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COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Michael Halperin

Hello fellow veterans, I hope everyone is having a great month. Our next meeting will be Sunday March 5 10:00 AM at the Veterans Home. Refreshments will be served before the meeting. It is very important that all members attend as we will be having the election of new officers for our post.

During the month of March will also be the celebration of Purim which begins on the evening of Wednesday March 20 and ends on the evening of Thursday March 21. A great day of celebration. Purim Purim which literally means "lots" in which Jews commemorate being saved from persecution in the ancient Persian empire.

I'll see everyone at the next meeting.

PURIM

The Festival of Purim was derived from the Book of Esther. The jolly festival of Purim is celebrated every year on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Adar (late winter/early spring).

Purim 2019 begins on Wednesday night, March 20, and continues through Thursday, March 21 (March 22 in Jerusalem). It commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from Haman's plot "to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, infants and women, in a single day," as recorded in the Megillah (book of Esther).

The Story in a Nutshell

The Persian Empire of the 4th century BCE extended over 127 lands, and all the Jews were its subjects. When King Ahasuerus had his wife, Queen Vashti, executed for failing to follow his orders, he arranged a beauty pageant to find a new queen. A Jewish girl, Esther, found favor in his eyes and became the new queen, though she refused to divulge her nationality.

Meanwhile, the Jew-hating Haman was appointed prime minister of the empire. Mordechai, the leader of the Jews (and Esther's cousin), defied the king's orders and refused to bow to Haman. Haman was incensed, and he convinced the king to issue a decree ordering the extermination of all the Jews on the 13th of Adar, a date chosen by a lottery Haman made.

Mordechai galvanized all the Jews, convincing them to repent, fast and pray to G-d. Meanwhile, Esther asked the king and Haman to join her for a feast. At a subsequent feast, Esther revealed to the king her

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March

Birthdays



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Jewish identity. Haman was hanged, Mordechai was honored by the King.

Lecture at Columbia University

Israel is selling Arab body parts In her lectures, Arab-Israeli professor Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian trundles out tall tales of Israel that compete with the blood libels of the Middle Ages. Her curriculum vitae sounds impressive. Apparently, a lifelong student, mainly in Israeli universities, Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian has built up a heavy resume allegedly related to her academic career as a criminologist. Kevorkian uses her Israeli academic connections to advance the vilest of Palestinian Arab propaganda as she accuses Israel of selling the body parts of Palestinian demonstrators and of medicine and weapons testing with Palestinians as guinea pigs.

An article in Middle East Monitor, known for its lack of fact checking and anti-Israel bias, lets her tramp out the old shibboleths of Jews similar to the taking the blood of gentile children to make their matzoh. It isn't hard to see why they would publish Kevorkian's "academic discoveries" about Israeli imaginary atrocities she recently discussed during talks at UCLA and USC in the United States.

Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian has been a lecturer in law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Institute of Criminology. She also holds a teaching position at the Hebrew University School of Social Work. She received a B.A. degree in Political Science from Haifa University (1980) and another in Social Work from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1982). She was awarded a Master's degree in 1989 and a Ph.D. in 1994, both in Criminology, from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. From 1985 thro Pro-

fessor of Social Work at Bethlehem University, and from 1991 through 1994 she was an Instructor of Criminology at the Hebrew University. Shalhoub-Kevorkian was a Visiting Scholar at USC from 1995-1996 in their Center for Multi-Ethnic and Transnational Studies and their Center for Feminist Studies and a visiting professor at UCLA School of Law. She has conducted research in the area of domestic violence for many years and has published extensively in the field of women's rights. She disappeared from the lecture circuit for a while, but perhaps it was the need to make a splash to return as she started anew with blood libels against Israel and the Jews (the kicker is part of her college education was subsidized by the Israeli taxpayer). Hebrew University, where Ms. Shalhoub-Kevorkian has taught, and particularly its social work department, came out with a

study once that faulted Israeli soldiers for not raping Palestinian women as an indication that IDF soldiers were racist. That was the best the academics at Hebrew U. could do to salvage attempts to create a blood libel report which proved false since no rapes by IDF soldiers could be found.

Not to miss the bandwagon, Ms. Shalhoub-Kevorkian advanced this blood libel against IDF soldiers by claiming they molest Palestinian girls at checkpoints as a matter of course and even rape them (An allegation totally unproven with not one rape chronicled). Checkpoints, as it happens, are often manned by IDF female soldiers, and drivers normally remain in their cars unless something suspicious is found. Israeli drivers also wait at the same checkpoints.

Still, there is one bright spot - well, maybe. As an academic and a feminist, she says she is opposed to Arab honor killings. So how does this Arab-Israeli academic lay blame on Israel for that horrible Arab tribal institution of honor killings? Well, Shalhoub-Kevorkian hit upon the idea that Israeli soldiers must be raping these Arab girls who are then murdered by their families to preserve family honor because of these imaginary rapes.

Do you follow the tribalism here? As a women's rights expert, Shalhoub-Kevorkian opposes honor killings, but if it weren't for those nasty Israelis, this historic and horrendous Arab practice would not take place among the Arab population. It's the "occupation" that causes this to happen. (She ignores the growing spread of honor killings in the US perpetrated by immigrant Arabs), Cur-

rently, the PA has a six month prison sentence on the books for murderers of women in the Palestinian Authority. It has never been enforced.

This would no doubt have been discussed at a conference she wanted to attend in Tunisia, but she never made the trip, having put up such a fuss at Ben Gurion over the security procedures that she missed her flight. However, her suggestions of Israeli culpability are not limited to the academic conferences of the totalitarian Arab states; Shalhoub-Kevorkian has also expressed similar ideas to students at USC and UCLA and now she's at it again.

The fact that the Hebrew U, rape study showed that Israeli soldiers do not go near Palestinian Arab women does not deter Ms. Shalhoub-Kevorkian from repeating standard Arab propaganda buzz words and libel about Israel's Jews and the Arabs. In other words, Arabs are "humiliated" when they go through checkpoints that are set up by the Israeli government with an "apartheid wall", actually built to protect not only Israeli Jews, but even Israeli Arabs (like Ms. Shalhoub-Kevorkian) from terrorists and suicide bombers.

She also is teaching UCLA law students about the "legality" of "home demolitions" which occur with court permits on illegal Arab structures (more Jewish ones are demolished than Arab), or of terrorist homes to deter other would-be-murderers, and sometimes to prevent terrorist cells and bomb making factories from operating.

She doesn't discuss the illegality of what the Palestinians like to

rephrase as "legitimate resistance" - read terrorism, murder and most recently, the rape-murder of 19 year old Israeli Ori Ansbacher who went for a nature walk in the woods near Jerusalem.

What poor comfort to know the Israeli educational system produced this virago to go abroad to American universities and smear Israel once again as a Jewish state that should be dismantled as part of her twisted interpretation of "human rights." That, itself, is a crime that should be worthy of study by the Criminology Department at the Faculty of Law & School of Social Work at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, where she is employed with a nice sinecure, thanks at least in part to the Israeli taxpayer.

Golda Meir must be rolling in her grave that this woman was granted a fellowship in her name in the year 2000.

Her new "research" finds IDF soldiers stealing body parts from Palestinian Arabs, or testing drugs on them; it is based not only on her own false "clinical studies" but mainly on her listening to "Arab narratives."

Translate that last sentence above to mean she lies a lot, makes stuff up, and repeats Palestinian propaganda against Israel.

She particularly likes to rely on the remarks of Arab children as proof of state policy.

Here's a quote from one of her books which she extrapolated from an interview with a 14 year-old Arab girl:

"Violations of women's bodies become the very nature of the nation of Palestine itself and violence such as rape is treated as

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

THE PRICE OF CHICKEN

Mrs. Stein entered a kosher poultry store and asked the price of stewing chickens.

"One dollar and forty cents a pound," said the butcher.

"One dollar and forty cents!" shrieked Mrs. Stein. "Why, just around the corner Ellenberger sells for one dollar and thirty-six cents a pound."

"If Ellenberger sells stewing chickens for one dollar thirty-six a pound, why don't you buy there?" asked the butcher impatiently.

"Because he happens to be out of them today."

"Look, lady," said the butcher, "as soon as I run out of skewers, I'll sell them to you for only twelve cents a pound -- and you can't beat that price anywhere!"

EDUCATION

The teacher at the cheder, after explaining the meaning of Pesach, asked the young students to use the word "matzohs" in a sentence.

"Matzohs are eaten at the seder," said Marty.

"Very good," smiled the teacher. "How about you, Jerry?"

"Matzohs are made without salt," responded Jerry.

Izzy, who had been in this country for only a few months, raised his hands.

"Time matzohs on!" he shouted triumphantly.

THE PLAYOFFS

Gottlieb called his Rabbi and said, "Rabbi, I know tonight is Kol Nidre, but tonight the Yankees start the playoffs. Rabbi, I'm a

life-long Yankee fan.

I've GOT to watch the Yankee game on TV."

The Rabbi responds, "Gottlieb, that's what VCR's are for."

Gottlieb is surprised. "You mean I can tape Kol Nidre?"

THE FOUR LEGGED DAVENER

It's Erev Rosh Hashanah and services are about to begin. The synagogue is packed. As the congregants are milling around shmoozing before services, everyone seems to be distracted by a man who has brought with him a St. Bernard dog. "What chutzpah!" an elderly woman whispers aloud.

Services begin, and everyone is fascinated by how well the dog behaves. The next morning, the man and his dog arrive early and promptly begin davening. This time the dog is wearing its own little tallis and yarmulke, and even appears, upon closer inspection, to be shuckling back and forth as the hazzan intones the prayers. The congregation is amazed. The week goes by and Kol Nidre arrives. The solemn worship service begins. The man and his dog are back, and this time, just as the hazzan is about to begin the prayers, the dog stands up on its hind legs and

"Ba-Roooooooch.....!" more melodically than the best hazzan. After the service, everyone is clamoring to meet this man and his remarkable dog. Finally the rabbi comes up to him and says, "That's one talented pooch you have there. You know you should really consider sending your dog to Rabbinical School."

The man looks down, shakes

his head, throws up his hands in disgust and says, "YOU TALK TO HIM! He wants to be a doctor!"

THE NEWSPAPER

An elderly Jewish man is sitting on a park bench reading Rev. Farrakhan's anti-white and anti-Jewish newspaper. His best friend walks by, sees the paper, and stops in shock.

"What are you doing reading that paper? You should be reading the Jewish Journal!"

The elderly man replies, "the Jewish Journal has stories about intermarriage, anti-Semitism, problems in Israel... all kinds of troubles for the Jewish people.

I like to read about good news."

"Farrakhan's paper says...

The Jews have all the money... the Jews control the press... the Jews control the banks... the Jews control Hollywood. At my age it's better to read nothing but good news!"

EVENING PRAYERS

When the young boy was asked by his father to say the evening prayers, he realized he didn't have his head covered. So, the young boy asked his little brother to rest a hand on his head until prayers were over.

The little brother grew impatient after a few minutes and removed his hand.

The father said, "This is important ... put your hand back on his head!"

To which the little boy exclaimed, "Am I my brother's kippah?"

If you have any clean good Jewish jokes to submit to the Editor Nelson S. Magedman, PDC by giving your jokes to him at the Post meeting or by email.

Netanyahu spars with AIPAC, AJC over controversial right-wing alliance

Using social media to make a rare break into the politically charged debate over upcoming Israeli elections, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and the American Jewish Committee took political positions on the inclusion of the Otzma Yehudit Party in a technical bloc with the Jewish Home Party.

(February 24, 2019 / JNS) American pro-Israel groups took to social media to make rare comments on Israeli internal politics, decrying an alliance between the right-wing Jewish Home and further right Otzma Yehudit parties.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu aided the vote-sharing merger in an attempt to ensure that his natural coalition partners would cross the minimum electoral threshold in upcoming April elections. The harsh critiques of the inclusion of Otzma Yehudit by American Israel Public Affairs Committee and the American Jewish Committee, elicited strong responses across Israel's political spectrum, as left-wing parties supported the statements while Netanyahu and Otzma Yehudit fired back.

AJC wrote on twitter stating that "the views of Otzma Yehudit are reprehensible. They do not reflect the core values that are the very foundation of the State of Israel," directing followers to a link expanding upon their full political views. AJC's primary mission since its founding in 1906 has been to secure civil rights for Jews in the United States.

The group noted that it "normally [does not] comment on political parties and candidates during an election," but that in this particular case it was "compelled to speak out." AJC added that "historically, the views of extremist parties, reflecting the extreme left or the extreme right, have been firmly rejected by mainstream parties," a loosely worded allusion to Netanyahu's assistance in facilitating the merger.

The AJC's tweet was backed by AIPAC, who tweeted, "We agree with AJC. AIPAC has a long-standing policy not to meet with members of this racist and reprehensible party."

While AIPAC's stated mission is to "strengthen, protect and promote the U.S.-Israel relationship in ways that enhance the security of the United States and Israel," its website states that its goal is to encourage "all members of Congress to support Israel through foreign aid, government partnerships, joint anti-terrorism efforts and the promotion of a negotiated two-state solution—a Jewish State of Israel and a demilitarized Palestinian state."

Discussing red lines on both the left and right

Netanyahu took to Facebook to condemn criticism for the inclusion of Otzma in the technical agreement, but did not specifically mention the comments by AIPAC or AJC. Netanyahu is scheduled to speak at the AIPAC policy conference in late March in Washington, D.C.

"What hypocrisy and double standards by the left," he wrote on Facebook. "They are con-

demning a right-wing majority bloc with right-wing parties, while the left acted to bring extreme Islamists into the Knesset to create a majority bloc."

Netanyahu listed numerous instances in which Israeli left-wing leaders including Ehud Barak and Shelly Yachimovich and the Labor and Meretz parties partnered with or supported anti-Israel Arab candidates and parties.

Netanyahu rival Benny Gantz praised AIPAC's comments stating that the unusual foray into internal Israeli politics "proves that Benjamin Netanyahu has once again crossed ethical red lines just to keep his seat, while causing serious harm to Israel's image, Jewish morality and our important relationship with American Jewry."

"When even our good friends feel the need to condemn, then it should be clear that a red line has been crossed," wrote Yair Lapid, who has brought his Yesh Atid Party into a technical alliance with Gantz to form the Blue and White list to challenge Netanyahu.

Just hours after AIPAC posted its tweet, it confirmed that Netanyahu would address the group's massive annual policy conference in March, posting a tweet featuring a smiling Netanyahu and noting that the organization was "honored to announce" his participation. Blue and White Party leaders Gantz and Lapid have also been invited to speak, but it is unclear whether they will choose to participate.

Otzma Yehudit said that groups like AIPAC "want to see the rise of the Israeli left to power and will

MILITARY NEWS

U.S. Army

The U.S. Army was created on June 3, 1784 by the Congress of the Confederation at the end of the Revolutionary War. "To fight and win America's wars," the Army exists to organize, equip, and train forces "for the conduct of prompt and sustained combat operations on land."

The U.S. Army operates with an active component and two reserve components: the United States Army Reserve and the Army National Guard. There are just under 500,000 soldiers serving actively in the U.S. Army today and another 550,000 serving in the reserve components.

U.S. Navy

NORFOLK, Va. – After nearly 17 years, United States Navy warships will return to flying the Union Jack, replacing the First Navy Jack flown in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

A news release says Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson issued an order recently calling for the blue banner with 50 white stars to return June 4 to commemorate the World War II Battle of Midway.

The Navy's current maritime flag, the First Navy Jack, features red and white stripes with a rattlesnake and the words "Don't Tread On Me." As the commissioned ship with the longest total period in active status, the USS Blue Ridge will become the only warship authorized to fly the First Navy Jack. Richardson says the return to the Union Jack accompanies a "new era of competition."

U.S. Air Force

Russia warns US Air Force chief to 'remember Vietnam' after he touts F-35.

After Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Dave Goldfein praised the infiltration capabilities of the F-35 Lightning II last week, Russian officials felt the need to shoot back with a warning.

"'If a Russia ... ever was to see an F-35 inside its airspace,' we would love to send Chief of Staff of the [U.S. Air Force] Gen. David L. Goldfein [a] 'message with two words' — 'remember Vietnam'"

"'An F-35 will never be alone,'" the Russian Embassy in the U.S. tweeted Friday.

The U.S. Air Force flew roughly 5 million sorties over South Vietnam, North Vietnam, northern and southern Laos, and Cambodia, during which it lost 1,737 aircraft to hostilities, according to the Air Force History and Museums Program.

The Russian message was accompanied by a short video of surface-to-air missiles impacting airborne targets — which brought Twitter users to draw parallels between those images and the shoot-down of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17.

MH17, a passenger airliner, was brought down over eastern Ukraine in July 2014 while flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur. The Dutch Safety Board's investigation of the incident concluded that the aircraft was shot down by a Buk surface-to-air missile launched from territory controlled by pro-Russian rebels and supplied from the Russian Federation.

The Russian Embassy tweet was a response to comments Goldfein made at the Brookings

Institution Tuesday: "If a China or a Russia or another adversary on the globe ever were to see an F-35 inside their airspace ... I would love to send them all a message with two words: 'We're here.'"

"If they ever do see an F-35, which is highly unlikely, they will never be alone," Goldfein added. "It will be part of a penetrating joint team."

Goldfein made the comments after explaining the key role the F-35 is expected to play as a "quarterback of the joint team" that is able to call audibles on the battlefield, deciding what to do at the last second after seeing all possible options and complications.

The coordination role will be unlike any past aircraft, as the F-35 will be able to collect and fuse data without the pilot's guidance and at an unprecedented rate.

U.S. Marines

A Marine stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii is under investigation after allegedly tweeting racist and pro-Nazi messages that included a photo of a swastika formed by blocks of TNT.

Twitter users took to social media Sunday to report Mason Edward Mead to his command after a series of tweets posted under an account linked to his name espoused support for Nazis and included photos of Adolf Hitler.

The Marine Corps "is aware of derogatory online comments attributed to a Marine," the Okinawa-based III Marine Division Force said in a statement Tuesday. The Naval Criminal Investigative Service "is thoroughly

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A Hasson, 49, who worked at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C., was arrested on Feb. 15 on gun and drug charges.

Hasson's arrest made national headlines after prosecutors announced he had stockpiled weapons since 2017 while adding the names of Democratic congressional leaders and journalists to a list of targets.

The list, which Hasson created on Jan. 17, included Democratic Sens. Charles Schumer, Elizabeth Warren, Kirsten Gillibrand, Kamala Harris, and Cory Booker. The list also named Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Maxine Waters and Ilhan Omar among others.

The targeted journalists included Chris Hayes, Joe Scarborough and Ari Melber of MSNBC, along with Don Lemon and Van Jones of CNN. Hassan searched online for "best place in dc to see congress people," "civil war if trump impeached" and "where do most senators live in dc" on the same day he created his list of targets, court documents say.

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Takano opens probe into Mar-a-Lago influence at VA

House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Mark Takano(D-Calif.) today opened an investigation into the outsized role of three members of President Donald Trump's Florida country club in a digital health record contract and other VA business.

In a letter to VA Secretary Robert Wilkie, Takano requested extensive documents including all records of communication between the Mar-a-Lago members and their companies with current or former senior VA officials.

POLITICO broke the news last April that Marvel Entertainment Chairman Ike Perlmutter, physician Bruce Moskowitz and lawyer Marc Sherman were deeply involved in contract decisions that led to the \$10 billion contract with Cerner Corp. to implement a new EHR for the VA. ProPublica has provided additional details, including evidence that Moskowitz tried to benefit his son's foundation through the VA. In an interview with POLITICO in November, Takano indicated he felt no need to probe the Mar-a-Lago connection.

"I don't see a need to beat a dead horse," he said.

Since then, however, new documents have shown the powerful influence of the Mar-a-Lago members, including an email from Wilkie last April —when he served as acting secretary — in which he is quoted as saying he

was "honored" to meet them.

VA spokesperson Curt Cashour said the agency had been "transparent on its communications with these three individuals," had responded to multiple FOIA requests and even listed the documents here.

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Critic of Waste at Veterans Affairs Now Faces Questions About His Travel Costs

A top adviser at the Department of Veterans Affairs, who was an outspoken critic of wasteful practices there before he joined the department, has come under fire for billing the government for the cost of commuting between the department's headquarters in Washington and his home in California.

The adviser, Darin Selnick, who is spearheading a controversial plan to shift billions of dollars

from government-run veterans' hospitals to private health care providers, spent more than \$13,000 on his bicoastal commute in three months, including airfare, hotel stays and other outlays, according to expense reports published by the nonprofit news organization ProPublica.

Federal regulations generally do not allow reimbursement for travel between officials' homes and their regular duty stations.

On Wednesday, the chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Mark Takano, Democrat of California, sent a letter to the secretary of Veterans Affairs, Robert Wilkie, saying that the money appeared to have been spent improperly, and may have to be repaid.

"If Mr. Selnick was an adviser to the Office of the Secretary, his duty station should be Washington, D.C., in the same location as the Office of the Secretary," Mr. Takano wrote. He asked the secretary to clarify who had approved Mr. Selnick's travel.

Susan Carter, the department's director of media relations, said on Wednesday that the reimbursements were appropriate because the department considers Mr. Selnick's duty station to be in California, not Washington. "His travel costs are standard for federal employees who travel periodically to implement their responsibilities," she said.

Expense reports published by ProPublica suggest that Mr. Selnick has been spending about one-third of his time in Washing-

ton. Mr. Selnick did not respond to requests for comment on Wednesday.

Problematic travel expenses have dogged a number of Trump administration appointees. Similar questions over travel spending contributed to the ouster of the former secretary of Veterans Affairs, Dr. David Shulkin.

While Mr. Selnick's expenses were modest in comparison with several cabinet members' spending on first-class tickets and chartered flights, some veterans' groups said they found them galling in light of Mr. Selnick's past criticism of wasteful spending at the department, which he once called, "the V.A. rabbit hole."

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You Know the Lorena Bobbitt Story. But Not All of It.

"The department has serious performance and accountability issues, for which our veterans and their families are paying the price," Mr. Selnick said in a 2014 news release that is typical of dozens of statements he made before the 2016 election.

Before joining Veterans Affairs, Mr. Selnick was associated with an advocacy group called Concerned Veterans for America, financed largely by the billionaire conservative activists Charles G. and David H. Koch.

Mr. Selnick, a former Air Force captain who had worked for a chain of California weight-loss clinics, became a leading health care policy analyst for the group despite having little experience in the field. He and the group pushed proposals to shift away from providing veterans with care through the current system of public veterans' hospitals, and toward private providers and a payment system akin to private health insurance.

Concerned Veterans for America had been somewhat obscure before the 2016 election, and was generally dismissed by major veterans' associations like the American Legion. But after President Trump was elected, the group was given a leading advisory role, and Mr. Selnick was hired by Veterans Affairs and appointed to the White House Domestic Policy Council.

There he clashed with Mr. Trump's first Veterans Affairs secretary, Dr. Shulkin, and left the department. He later returned as a senior adviser to Dr. Shulkin's successor, Mr. Wilkie.

Staff members at the department, speaking on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly, said that Mr. Selnick took over planning for how to implement the V.A. Mission Act, a sweeping law passed in 2018 that veterans' groups say may reshape veterans' health care and perhaps the department as well. In January the department announced that it was greatly expanding the scope for veterans to receive publicly paid



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12 year old arrested
A 12-year-old boy was arrested for drawing dozens of swastikas and anti-Semitic messages on a school playground in New York City.
The boy was charged on Wednesday with aggravated harassment for the symbols and messages including "Hail Hitler" and "No Jews allowed," according to reports.
He was released by police to the custody of his mother and will appear in court at a later date. The boy's name was not released.
The chalk drawings at P.S. 139 in Rego Park, in the borough of Queens, were discovered by the custodian on Friday, according to reports. School was not in session, but the playground was open to the public.

care from private health providers.

The country's largest veterans groups have generally opposed Mr. Selnick's plans, saying that increased privatization of veterans' health care would be costly
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investigating this situation and .
and could undermine the existing veterans' hospital system.
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Jeremy Butler, a Navy veteran

who heads the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, said on Wednesday that at the very least, the travel reimbursements for Mr. Selnick raise questions about administrative competence at Veterans Affairs.

"Our members are deeply concerned in what we are seeing as a trend of waste and mismanagement at the department," he said. "Every dollar wasted on travel is a dollar that is not going to fund veteran suicide and veteran homelessness" prevention programs.

Correction: Feb. 20, 2019

An earlier version of this article misstated the circumstances in which Mr. Selnick left the Department of Veterans Affairs. He had clashed with Dr. Shulkin; he was

not fired by Dr. Shulkin or forced out at his request. The article also referred incorrectly to the timing of his return to the department; it occurred just before President Trump replaced Dr. Shulkin, not afterward.C

a national security concern. Acts such as going to school and wearing the hijab (veil) become acts of resistance for women. In fact, wearing a hijab becomes a way of not just declaring opposition to the \Occupation\, but clearly defining one's presence within a militarized and masculinized (sic) space. Women's bodies are thus true battlegrounds and sites of resistance as women employ not only the hijab, but traditional embroidery on clothing and the practice of religion as forces of resistance."

The wearing of the hijab, while gaining popularity during the Iranian revolution, was routine among Arab Moslems, and, as it happens, many women in the PA do not wear them. Embroidery is simply to make things pretty. But for Shaloub-Kevorkian everything is a statement of resistance against the Jews and "occupation".. For her, wearing the hijab is "resistance" against the Jews. So what is one to do when one's star is waning as an Arab academic who wants to bring down the Jewish state, particularly among foreigners outside of Israel? You make the newest most mendacious accusations to enrage the world against Jews and Israel and your fabricated "narratives" can then say anything you want, including claiming the accusations IDF soldiers facing down the March of Return in Gaza as the source of her "data." Lecturing at Columbia University recently she told attendees in New York City that she collected the data while carrying out an imaginary research project for the Hebrew University.

"Palestinian spaces are laboratories," she said in her speech. "The invention of products and services of state-sponsored security corporations are fueled by long-term curfews and Palestinian oppression by the Israeli army." Given her penchant for making up such "data" to get attention, one has to doubt the seriousness of her studies.

Of course creating such blood libels is great for a career as an anti-Israel academic and can get her invitations to bash Israel events all over the world. Kevorkian can even cast herself as part of the drama. In her talk

titled "Disturbing Spaces – Violent Technologies in Palestinian Jerusalem" at Columbia, where the learned professor added: "They check for which bombs to use, gas bombs or stink bombs. Whether to put plastic sacks or cloth sacks. To beat us with their rifles or to kick us with boots."

To be sure Kevorkian has never been kicked or beaten with rifles by the IDF, but it sure makes her a more exciting invitee to Palestine Solidarity rallies, something she hasn't been at in a while. She's a creative writer of fiction not a scholar or researcher. And she does no service to the women of the Middle East other than push their children to grow up to make endless war on the Jews.

Editors Note: In 1960 I was accepted to go to Hebrew University. Through no fault of my own, my boat, an Israeli vessel, blew its driveshaft and I was 2 weeks late in getting to Israel. Although my letter stated that I was accepted on a master program, when I arrived two American Professor interviewed me and want me to take a test in Paasitology.. Although I passed the coarse with a "B", I had no intentions of taking any test without studying. Needless to say I decided not to go to Hebrew University. After reading this article, I am glad that I did not go there. God only knows the quality of instructions if they hired this anti-semetic fictional book-writer to teach criminalology.

I came back to the United States, received training as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist. I subsequently entered the U.S. Army and served a NCO in charge of the chemistry lab for the U.S.Army Surgical Research

unit (the military Burn Center Unit). Before being Honorably Discharged from this unit, I received a written Letter of Commendation for my research work in that Unit. After being HD, I finished law school & practiced law.

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thoroughly investigating this situation and the command will address any misconduct at the appropriate judicial or administrative level."

U.S. Coast Guard

Coast Guard officer accused of plotting terrorist attack graduated from high school in Arizona

A U.S. Coast Guard lieutenant suspected of plotting to kill politicians and journalists as part of a terrorist attack appears to have Arizona ties. A report from The New York Times indicates Christopher Paul Hasson graduated from Greenway High School in Phoenix in 1987 before joining the Marine Corps the following year.

A representative from the Glendale Union High School District didn't immediately respond Sunday to a request for comment from The Arizona Republic.

Hasson, 49, who worked at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C., was arrested on Feb. 15 on gun and drug charges.

Hasson's arrest made national headlines after prosecutors announced he had stockpiled weapons since 2017 while adding the names of Democratic congressional leaders and journalists to a list of targets.

The list, which Hasson created on Jan. 17, included Democratic Sens. Charles Schumer, Elizabeth Warren, Kirsten Gillibrand, Kamala Harris, and Cory Booker. The list also named Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Maxine Waters and Ilhan Omar among others.



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