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By Howard Farkash

May. Springtime. For us who live in the desert, this is a great time. The desert is in bloom and temperatures are just right for dining out ---outside that is --- at many of the area's great restaurants. And for us at JWV Post 194, May will be our last meeting until the first Sunday in September. And the May meeting will be my first as post commander,

Thanks for electing me your president. Now, we all recognize this was not exactly the close, hard-fought election the Dems and Reps will treat us to next year!

None- the- less, I am happy to be serving with you to accomplish our multiple missions.... camaraderie and messaging the greater Phoenix area that Jews have served in the military just about forever and we continue to serve well past our separation from active duty.

We are a social/service organization. We need regular active participation at our (mostly) monthly meetings to accomplish our good service work. Membership — a list of dues paying members — is important and we thank you for being a member. But regular attendance at post meetings benefits both you and the post. Mark your calendars — First Sunday of each month (excepting June, July and August); 10AM; Az V.A.Home on 3rd street, between the VA hospital and Steel Indian Park. In the words of Bob Barker, "Come on Down!" Happy and healthy summer to everyone!

Memorial Day

Significance of Memorial Day 2019

Memorial Day 2019 formally known as Decoration Day, is a federal holiday observed yearly on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day 2019 is a day that commemorates all men and women who have died while serving in the military for the United States of America.

History of Memorial Day

The history of Memorial Day 2019 dates back to the American Civil War. It started as an event to honour soldiers who had died during the war. It is said to be inspired by the way people in the Southern states honoured the dead. The original national celebration of Decoration Day took place on 30 May 1868. There was over twenty four cities and towns across the United States that claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo (New York) was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966. In the late 19th century, the holiday (previously known as Decoration Day) became known as Memorial Day and was expanded to include the deceased veterans of all the wars fought by American forces. Originally, the holiday used to be celebrated on May 30, regardless of the day of the week that it fell on. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed and as a result the day changed.

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Traditions of Memorial Day

Traditionally Memorial Day is viewed as a time of honour and remembrance. Throughout the United States it is common to visit cemeteries, particularly military ones, and decorate graves of the deceased with flowers, small flags and wreathes. Other common traditions of Memorial Day 2019 that are still practiced today include the raising the U.S. flag quickly to the tops of flagpoles, slowly lowered to half-mast, and then it is raised again to full height at noon. The lowering of the flag at half-mast is meant to honour the fallen soldiers who have died for their country over the years. While re-raising the flag is meant to symbolize the resolve of the living to carry on the fight for freedom so that the nation's heroes will not have died in vain. On the United States Capitol Building's West Lawn, a Memorial Day concert is held annually and is broadcasted live around the country. Additionally, there are thousands of Memorial Day 2019 parades all across the country in cities

small and large. Many will wear or put on a display of red poppies on this day as a symbol of fallen soldiers. This tradition grew out of the famous poem by Canadian John McCrae known as 'In Flanders Fields', where Moina Michael conceived an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honour of those who died serving the nation during war.

Shavuot

What is Shavuot?

Shavuot, the feast of weeks, is celebrated seven weeks after the second Passover seder. Although Shavuot began as an ancient grain harvest festival, the holiday has been identified since biblical times with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

What are some customs and practices for Shavuot?

– To commemorate the giving of the Torah at Sinai there is a tradition of staying up all night studying Jewish texts in what is called a tikkun.

BIRTHDAYS



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– On Shavuot the Book of Ruth is read.

– Traditionally dairy foods are eaten on Shavuot.

– In order to mark the agricultural history of Shavuot, some decorate their house and synagogues with a floral theme.

Why dairy on Shavuot?

Although everyone agrees that the food of choice for is cheese, most typically blintzes, or a Sephardic equivalent such as bourekas, there are differences of opinion (some quite charming) as to why it is a custom.

Some derive the practice directly from scripture, saying we eat dairy to symbolize the "land flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus 3:8) promised to the Israelites, or that "milk and honey are under your tongue" (Song of Songs 4:11). These passages, along with "The precepts of the Lord are... sweeter than honey" (Psalm 19:9-11) also indicate we should eat honey, which is customary in some communities.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A Yiddish Court

In the heat of litigation, tempers often flare and lawyers sometimes have difficulty expressing their frustrations. When English fails, Yiddish may come to the rescue. So it happened that defense attorneys arguing in a recent summary judgment motion in federal court in Boston wrote, in a responsive pleading, "It is unfortunate that this Court must wade through the dreck of plaintiff's original and supplemental statement of undisputed facts."

The plaintiff's attorneys, not to be outdone, responded with a motion that could double as a primer on practical Yiddish for lawyers: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS MONICA SANTIAGO, Plaintiff, v. SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY, et al., Defendants.

***** Civ. No. 87-2799-T

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO STRIKE IMPERTINENT AND SCANDALOUS MATTER Plaintiff, by her attorneys, hereby moves this Court pursuant to Rule 12(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to strike as impertinent and scandalous the characterization of her factual submission as "dreck" on page 11 of Defendant's Rule 56.1 Supplemental Statement of Disputed Facts (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A). As grounds therefore, plaintiff states: 1. For almost four years now, plaintiff and her attorneys have been subjected to the constant kvetching by defendants' counsel, who have made a big tsimmes about the quantity and

quality of plaintiff's responses to discovery requests. This has been the source of much tsoris among plaintiff's counsel and a big megillah for the Court. 2. Now that plaintiff's counsel has, after much time and effort, provided defendants with a specific and comprehensive statement of plaintiff's claims and the factual basis thereof, defendants' counsel have the chutzpah to call it "dreck" and to urge the Court to ignore it. 3. Plaintiff moves that this language be stricken for several reasons. First, we think it is impertinent to refer to the work of a fellow member of the bar of this Court with the Yiddish term "dreck" as it would be to use "the sibilant four-letter English word for excrement." Rosten, The Joys of Yiddish (Simon & Schuster, New York, NY 1968) p.103. Second, defendants are in no position to deprecate plaintiff's counsel in view of the chozzerai which they have filed over the course of this litigation. Finally, since not all of plaintiff's lawyers are yeshiva bochurs, defendants should not have assumed that they would all be conversant in Yiddish.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that the Court put an end to the mishegos and strike "dreck."

New Chinese Dish

There is an old Chinese custom that whenever we get a new President, They have to create a name and a new dish for him. With pleasure they announce the new creation in honor of our future President Bush.

SUM DUM GOY.

Your Right

Max and Isaac come to the Rabbi's study to settle a dispute. The Rabbi's wife is also seated in the room.

Max explains his complaint to the Rabbi: the story is such and so, and he has to do this and he has to do that. He gives a fine account and argues his case clearly. The Rabbi declares, "You're right, Max." Next, Isaac presents his side. He speaks with such passion and persuasion that the Rabbi says to him, "You're right, Isaac." After they leave, the Rabbi's wife is distraught and says to her husband, "They have conflicting stories. How can you say that both of them are right? When one wins, the other must lose."

The Rabbi thinks long and hard and finally says to his wife, "You know, you're right."

Thank G-d

During the early part of the Hitler regime, prior to the infamous "final solution," German Jews taught their children to conform, outwardly, to Nazi customs, for the sake of survival.

One such Jew was teaching his young son how to conduct himself when eating in a restaurant where he might be observed by others. "When saying the blessing," he reminded the youngster, "the correct form of grace is 'Thank God and the Fuehrer.'"

"But suppose the Fuehrer dies?" queried the boy.

"In that case, my son," the father explained, "you just thank God."

April 24, 2019

Mohammed Shtayyeh accepts the position of prime minister of the Palestinian Authority and the duty to appoint a new government from leader Mahmoud Abbas Credit: JCPA news.

New Palestinian government beleaguered by 'corruption, nepotism and ineptitude'
Israel Kasnett JNS

Despite not having elections since 2006, Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas has appointed Mohammed Shtayyeh as the latest prime minister. Will he be able to solve the P.A.'s pressing political, diplomatic and economic troubles?

PA hypocrisy continues

Abbas condemns Sri Lanka bombings on Easter Sunday.
Nan Jacques Zilberdik Palestinian Media Watch

Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas's call to combat terrorism abroad stands in stark contrast to his repeated vows at home to continue his financial support for imprisoned terrorists, released terrorists, wounded terrorists and the families of dead terrorists.

Michael Amsalem, a new immigrant to Israel, visits Paris for a wedding in the 7th arrondissement of Paris. Credit: Orit Arfa. news

In the cafes of Paris, French Jews open up on anti-Semitism and their future in Europe
Orit Arfa JNS

Jewish media, Israeli politicians and community leaders paint a picture of a France where Jews feel unsafe and leaving in droves. Does a selection of Jewish residents think similarly?

Column-France breaks its silence on radical Islam Eldad Beck

With the trauma of the Notre Dame Cathedral fire still fresh, the French daily "Le Monde" has dared to break its silence on radical Islam and report that France has seen a dramatic increase in anti-Christian attacks in recent years.

U.S. Ambassador to Canada Kelly Kraft meets with U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

What will Trump's new UN pick bring to the pro-Israel community? Jackson Richman JNS

Nikki Haley may be a tough act to follow, but those who know Kelly Craft say she works hard, doesn't seek personal glory and has the president's back.

Palestinian Schools

Palestinian boys raise their hands at a school in Gaza supported by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in September 2011.

UNRWA schools continue teaching Palestinian children to wage war on Israel.
Shlomo Deutsch JNS

The newest editions of the textbooks do not mention "Israel"

even once; instead, the Jewish nation has been replaced with the "Zionist Occupation."

Rabbi Shmuel and Chaya Notik, and family. Credit: Facebook. brief

Rabbi and wife based in Kenya injured in group attack during Passover. JNS

Five men attacked and injured Rabbi Shmuel and Chaya Notik, stealing religious items, food, passports and computers.

The campus of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Credit: UMass Amherst. news UMass-sponsored event featuring anti-Israel speakers lacks 'range of perspectives' JNS

"These departments bill the event as a defense of free speech, and yet they plan to silence pro-Israel voices by not including them," says CAMERA's Hali Haber. "The event is really nothing more than ugly political theater pretending to be liberal and academic for reasons of public relations."

briefEighty organizations call on UMass to reverse sponsorship of anti-Israel 'political rally' "Providing the imprimatur of three academic departments to such a politically motivated and directed event violates the core academic mission of the university, suppresses student expression and impedes the free exchange of ideas so essential for any university," said a letter to UMass chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy.

Supreme Leader of Iran Ayatollah Ali Khamenei with President Hassan Rouhani. Credit: Wikimedia Commons.

Iran announces 'resistance' to s topping of US waivers on oil Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the regime is "able to export our oil to the extent that we need and when we decide."

India to abide by US sanctions on Iran after its waiver ends

Imports consist of more than 80 percent of New Delhi's oil demand. US to end sanctions waivers in May for those nations still importing Iranian oil Jackson Richman

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed the latest move by the Trump administration to increase economic pressure on the "Iranian terror regime."

Will Democrats revive the appeasement of Iran? Jonathan S. Tobin

Promises by 2020 candidates to reinstate the nuclear agreement just at the moment that pressure is starting to work requires Jewish Democrats to speak up.

Thousands of Palestinians attend a rally in Gaza City celebrating the 31st anniversary of Hamas on Dec. 16, 2018. Credit: Abed Rahim Khatib/Flash90. news

Regional power clash?

Egypt and Iran vie for influence

in the Gaza Strip. Yaakov Lappin-JNS

While Cairo is exerting its influence in Gaza to avoid a new conflict and mediate a period of calm, Iran sees Gaza as one more base to grow and control a proxy terrorist army.

Egyptian media responds to reports country has withdrawn from 'Arab NATO' initiative MEMRI

Egypt apparently questions the motives behind the initiative and fears it will exacerbate tensions with Iran; furthermore, it is concerned about the fate of the initiative if U.S. President Donald Trump is not re-elected in 2020.

U.S. Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah) at the Western Wall during a trip to Israel. Photo by Flash90.

Romney, visiting Israel, speaks with Netanyahu by phone during Passover Jackson RichmanJNS

U.S. Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah) and Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), met with other Israeli officials, including U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, to discuss current issues in the region.

U.S. Department of Treasury headquarters in Washington, D.C. Credit: Benoît Prieur/Wikimedia Commons.

US sanctions two men, three companies for ties to Hezbollah JNS

The United States announced that it has sanctioned two men and three companies for helping the terrorist group Hezbollah evade U.S. sanctions.

View of buildings used by Bristol University taken from the Cabot Tower on Brandon Hill. Credit: Adrian Pingstone/Wikimedia Commons.

British student told to 'be like Israel and cease to exist'

New student union leader Omar Chowdhury's comments during a debate on the Facebook group Bristruths included telling Izzy Posen: "Your comments are like Israeli settlements: always popping up where they aren't wanted."

A Swiss government building. Credit: The Federal Council of Switzerland.

Swiss government found to be spending millions on anti-Israel lawfare Ariel Kahanaisrael Hayom

Contracts signed by Switzerland, pro-Palestinian groups show Bern financing efforts to build cases against Israel at the International Criminal Court • Swiss Embassy in Tel Aviv: Activities not aimed at harming Israel but promoting respect for human rights, democracy, peaceful co-existence around the world.

Kamenei grants Hossein Salami his promotion in the presence of Iran's military and IRGC leadership. (Iran press)

New IRGC commander known for threats against US, Israel Michael Segall JCPA

Maj. Gen. Hossain Salami's appointment comes amid the U.S. designation of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a ter-

rorist organization and increasing economic pressure on the Islamic Republic.

Zaouit el Bir Dades Jewish Cemetery, Ouarzazate Province, Morocco. Credit: Joaoleitao/Wikimedia Commons.

Morocco's Jewish community to hold first democratic elections in five decades

JNS

King Mohammed VI instructed the Minister of the Interior to supervise elections for the positions, which have been unfulfilled since 1969, according to a statement from the Interior Ministry.

Jared Kushner, White House senior adviser and son-in-law of U.S. President Donald Trump, speaking at the 2019 TIME 100 Summit on April 23, 2019. Credit: Screenshot.

Kushner: Mideast peace plan to seek 'tough compromises' from Israelis, Palestinians

JNS

White House senior adviser Jared Kushner said the strategy focuses on "how do we make life for Palestinians better?" and "how do we make Israel safer?"

Report: Saudis already pressuring Abbas to accept Trump's Mideast plan

Shahar Klaiman Israel Hayom According to an Arab media report, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Egypt are putting heavy pressure on the Palestinian Authority leadership not to resist Trump's "deal of the century."

Palestinians 'definitely' going to reject Trump's Mideast peace plan

Ariel Ben Solomon Itamar Marcus of Palestinian Media Watch sees the conflict as continuing until the Palestinians change their culture of hate and education system, saying "until that happens, talk of land for peace is a recipe for more tragedy."

Who denied the Palestinians an independent state? Not Israel Jonathan S. Tobin

Why does "The New York Times" continue to deny historical truth in its latest lament about the plight of the Palestinians?

U.S. President Donald Trump holds up a signed declaration of U.S. recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights on March 25, 2019 at the White House. Credit: CNN Screenshot.

Netanyahu wants new area in Golan named after Trump

JNS

"After Passover, I intend to bring to the government a resolution calling for a new community on the Golan Heights named after President Donald J. Trump," said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Rep. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.). Credit: Seth Moulton Campaign.

Record at a glance: Rep. Seth Moulton, a former US Marine, follows Democrat stance on Mideast issues

Jackson Richman JNS

He has favored a two-state solution between Israelis and Palestinians, and co-sponsored a bill that would have mandated the U.S. government to certify that military funding to Israel not

be used for the "Israeli military's ongoing detention and mistreatment of Palestinian children."

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), who is running for the Democratic nomination for president in 2020, answers a question about Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during a CNN town hall on April 22, 2019. Credit: Screenshot.

Sanders: Netanyahu's governing coalition is 'right-wing, dare I say racist' JNS

"I am not anti-Israel. But the fact of the matter is [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu is a right-wing politician who I think is treating the Palestinian people extremely unfairly," said Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders during a town hall hosted by CNN.

Sanders slanders Israel ... again.

Israel Hayom

The term "racist," which the Vermont senator applied to Israel by an irresponsible flap of the tongue, will inevitably take root in the public consciousness. That's how propaganda works. Sanders knows that well.

Academic 'afikomen': Set adrift from family, campus-bound students create their own Passover

Deborah Fineblum JNS

Students at the University of Utah's Hillel celebrating a Passover seder. Credit: Courtesy.

A Passover seder in the heart of the former Warsaw Ghetto

Yossi Lempkowicz European Jewish Press

Rabbi Shalom Ber Stambler, chief rabbi of Chabad in Poland, will host some 100 Diaspora Jewish families of ghetto survivors to celebrate the Jewish festival of redemption.

Hot for the holiday: Passover gets more interesting every year

Faygie Holt

What's new in kosher-for-Passover baked goods, butters, wearables, kids' toys and more to relish over the course of eight days.

Spicing up your Passover playlist

Jacob Kamaras

Year after year—in fact, twice a year outside of Israel—we sing the songs of the Passover Haggadah. The same old, same old songs. But spicing up the seder singing doesn't need to be a hopeless cause.

Nineteen ways you know it's Passover in Israel

Judy Lash Balint JNS

Workers prepare matzah, traditional unleavened bread eaten during the eight-day Jewish holiday of Passover, at the Aviv matzah plant in Bnei Brak on April 14, 2019. DC provides tons of matzah, Passover kit and activities, holds seders worldwide

Some 25 tons of matzah is being distributed to vulnerable populations in the former Soviet Union; Passover aid is on its way to Jews in Egypt.

International Fellowship gives thousands of lone soldiers Passover coupons

The gift coupons, which are valid in the Shufersal supermarket chain, are aimed at giving the soldiers the opportunity to purchase food, clothing, footwear, sports apparel, electronics and other items.

A combat officer's Passover in the sands of Kuwait

Nicole Bauke Chabad.org/News “There aren't enough rabbis as chaplains in the military, so guys like me have to step up,” said U.S. Capt. Sanford Cohen. “This is the place—the army, the military—to do the most good ... not just for the Jews but the non-Jews.”

The Pharaoh who spoke too soon

Ben Cohen JNS

Pharaoh Merneptah.

Leaving Egypt to cross the (metaphorical) seas

Melanie Phillips

To choose freedom, you have to have the courage to take risks.

From Passover to the Holocaust: The ongoing Jewish story of redemption

Rabbi Simcha Weiser

The message Moses brought was twofold: You will be redeemed from slavery, and just as importantly, you will be given the strength to reconcile your inner being with every moment of trauma and abuse.

Are our Passover seders contributing to the problems dividing Jews?

Jonathan S. Tobin

You can find backing for both the social justice/universalist

idea of Judaism and a more traditional sectarian approach in the Haggadah. This year won't be any different.

feature

New Palestinian government beleaguered by 'corruption, nepotism and ineptitude'

Despite not having elections since 2006, Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas has appointed Mohammed Shtayyeh as the latest prime minister. Will he be able to solve the P.A.'s pressing political, diplomatic and economic troubles?

By Israel Kasnett

Mohammed Shtayyeh (left) accepts the position of prime minister of the Palestinian Authority and the duty to appoint a new government from leader Mahmoud Abbas (right). Credit: JCPA.

Mohammed Shtayyeh accepts the position of prime minister of the Palestinian Authority and the duty to appoint a new government from leader Mahmoud Abbas (right). Credit: JCPA.

(April 24, 2019 / JNS) In a meeting with U.S. Senator Ron Wyden in Ramallah on Tuesday, newly appointed Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh blamed the Trump administration for “punishing” and “blackmailing” the Palestinians. He emphasized its recent cutting of U.S. aid to the Palestinians, recognition of the Golan Heights as Israeli territory and the U.S. embassy move from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem last spring as reasons for Palestinian

fury. He may also have been referring to the much-anticipated Mideast peace plan expected to be revealed in June, after the month-long Muslim holiday of Ramadan.

The Palestinians have already made it clear that they will not accept it, sight unseen.

The narrow Palestinian cabinet, recently cobbled together by P.A. leader Mahmoud Abbas, appears ill-equipped to deal with the P.A.'s pressing political, diplomatic and economic troubles. There is major disunity among the Palestinians, Hamas and Fatah, which are nowhere near reconciliation, and the P.A. is losing money fast.

While Shtayyeh is a foreign-trained economist—and many in the international community have high hopes for him—he is also a “promoter of the BDS boycott-Israel movement, is in favor of ending security coordination with the Israel Defense Forces and seeks to end the Paris Protocols that refer to a joint economy with Israel,” said Pinhas Inbari at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.

However, Jonathan Schanzer, senior vice president for research at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, told JNS that “the appointment of Mohammed Shtayyeh is quite significant.”

He said that the previous prime minister, Rami Hamdallah, was “a very minor player” with “very little clout” within the ruling Fatah Party, and had “few respected skills.” By contrast, Shtayyeh, according to Schanzer, “has the respect of his party and is known as a serious economist.”

With an ever-widening intra-Palestinian rift, Schanzer said

this is an effort by Abbas “to consolidate power across the various arms of the Fatah Party and the PLO.” Set up as part of the 1993 Oslo Accords, the Palestinian Authority was originally slated to be the interim government of the Palestinians until a final resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was solidified. However, the P.A. has become beset by corruption, internal Palestinian disputes and increasing authoritarianism under Abbas. The P.A. last held elections in 2006, and has since been exclusively run by Abbas and his Fatah Party in the West Bank after several failures at reconciliation with the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip.

According to the Saudi-run Arab News site, Shtayyeh clarified that he would pursue an austerity program since the P.A.'s financial situation is critical and Abbas has appealed to Arab countries to provide him with a safety net. This comes after Israel decided to withhold \$138 million in monthly tax revenues that it collects on behalf of the P.A.

In response to Abbas's appeal, at an Arab League meeting in Cairo on Sunday, Arab foreign ministers committed to paying \$100 million per month to the floundering P.A. They also rejected any peace plan that does not follow the Arab Peace Initiative and other international demands.

‘No different from its predecessors’

Schanzer said the new government is part of Abbas's efforts to prepare for the Trump administration's upcoming Mideast

peace plan, commonly referred to as the “deal of the century.”

So, are the Palestinians trying to repair the damage in relations they caused when they cut off ties with the U.S. administration in December 2017?

“The Palestinians expect to see a bad deal,” said Schanzer. “And they expect to be punished for rejecting it. Abbas is preparing accordingly.”

This, noted Schanzer, could explain why Shtayyeh said in his remarks that “we must separate the Palestinian-American relations from the peace process or the political process that is going on.”

Perhaps Shtayyeh was attempting to step back from the original Palestinian hardline position that saw no relations between the P.A. and the United States when he said, “The stalemate of the peace process must not be met with punishment or blackmail from the American administration of the Palestinian people. We want it to be an honest peace-broker.”

Efraim Inbar, president of the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, appeared determined to set the record straight and remove any misplaced hope. He told JNS that the new Palestinian government “is no different from its predecessors. They all are beleaguered by corruption, nepotism and ineptitude. A Herculean effort would be needed to overcome the political culture bequeathed by [former Palestinian Authority chairman] Yasser Arafat.”

He added, in a resigned sort of way, that the P.A. “continues to subscribe to maximalist unre-

alistic positions that ensure the continuation of conflict between the two national movements.”

Pro-Israel group demands Tlaib’s ouster over links to ‘terrorists and anti-Semites’

The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) released a statement on Thursday urging Congress to immediately remove freshman legislator Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D–MI) from key committees. The statement also called on Democratic leadership to throw her out of the party, which has increasingly come under scrutiny from pro-Israel groups like the ZOA for its statements and positions on the Jewish state and its approach to anti-Semitism.

According to the ZOA statement, “Tlaib’s anti-Israel record was already well-known before she was elected in last year’s midterm elections. She calls Israel a ‘racist country’ on the basis of the lie that Israel discriminates against those ‘darker skinned,’ supports the destruction of Israel in favor of an Arab-dominated state (‘It has to be one state’), ‘absolutely’ backs withholding U.S. aid from Israel, and openly supports the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, which is committed to international ostracism and weakening of Israel with a view to its eventual elimination.”

The statement focused on “newly revealed evidence of [Tlaib’s] pernicious associates, produced by the Israel Advocacy Network (IAN),” referring to a video posted to YouTube presenting social media activity in

which Tlaib “personally and publicly singled out for praise” several “close associates” who assisted her in “win[ning] office.”

The statement noted that the IAN video presented evidence that some of the people Tlaib thanked are “close associates of Palestinian terrorists with Jewish blood on their hands,” noting, “In all, 18 individuals she praised . . . are rabid haters of Israel and proud supporters of blood-soaked Palestinian terrorists. Several of them have posted the most blatantly anti-Semitic material.”

Among the associates identified are Rasmia Odeh, with whom Tlaib appears in a photo, described in the statement as “a Palestinian terrorist responsible for the murder of two Israeli university students in a 1969 Jerusalem supermarket terrorist bombing for which she served 10 years in an Israeli prison.”

The statement also notes that “Tlaib posted approvingly an image” of Mohammed Ali, a “terrorist who stabbed three Israeli soldiers in Jerusalem in an incident that was captured on a video,” and Mwafaq Jbara, “a Fatah member . . . living in America who has posted the most extreme material and who has been in contact with the highest level terrorist prisoners, including Hamas co-founder Abdel Aziz Rantisi.”

The statement notes that “Jbara has posted blatantly anti-Semitic material, including cartoons showing Israel to be controlled by such diverse characters as the Rothschild banking family and Britain’s Queen Elizabeth (bizarrely depicted as being

a Jew), [and] Jews depicted as rats.”

Jbara has also praised on social media Imad Mugniyah, a Hezbollah terrorist “responsible for the murder of 242 U.S. servicemen in a 1982 suicide bombing in Lebanon against U.S. forces stationed there on a UN-sanctioned peace-keeping mission; Hamas bomb-maker Yehiya Ayyash, responsible for the death of 75 Israelis in several suicide bombings — with Jbara saying approvingly of him in one post that, ‘when you see the roof an [Israeli] bus flying, you will know it is Ayyash.’”

Jbara also posted a message claiming “Hitler will be a dove in comparison” to Palestinian terrorists.

Tlaib posted a photo of herself posing with Jbara.

Border Patrol announces bonuses to keep agents on the job

OAN Newsroom
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The Trump administration is giving Border Patrol employees a pay raise as part of an incentive plan to keep agents on the job.

On Wednesday, the department announced agents will receive a five-percent bonus if they stay with the agency for another year.

The retention bonus comes as Border Patrol faces an increase in retirements and a shortage of new agents. It also comes amid a surge in illegal immigrants in the last 12-years.



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Mold and vermin: Military housing problems in the spotlight — again

The Pentagon is scrambling to assess conditions at military housing nationwide, but complaints about mold, vermin and other troubles aren't new to military families in Hampton Roads.

Concerns in the region have been documented for years. The Navy enacted reforms after mold incidents across the region several years ago. Separately, mold problems in Navy housing have triggered lawsuits.

Now the Defense Department has mounted a full-court press at bases around the country. An investigative series by Reuters documented squalid conditions and a non-partisan survey caught the attention of Congress.

Last month, a marathon Senate hearing featured military spouses who described black mold, termites falling from light fixtures and housing providers that failed to respond.

Crystal Cornwall, a Marine spouse, broke down in tears as she told of problems at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. "I wouldn't recommend my own children join the service and my husband's been a Marine for 12 years," she said.

Housing companies and military leaders told senators they would do a better job.

"I want to apologize for the horrible experiences that you have experienced in your families and in your homes," said Phyllis L. Bayer, an assistant Navy secretary. "We're responsible and

we're going to fix it."

Five housing providers testified, including Lincoln Military Housing. The company manages 4,400 units for the Navy in this region, including many clustered in areas around Naval Station Norfolk, Naval Station Oceana and Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek.

Jarl Bliss, Lincoln president and chief executive officer, told senators he wants to regain the trust of military families. The Lincoln communities in the region recently held town hall-style meetings at which residents could air their concerns. The meetings were closed to the public.

Bliss later said through a spokesman that the company is working on several reforms.



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