 3, he is eager to show foreign policy successes in the Middle East, and last month the UAE agreed to normalize ties with Israel under a US-brokered deal scheduled to be signed at a White House ceremony on Tuesday.

Bahrain joined the UAE in agreeing to normalize relations with Israel on Friday.

conflict remains unresolved, sirens warning of rocket fire from Gaza sounded in southern Israel on Tuesday as the ceremony was under way in Washington.

Israel's *Channel 12* said two people were wounded by rocket fragments at an Israeli shopping mall in Ashdod.

## TRUMP'S EVANGELICAL SUPPORT

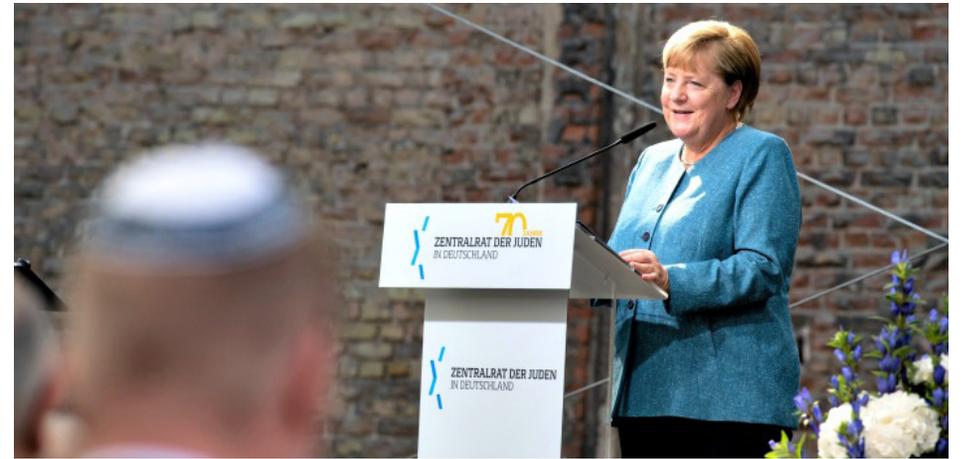
With Trump up for reelection on Nov. 3, the accords could help shore up support among pro-Israel Christian evangelical voters, an important part of his political base.

Speaking to Fox News hours before the ceremony, Trump predicted the Palestinians would eventually forge peace with Israel or else be "left out in the cold."

One target of White House appeals is Saudi Arabia, the biggest Gulf Arab power. So far, the Saudis, whose king is custodian of Islam's holiest sites and rules the world's largest oil exporter, have signaled they are not ready, though their quiet acquiescence to the agreements was seen as crucial.

Another target is Oman, whose leader spoke with Trump last week. Oman was expected to send its ambassador to Tuesday's ceremony, a senior US official said.

# Merkel Laments Continuing 'Disgrace' of Antisemitism in Germany



German Chancellor Angela Merkel addressing a ceremony to mark the 70th anniversary of the Central Council of Jews in Germany. Photo: Bernd von Jutrczenka/Reuters.

BY BEN COHEN

German Chancellor Angela Merkel admitted that the "disgrace" of antisemitism was increasing in visibility during an address to the local Jewish community's leadership on Monday night.

Speaking at a ceremony in Berlin marking the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, Merkel remarked that the hope symbolized by the revival of Jewish life in Germany did not hide the continuing presence of antisemitic and racist views.

"We can be glad of flourishing Jewish life," Merkel stated. "But that is only one part of today's reality. The other part of today's reality is that many Jews don't feel safe and respected in our country, and it causes me great concern."

Antisemitic outrages increased by 13 percent in Germany during 2019, with more than 2,000 incidents reported — among them the foiled Yom Kippur attack by a neo-Nazi gunman on a synagogue in the city of Halle that claimed the lives of two people who were outside the building.

Antisemitic conspiracy theories have meanwhile surged during the coronavirus pandemic, with opponents of social

Meeting the Emirati foreign minister before the ceremony, Trump thanked the UAE for being first in the Gulf to agree to ties with Israel and left little doubt the Iran issue was overhanging the event.

Trump predicted that Iran, under heavy US sanctions, would want to reach a deal with Washington, which has been trying to get it to renegotiate an international nuclear deal. Tehran has shown no sign of budging.

## NETANYAHU UNDER PRESSURE

Although a diplomatic win for Netanyahu, the ceremony takes place while he faces criticism at home of his handling of the coronavirus pandemic and a corruption trial on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust that have led to frequent street protests.

Netanyahu denies any wrongdoing and describes his trial as a leftist political witch-hunt aimed at unseating a popular right-wing leader.

Some differences remain despite warming ties. Trump said on Tuesday he would have no problem selling advanced stealth F-35 fighter jets to the UAE, which for years has sought to obtain them. But Israel,

distancing measures comparing themselves to Jews persecuted in Nazi Germany amid angry demonstrations where far right symbols have been on open display.

"We know how quickly words can become deeds," Merkel said, with reference to the attack in Halle.

Merkel asserted that it was a "disgrace, and it shames me deeply, how racism and antisemitism are expressed in our country in these times."

Said the German Chancellor: "Racism and antisemitism never disappeared, but for some time now they have become more visible and uninhibited."

Merkel pledged that Germany's government would continue to fight antisemitism, acknowledging the appointment of a commissioner at the federal level to combat the problem as an example of its ongoing efforts.

About 200,000 Jews live in Germany, many of them immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

The Central Council representative organization was formed in 1950 by a tiny remnant of Jews who survived the Nazi Holocaust and remained in Germany. The organization is presently composed of 105 Jewish communities around the country.

which has the F-35, has made clear it still objects to such a sale.

Frustrated by the Palestinians' refusal to take part in Trump's Middle East peace initiative, the White House has sought to bypass them in hopes they will see the deals with the UAE and Bahrain as incentives, even leverage, for peace talks.

The Palestinian leadership, which has long accused Trump of pro-Israel bias, denounced the Arab rapprochement with Israel as a betrayal of their cause, even though Netanyahu agreed, in return for normalization with the UAE, to suspend a plan to annex parts of the disputed West Bank.

Palestinians view the new agreements as weakening a longstanding pan-Arab position that calls for Israeli withdrawal from "occupied" territory and acceptance of Palestinian statehood in return for normal relations with Arab countries.

Though negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians last broke down in 2014, some Gulf Arab states and several other Arab countries have long had quiet, informal contacts with Israel.

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## Gulf Rift

its sovereignty.

Kuwait and the United States have tried to mediate the rift, which has undermined Washington's efforts to confront Iran, which is struggling for regional supremacy with Saudi Arabia.

The boycotting nations have set 13 demands for lifting the boycott, including closing Al Jazeera television, shuttering a Turkish military base, reducing ties with Iran and cutting links to the Muslim Brotherhood.

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their own accords with Israel. But he did not name any of the nations involved in such talks.

Speaking from the White House balcony, Trump said: "We're here this afternoon to change the course of history." Flags of the United States, Israel, the UAE and Bahrain were in abundance.

He called it "a major stride in which people of all faiths and backgrounds live together in peace and prosperity" and declared that the three Middle East countries "are going to work together, they are friends."

The back-to-back agreements mark an improbable diplomatic victory for Trump. He has spent his presidency forecasting deals on such intractable problems as North Korea's nuclear program only to find actual achievements elusive.

Bringing Israel, the UAE and Bahrain together reflects their shared concern about Iran's rising influence in the region and development of ballistic missiles. Iran has been critical of both deals.

But in a sign that regional strife is sure to continue while the Israeli-Palestinian

## World News.



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.

## Israeli Business Leaders Visit UAE to Promote Ties, Trade

BY JNS.org

A delegation of dozens of senior Israeli businesspeople led by Bank Leumi Chairman Samer Haj-Yehia and CEO Hanan Friedman is currently in Dubai to promote business ties and meet with United Arab Emirates business people, Israeli business daily Globes reported on Monday.

The delegation included leaders from

companies such as Harel, Fox, Israil Airlines and Shikun & Binui.

Apparently, there was high demand to join the delegation and not enough room for all those that wanted to visit, noted the report.

Meetings will also be held with senior economic and government figures in the Gulf Arab state.

All members of the delegation visiting UAE were tested for coronavirus before traveling.

## Israel Sees Nearly 5,000 New COVID Cases in 24 Hours as Death Toll Hits 1,141

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/JNS.org

Israel's COVID-19 morbidity rate continues to rise, hitting another record from Monday to Tuesday with 4,973 confirmed positives, or 12 percent of all tests processed in that 24-hour period, according to the country's Health Ministry.

Approximately 3,000 of the newly confirmed COVID-19 patients live in cities, towns, or local authorities coded either red or orange under National Coronavirus Project Coordinator Ronni Gamzu's "traffic light" plan.

Two coronavirus patients died of the virus in the early hours of Tuesday, bringing the national death toll to 1,141 since the start of the epidemic in Israel. The number of hospitalized patients listed in serious condition has jumped to 533, 140 of whom were on ventilators as of Tuesday morning, according to ministry data. There were 40,689 active or symptomatic patients in Israel.

The COVID units at the Galilee Medical Center; Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem, Hadassah Mount Scopus, Assuta Ashdod, and Hillel Yaffe were at or over full capacity.

Health Ministry Deputy Director-General Itamar Grotto addressed the shrinking number of available hospital beds at a press conference on Monday evening. According

to Grotto, the ministry was assessing the situation and there was currently no order in place to cut back on activity, even though over-burdened hospitals in northern Israel and Jerusalem were starting to send patients to other hospitals in central Israel.

"We are dealing with a new disease with new complications and seeing more than a few young patients reach serious condition. The disease is spreading throughout the entire country, and if we don't stop it, we will cause harm to more people. The longer we wait, the worse the situation will get," said Grotto.

Touching on the nationwide lockdown slated to take effect on Friday, Grotto said, "The upcoming lockdown is planned for three weeks, with the instructions being not to go further than 500 meters [yards] from home, except for special reasons such as work, to receive medical care, to shop for food, or to hand children over between divorced parents."

Meanwhile, a new study, currently awaiting peer review, appears to confirm concerns that the SARS-CoV-2 virus can, in some cases, attack the brain and cause confusion and delirium.

Thus far, some patients who recovered from coronavirus have reported depression or other lasting effects, but the new study indicates for the first time that they might be directly linked to the virus.

dignitaries to Abu Dhabi for the purpose of ironing out the details of the Abraham Accord.

Herein lies the great success of the peace plan brokered by Trump between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and UAE President Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan: It

## Top UK Jewish Group Praises Liberal Democrats for Withdrawing London Mayoral Candidate Caught Using Antisemitic Language

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A top UK Jewish group praised the Liberal Democrat party on Monday for suspending one of its candidates for mayor of London after she was found to have used antisemitic rhetoric two decades ago.

An expose in PoliticsHome revealed that Geeta Sidhu-Robb made antisemitic comments while running for parliament in 1997 against former Labour MP Jack Straw, who has distant Jewish ancestry.

After being offended by negative campaigning, Sidhu-Robb was caught on video saying, "I am going to get a car and walk around, and drive through town telling everyone Jack Straw is a Jew. How is a Muslim going to vote for someone who is Jewish?"

Footage showed her driving through the area with a megaphone shouting in Urdu, "Don't vote for a Jew, Jack Straw is a Jew. If you vote for him, you're voting for a Jew. Jews are the enemies of Muslims."

After the video emerged, Sidhu-Robb said she was "deeply ashamed" of what she had said, calling it "ignorant and abusive."

On Sunday, a spokesperson for the Liberal Democrats stated, "Geeta Sidhu-Robb has been suspended from the Liberal Democrats and will not be on the ballot paper to the Liberal Democrat candidate for mayor of London."

"There is an investigation underway in



UK Liberal Democrat politician Geeta Sidhu-Robb. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

accordance with due process," the spokesperson added.

Board of Deputies of British Jews President Marie van der Zyl praised the Liberal Democrats for moving so quickly to suspend Sidhu-Robb.

"The antisemitic comments discovered to have been made by Ms. Sidhu-Robb, one of the Liberal Democrats' proposed candidates for the Mayor of London, were despicable," she said.

"We were heartened, however, to see that within hours of the story breaking, the Party suspended her and made it clear she would not be on the ballot paper," Van der Zyl stated.

Sidhu-Robb said that she was now "actively reaching out to the Jewish community to listen and learn."

"I particularly wish to acknowledge the hurt that these comments and actions would have inflicted on members of the Jewish community and of a Jewish heritage," she emphasized. "Please know that my regret is sincere."

## Chattanooga Swastika Spate Under Investigation by Police in Southeastern Tennessee City

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A bridge in Chattanooga, Tennessee, has been defaced with swastikas, prompting a police investigation and condemnation from the city's mayor.

NBC affiliate *Channel 3* reported that the graffiti was found on the Walnut Street Bridge and in the Bluff View Art District.

A Chattanooga Police Department spokesman, Jeremy Eames, said that the incident was under investigation, with security camera footage being examined.

He added that the possibility of hate crimes charges against the perpetrators was impossible to determine at this stage.

Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke said in a statement on Sunday, "Early this morning, I learned that the Walnut Street Bridge and portions of the Bluff View Art District, two of our city's most beloved and beautiful public spaces, had been defaced with swastikas."

"The Chattanooga Police Department is investigating and I have every confidence that the vandals will be identified and brought to justice soon," he added.

is the fruit of identifying an opportunity of an "imbalance" caused by Iran, and formulating a treaty that fits into the culture of *mu-wazana*. As such, it is bound to be a precursor to many more such treaties.



Swastikas spray-painted on a bench in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Photo: Twitter.

"While we do not know the intent of those who perpetrated this act, we know that the end result is residents feeling less comfortable in their home," the mayor noted. "Our city is resolved, as it always has been, to condemn anyone who seeks to intimidate, discriminate, or foment violence against any ethnic or religious group."

The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga said in a statement that it was "disturbed and saddened by the incident."

"As a united Chattanooga Jewish community, we stand against all forms of hate," it declared. "As a faith community, as good citizens and as Americans, we condemn this act of antisemitism in the strongest of terms. Hate against one is hate against all."

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ested in making a similar arrangement, as was evident in the permission it gave to an El Al plane to use its airspace at the end of August to transport a delegation of American and Israeli

## U.S. News.

## Top Muslim-American Group Protests Against Signing of Peace Agreement Between Israel, UAE, and Bahrain

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A top American Muslim group expressed its opposition to peace with Israel on Tuesday, calling on its followers to protest outside the White House during the signing of the historic peace agreements between the Jewish state, the UAE and Bahrain.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) said in email on Monday that it would be joined by over 50 other organizations in demonstrating “opposition to the US-brokered normalization treaty.”

“Rally organizers are calling for no normalization between the two nations until Israel’s occupation of Palestinian territory ends, its planned annexation of Palestinian territories is canceled, and the system of apartheid and segregation that oppresses Palestinians is abolished,” the group asserted.

The protest, advertised on Facebook with the slogan “NO to Normalization with Israel! Free Palestine!” includes a who’s who of Islamist, Palestinian, and far-left groups, including the radical anti-war women’s group CODEPINK, the terror-supporting International Solidarity Movement, several branches of Students for Justice in Palestine, the Israel Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church USA, and the staunchly anti-Zionist Jewish Voice for Peace.

CAIR, which is widely considered the leading Muslim advocacy group in the US and maintains close ties to the Democratic party, has long been noted for its officials’ anti-Israel, anti-Zionist, and antisemitic rhetoric.

In 2018, the *Algemeiner* reported that Hussam Ayloush,

## Miami Herald Offers Trenchant Apology for Antisemitic Insert in Spanish-Language Edition

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The *Miami Herald* newspaper has cut ties with a Spanish-language publisher whose insert in its latest print edition contained an antisemitic rant that asked, “What kind of people are these Jews?”

In a statement on Monday night, the publishers of *el Nuevo Herald* — the paper’s Spanish-language edition — said they were “deeply sorry that inflammatory, racist and antisemitic commentary reached our *el Nuevo Herald* subscribers through *LIBRE*, a Spanish-language publication that paid our company to have the product printed and inserted into our print edition as a weekly supplement.”

The statement confirmed that the paper had ended its relationship with *LIBRE* as a direct consequence.

“We...will never publish, print or distribute its content again,” the *Herald* said.

The offending paragraph appeared next to a photograph and byline belonging to Roberto Luque Escalona — an exiled Cuban writer and poet living in Miami — that railed against Jews and the Black Lives Matter movement by way of a comparison with the Nazis. “What kind of people are these Jews? They’re always talking about the Holocaust, but have they already forgotten Kristallnacht, when Nazi thugs rampaged through Jewish shops all over Germany? So do the BLM and Antifa, only the Nazis didn’t steal; they only destroyed,” the text attributed to Escalona declared.

The *Herald’s* statement admitted that its oversight procedures had failed glaringly to prevent the insert from inclusion in the paper.

“The fact that no one in leadership, beginning with us, had previously read this advertising insert until this issue was surfaced by a reader is distressing,” the publishers said. “It is one of a series of internal failures that we are investigating in order to prevent this from ever recurring.”

the executive director of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of CAIR, said Jewish-Americans who join the IDF should be investigated by the US government’s Countering Violent Extremism program.

“No one has ever established a CVE program to see why would normal Jewish American kids leave their homes and join to be part of an army committing war crimes. Why? But none of that is happening. They go to the American Muslim community,” he said.

The same year, Ayloush expressed genocidal views about Israel, referring to it as a “cancerous tumor” and “murderous regime” that should be “terminated.”

In 2016, the Executive Director of The Investigative Project on Terrorism Steven Emerson revealed that Dawud Walid, executive director of CAIR’s Michigan chapter, was repeating the claim that Israel is responsible for US police violence against minority groups.

“The same militarized police forces



Signs at a pro-BDS protest in New York following the US decision to move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. Photo: Reuters/Carlo Allegri.

that shoot unarmed black people and do this crowd control like what happened in Ferguson — where do the police chiefs, these people, get trained at? In Israel,” he claimed.

This conspiracy theory, widely disseminated by far-left and Islamist groups, has been thoroughly discredited and is viewed as a blood libel by many in the Jewish community.

Walid also claimed that the Jewish people were “specifically cursed” by God.

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## Opinion.

# Trump Deserves the Nobel Prize for Middle East Peace



SHMULEY BOTEACH  
ENGELWOOD

When I was a rabbi at Oxford for 11 years, we hosted an annual lecture that was delivered by a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Among the prize recipients we hosted were Elie Wiesel, twice, Mikhail Gorbachev, Joseph Rotblat, Shimon Peres, and Yitzhak Rabin, whose speech was canceled a few hours before it was delivered because the first of the horrific bus bombings that followed the Oslo Accords, for which he won the prize.

I have been around many other recipients of the prize, from Desmond Tutu to Jody Williams to Henry Kissinger — and also the Dalai Lama.

Through all these experiences, I was conscious of the fact that I was in the presence of a recipient of the world's most prestigious prize, but also that the prize had been severely compromised in recent years. The worst example was the bloodstained hands of

Yasser Arafat, the father of modern terrorism, receiving the prize, which undermined a piece of the prize forever.

If Trump is denied the prize in October it will further erode the credibility of the world's most prestigious award. This prize is not about whether you love or hate Trump. It's about the man or woman who has done more to advance the cause of peace than any other over the past year.

The Israel-UAE peace treaty is transformative. Unlike the peace accords between Israel and Egypt and Jordan, it is not a cold peace. Unlike Jimmy Carter's Camp David accords, it does not require that Israel return vast tracts of land that were conquered in a defensive war. Unlike Bill Clinton's efforts to bring peace between Israel and Jordan, it heralds not only a relationship between Israel and a single neighbor, but a transformative new era in the entire Middle East.

For decades, the region has been defined by the three "T's" — tyranny, terrorism, and tribalism. Israel's enemies have been allowed to scapegoat the Jewish state as the reason for the region's conflicts, something the Obama administration naively bought into. The Gulf

states are not so blind. They know that the cancer in the region is the government of Iran and its expansionist, revolutionary vision for Mullah-based Middle East hegemony. That's the principal reason President Trump has been successful in the Middle East where Obama failed.

Over the last few years, we've seen winners of the Nobel Peace Prize who are not widely known to the public. Those who are well-known are often celebrated not necessarily for making peace, but for heroic acts that sent a message to monsters who harm innocents, like the 2014 choice of Malala Yousafzai for her "struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education." The greatest American of the 20th century, Martin Luther King, Jr., was chosen for the prize not because he brought peace — just look at the racial strife that is tearing America apart — but to acknowledge his heroic struggle for racial justice. Mother Theresa won the prize for her outstanding humanitarian work in Calcutta. The Dalai Lama did not bring peace to Tibet. It is occupied by an authoritarian China still today. Rather, he won the prize for advocating peace.



Israeli model May Tager, poses with Dubai-resident model Anastasia Bandarenka, during a photo shoot for FIX's Princess Collection, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Sept. 8, 2020. Photo: Reuters / Christopher Pike.

Don't get me wrong. These are all extremely worthy recipients. But the prize's ultimate purpose is not just to celebrate great individuals or achievements, but to celebrate those who bring peace.

Trump is different from many of those I just mentioned. He is polarizing, lacks universal popularity, and is hated by many. But he has actually brought peace. The Middle East landscape before and after Trump is very different — and for the better.

I was in Oslo last November. I visited the Grand Hotel where the Nobel Peace Laureate stays in a beautiful suite with a balcony from which he or she is cheered. The Nobel Committee in Norway has just a few weeks to decide who will be on that balcony (if conditions allow). But the decision should be based not on what their colleagues might think of them, but on which person did the most to ensure that there is less war and greater peace.

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## Remembering a Jewish Hero and Advocate for Black Americans



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As biographer Naomi Cohen showed, Jacob H. Schiff was the prime example during the era of mass immigration of a new "Americanized" style of Jewish leadership.

Schiff was born in 1847 in Frankfurt am Main into an illustrious rabbinic family. His father was a broker for the Rothschilds. Young Schiff defied his family by immigrating to the United States after the Civil War.

He joined the investment house of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, eventually marrying Solomon Loeb's daughter. Before 1900, he built his banking house into a power on Wall Street.

Schiff was unique for his philanthropic and political zeal, which equaled his financial drive. A Reform Jew who never became a fan of political Zionism, he nevertheless led New York's German-Jewish elite in outreach to new Jewish immigrants. His charitable endeavors included Montefiore Hospital, the Hebrew Free Loan Society, and Lillian Wald's Henry Street Settlement that had offshoots in African-American neighborhoods. He funded Hebrew Union College and the creation of the Jewish Theological Seminary, drawing the line at Jewish religious assimilation. He finessed whether or not Jews were a distinctive "race."

But after 1900, his influence widened. He helped finance Japan during its 1905 war with Russia, despite official US neutrality. He broke with President Theodore Roosevelt's successor, William Howard Taft, over a US-Russia commercial treaty. In the 1912



Reading from a Torah scroll in accordance with Sephardi tradition. Photo: Sagie Maoz via Wikimedia Commons.

presidential election, he was friendly to both Roosevelt's breakaway reform party and winning Democrat Woodrow Wilson, whom as president he lobbied to create the Federal Reserve banking system in 1913. But again, he demonstrated independence by criticizing the Wilson administration for segregating the Federal civil service.

Schiff was at his most controversial during World War I. He patriotically supported the US when it entered the war, but only after doing everything he could to undermine the Russian czarist regime. When the czar fell in 1917, he enthusiastically embraced the Kerensky regime. Then when Lenin toppled Kerensky, Schiff only reluctantly did business with the communist regime to protect Jews. Antisemites to this day slander Schiff as "the father of Russia's Bolshevik revolution."

Schiff late in life supported the Technion in Haifa without formally endorsing Jewish statehood. The Jewish masses showed their love for him at his 1920 funeral.

Schiff provided a model for later Jewish activist leaders. He financially supported the NAACP from its founding, and lobbied to ban the film *The Birth of a Nation* (1915), even producing a film to counter its racism.

## The 1988 Massacres Still Haunt the Islamic Regime in Iran



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The Shah of Iran left the country in January 1979 after the Islamic revolution. A month later, the leader of the revolution, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, returned to Iran from exile in France.

In December 1981, Amnesty International issued a report stating that more than 3,000 individuals had been executed by the newly born Islamic Republic since Khomeini's return. Two months later, in February 1982, the organization reported that in fact more than 4,000 individuals had been executed since the victory of the Islamic revolution in 1979.

As ugly as this history is, the darkest spot on the Islamic regime's human rights record is the 1988 prison massacres.

In the summer of 1988, thousands of political opponents disappeared from the country's prisons and were later reported to have been executed. Their bodies were never returned to their families. Many of them were buried in mass graves all over the

He attended Booker T. Washington's funeral in 1915, and had been a major supporter of Washington's Tuskegee Institute since 1899, when he spoke at a Madison Square rally. His support for African-Americans went back to the 1880s, when Schiff, serving on the City Board of Education, introduced the "Schiff resolution" calling for the "abolishment ... of



The late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini speaks from a balcony of the Alavi school in Tehran, Iran, during the Islamic Revolution, in February 1979. Photo: Reuters / Stringer / File.

country, among them the Khavaran cemetery in Tehran. Although it is still unknown how many were executed that summer, Amnesty International says the figure is at least 5,000.

The executions were ordered by Ayatollah Khomeini himself, and they took place during the premiership of Mir-Hussein Mousavi. Mousavi, a Khomeini loyalist, initially took on the role of the Islamic Republic's foreign minister. He then served as prime minister from October 1981 through August 1989.

In the 2009 presidential election, Mousavi was one of two reformist candidates who ran against the conservative Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The latter was victorious, but Mousavi accused him of vote-rigging. This caused one of the largest crises in the

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separate schools of different races."

He's a role model for us all to follow today. *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).*

## Opinion.

# Jordan Is Harboring Brutal Terrorists Wanted by France and America



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Speak to policy analysts or policy-makers about the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and you'll frequently encounter a series of truisms. For example, that Jordan is both a friend of the West and a vital, respected component of the Arab world at the same time. Or that Jordan's peace treaty with Israel in 1994 has helped

save the region from an all-out war in the face of global Islamist terrorism and Iranian expansionism. Or that the overthrow of the ruling family — in situ since the early part of the 20th century, thanks to its alliance with the British Empire — would be a catastrophe for the country and for the cause of moderation in the region, with immediate shattering effects in the West Bank to boot.

I don't intend to dispute any of those claims here. On the contrary, by taking them at face value, we are afforded a glimpse of the rank hypocrisy exhibited by Jordan and its defenders when it comes to the kingdom's continued harboring of two brutal terrorists who are subject of foreign arrest warrants. Their separate missions, 19 years apart, were to kill unarmed Jews dining in kosher restaurants — in both cases, unfortunately, meeting with success.

Of the two terrorists in the frame, one is better known (relatively speaking), while the second may find himself the subject of renewed attention now that his partner has been arrested by counterterrorism police in Norway.

The first is Ahlam Tamimi, a Hamas terrorist and current resident of Amman, Jordan's capital, who has been the subject of a US Department of Justice arrest warrant since 2016. On Aug. 9, 2001, Tamimi orchestrated the suicide bombing of the Sbarro pizza restaurant in downtown Jerusalem that claimed the lives of 15 people. Tamimi deliberately targeted the pizzeria during the lunchtime rush, where it tends to be filled with parents and children, causing more than 100 wounded in the attack as well.

Arrested by the Israeli security forces and sentenced to 16 consecutive terms of life imprisonment, Tamimi served just eight years. She was then released, along with more than 1,000 other convicted Palestinian terrorists, in the 2011 deal between Israel and Hamas that secured the freedom of Gilad Shalit, an Israel Defense Forces' soldier who had been held captive for years in the Gaza Strip. For nearly a decade, she has lived openly in Amman, where she has become something of a media personality who enjoys reminding her audience of her role in the bombing. Jordan happily tolerates this, rebuffing an American attempt to extradite her in 2017 by disingenuously claiming that a bilateral extradition treaty that was agreed with the United States more than 20 years earlier had expired.

The American understanding is that the treaty remains in force, and that justice for US citizens murdered in terrorist attacks is of the highest priority. Still, the Jordanians continue thumbing their noses in Washington's direction in the case of Tamimi.

As for the other terrorist, Nizar Tawfiq Mussa Hamada, the offended party is France. Hamada was one of two armed Palestinian terrorists belonging to the shadowy Abu Nidal Organization who sprayed the crowded dining tables at Chez Jo Goldenberg, a kosher restaurant in Paris, with machine gun bullets, murdering six people and wounding more than 20 on Aug. 9, 1982 — eerily, the same date as the Sbarro attack 19 years later.

Both Hamada and his fellow gunman, Walid Abdulrahman Abu Zayed, fled the massacre scene into the warren

of streets in the Marais, the old Jewish quarter of Paris, and have evaded French justice ever since.

Yet some progress was finally made five years ago, when two former members of the Abu Nidal Organization turned over key information to the French intelligence services, including the whereabouts of the Goldenberg killers. Abu Zayed was revealed to be living in Norway, having obtained citizenship there under the false name "Sohail Othman," while Hamada was in Jordan.

Disgracefully, Norway turned down a French request to extradite Abu Zayed in 2015. At long last, the Norwegian authorities arrested him last week and are now expected to grant the French request — filed immediately after they learned of his detention — for Abu Zayed's extradition.

Hardly the same can be said for Hamada in Jordan. In May 2019, a second French request for Hamada's extradition was (to quote the satisfied words of his lawyer) "categorically refused." The reason given was the same for the first Jordanian refusal, in 2016, to send Hamada to France: Its 30-year limitation period for a crime to be penalized had elapsed. That same reason applied in the Jordanian refusal to extradite a third person in the Goldenberg case: The reputed mastermind of the attack, Souhair Mouhamed Hassan Khalid al-Abassi (aka Amjad Atta), who also happens to be a Jordanian citizen.

With Norway finally behaving responsibly in Abu Zayed's case, there is even more reason to pressure the Jordanians to follow suit in the cases of Hamada (as well

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## Impressions.

# Hope: The Gift of the Jews

BY DIANE BEDERMAN/ JNS.org

One of the greatest gifts the Jewish people have given to the world is the concept of hope for a better future. And we make that future possible because of the belief in moral agency: free will. With free will, we choose hope because we choose life.

God said, “I give you the blessing and the curse, life and death, choose life for you and your seed.” This teaching, this exhortation, this *obligation* has kept the Jewish people alive for more than three millennia, despite the innumerable attempts to wipe the Jewish people off the face of the earth.

The Jewish people keep hope alive. “Next year in Jerusalem,” has been on our lips since the 15th century. Its use during Passover was first recorded by Isaac Tyrnau. On the run for so many centuries, always choosing life, we knew to look forward with hope. And now, here we are in Jerusalem.

The Jewish people brought about the greatest change in the collective unconscious of humanity since the caveman made fire. Pantheism and paganism had kept us in bondage to the whims of nature with constant sacrifices to the gods, and never allowed us to believe that we had any control over our lives. Time was cyclical rather than linear, and we lived our lives like hamsters in a wheel. There was no sense of history or the idea that each moment has a meaning, and that we are all part of a long journey that has a beginning, and will have a middle and an end: historical time, in other words, not the time of the seasons of nature.

Judaism taught us that we are the subject of our future and our destiny, not the object of a pre-determined fate based on birth. We choose. We have survived the worst of the Amaleks, evil people who only want death for the Jews — the end of Israel, a people, a nation. From the first Amalek who attacked the weakest of the Jews fleeing Egypt to Haman.

Then, thrown out of Israel by the Romans in the second century CE, the Jewish people dispersed in the wind to the four corners of the world, bringing our values with us. Every place we stopped on the way we had hope; no matter how many tried to snuff us out, we prevailed because we choose life; we choose hope over despair. We will never be victims of circumstance. We never gave up hope when Mohammed murdered the Jews of Banu Qurayza. Wherever we fled, hate greeted us. But we hoped.

We never gave up when the Church itself separated the Jews from the true believers. In the early third century, the Church prohibited marriage between Jews and Christians, as well as the sharing of meals. It denied Jews the right to hold public office. By the sixth century, Jews were not allowed to employ Christian servants nor were they allowed to be on the streets during Passion Week. The 12th Synod of Toledo declared burning Jewish books acceptable. By the end of the seventh century, Christians were told not to access medical care from Jewish doctors. In the 11th century, Christians were forbidden from living in Jewish homes. In 1078, the Synod of Gerona made it an obligation for Jews to pay taxes to support the Church to the same extent as Christians. The Third Lateral Council forbade Jews from being witnesses or plaintiffs against Christians.

In 1215, the Fourth Lateran Council decreed

that Jews must mark their clothing to publicly designate their religion, a holdover from Muslim times. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited the construction of new synagogues, and in 1267 the Synod of Vienna prohibited Christians from attending Jewish ceremonies. In 1267, the Synod of Breslau made Jewish ghettos compulsory. A Christian converting to Judaism was declared to be a heretic by the Synod of Mainz in 1310, and in 1434, the Council of Basel denied Jews the ability to obtain academic degrees.

We never gave up hope.

In 1190, the mobs in England — aroused by the

And here we are: a Jewish state. We survived the wars of 1948, 1967, 1973, the blowback from the so-called “peace accords” and two intifadas. And now, by the grace of God and with the actions of Israeli leaders and President Trump, there is real hope for real peace in the Middle East. The UAE is normalizing ties with Israel. Bahrain has followed. Kosovo and Serbia, and Malawi, are moving their embassies to Jerusalem. Who would have thought that possible after the Obama years — after the 2015 Iran nuclear deal that gave Iran billions of dollars for terrorism, and the Americans’ refusal to veto UN Resolution 2334 that designated Jerusalem, the



Women pray at the Western Wall, in Jerusalem's Old City. Photo: Yoninah via Wikimedia Commons.

mighty Crusades — massacred the Jews of Norwich and those in Stamford and Bury St. Edmunds, Lincoln, and Lynn, and then the Jews of London. There were the pogroms of the 13th century in Frankfurt and Ortenburg, in the state of Bavaria; in Pfortzheim and Speyer; the murders of Jews in Mainz and Krakow on Passover 1283; the burning of young and old in Munich in 1285; the murdered of Trerbach and the murdered of Kemeno near Düsseldorf and the murdered of Bonn. In 1288, the first mass burning of Jews took place in France and spread. And, of course, in Spain, there was Tomás de Torquemada, the Spanish Amalek Grand Inquisitor who under Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand presided over the death of more than 2,000 Jews burned at the stake in the era of the auto-da-fé in Spain. In 1348, Jews were murdered, accused of causing the Black Plague.

In 1516, the Jews of Venice were pushed into a community, a ghetto. In 1555, Pope Paul IV ordered the Jews of Rome into a ghetto and decreed that they too be marked by wearing a yellow star to separate them from non-Jews. There was the massacre of Jews by the Cossacks and the Poles in the 17th century led by the Russian tyrants Chmielnicki and Krivonos.

And then the Shoah. Pogroms and ghettos, inquisitions and accusations. Each time we rose like the phoenix from the ashes, with hope, even after the *entire* world (yes, the entire world, including the Vatican) turned a blind eye to the systemic incineration and obliteration of the Jews of Europe for the crime of *being* Jewish.

We rose up after Hitler, the most evil of Amaleks, with hope, not despair, for a brighter future.

eternal capital of Israel, and the Western Wall of the Temple to be Muslim?

This obligation, this ethic to choose life, to be hopeful, was brought to the United States and embedded in its Constitution. John Adams, a member of the Declaration of Independence committee and second president of the United States (1797–1801), wrote:

*I will insist that the Hebrews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. If I were an atheist, and believed in blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations. If I were an atheist of the other sect, who believe or pretend to believe that all is ordered by chance, I should believe that chance had ordered the Jews to preserve and propagate to all mankind the doctrine of a supreme, intelligent, wise, almighty sovereign of the universe, which I believe to be a great essential principle of all morality, and consequently of all civilization.*

Hope is so pivotal to the Jewish people that the national anthem for Israel is “Hatikvah” (“The Hope”).

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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 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

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as al-Abassi, his alleged boss) and Tamimi. That pressure must now be applied.

Both the United States and France should support each other in making the diplomatic and legal case for the immediate extradition of these terrorists. If Jordan refuses to comply, then coercive measures, including targeted sanctions upon individuals actively preventing extradition or otherwise aiding the terrorists, should be introduced.

That is the least that the victims of these two horrendous massacres are owed by the world community, particularly when one factors in the consideration that had the terrorists targeted non-kosher establishments with non-Jewish victims, Jordan would likely have been cooperative.

A Franco-American initiative would also be a welcome reminder that the Western alliance remains intact, despite the frayed political ties of recent years. Until that happens, Jordan's hypocrisy will continue to be indulged.

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history of the Islamic regime, with hundreds of thousands pouring into the streets in protest. Some supported Mousavi while others protested the very existence of the Islamic regime. Ever since then, Mousavi has been a symbol for both Iranians and the Western world of an Iranian advocate of reform and democratic change.

Over the three decades that have passed since the 1988 massacres, the Islamic regime has never officially acknowledged that they happened. Mousavi, the man who was in charge at the time, says he had no clue that the executions were taking place, thus maintaining his image as a reformer and an alternative to the Supreme Leader and the conservatives.

The notion of Mousavi as a democratic alternative is often used to discredit Iranian opposition groups calling for the overthrow of the Islamic Republic. Supporters of reforms who back Mousavi continue to insist that he knew nothing about the 1988 massacres. But members of the democratic opposition claim that reforms by any member of the Islamic Republic are impossible, as today's reformers are yesterday's hangmen.

In December 2018, Amnesty International published a clip in which Mousavi was interviewed by the Austrian national public service broadcaster. The interview took place on December 13, 1988. Mousavi was asked about the executions and replied, "We repressed them."

The clip was considered to be inconclusive, as it is difficult to hear both the questions and Mousavi's answers. However, in August 2020, Amnesty International Iran researcher Raha Bahreini published archived Amnesty International letters proving that the Iranian authorities, including Mousavi, were very much aware of the extrajudicial executions being systematically conducted in Iran in the summer of 1988.

The letters are appeals written on August 16, 1988 by Amnesty International in regard to the executions and sent to a large number of individuals in the regime, including the chief justice, the justice minister, Iran's ambassadors, and the Foreign Ministry. So from at least August 16, 1988, Iranian authority figures on all levels knew about the executions.

This revelation has naturally sparked a massive debate among Iranians all over the world about the country's future.

Both members of the reformist camp and the regime urgently want to keep the myth of Mousavi alive. As long as Mousavi can be touted as the "only alternative to change in Iran," the regime can combat opposition groups calling for its overthrow. The question is whether the regime and Mousavi's supporters can continue presenting him as a democratic leader after the new revelation.

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## Tradition.

# Ten Ideas for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur



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As we approach Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and the start of the Jewish year, here are ten short ideas which might help you focus your davening and ensure you have a meaningful and transformative experience.

Number one. **Life is short.** However much life expectancy has risen, we will not, in one lifetime, be able to achieve everything we might wish to achieve. This life is all we have. So the question is: How shall we use it well?

Number two. **Life itself, every breath we take, is the gift of God.** Life is not something we may take for granted. If we do, we will fail to



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celebrate it. Yes, we believe in life after death, but it is in life before death that we truly find human greatness.

Number three. **We are free.** Judaism is the religion of the free human being freely responding to the God of freedom. We are not in the grip of sin. The very fact that we can do teshuva, that we can act differently tomorrow than we did yesterday, tells us we are free.

Number four. **Life is meaningful.** We are not mere accidents of matter, generated by a universe that came into being for no reason and will one day, for no reason, cease to be. We are here because there is something we must do; to be God's partners in the work of creation, bringing the world that is closer to the world that ought to be.

Number five. **Life is not easy.**

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The movie, written and directed by Seligman, stars Rachel Sennott, Molly Gordon, Dianna Agron and Polly Draper.

"Shiva Baby" is a female-directed, female-driven comedy that deftly navigates what it means to reckon with one's sexuality within the Jewish community," said Utopia's head of content Danielle DiGiacomo. "Emma Seligman has created a sharp-witted, dark comedy and Utopia is grateful for the opportunity to share female-driven film projects and stories about queer, millennial women to global audiences."

Judaism does not see the world through rose-tinted lenses. The world we live in is not the world as it ought to be. That is why, despite every temptation, Judaism has never been able to say the messianic age has come, even though we await it daily.

Number six. **Life may be hard, but it can still be sweet.** Jews have never needed wealth to be rich, or power to be strong. To be a Jew is to live for the simple things: love, family, community. Life is sweet when touched by the Divine.

Number seven. **Our life is the single greatest work of art we will ever make.** On the *Yamim Noraim*, we step back from our life like an artist stepping back from their canvas, seeing what needs changing for the painting to be complete.

Number eight. **We are what we are because of those who came before us.** We are each a letter in God's book of life. We do not start with nothing. We have inherited wealth, not material but spiritual. We are heirs to our ancestors' greatness.

Number nine. **We are heirs to another kind of greatness: to Torah and the Jewish way of life.** Judaism asks great things of us and by doing so makes us great. We walk as tall as the ideals for which we

live, and though we may fall short time and again, the *Yamim Noraim* allow us to begin anew.

And number ten. The sound of heartfelt prayer, together with the piercing sound of the shofar, tell us that that is all life is – a mere breath – yet breath is nothing less than the spirit of God within us. **We are dust of the earth but within us is the breath of God.**

So, if you can remember any of these ideas, or even just one, I hope it will help you to have an even more meaningful experience over Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Together with Elaine, I wish you and your families a *ketiva v'chatima tova*. May we, and all of Am Yisrael, be written in God's Book of Life for a year of blessing, fulfillment and peace. *Shana tova u'metukah to you all.*

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The Toronto Film Festival, which is scheduled to take place from Sept. 10-20, will have a combination of virtual and in-person film screenings and other events due to the coronavirus pandemic.

# Rosh Hashanah 2020 — A Guide for the Perplexed



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The evening of September 18, 2020 will begin the 5781st Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah). Here are nine things to remember:

1. Annual reminder. The Hebrew word Rosh (ראש) means "head/beginning," and Hashanah (השנה) means "the year." The root of the Hebrew word Shanah is both "repeat" and "change." It constitutes an annual reminder of the need to pursue enhanced behavior: a life-long venture. It is conducted by a repeated study of moral values, while learning from experience by avoiding past errors and enhancing/



Jewish pilgrims pray at the tomb of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, in the city of Uman, Ukraine, Sept. 20, 2017. Photo: Reuters / Valentyn Ogirenko.

changing one's behavior. Rosh Hashanah ushers in the Ten Days of Repentance, which are concluded on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement).

2. Humility. Rosh Hashanah is celebrated on the sixth day of Creation, when the first human being, Adam, was created. Adam is the Hebrew word for a human being (אדם), which is derived from the Hebrew word for "soil" (אדמה). Moreover, the Hebrew letter ה is an abbreviation of God, the Creator. Thus, the date of the Jewish New Year highlights the centrality of the soil – a metaphor for humility – in human life.

3. Genesis. The Hebrew letters of Rosh (ראש) constitute the root of the Hebrew word for Genesis, pronounced "Be're'sheet" (בראשית), which is the first word in the Book of Genesis. Rosh Hashanah is celebrated on the first day of the Jewish month of Tishrei. Tishrei means beginning genesis in ancient Akkadian. The Hebrew letters of Tishrei (תשרי) are included in the spelling of genesis (בראשית). Furthermore, the Hebrew spelling of genesis (בראשית) includes the first two letters in the Hebrew alphabet (אב), the middle letter (י) and the last three letters (רשת) – representing the totality and wholeness of the Creation.

4. The Shofar (ritual ram's horn). Rosh Hashanah is announced and celebrated in a humble and determined manner, by the blowing of

the shofar. The sound of the shofar used to alert people to physical threats (e.g. military assaults). On Rosh Hashanah, it alarms people to spiritual threats, while paving the potential road to salvation. It serves as a wake-up call to the necessity of cleansing one's behavior.

5. The Jubilee. In ancient times, the blowing of the shofar was employed to announce the (50th) year of the Jubilee – the Biblical role model of liberty. The Hebrew word for Jubilee is Yovel (יובל), a synonym for shofar. The Jubilee inspired the US Founding Fathers' concept of liberty as inscribed on the Liberty Bell: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land and unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10). It also inspired the US anti-slavery, abolitionist movement.

6. Enhanced behavior. The Hebrew spelling for shofar – שופר – is a derivative of the verb "to enhance," שפר, enticing people to persist in the unending, uphill voyage of behavioral improvement.

7. Peace-through-strength. The shofar is made from the horn of a ram, which is a peaceful animal equipped with strong horns to fend off predators. The numerical value of the Hebrew word "ram," (איל) is 41 (30-ל, 10-י, 1-א), which is equal to the value of "mother" (אם, 40-ס, 1-א), who strongly shields her children. Rosh Hashanah prayers highlight the strength of the Biblical matriarchs: Sarah, Rachel, and Hanna, who gave birth to Isaac, Joseph and Benjamin, and Samuel respectively. Rosh Hashanah is celebrated during the Jewish month of Tishrei, which is "the month of the Strong Ones" (2 Kings, 8:2), when Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Samuel were born.

8. Commemoration. The 100 blows of the shofar during Rosh Hashanah services commemorate:

- The creation of Adam, the first human being;
- The almost-sacrifice of Isaac, which was prevented by God's angel and a ram;
- The receipt of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai;
- The tumbling of the walls of Jericho upon reentering the Land of Israel;
- Judge Gideon's war against the Midianites;
- The destruction of the two Jewish Temples;
- The Jewish ingathering to the Land of Israel; and
- The reaffirmation of faith in God, the Creator (In God We Trust).

9. Rosh Hashanah is one of four Jewish new years:

- The first day of the month of Tishrei celebrates the anniversary

of the Creation (Rosh Hashanah), the beginning of the Jewish civil calendar, the setting of the Sabbatical (7th) and Jubilee (50th) years, and the time for calculating the annual tithe (10%) on vegetable and grains.

- The first day of the month of Nissan initiates the first of the three Jewish pilgrimages/festivals (Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles) and the measuring of the reign of ancient kings.
- The first day of the month of Elul initiated the preparations for Rosh Hashanah and the New Year for animal tithes in ancient Israel.
- The 15th day of the month of Shvat is the new year of trees (Arbor Day), which represent humility, tenacity, and growth.

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Islamic regime is in crisis. Its main symbol, Mousavi, was, according to Amnesty International, involved in a gruesome massacre. The current president, Hassan Rouhani, also a reformist, is responsible not only for bankrupting Iran but also for a brutal crackdown on protesters in December 2019 that killed more than 3,000 people.

As long as individuals like Mousavi and Rouhani represent the reformist camp, reforms are highly unlikely to take place. Whether so-called reformers or hardliners are at the regime's helm, Iran will continue its destructive path of supporting terrorism, conducting espionage, and destabilizing the region.

After Khomeini's death on June 3, 1989, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was asked about Iran's future. He said, "If we have a political government with some religious authority, then in time a pragmatic approach is possible. If we have a religious government, which is what Khomeini did, then they will rely on the power of fundamentalism to begin to be dominant in the Persian Gulf and to turn against Western materialism and to some extent communism."

Looking at Mousavi's background with respect to the newly published evidence, and the brutality shown by Rouhani both as president of the Islamic regime and in his previous role as secretary of the Supreme National Security Council, it is apparent that fundamentalism was at the core of both reformers and conservatives.

The problem, therefore, is the Islamic Republic as an entity, not reformers versus conservatives.

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## Social.



The late Sir Nicholas Winton. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## Actor Anthony Hopkins to Star in New Holocaust Movie About Nicholas Winton, Who Saved 669 Children From Nazis

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Oscar-winning actor Anthony Hopkins will take on the lead role in a new film about the late Sir Nicholas George Winton, who saved hundreds of children from the Nazis, *Variety* reported on Wednesday.

In the Holocaust drama "One Life," both Hopkins and fellow British actor Johnny Flynn will play Winton at different stages of his life.

The son of German-Jewish parents, at the age of 29 Winton oversaw the rescue of children in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia who were threatened with deportation to Adolf Hitler's death camps. He arranged for the Czech children to safely travel to England, where they were taken in by British foster families. Winton succeeded in rescuing around 669 children from Czechoslovakia, most of them Jewish, in 1938-1939, before World War II broke out.

The humanitarian and stockbroker kept his rescue efforts a secret and it was only publicized 49 years later

when his wife discovered in their attic a scrapbook featuring the children's names and new addresses. Winton's surprise and emotional reunion with the grown children whom he had saved took place in 1988 on the *BBC* show "That's Life."

Winton was knighted in 2003 by Queen Elizabeth II for "services to humanity, in saving Jewish children from Nazi Germany." He died in 2015 at the age of 106.

See-Saw Films' managing directors Iain Canning and Emile Sherman, along with Joanna Laurie, are producing "One Life." Aisling Walsh is set to direct. Lucinda Coxon and Nick Drake co-wrote the screenplay.

"Despite never wanting any attention for his altruistic act, Nicky's story and the story of those he saved must be told," said Canning and Sherman. "To be a part of sharing this moment in history with the world is an extraordinary privilege. Anthony and Johnny are without a doubt the right people to bring Lucinda and Nick's beautifully crafted screenplay about this amazing man to life."

## 'Shiva Baby' Sells Worldwide Rights Ahead of Toronto Film Festival Premiere

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

The feature film "Shiva Baby" has sold worldwide rights to Utopia Media ahead of its premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) this month, *Variety* reported last week.

Emma Seligman's debut movie is about a young bisexual Jewish woman named Danielle who attends a shiva with her parents, where her older male lover and embittered female high school sweetheart are also present.

She also encounters "other people who make things increasingly more awkward for Danielle" and "much to her chagrin, she finds out that many of them have secrets of their own," according to the film's description on the TIFF website.



A promotional photo for "Shiva Baby." Photo: Courtesy of TIFF.

Seligman said in a statement: "This film was made to represent the various contradictions and pressures placed upon young women, especially young queer women, from traditional families and communities and the anxiety and insecurities they feel as a result. 'Shiva Baby' is a comedy about a young woman grappling with her self worth, sexuality and independence and I could not be more thrilled to be working with such a collaborative and filmmaker focused distributor like Utopia."

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## Israeli Star Gal Gadot Donates Thousands to 'Real Wonder Girl' Raising Money for Muscular Dystrophy

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Israeli actress and "Wonder Woman" star Gal Gadot donated more than \$4,000 to the fundraising campaign of a 6-year-old British girl who suffers from a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy.

Carmela Chillery-Watson, who was diagnosed with LMNA Congenital Muscular Dystrophy (L-CMD) in 2017, is walking 300 kilometers in 30 days while dressed as her favorite superhero Wonder Woman to raise

money for Muscular Dystrophy UK. Her mother, Lucy, said the young girl, from Devizes in Wiltshire, began her walking challenge with "specially designed crutches" on September 1, the *BBC* reported.

On Wednesday, Gadot posted on Twitter about Carmela, calling her "my real wonder girl." She added, "You're a true hero. So inspiring and strong. I hope one day we get to meet each other. Until then I'm sending you lots of love and a big big hug."

The following day, Carmela's initial £6,000 (\$7,108)

fundraising goal was met when Gadot donated £3,442 (\$4,077). A spokeswoman for Muscular Dystrophy UK said that Warner Bros. confirmed "the donation was made by Gal Gadot," the *BBC* said.

Carmela was "absolutely chuffed when she heard the news," her mother said, adding, "We couldn't believe it when we found out that Gal had made such a huge donation. We're over the moon that we've smashed our target already."

On Thursday, Carmela replied to Gadot's Twitter message in a sweet video she uploaded onto her own Twitter account.



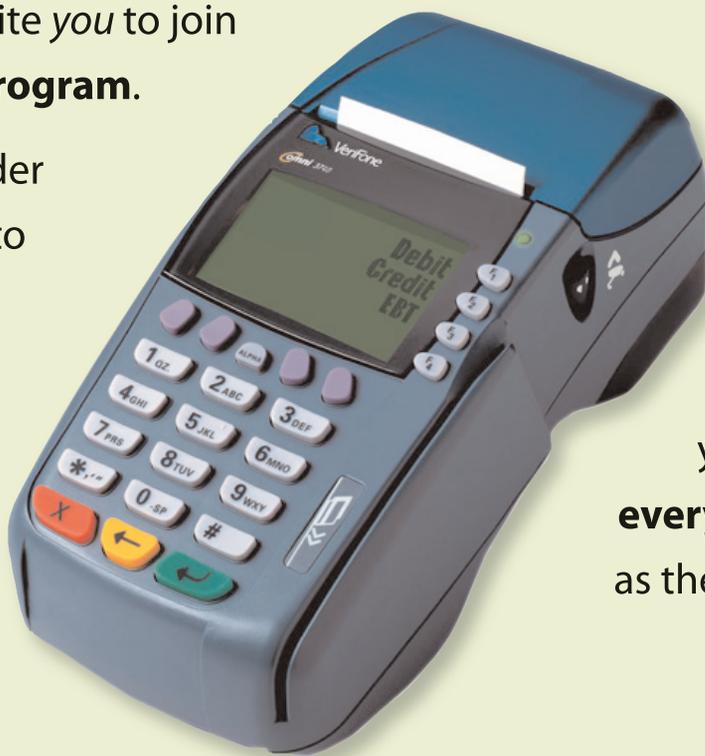
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