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The Refugee Dilemma

We are not denying the suffering of millions of innocent refugees fleeing Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Afghanistan. Though we would not, as some have done, compare their plight to that of the Jews of Nazi Germany, scenes of desperate men, women and children, crammed onto flimsy rubber dinghies, demand that we not leave these hordes of dislocated souls to fend for themselves.

But we cannot ignore the fact that one of the barbarians involved in the slaughter in Paris entered Europe through the Greek island of Leros masquerading as a refugee. Nor can we act on compassion alone knowing that a large number of Sunni Syrian refugees are fleeing the brutality of Assad, not the soldiers of ISIL. The refugees boarding planes every day for Canada are, we will acknowledge, "low risk". None will have passed through the lax security points of entry in Greece, Serbia and Croatia. But how many have records and documentation and passports to show CBSA officials? How rigorous can the on the spot screening process be even in light of the revised timetable? Nor are we calmed by the argument that any of the refugees later found to have Islamist sympathies can be sent back. Even if the vetting process ferrets out a potential threat, the Canadian judicial system will ensure that his or her deportation becomes a long and tortuous legal quagmire. We're skeptical of the poll results cited by Ezra Levant

as evidence of strong support for ISIL in the refugee camps. But arguing that it is "not likely" that ISIL will use the refugee crisis to slip operatives into Canada does little to allay our fears. .

There is, however, a path Canada could have followed. Thousands of Yazidis are living in refugee camps in Turkey that "look like a jail". The Chaldean Christians are being systematically exterminated. They are at the bottom of the refugee heap. The Mandaeans live in constant fear. These Yazidis and Christians represent no threat to our security. They will not strap bombs to their vests in the name of Islamic purification. We could have opened our doors immediately to those who share our values, ideals and aspirations,

Yes, we are saying that all Muslims, even those fleeing our common enemy, must pay the price for the actions of those who shout Allahu Akbar as they proudly inflict as much carnage as they can. We'll bleed for the Muslims who are begging us not to succumb to the danger of inertia. Certainly as Jews we know the pain involved in the struggle for self preservation. But we can't surrender to political correctness. Regrettably, bleed is all even Jews can do until each and every one of the adult refugees convinces the CBSA, CSIS and the RCMP that he or she will join with us in our pursuit of a "universal brotherhood."

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THE WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS REVIEWED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

Marco Rubio Getting a Second Look

Though he is still lagging in the polls, Marco Rubio's strong performances in recent Republican debates may be having an impact. Not only are average American voters taking a second look at the Florida senator, but so, too, are potential wealthy backers. In fact, one such individual, billionaire hedge fund investor Paul Singer, has announced that he is backing Rubio because he is the only candidate who can "navigate this complex primary process and still be in a position to defeat Hillary Rodham Clinton".

Singer, who lives in New York, gave more money to Republican candidates and causes last year than any other U.S. donor. He is on the board of the Republican Jewish Coalition.

It is worth noting that Singer is not the single largest Jewish backer of Rubio's presidential campaign. That honour belongs to billionaire auto dealership magnate Norman Braman, a past president of the Miami Jewish Federation. In fact Braman and Rubio have a long history together. Braman helped finance Rubio's U.S. Senate run in 2010, hired his wife as a philanthropic advisor and even assisted

Rubio with his personal finances. In 2010 Braman and Rubio went to Israel together.

Rubio makes no apology for his staunchly pro-Israel stance. "If America doesn't stand with Israel, who would we stand with? If Israel - a democracy and strong American ally on the international stage - if they are not worthy of our unconditional support, then what ally of ours around world can feel safe in their alliance with us?" Rubio asked.

With Singer and Braman in his camp, the next big question is where casino magnate Sheldon Adelson will go. It is known

that the billionaire, who spent some \$150 million backing Republicans in the 2012 presidential campaign, "likes" the Florida senator. After Rubio declared that he was running for president, the Adelson-owned Israeli newspaper, *Israel Hayom*, spoke glowingly of the candidate.

Former "Zionist" At It Again

British Labour Party MP Gerald Kaufman, Britain's longest serving MP, was once a good friend of Israel. He was brought up as a dedicated Zionist. His parents were killed by the

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THE FUTURE OF GAY MARRIAGE IN ISRAEL

By **ROBERT SWIFT, MEDIA LINE**

In a few weeks Eli and Ron will celebrate their relationship with a wedding to be held at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. There will be food, friends, music and a ceremony. But as far as the state of Israel is concerned, no marriage will have taken place, because the state does not recognize gay marriage. However, gay couples married outside Israel are registered as married on their return.

So shortly after their wedding, the newlyweds will fly to Denmark in order to

hold a second wedding, one that can be registered officially upon their return to Israel. Denmark is the ideal country for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) couples to get married in, Eli Kaplan-Wildmann, told The Media Line. Not only does the Scandinavian country have some of the most progressive recognition of the rights of same-sex people to marry, it also doesn't have a residency requirement. While most secular Israelis go to Cyprus when they wish
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ISRAELI PEACE ACTIVIST LEARNS A LESSON

By **BENJAMIN KORN**

(Mr. Korn, chairman of the Philadelphia Religious Zionists, is former executive editor of the Philadelphia Jewish Exponent and the Miami Jewish Tribune.) - The Editor

An Israeli peace activist who has devoted much of his life to demanding that Israel make more concessions to the Palestinians was treated to

a rude awakening earlier this month on a Minnesota campus: it turns out that pro-Palestinian advocates don't just hate Israeli policy
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AT THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN BENJAMIN Netanyahu and Barack Obama no mention was made of the Iran nuclear agreement in front of the cameras. And Netanyahu expressed his gratitude to the American president for his friendship and his contribution to Israel's security. For some this showed that the Israeli prime minister had "learned his lesson". But despite the photos of the two leaders smiling, the bitterness remains. The president, remarked one observer, "looked like a nervous passenger on a flight to nowhere, counting down the seconds left till it ends". When Netanyahu tried to prolong the handshake near the end of their meeting, the president is seen trying to let go. The meeting between the two leaders may have lacked the tension of previous encounters but there is little doubt that the White House was more than happy to see President Reuven Rivlin. Photo Haim Zach, IGPO

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America's foremost Jewish leader in the 1940s took extreme steps to prevent Jewish dissidents from challenging President Roosevelt's weak response to the Holocaust, according to a new book.

"Rabbi Stephen S. Wise actively undermined Jewish dissidents--from both the left and the right--who tried to challenge the Roosevelt administration's abandonment of European Jewry," said Dr. Rafael Medoff, author of the new book, *The Anguish of a Jewish Leader: Stephen S. Wise and the Holocaust*. "To prevent activists from having a voice in Jewish policy-making, Wise suppressed their rallies, urged members of Congress to boycott them, pressured news-

papers to refuse their advertisements, and even encouraged government officials to 'draft or deport' activist leaders."

The Anguish of a Jewish Leader is Dr. Medoff's sixteenth book on the Holocaust and Jewish history. It is the first major scholarly study of Rabbi Wise in more than 30 years, and the first ever book-length study of Wise's response to the Holocaust.

Additional highlights from the book:

- U.S. President Roosevelt repeatedly promised Rabbi Wise that he would help rescue Jewish refugees and create a Jewish state, but never did so. In one instance, the president assured Wise (in

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from Parliament Hill, developed the display's core design, and recruited a roster of prominent Canadians to support and promote the initiative. The next phase will aim to raise \$2.9 million from the Jewish community, government and the private sector in order to install and operate the exhibit.

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By **MIKE COHEN**

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This is all part of the Myrtle Beach Safari, presented by an organization called T.I.G.E.R.S. (The Institute of Greatly Endangered and Rare Species). The man behind this operation is Doctor Bhagavan Antl, who started out training animals for movies and TV and then wanted a place where many could go essentially to retire. The company offers a guided safari like experience through a 50 acre preserve where many of the animals crawl right on top of your lap. A percentage of the revenue from the T.I.G.E.R.S. experience goes to the Rare Species Fund, which provides funding for on the ground international conservation programs. Where is this located? I am not permitted to put that information in print. Those who sign up are given a rendezvous point. You will have to experience it to learn more about this part of the journey. In order to maximize the peace for the animals and the privacy for guests, this preserve cannot be found on Google or MapQuest.

No personal cameras, video cameras, or cell phones are allowed. Professional photographers shoot studio quality photographs and video. This gives you the opportunity to take home an amazing set of portraits and phenomenal videos. The \$200 fee is well worth it. Tours run three to five days a week, from mid-March to early October, and cost about \$300 per person.

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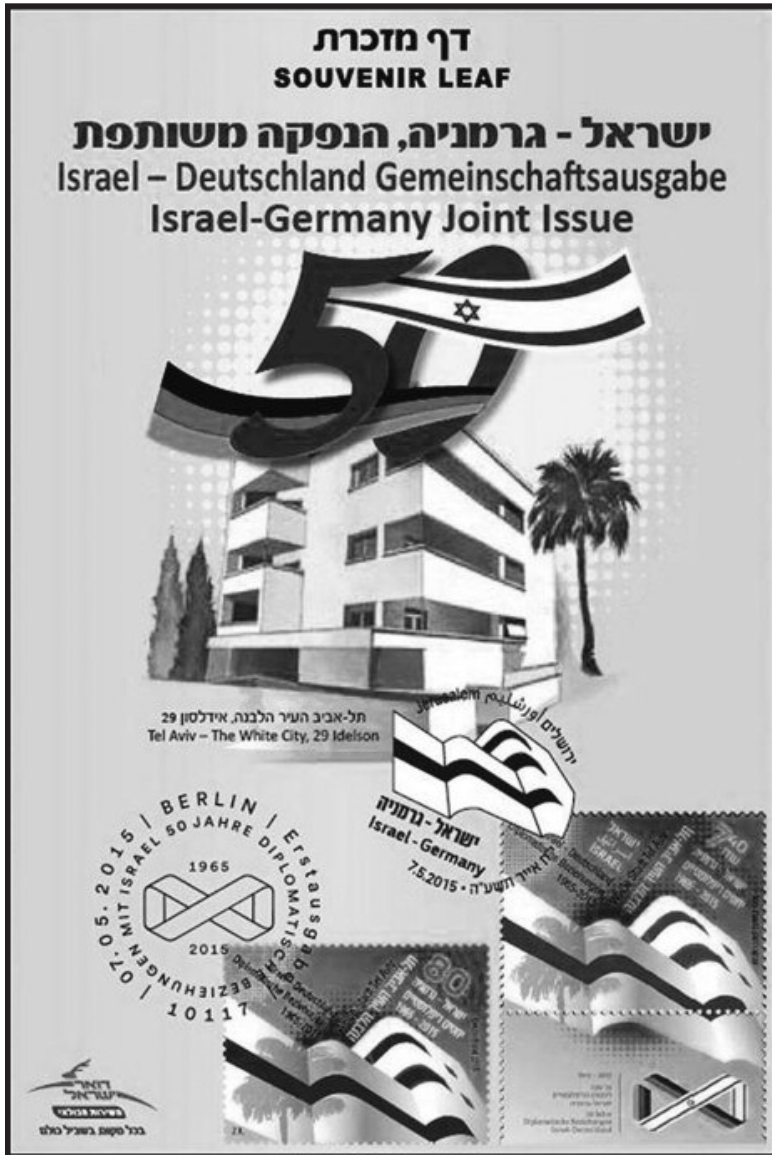
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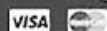
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FUTURE OF GAY MARRIAGE IN ISRAEL

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to marry outside of Israel's strict religious marriage laws, gay couples fly to Denmark, Kaplan-Wildmann said, because same-sex marriage is not permitted in Cyprus.

All issues of personal status, including marriage and divorce, are under the control of the Orthodox rabbinic authorities in Israel, in a decision that goes back to the creation of the state. There is no civil marriage in Israel, only religious marriage, although civil marriages are retroactively recognized by the government. The issue of gays is especially problematic, as the Bible calls homosexual sex an "abomination" which should be punished with

execution.

Kaplan-Wildmann, an Orthodox Jewish theater director, says Israeli society, and even the more liberal parts of the Orthodox world, accept his sexual orientation.

"We hold hands in the street," he told The Media Line. "Israel is more open to LGBT rights than a lot of other countries. There is a sense that Israel has bigger issues to deal with."

In fact, Tel Aviv is considered a gay cultural capital to rival the reputations of Berlin or San Francisco, and in 2012 was voted the most popular city in the world by gay travelers.

Yet many gays say they would like to be able to get married in Israel. The issue has come to the fore after Ireland, long considered a conservative Catholic stronghold – so much so that divorce only became legal in 1995 – has become the first ever country to recognize same-sex unions through a referendum. Could a similar popular movement occur in Israel?

"The law has to catch up," Kaplan-Wildmann explained. "I look (Please turn to following page)

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forward to more equality but gay marriage is not the main issue," he said, adding that a change in the legal system to allow civil partnership for all citizens is the priority.

"We don't focus on (gay) marriage – other issues are focused on, as a more practical (solution)," to inequality, Tom Canning, Director of Development at the Open House for Pride and Tolerance, told The Media Line. The Open House is a LGBT non-governmental organization which has been active in Jerusalem since 1997, campaigning for equality for homosexuals.

Canning said same-sex marriage will never be recognized as long as the rabbinate controls the rules surrounding marriage. The ultra-Orthodox parties are also a key part of Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's ruling coalition, and all past efforts to legalize civil marriage or gay marriage have failed.

"The connection between (it) and the state is too strong for this to happen," Canning said. His organization would prefer a more liberal form of Judaism to gain influence in the Rabbinate, one which would benefit the LGBT community, he said.

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courts rather than through the political arena, Canning said. Despite popular support for gay rights, politicians do not push for legislation because of strong opposition from the ultra-Orthodox.

Gay couples are not the only people unable to marry under Israel's marital laws. As religious authorities have control of weddings, marriages must be between two people of the same religion. A Jew cannot legally marry a Muslim or a Christian.

"The state has a long arm that causes a lot of suffering," Irit Rosenblum, Founder and CEO of New Family, told The Media Line. The problem is the ties between state and religion, Rosenblum said, explaining that she believed that the relationship between two human beings should not be dictated by a government.

A spokesperson for the Orthodox Rabbinate declined to comment in detail, saying simply that if changes were to be made in future they would have to be made in the Knesset.

Other Orthodox representatives said that the law against civil marriage helps guarantee the Jewish future of the state of Israel. The consequences of the law for homosexual couples and others unable to marry are understood and regrettable, Ziv Maor, a former spokesperson for the Rabbinate, told The Media Line, but the law is necessary.

"Throughout history few nations have ceased to exist because of genocide – most nations which ceased to exist, did so because of assimilation," he said. "The price gay – and some heterosexual – couples pay for not being able to marry is enormous," Maor conceded, admitting that it was a price that he personally did not have to bear. As

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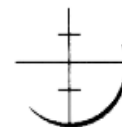
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the Israeli army protects Israel from violence and anti-Semitism, he said, the country's religious marital laws protected it from assimilation.

If a referendum, with the same question as Ireland's - that "marriage may be contracted in accordance with the law by two people without distinction as to their sex" - was called in Israel now it would pass.

Canning of the Open House asserts. But legislators would not enable such a debate because of the political turmoil that would ensue if it were to happen, he concludes.

Rosenblum of New Family is less convinced. "No - not as long as Binyamin Netanyahu is our Prime Minister," she said on the question of the possibility of a referendum in Israel. "The government is a reflection of the people and of society," she added, saying that the citizens of Israel are open minded but that alone is not enough.

Eli and Ron are less concerned. They have a wedding and the party that goes with it to prepare for - not to mention a trip to Denmark.

"It might be the case that a referendum would pass here," Kaplan-Wildmann said, "but there is no administrative framework to bring about the process until there is a re-

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cognized form of secular marriage."

It is still good to see the legalization of same-sex matrimony in Ireland, Kaplan-Wildmann said, especially in a country with such a historically strong connection between church

and state. Of the global trend towards recognition of LGBT equality Kaplan-Wildmann adds, "It's very heartwarming to see the scale tipping - in the world, country by country, and also in the US, state by state."

RUDE AWAKENING

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- they hate all Israelis, including Israeli peace activists.

Hebrew University professor Moshe Halbertal was invited to deliver the University of Minnesota's annual Dewey Lecture in the Philosophy of Law. Unfortunately, the Palestinian and pro-Palestinian activists on campus don't have very much respect for the philosophy of law, at least not the laws that protect freedom of speech. Two dozen hecklers tried to drown out Halbertal by shouting "denunciations of Israel" (as the local press described it) and accusing Halbertal of being "a war crimes apologist."

Ironically, in his remarks (after the hecklers were removed), Prof. Halbertal suggested that Israeli soldiers were not doing enough to protect enemy civilians during warfare. Since that was his position, Halbertal must have been puzzled that the Palestinian advocates would attack him so fiercely.

Welcome to the real world, Moshe Halbertal. Criticizing Israeli policies is not enough. When the hecklers called him a "war crimes apologist," they weren't referring to one or two particular alleged war crimes. They consider the very existence of the State of Israel to be a war crime. Thus if someone supports Israel's right to exist --even the shrunken, weakened Israel that Halbertal wants-- then they are "war crimes apologists."

Quite a turn of events

for someone who has made a name for himself as an Israeli critic of Israel. Of course, he had a good deal help along the way, especially from *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman. Of the twenty-five times that Halbertal has been quoted in the *Times*, nine of them have been in Friedman's column on the op-ed page.

We all know how that works. Friedman picks a theme for one of his anti-Israel columns, then calls up the same five or six "respected Israeli academicians" to see which of them will provide a quotation that matches his predetermined theme.

Halbertal was discovered by the *Times* to be a 'useful Israeli' even before he had entered the academic world. In February 1983, when he was just "a 24-year-old religious student," the *Times* was excitedly reporting how Halbertal was part of a supposed new

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generation of religious Israelis who disdained the idea of "holding territory" and was forming a group to advocate "relinquishing part of the West Bank."

Soon enough, Halbertal managed to secure an academic title, so the Times could pretend he was a "respected academician" instead of having to acknowledge that he was basically a partisan 'community organizer.'

A sampling of Halbertal's pearls of un wisdom in the pages of the Times over the years:

- The Jewish residents of Judea-Samaria are comparable to the Zealots in Roman times who, "mobilized by a megalomaniac sense of their role in history, pushed the Jewish people at the time into a struggle they did not want [until] it destroyed them." (Sept. 18, 1997)

- Halbertal "disapproved" of an Israeli strike on a terrorist leader in Gaza, because some of the terrorist's relatives were nearby and were harmed. (Jan. 13, 2009)

- Halbertal participated in weekly vigils in a mostly-Arab neighborhood

in Jerusalem to demand that Jews not be allowed to move into the area. The Ku Klux Klan would have been proud. (March 10, 2010)

- Israeli soldiers in Gaza did not do enough "to avoid civilian casualties." (March 20, 2009)

- The window for a two-state solution "is rapidly closing," so Israel "will either be apartheid or Lebanon." (Dec. 12, 2010)

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making more concessions.

But no amount of concessions will be enough to satisfy the Palestinians, so long as Israel still exists. To them, any size Israel, and all Israelis, are the enemy. As Moshe Halbertal discovered in Minnesota this month.

HOLOCAUST RESPONSE

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1944) that he would issue a strong statement supporting Zionism, but then FDR watered down Wise's draft to avoid an explicit commitment to Jewish statehood.

• In postwar interviews, many of Rabbi Wise's closest friends and colleagues argued that Wise's personal and political devotion to FDR undermined his willingness to challenge Roosevelt's lethargic response to the Holocaust."

• Rabbi Wise's medical problems severely hampered his ability to mobilize the Jewish community to respond to the Holocaust; and the lack of democracy in the organizations that Wise headed made it extremely difficult for alter-

native leaders to emerge.

• Wise, like many American Jewish leaders, found it difficult to break out of a business-as-usual mindset. Even at the most critical moments of the Holocaust, Wise diverted much of his attention to numerous lesser issues and activities.

The Anguish of a Jewish Leader has been published by the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies, based in Washington, D.C. The Institute is using an innovative method to maximize circulation of the new book: choosing public education over profits, the book is being distributed only as

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Committee head Tova Lynch is optimistic that the project will be up and running in time for Canada's birthday year. "Things are moving quickly," she reports. "Through our partnership with the National Capital Commission (NCC), which manages federal property in Ottawa, we now have an excellent downtown facility. Key people and organizations are coming on board, and excitement is building. So, we expect to be ready to tell Canada's Jewish story to thousands and thousands of visitors to the city in 2017."

"In 2017, the National Capital Commission will be pleased to help the Canadian Jewish Experience highlight

the contribution to Canada of Jewish Canadians," added Dr. Mark Kristmanson Chief Executive Officer of the NCC.

Ottawa mayor Jim Watson says that the national capital is the appropriate home for the Canadian Jewish Experience. "In 2017, Ottawa will be at the centre of celebrating Canada's 150th birthday," he points out, "and Jewish people have played a key role in all facets of life in the city. In fact, their accomplishments here reflect all the themes of the Canadian Jewish Experience, including being elected mayor."

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for the first time in 1961 and has been there many times since. He still claims to have family and friends in Israel.

But in his 1986 book *Inside the Promised*

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Land Kaufman reveals his growing disenchantment with the Israeli government and many of its people. The war in Lebanon, the conflicts within Israeli society, the rise of the militant right, the treatment of the Palestinians all led Kaufman to conclude that Israelis are now "prisoners within their own ghetto."

Over the years Kaufman has become increasingly vocal in his criticism of Israel and of Jews in general. His most recent tirade even earned him the scorn of British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, himself no friend of Israel or Jews in general.

At a recent meeting of a pro-Palestinian organization Kaufman reportedly said: It's Jewish money, Jewish donations to the Conservative Party as in the general election in May, the support from *The Jewish*

Chronicle, all of those things. There is now a big group of conservative members of parliament, who are pro-Israel whatever the government does..." What is perhaps even more alarming is that Kaufman accused Israel of "fabricating" half of the recent stabblings. "The other half", Kaufman claimed, "some were true, the others there was no way to tell since they executed Palestinians and no one asked questions".

To his credit Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn condemned his MP's comments "Such remarks", Corbyn said, "are damaging to community relations and also do nothing to benefit the Palestinian cause". He ordered his chief whip to meet with Kaufman and "express my deep concern".

In 2011, after telling the House that "Here we

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are, the Jews again", Kaufman with left with little choice but apologize. But there is little chance Kaufman will remain silent. He has made it quite clear that "my grandmother did not die to provide cover for Israelis murdering Palestinian grandmothers."

Now That's Nachus

Joanna Angel is listed as one of the "7 most famous Jews in porn" and likely the first

Orthodox-raised Jew in the industry. She runs the porn website BurningAngel.com which has been described as "one of the biggest in the alternative adult industry".

So how do her Orthodox Jewish parents feel about her career choice? Well, according to the American porn star they are quite supportive and have offered her business advice. And they have been quick to come to her defence against relatives who have not been as enthusiastic about Angel's life work. "There were a few distant aunts, uncles and cousins who got angry at my mom and dad for not disowning me," she said. "But all it did was make us closer. They were like: 'Don't tell us how to raise our daughter.'"

But there are no worries that Angel will abandon her lifelong commitment to Judaism. She may no longer be Orthodox but she still fasts on Yom Kippur and does not eat bread on Passover. We're not sure whether she goes to the "office" on those days.

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"Nazi Grandma" Sent to Jail

such hair-raising nonsense".

Haverbeck intends to appeal the sentence.

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Ursula Haverbeck has a long history of defying German law. Now, the 87-year-old will likely spend ten months in jail for telling a Hamburg court that the Nazis' Auschwitz death camp is "only a belief".

In April Haverbeck was charged with Holocaust denial after stating on television at the trial of former SS guard Oskar Gröning that the Holocaust was "the biggest and most sustainable lie in history".

Magistrate Bjoern Joensson, who handed down the sentence, said it was "deplorable that this woman, who is still so active given her age.

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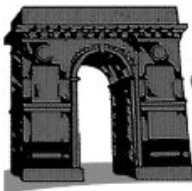
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A New Friend For Jews and Israel

It appears as if the election in Argentina has resulted in a president determined to repair relations with the Jewish community and not to apologize for any Argentinian ties to Israel.

Newly elected president Mauricio Macri has indicated he intends to cancel the agreement signed with Iran to jointly investigate the 1994 attack on the

AMIA Jewish center in Buenos Aires. The agreement drew the ire of Argentina's Jewish community given the evidence that Iran was behind the AMIA bombing, which killed 85. The death of Alberto Nisman remains suspicious.

Macri's ties to the Jewish community are no secret. As mayor of Buenos Aires his government encouraged Argentines to apply the lessons of the Israeli "Start-Up Nation". Budding entrepreneurs went to Israel and described their experiences on the government's website.

Macri himself visited Israel as part of the mayor's conference in 2014. He told journalists that "Israel suffering has to be understood. From afar, it is easy to give advice..." In 2013 Macri hand picked Rabbi Sergio Bergman to run for the national legislature. Bergman was victorious and became the first rabbi to serve as a national lawmaker. Now, as part of Macri's winning team, Rabbi Bergman will become minister of environment and sustainable develop-

NYC to Pay For Security Guards

New York mayor Bill de Blasio and City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito have agreed on a bill requiring the city to provide non-public schools with more than 300 students with private security guards. It is the first time in the city's history that religious and non-public schools will receive taxpayer-funded security. Maury Litwack, director of state political affairs for the Orthodox Union, welcomed the decision. "As security is increased in light of recent events and religious communities face especially heightened concerns, it is especially critical that all

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had asked for \$51 million but the city balked. A compromise of \$19.8 million was reached. Each school will be entitled to one security guard. There are 250,000 children in New York who attend private schools, including 110,000 at the city's Yeshivas.

More Anti-Semitism From Turkish Offshoot

The Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs in Germany, a satellite religious organization for Turkey's religious affairs department, has removed anti-Semitic quotations from its website and the person responsible has resigned. "The Jews are cruel and malicious...the Jews are stingy...the Jews lie and cheat...Jews violate contracts and promises.. the Jews falsified the Torah" were among the 30 anti-Jewish quotations which appeared on the site.

"Anti-Zionism and thereby anti-Semitism, sentiment have clearly increased over the years among Muslims with a Turkish origin," said Daniel Neuman, director of the Hesse State's Jewish community.

The Turkish Islamic Union exercises control over some 900 mosques in

Germany and is part of the Council of Religious in the city of Kassel which aims to foster inter-religious dialogue. Not everyone is convinced that it is doing its part to promote a better understanding with the country's Jews.

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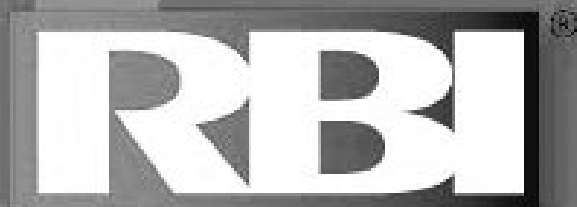
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