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The Progressive Assault on Israel



I know that the foregoing is quite lengthy, but it is perhaps one of the most cogent and insightful essays on the topic of anti-Semitism/anti-Zionism to come along in a long time.

I hope that you will read Bret Stephens' op-ed at least once, even if it takes you more than one sitting. And then **please bring your copy of this Messenger to Shul** (or print it out if you receive it via email) **for discussion on Shabbat morning, March 9 and 16**, when we will “unpack it” together. *It's that important.*

The Progressive Assault on Israel

A movement that can detect a racist dog-whistle from miles away is strangely deaf when it comes to some of the barking on its own side of the fence.

Bret Stephens The New York Times
Feb. 8, 2019

It happened again last month in Detroit. Pro-Palestinian demonstrators seized the stage of the National L.G.B.T.Q. Task Force's marquee conference, “Creating Change” and demanded a boycott of Israel. “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” they chanted — the tediously malign, thinly veiled call to end Israel as a Jewish state.

They were met with sustained applause by the audience at what is the largest annual conference of L.G.B.T.Q. activists in the United States. Conference organizers did nothing to stop the disruption or disavow the demonstrators.

For Tyler Gregory, neither the behavior of the protesters nor the passivity of the organizers came as a surprise. Gregory is executive director of A Wider Bridge, a North American L.G.B.T.Q. organization that works to support Israel and its gay community. In 2016, his group hosted a reception at the Task Force's conference in Chicago. The event was mobbed by some 200 aggressive demonstrators, and Gregory and his audience had to barricade themselves in their room while those left outside were harassed.

“Whether you believe in the concept of intersectionality is beside the point,” Gregory told me recently, referring to the idea that the oppression of one group is the

oppression of all others. “If this is your value system, you are not following it. As Jews we were denied our safe space. We were denied our place in a movement that fights bigotry.”

Scenes of the kind that played out at the L.G.B.T.Q. conferences — not to mention college campuses across the United States — are familiar to anyone involved in the politics of the American Jewish community. They have burst into wider consciousness in recent months, thanks to revelations that Jewish organizers of the 2017 Women's March were deliberately sidelined, excluded and attacked by some of its founders, at least one of whom, activist Tamika Mallory, is an unapologetic admirer of Louis Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam's unapologetically anti-Semitic leader. Mallory's admiration for Louis Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam leader, led many high-profile sponsors of the march to withdraw support this year.

They have also burst into Congress, largely as a result of the election of Democratic Representatives Rashida Tlaib of Michigan and Ilhan Omar of Minnesota. Both women support boycotts of Israel. Both have also written tweets with distinctly anti-Semitic undertones. Far from being reproached or condemned by their party**, as Iowa's Steve King was by Republicans, they have become Democratic rock stars. (Omar, to her credit, recanted her tweet; Tlaib did not.)

Progressives — including presidential hopefuls Cory Booker, Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren — also united behind Vermont's Bernie Sanders in a failed bid to block a Senate bill, passed on Tuesday, that includes an anti-B.D.S. measure prohibiting federal contracts with businesses that boycott Israel, ostensibly on free-speech grounds. One wonders how these same Democrats feel about, say, championing First Amendment protections for bakers who refuse to make cakes for gay couples.

All of this is profoundly unsettling to a Jewish community that has generally seen the Democratic Party as its political home. That's not because American Jews are unfamiliar with the radical left's militant hostility toward the Jewish state. That's been true for decades. Nor is it because American Jews are suddenly tilting right: Some 76 percent voted for Democrats in the midterms.

What's unsettling is that the far-left's hostility is now

being mainstreamed by the not-so-far left. Anti-Zionism — that is, rejection not just of this or that Israeli policy, but also of the idea of a Jewish state itself — is becoming a respectable position among people who would never support the elimination of any other country in any other circumstance. And it is churning up a new wave of nakedly anti-Jewish bigotry in its wake, as when three women holding rainbow flags embossed with a Star of David at the 2017 Chicago Dyke March were ejected on grounds that the star was “a trigger.”

How did this happen?

The progressive answer is straightforward: Israel and its supporters, they say, did this to themselves. More than a half-century of occupation of Palestinian territories is a massive injustice that fair-minded people can no longer ignore, especially given America’s financial support for Israel. Continued settlement expansion in the West Bank proves Israel has no interest in making peace on equitable terms. And endless occupation makes Israel’s vaunted democracy less about Jewish self-determination than it is about ethnic subjugation.

There’s more to the indictment, but that’s the nub of it. It would be damning if it were true, or even half-true. It’s not.

A few facts ought at least to stir the thinking of those who subscribe to the progressive narrative. Israel’s enemies were committed to its destruction long before it occupied a single inch of Gaza or the West Bank. In proportion to its size, Israel has voluntarily relinquished more territory taken in war than any state in the world. Israeli prime ministers offered a Palestinian state in 2000 and 2008; they were refused both times. The government of Ariel Sharon removed every Israeli settlement and soldier from the Gaza Strip in 2005. The result of Israel’s withdrawal allowed Hamas to seize power two years later and spark three wars, causing ordinary Israelis to think twice about the wisdom of duplicating the experience in the West Bank. Nearly 1,300 Israeli civilians have been killed in Palestinian terrorist attacks in this century: That’s the proportional equivalent of about 16, September 11’s in the United States.

Also: If the Jewish state is really so villainous, why doesn’t it behave more like Syria’s Bashar al-Assad or Russia’s Vladimir Putin — both of whom, curiously, continue to have prominent sympathizers and apologists on the anti-Israel left?

None of this is to embrace the “Likud narrative” of the conflict, or support the policies of Benjamin Netanyahu, or reject the idea of Palestinian statehood, or suggest that Israel is above criticism and reproach. For the record, I support a two-state solution, just as I supported Israel’s withdrawal from the Gaza Strip when I was the editor of *The Jerusalem Post*.

What it is to say is that the Israel-Palestinian conflict is far more complicated than the black-and-white picture drawn by Israel’s progressive critics. But the deeper flaw in progressive thinking on Israel — the flaw that has resulted in this efflorescence of bigotry — isn’t that it rests on a faulty factual foundation. It’s that its core intellectual assumptions are wrong and rotten.

The first assumption is that Israel’s choices toward the Palestinians aren’t agonizingly hard (as they are for some of the reasons mentioned above), but actually are quite easy — just a matter of stopping settlement construction, reaching a reasonable settlement with the Palestinians, making peace, and living relatively happily ever after. But this is a caricature, and it’s one that quickly descends to calumny: That is, the idea that Israel’s failure to make the “right” choice is proof of its boundless greed for Palestinian land and wicked indifference to their plight.

Next is the belief that anti-Zionism is a legitimate political position, and not another form of prejudice. It is one thing to argue, in the moot court of historical what-ifs, that Israel should not have come into being, at least not where it is now. It is also fair to say that there is much to dislike about Israel’s current leadership, just as there’s much not to like about America’s. But nobody claims the election of Donald Trump makes America an illegitimate state.

Israel is now the home of nearly nine million citizens, with an identity that is as distinctively and proudly Israeli as the Dutch are Dutch or the Danes Danish. Anti-Zionism proposes nothing less than the elimination of that identity and the political dispossession of those who cherish it, with no real thought of what would likely happen to the dispossessed. Do progressives expect the rights of Jews to be protected should Hamas someday assume the leadership of a reconstituted “Palestine”?

Then there’s the astounding view that anti-Zionism bears only a tangential relationship to anti-Semitism. Hatred of Jews is a shape-shifting phenomenon that historically has melded with the prejudices of the time in order to gain greater political currency. Jews have

been hated for reasons of religion, race, lack of national attachments, and now an excess of national attachment. The arguments for hating Jews vary; the target of the hatred tragically remains the same.

Of course it's theoretically possible to distinguish anti-Zionism from anti-Semitism, just as it's theoretically possible to distinguish segregationism from racism. But the striking feature of anti-Zionist rhetoric is how broadly it overlaps with traditionally anti-Semitic tropes.

To say, as progressives sometimes do, that Jews are "colonizers" in Israel is anti-Semitic because it advances the lie that there is no ancestral or historic Jewish tie to the land. To claim that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza, when manifestly it is not, is anti-Semitic because it's an attempt to Nazify the Jewish state. To insist that the only state in the world that has forfeited the moral right to exist just happens to be the Jewish state is anti-Semitic, too: Are Israel's purported crimes really worse than those of, say, Zimbabwe or China, whose rights to exist are never called into question?

But the most toxic assumption is that Jews, whether in Israel or the U.S., can never really be thought of as victims or even as a minority because they are white, wealthy, powerful and "privileged." This relies on a simplistic concept of power that collapses on a moment's inspection.

Jews in Germany were economically and even politically powerful in the 1920s. And then they were in Buchenwald. Israel appears powerful vis-à-vis the Palestinians, but considerably less so in the context of a broader Middle East saturated with genocidal anti-Semitism. American Jews are comparatively wealthy. But wealth without political power, as Hannah Arendt understood, is a recipe for hatred. The Jews of the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh are almost surely "privileged" according to various socio-economic measures. But privilege didn't save the congregants of the Tree of Life synagogue last year. Nor can the racial politics of the United States or any other country be projected onto the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as some have desperately sought to do. Nearly half of all Jewish Israelis have Middle Eastern roots; some, in fact, are black. Martin Luther King Jr. preached nonviolent resistance; Yasir Arafat practiced terrorism. The civil rights movement was about getting America to live up its founding ideals; anti-Zionism is about destroying Israel's founding ideals.

As for the oft-cited apartheid analogy, black South

Africans did not have a place in the old regime's Parliament, as Israeli Arabs have in the Knesset; nor were they admitted to white universities, as Israeli Arabs are to Israeli universities. Israel can do more to advance the rights of its Arab citizens (just as the United States, France, Britain and other countries can for their own minorities). And Israel can also do more to ease the lives of Palestinians who are not citizens. But the comparison of Israel to apartheid South Africa is unfair to the former and an insult to the victims of the latter.

None of this should be hard for most progressives to understand. Indeed, progressives have no trouble spotting anti-Semitism when it emanates from the political right — the effigies of George Soros, the attacks on "globalists" with names like Blankfein and Yellen, the social media memes borrowed from neo-Nazis. Yet it seems that a movement that can detect a racist dog-whistle from miles away is strangely deaf when it comes to some of the barking on its own side of the fence. And even when it does hear it, it doesn't have the sense to banish it.

This is dangerous, and not just to Israeli and American Jews. In Britain, the Labour Party is now led by a militant anti-Zionist whose deep-seated anti-Semitism occasionally slips out. And yet Jeremy Corbyn remains in firm control of his party, is reshaping it in his image and may yet become Britain's next prime minister.

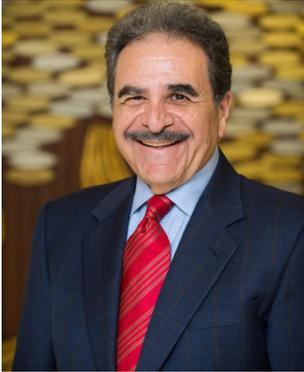
The prospect of Corbynism coming to America may still seem remote. But that can't be counted on in an era of sharp and rapid polarization. When New York Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez tweeted recently about the "honor" of her "lovely and wide-reaching conversation" with Corbyn, it was a sign either of indifference or purposeful alliance that ought to profoundly alarm every sensible Democrat worried about the ideological direction and moral health of the party. Now is the time for party leaders to make sure that doesn't happen by insisting that anti-Zionism has no more a place in the Democratic fold than any form of prejudice.

American democracy is already in jeopardy for having one party that has surrendered to the politics of ethnic bigotry disguised as social concern. To have two such parties would be fatal.

*** This op-ed was written the week before the House Democratic leadership demanded that Rep. Omar apologize for a subsequent tweet about Jews, money and AIPAC.*



JEWISH JOY ON PURIM



The celebration of **Purim** begins this year on the evening of **March 20th** and continues through the next day. It commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people from annihilation in ancient Persia. The holiday's traditions are

joyous and include reading the **Megillah**, also know to all of us as **Megillat Esther, the Scroll of Esther**.

It's not surprising that Jews from medieval times to the present, have celebrated this holiday with plays, costumes and of course music. For example, when secular culture began to develop in Eastern Europe, "**Yeshiva Bocher**" and **Purim Shpiel** alumnus **Avraham Goldfaden** author of such widely recognized Yiddish songs as **Rozinkes Mit Mandlen, Raisins and Almonds**, went on to invent the Yiddish theater at a winter garden in Romania, in the late 1880's.

As always, I meet with the children of our Hebrew school prior to Purim and rehearse the songs that we all identify with this holiday. It's important that children of all ages be familiar with the songs for Purim, that have become known over the years. Those of us who attend our Purim service know that **Rabbi Stern** acts out the part of the heroes and villains in the Purim story during the Megillah reading engagingly. In between certain chapters we, as a congregation, get to sing the familiar songs that we grew up with.

It takes Purim to give us hope that good will ultimately prevail- if people are willing to take responsibility to speak up and step up. Haman's plot to kill the Jew's did not work. While God's presence in the story is certainly evident, **God's name is never mentioned in the Megillah**. People are empowered to act; they don't wait for a miracle from God to save the day. **Haman's evil plot to destroy the Jews was foiled by Mordechai, Esther's uncle**, who had earlier saved the king's life when he overheard a plot by two of the palace guards. Having the



courage to act in the face of adversity led to Mordechai being elevated in Haman's place.

Here in our Synagogue, let us not forget to thank **our wonderful Sisterhood**, who as part of their Purim project,

rewards us all with **Mishlo'ach Manot**, Purim goodies during the holiday period.

Together, we can live out one of the key verses in in the Megillah, words that should sound familiar from the Saturday night Havdalah service.— **Layehudim Hay'tah Orah v'Simcha V'sasson V'ykar...To the Jews of the Jewish community on that day, there was light and joy, happiness and pleasure.**

We conclude Saturday night with Havdalah and as we begin a new week— "**Kein Tihyeh Lanu,**" **so may it be for us!**

See you in Shul!

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Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 5th - 1:00 pm

Sisterhood Book Club

Tuesday, March 19th - 1:00pm

"The Last Watchman of Old Cairo"
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Joey Guigliano . . . March 23, 2019

Joey Guigliano, son of Faith Dash & Tom Guigliano, and brother to Michael and Anthony Guigliano will become a Bar Mitzvah on March 23, 2019. He is the grandson of Selma & Barry Dash of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Joey is a 7th grade student at the Upper School in Englewood Cliffs, NJ. He plays the alto sax in the school band. He is a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He enjoys playing soccer in school and using technology and video games and competing in online competitions.

His Torah portion is Parshat Tzav which is about how the Kohanim – the priests, who were descendants of Moses' brother Aaron, performed sacrifices. Joey has expressed that being Jewish makes him feel as if he belongs to a larger group of people doing similar celebrations and observances all over the world. He likes to be able to celebrate holidays and keep traditions as a family. His goals for the future are to learn more about technology and hopefully have a career in the same field. Joey would like to thank his teachers, Rabbi Stern, Cantor Zim, his grandparents, his mom, his dad and Michael for all of their support, help, and guidance in helping him prepare for his bar mitzvah.

Livia Kraut . . . March 30, 2019



Livia Kraut, daughter of Eve Kohut and Dan Kraut, and sister to Leonard, will become a Bat Mitzvah on March 30, 2019. She is the granddaughter of Anita Kraut and the late Leonard Kraut of Ocean NJ, and the late Edward and Lynette Kohut of New Milford, NJ. Livia is a 7th grade student at Lewis F. Cole Middle School in Fort Lee. In School #1 she was the SADD president, a peer mediator in the gifted and talented program and played the viola in the orchestra. At graduation she received the Presidential Award for High Honor Roll, a math Olympiad Award and the Citizenship Award. Outside school she plays on the Fort Lee travel soccer team and plays Fort Lee recreation basketball and softball. She was also on the School #1 championship DARE basketball team.

Her Torah portion is Parshat Shemini on Shabbat Parah, meaning cow. A red cow without a blemish is slaughtered and its ashes are used to purify those who came in contact with the dead. Livia is proud to be Jewish. She enjoys celebrating Shabbat and other holidays. Her goals for the future are to attend college, visit Israel and to write a book. As part of her Bat Mitzvah project Livia is also organizing a team for the ALS walk to raise money to help people and find a cure.

Livia would like to thank Rabbi Stern and Cantor Zim for guiding her always, Morah Zeevah Sklar, Morah Myra London and Morah Brooke London for preparing her for her Bat Mitzvah and beyond, and Amichai Margolis without whom she couldn't have come this far. She would like to thank Leonard her brother, for always having her back and her mom and dad who love her and without whom she wouldn't be here.

ADAR I OR ADAR II?

People often comment about how the Jewish holidays are on different days every year. It is quite the contrary. The Hebrew calendar is an orderly cycle that allows us to track the Jewish year. The calendar doesn't just tell us the current dates. The Hebrew calendar connects past to future and back again.

Unlike other calendars used today, the Jewish calendar goes according to the moon. Once a month at Rosh Chodesh, the New Moon, we start counting the days in the month. In ancient times, the decision about when to begin the new month used to be based upon the testimony of two reliable witnesses stating that they had seen the new moon in the sky. The rabbis would light fires on mountains informing the people of the new moon. It is said that after a while, the Sadducees began to light fake fires on mountains to confuse people and stop the information flowing from city to city. At that time, the fixed calendar that we still use today was created.

One challenge that occurs when following a lunar calendar, is that the months fall out of sync with the solar cycle, what many calendars are based upon. Since there is about an eleven-day difference between the eleven lunar months and the solar year, the lunar months will travel through the year and may appear at different seasons. The Torah states that we are to

observe Pesach in "chodesh ha'aviv" the springtime, which is the season the Jewish people left Egypt. In order to keep Pesach in that season, every two to three years an extra month is added to the calendar, Adar. By doing this, the months align themselves perfectly into the correct seasons, and the Jewish holidays as well.

A question that needed an answer was to determine which month to put Purim in, the first Adar or the second one? Since we know Purim falls thirty days before Pesach, it is celebrated during the second Adar month. During the first Adar, we have what is called Purim Katan, (little Purim), and that falls on the same date Purim would have fallen on had it not been a leap year. We do not celebrate Purim Katan like we celebrate Purim, however the Shulchan Aruch recommends a feeling of festivity on that day and quotes Proverbs (15:15): "One who is of good heart is festive always".

As the winter begins to fade away and we look towards the Jewish calendar and Passover casts its giant shadow, we have time to get ready for some fun. Purim 2019 will begin in the evening of Wednesday, March 20th. Even though by the time you're reading this we may have missed the leap year observance of Purim Katan, take the time to remember how much fun it can be to dress up, go to a party and make some noise with the whole family.

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*Harry & Miriam Richman would like to give heartfelt thanks
 to the congregation for their thoughtfulness and generosity in
 providing meals during Harry's infirmity.*

*An extra special thanks to Regina Friedman for doing the legwork.
 The many calls of refuah shelaymah (speedy recovery) have
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 the congregation soon in tefilah and to be able to show
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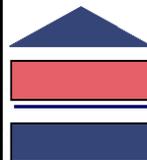
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