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Hall of Champions

They're fearless even when threatened by powerful male leaders of their own faith. A group of resolute Muslim American women aren't waiting around for someone else to bridge the gaping religious and ethnic divisions that Hamas' Oct. 7 terrorist attacks and the ensuing Israel-Hamas war laid bare in the United States and around the world.

The group, American Muslim and Multi-Faith Women's Empowerment Council, or AMMWEC, has been tackling the issue head-on since the first days after Hamas terrorists crossed into Israel, torturing and slaughtering more than 1,200 Israelis, including women, children, and the elderly.

While many Americans were shocked at the outpouring of antisemitism on college campuses, a courageous group of Muslim American women are vigorously trying to change the narrative.

Several AMMWEC members have spent the last several months condemning Hamas for its atrocities and speaking out against rising antisemitism. The group also has decried the global reticence to address the unthinkable sexual violence Hamas perpetrated against Israeli women. It took the United Nations Women until the end of November to explicitly condemn the rapes and brutal assaults against Israeli women and girls.

"We have to bring back humanity," Anila Ali, a Pakistani American president of AMMWEC, told RealClearPolitics in an interview last week. "You're not white, and I'm not brown. We're women. But at the same time, there's no sugarcoating Hamas anymore. On the Palestinian cause, if you want to stay safe, you're going to have to say, 'Hamas get out."

Just five days after the Oct. 7 attacks, the women organized a multi-faith peace vigil outside the White House to show solidarity with the victims of the atrocities in Israel. In November, Ali addressed a pro-Israel rally in D.C., declaring herself a "friend of the Jewish people" and condemning the Hamas attacks as a violation of Islam. She ended her remarks with the words, "Am Yisrael Chai," an affirmation of the continuity of the Jewish people, which translates to "The Nation of Israel Lives"

Afterward, she received death threats from California, where she previously lived, as well as from her native Pakistan. In early December, Ali and a delegation of Muslim women leaders traveled to Israel, braving Hamas rocket attacks amid a collapsing ceasefire to visit the damaged homes and meet with survivors in several of the country's southern cities.

"The Muslim world was [mostly] silent about what happened on Oct. 7," Bangladeshi-born Farhana Kohrshed, 51, who moved to Boston as a teenager, told an interfaith group of Muslims, Jews, Sikhs, and Yitzhak Danino, the mayor of Negev City, during the visit. "We are here to denounce what Hamas has done to you."

Organized by the Combat Antisemitism Movement, the group had already visited the now-abandoned city of Sderot, which is less than a mile from the Gaza Strip. They also traveled to Ofakim, which lost 52 residents on Oct. 7, visiting the bullet-scarred home of survivors whose loved ones were gunned down in the attack.

Hearing about the horrific brutality was heartbreaking. But it was also enlightening to hear how Israelis near the border view their Palestinian neighbors even after the attacks, members of the delegation recalled. A woman they met had lost two sons, one who was shot immediately in the attacks, the other who died a month later as a hostage in Hamas captivity.

When a Jewish leader was blaming the Palestinians for the attacks, the Israeli woman quickly interjected, blaming Hamas, not the Palestinians, recalled Sorava M. Deen, a 60-vear-old lawver and interfaith activist who founded Muslim Women Speakers and is an AMMWEC member.

"She's so intelligent, so kind," said Deen, who immigrated to the U.S. from Sri Lanka as a young adult. "There was no hatred for the Palestinians despite her loss."

Last week in Washington, D.C., several women leaders of AMMWEC were once again standing up for the Jewish victims of the Hamas attacks.

The women were making their voices heard at the International Religious Freedom Summit, a bipartisan gathering of thousands of coalition leaders, nonprofits, and human rights advocates supporting the right of all people worldwide to worship in the faith of their choice or not to worship at all.

Afterward, several AMMWEC members also attended the National Prayer Breakfast, where President Biden called on all Americans to "stand against hate."

"The challenges of our times remind us of our responsibilities as a nation," Biden said. "To help each other [achieve] a just and lasting peace here and abroad. That's why we're fighting the rise of antisemitism and Islamophobia here in the United States."

After the president's speech, AMMWEC members fanned out on Capitol Hill, meeting with several members of Congress and staff, including aides in House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries' office, and thanking them for listening to their calls to replace the outpouring of anger and hate with interfaith solidarity.

"AMMWEC envisions a world where Muslims fight # antisemitism, & Jews fight #Islamophobia, and together we fight hate just as our @POTUS stated in his speech at the National Prayer Breakfast," the group stated in a post on X.

The Muslim American group also stopped by the office of Rep. Rashida Tlaib, a Michigan Democrat and one of the most vocal critics of Israel's treatment of Palestinians. Tlaib and Rep. Cori Bush, a Missouri Democrat, were the only two members to vote against a bill barring participants in the Oct. 7 attack on Israel from entering the United States. Rep. Delia Ramirez, an Illinois Democrat, voted present, while 422 lawmakers voted in favor.

During the impromptu meetings, the groups called on Tlaib and her colleagues to condemn Hamas for the "rape, murder, torture, assault and all mutilations" Israeli women suffered and to engage in "robust political leadership to reject antisemitism." The group pressed Tlaib to promote national unity and speak out against hate speech on college campuses while urging peace-loving Palestinians "to build a leadership that eschews violence and end the calls for the destruction of Israel."

The fight is not new for many of these courageous Muslim women. In the days after the 9/11 attacks, Ali and several other like-minded Muslim women

decided that, as mothers, they were in a unique position to serve as the first line of defense against extremism and to counter anti-Muslim sentiment around the country.

Ali, 56, was born in Pakistan and educated in London while her father served in the Pakistani embassy there. She later returned to Karachi for further study, then married and moved to Saudi Arabia before relocating to the United States in 1996.

"What we're doing today is something we believe in. This country is a great country," she said. "It's given us this opportunity. It is our duty as Muslims to protect the country. It's very clear in our religion that wherever you live, you have to serve."

In many ways, the outpouring of hatred across the country after Oct. 7 feels like "déjà vu all over again," more than two decades after New York's Twin Towers fell. But for Ali, the anti-Jewish demonstrations on college campuses add yet another disturbing facet. "We are very patriotic American and Muslim mothers, and we feel like what is happening right now is very problematic for us," she said. "There are organizations that are being funded from the outside and they are taking our kids away and teaching them how to hate the Jews, taking the geopolitics of the Middle East and implanting it in on our campuses. That is what is causing the antisemitism of today."

Zebunnesa Zubair, a member of AMMWEC's executive board who was raised in Bangladesh before moving to the Los Angeles area as a young adult, said she studied at a California college several years ago but never witnessed such racial and religious divisions.

"I was never bothered before [about] who is Jewish, Christian, Hindu, but after Oct. 7, things have been very much about labeling," she told RCP. "So, we have to be very careful – this is imported hate. Why are our U.S.-born children behaving like that?

Zubair said she loves America and, as a Muslim woman, has enjoyed more freedom here to practice her faith than she did in her home country. "This country gave me the freedom, whether I'm going to the library, whether I'm going to the nightclub, whether I'm going to the mosque," Zubair said. "Back in Southeast Asia, women do not go to the mosque – they go very little. They pray together in small groups. In California, I go almost every week. We have more freedom here to practice our religion than we do back home."

It's a perilous time in the Middle East, and also in

the United States, where the Hamas-Israeli conflict threatens to tear at the fabric of American society the fundamental values of pluralism and tolerance that allow for peaceful expression and religious freedom, these women believe.

"They're poisoning our next generation on college campuses and a lot of Americans who have nothing to do with the conflict," Ali said. "We've got to challenge this victimhood narrative. Our mission now is to change the way our communities think and to take them out of that poisonous cycle."

Last month, John Ondrasik, the singer-songwriter who uses the stage name Five for Fighting, released his chilling ballad, "OK." The song pairs probing lyrics asking why more people aren't condemning the Hamas attacks, accompanied by a video montage of the Oct. 7 brutality. Ondrasik called the song a "moral" rather than political commentary and included images of a Muslim woman speaking out in solidarity with Israel and denouncing Hamas.

Responding to AMMWEC's post last week about its peaceful visit but forceful message to Tlaib's office, Ondrasik conveyed his support in one simple message. "This is how it's done," he said in a post on X applauding the group's work.

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The Situation

After Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on Israel, one of the terrorist organization's chief financial sponsors. hosts of its leaders, and backers of its propaganda found itself singled out by America's leaders - not for condemnation, but praise.

"The U.S.-Qatar partnership could not be stronger, and Oatar could not have done more than it did in 2023 to play an indispensable role on the world stage," U.S. ambassador to Qatar Timmy Davis wrote on X last December.

The Biden administration, from the president on down, has lauded the emirate throughout the Israel-Hamas war, especially for its shepherding of negotiations between the two sides for a ceasefire and hostage releases - a role Qatar is singularly capable of filling in part because it maintains Hamas' "political office" in its capital city, Doha.

At the annual Oatar-led Doha Forum last December. Republican South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham echoed the Democratic administration, while also thanking Qatar for its assistance evacuating Americans during the deadly Afghanistan withdrawal - a success attributed in part to its harboring of another terrorist group, the Taliban.

Graham too thanked Qatar for accommodating "10.000 American airmen who live better than [at] any air base in the ... world" - a reference to Al Udeid, the largest such facility in the region

House Armed Services Committee member Rep. Jack Bergman, a Michigan Republican, highlighted the irony of this bipartisan praise, noting, "Our brave men and women in uniform who have served out of Al Udeid ... have gone on missions to combat terrorist groups funded by Qatar."

Even Qatar's critics acknowledge that its role as both a valued U.S. ally and supporter of some of America's deadliest foes represents a remarkable diplomatic feat.

To understand how this tiny but rich, theocratic and terror-tied nation has become "indispensable" to Washington - elevated by the Biden administration to major non-NATO ally status on par with Australia, Japan, and Israel - RealClearInvestigations analyzed thousands of pages of congressional testimony and correspondence, other research and news articles, and conducted interviews with policymakers and scholars.

The analysis suggests how Qatar has wedded the leverage of the Pentagon's operational demands, and policymakers' desire to negotiate with adversaries, with a sprawling multi-billion-dollar campaign to "buy power and influence wherever possible," as Richard Goldberg, a senior adviser at the Washington-based Foundation for Defense of Democracies, put it.

The upshot is that Oatar's ruling House of Thani has executed what Goldberg told RCI is a "kind of terrorfinance double game" transcending Hamas.

Energy Windfall, Outsized Power

The Connecticut-sized state with a population the size of Houston punches above its weight with a war chest built on vast liquefied natural gas reserves. After the U.S., Qatar is the second largest exporter of the commodity in the world. Its position could improve not just because of the Biden administration's recent bow to its domestic antifossil-fuel base in curbing U.S. LNG exports, but also as the gulf state capitalizes on the growing energy needs of China and a Europe seeking alternatives to Russian gas.

The LNG-rich nation has used its energy windfall to project outsized global power and influence. "Billions of Qatari dollars permeate all aspects of our lives without us even knowing it," says Goldberg. Defense cooperation is core to the U.S.-Oatar relationship. U.S. officials cast Al Udeid, U.S. Central Command's headquarters, as its key asset in the Middle East. Built in 1996 by Qatar at a cost of \$1 billion, the U.S. transitioned its major air operations there from Saudi Arabia in 2003, in part due to security threats.

The base, in which Qatar has invested billions more to revamp, enables the U.S. "to support a range of critical missions in the region and respond to challenges to our shared security," according to the Pentagon.

Critics see it differently. "Far from being an American strategic asset in the Arabian Gulf, Al Udeid is, in fact, a Qatari asset in Washington," national security analyst David Reaboi wrote in his 2021 book, "Oatar's Shadow War."

"As long as the U.S. military advocates on behalf of the base's continued use," he argued, "... nearly any amount of trouble and mischief Qatar creates will be accepted, excused or contextualized."

The emirate has deepened influence with the U.S. military by lavishing sometimes lucrative contracts on over a dozen former high-ranking defense officials. One implicated official is retired Marine Gen. John Allen. The former commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan came under federal scrutiny for alleged illegal foreign lobbying for Qatar when, in 2017, he counseled the country as it faced a blockade from neighbors over its support for Islamists.

Investigators alleged Gen. Allen traveled to Doha to confer with top Qatari officials on how to influence U.S. policy, and promoted Qatar's view to U.S. lawmakers - including its opposition to a resolution linking Doha to terror financing. "At the same time he was lobbying U.S. government officials on behalf of Qatar," the government alleged, "Allen pursued at least one multimillion-dollar business deal with the Qatari government on behalf of a company on whose board of directors he served."

Prosecutors dropped their probe last year, but not before Allen stepped down as president of the prestigious Brookings Institution.

U.S. think tanks, including Brookings, are another strategically significant area Qatar has cultivated for influence.

The Brookings Connection

Brookings established its satellite Doha Center in 2007 to "undertake research on the socioeconomic and geopolitical issues facing the Muslim world, and encourage more understanding between U.S. and Muslim policy-makers" - in consultation and coordination with Qatar, and with \$5 million in Qatari funding

In 2014 the New York Times reported that one year prior, the emirate agreed to donate an additional \$15 million to the liberal think tank in part for the center. The report suggested the Qatari cash may have come with strings attached - scholars were not to criticize Doha.

Brookings is adamant Qatari funding has not compromised its work.

But the affiliation undoubtedly bought Qatar a prestigious partner - and proximity to a roster filled with prominent policymakers and thought leaders. At times they would take positions consonant with Doha or those of its Islamist acquaintances.

The center was formed under the leadership of, among others, the then-head of Brookings' Middle East center and later director of its Foreign Policy Program, Martin Indyk.

The Obama administration would tab the former Clinton administration diplomat as its Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations in summer 2013 - the year the Doha Center secured the massive Qatari cash infusion - where he would lead talks to which Qatar-sponsored Hamas was central. Indyk would reportedly blame Israel for the collapse of those talks, and return to Brookings in 2014.

Hady Amr led the Doha Center as its first director, a position he held until 2010. Then, he too joined the Obama administration, including serving under Indyk and later as Deputy U.S. Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations for Economics. After returning to Brookings, President Biden would tab Amr Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Israeli and Palestinian Affairs before elevating him to Special Representative for Palestinian Affairs. Amr, who wrote a year after September 11, 2001 that he "was inspired by the Palestinian intifada," has drawn the ire of pro-Israel critics for such rhetoric, and support for related policies they see as hostile towards the Jewish state and favorable to its foes. including Hamas.

Shadi Hamid served as the Doha Center's research director from 2009 to 2014 and continued as a senior fellow at Brookings. Hamid would argue during a Qatar-sponsored 2009 debate that Islamist groups like the Muslim Brotherhood are "committed to a moderate path" and "clearly" pose no threat to the West. When Trump administration officials suggested they would consider designating the Muslim Brotherhood - which spawned Hamas - as a terrorist group, Hamid argued vigorously against it. In a 2017 Brookings explainer, he warned that targeting the "mainstream" organization would "open[] the door for repressive regimes abroad to crack down on Islamist groups," "feed[] into ISIS propaganda," and promote "a false narrative" that U.S. Muslim organizations have ties to the group. "Not a single American expert" supports such a designation, he would argue then, and again as designation talk intensified in 2019.

Proponents of the policy would note that Qatar is a leading patron of the Islamist group. Fox News reported on Jan. 20 that recently revealed documents suggest Qatar's efforts to defeat a congressional measure aimed at achieving the designation also included using a firm run by former CIA officer Kevin Chalker "to discredit Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Tex ... because he had sought to have the Muslim Brotherhood designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization." Reports allege that in recent years Qatar has targeted a number of high-level American critics via such surreptitious efforts, as well as through lawfare.

Hamid did not reply to RCI's request for comment. Brookings would rake in at least \$22 million from Qatar from 2013 to 2017, when it "elected not to renew funding," according to a FAQ that appears to have been published amid bipartisan congressional scrutiny, including regarding whether Brookings violated the Foreign Agent Registrations Act.

Brookings maintained the center until 2021. Then it ended its affiliation, ceding authority to Qatar. Still, critics, including Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), say the Doha Center relationship "appears to have significantly compromised the organization's independence."

The Richardson Center

Another recipient of Qatari largesse to come under scrutiny is the Richardson Center for Global Engagement, a Santa Fe-based group established to carry on the work of the late New Mexico governor and U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Bill Richardson to "promote international peace and dialogue."

In 2019, the organization announced that it had received a "substantial commitment" - later reported to be \$900,000 - from Doha for its efforts to secure the release of hostages detained abroad. Qatar would contribute \$900,000 again in 2020 before tapering off its donations to \$250,000 in early 2023. In December, Jewish Insider reported that the Richardson Center had "advised the families of Israeli hostages held by Hamas in Gaza not to criticize the Gulf state," as it engages with Qatar in what's been described as an "under-the-radar role" to free hostages held captive by Hamas.

Facing criticism over the group's conciliatory posture towards Qatar - compounded by a report that Richardson Center Vice President and Executive Director Mickey Bergman had counseled Jewish community officials that Israel's caving to Hamas' demands was the only way to quickly secure the release of hostages - Bergman took to X to respond. "For those of us who've been working on getting hostages home for years & the families that experienced this tragedy, there are two cardinal truths: 1) the deals to bring them home never get better with time; 2) the chances of survival never get better with time," he wrote.

Bergman added: "The deal last month was better than today's. Unfortunately, it was not taken & several hostages killed since. 'If your goal is to bring hostages home, you do what you need to, today. If your goal is different, you criticize those who r trying to bring them home."

The Richardson Center is not alone among Qatarifunded American entities advising the families of hostages held in Gaza. On January 31, Politico reported that former special assistant to President Bill Clinton Jay Footlik's ThirdCircle Inc. has also been counseling such families. It has been a registered foreign agent since 2019, facilitating trips for U.S. officials to Qatar on behalf of its embassy for \$40,000 per month.

Robert Malley, Accused Iran Appeaser

Another influential recipient of Qatari funds the Washington, D.C.-based International Crisis Group. Financial records show the emirate made two grants to the group totaling \$5 million from 2018 to 2021. This period largely overlapped with Robert Malley's tenure as the organization's president.

Seen by critics as an Iran appeaser and apologist for its proxy Hamas, Malley rose to national attention in 2008 when the Obama presidential campaign removed the diplomat as an adviser for having met Hamas' leaders while running International Crisis Group's Middle East program. Ultimately, President Obama would bring Malley back into the fold as lead negotiator on his Iran nuclear deal team.

Malley returned to government in January 2021 to help the Biden administration reprise that deal, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, from which President Trump had withdrawn. Qatar helped mediate indirect talks between the U.S. and Iran. Qatar also helped mediate America's exchange with Iran last September of five Iranian detainees plus \$6 billion in unfrozen Iranian funds - panned by critics as a ransom payment - for five detained Americans. After Iran-backed Hamas carried out the Oct. 7 attack, Qatar reportedly agreed with the U.S. to withhold the funds - which are held in Doha bank accounts - though Iran's foreign ministry recently released a statement suggesting otherwise.

Last year, Malley was stripped of his security clearance, suspended, and reportedly put under FBI investigation for allegedly mishandling classified information while serving as President Biden's special envoy to Iran.

Evidence would emerge suggesting Malley "and members of his negotiating team may have had compromising ties to the Iranian regime," per congressional investigators. They noted that Ariane Tabatabai, whom Malley would recruit to that team, was part of the Iran Experts Initiative (IEI). The Iranian government launched this apparent influence operation in 2014 to cultivate a network of U.S. and European scholars to promote the regime's favored positions on global security matters. Two International Crisis Group employees have also been implicated in this effort.

In response to questions about Qatar funding, International Crisis Group told RCI, "Donations from the Government of Oatar accounted for less than 5% of our total funding during the relevant period and were constructed to preserve our full independence."

Direct Investments in America

Money lubricates the U.S.-Qatar relationship in other ways. Qatar's Investment Authority is one of the ten largest sovereign wealth funds in the world. It has pumped over \$30 billion into the U.S., sometimes in concert with major U.S. financial firms like Apollo, Blackstone, and KKR.

Qatar plans to commit \$45 billion more to the U.S.

Recently, Qatar reportedly became the first foreign country to use its sovereign wealth fund to make a direct investment in American's sports teams when it bought a 5% stake worth hundreds of millions of dollars into an entity holding Washington, D.C.'s professional basketball and hockey teams.

Qatar also owns stakes in numerous landmarks including iconic New York properties such as the Empire State Building, The Plaza, and St. Regis hotels.

The U.S.-Qatar Business Council aims to foster bilateral commercial relations. It counts among its members major oil companies like ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, and Chevron, some with which it has engaged in joint energy projects; defense contractors including Boeing - from which Qatar Airways purchased \$37 billion in 737 Max planes in a massive 2022 deal - General Dynamics, and Lockheed Martin; and financial services companies such as MetLife and Visa.

Recently, the Washington Examiner reported that Washington, D.C., U.S. Attorney Matthew Graves represented the Qatari government, a Qatari charitable organization alleged to have backed Al-Oaeda, and the Qatar-backed Al Jazeera Media Network when he was a partner at DLA Piper law firm in D.C. Critics charge that Graves, who is now overseeing many Jan. 6 prosecutions, has by contrast gone soft on proPalestinian rioters in the nation's capital.

Bankrolling Higher Ed

Qatar's influence extends to the higher education institutions that seed America's most influential sectors as well.

The emirate has been the largest foreign donor to American universities since 9/11, contributing at least \$4.7 billion from 2001 to 2022 according to the National Association of Scholars (NAS).

A large chunk of the funds has gone to Virginia Commonwealth University, Cornell, Texas A&M, Carnegie Mellon, Georgetown, and Northwestern to establish American campuses in Doha's "education city."

Ben Freeman, director of the Democratizing Foreign Policy program at the Quincy Institute, has said the funds "could translate to an implicit bias amongst university graduates, which is probably why ... most of the top recipients of funding from countries in the Middle East are universities that produce some of the top foreign policy minds in the U.S."

A 2023 Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism & Policy study suggests these funds correlate with both "the erosion of free speech norms" and "increased levels of campus antisemitism."

Middle East Studies departments, often funded by Qatar and Saudi Arabia, NAS found, "have repurposed critical theory to galvanize activism on Middle East issues," which some link to the eruption of pro-Palestinian and anti-Semitic sentiment at colleges after Oct. 7.

Other reporting suggest Qatari funds may not only compromise the work of its recipients, but raise national security concerns.

Doha's Direct Lobbying - for Hamas?

Qatar's direct lobbying operation is also formidable. From 2016 to 2023, Qatar spent \$240 million based on Foreign Agent Registration Act filings alone - sixth most of any country. China ranked first, at \$378 million.

These efforts mushroomed during the Trump years as the emirate sought to fight the economic, diplomatic, and travel blockade imposed by Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, and Egypt.

The stated reason for the row was Oatar's support for both Sunni and Shia Islamists, which the emirate's neighbors felt threatened their authoritarian but anti-Islamist regimes - particularly during the Arab spring.

The parties to the blockade demanded that Qatar

curb its ties to Iran and its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and that it cease backing and designate as terrorist organizations the Muslim Brotherhood, al-Qaeda, and Hezbollah. The Gulf states also demanded that Qatar shutter the Al-Jazeera media network, whose programming, they said, promotes terror. (Former Vice President Al Gore reportedly netted \$100 million when Qatar bought his struggling Current TV in 2013, and turned it into the since-shuttered Al Jazeera America.)

Members of Congress have characterized Al-Jazeera's often pro-Islamist programming and platforming of jihadists as "anti-American, anti-Semitic, and anti-Israel" - something critics say is even more prevalent in its Arabic-language content. The blockading states treated Qatar's backing of Al-Jazeera - which reaches more than 400 million people in some 150 countries - as tantamount to its waging of information warfare against them.

The Justice Department wrote in a September 2020 letter that Al-Jazeera and its affiliates were foreign agents of Qatar.

These entities have refused to register accordingly, prompting Rep. Bergman to push Speaker Mike Johnson to revoke House Press Gallery credentials from the 136 Al-Jazeera employees who have received them - nearly double that of those provided the New York Times - some percentage of whom he is concerned could be influence agents or spies.

Qatar's lobbying efforts aimed to undermine the blockade, including by countering prominent critics and targeting hundreds of influencers in Trump world. In addition to hiring the likes of former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to advocate on its behalf, Qatar enlisted lobbyists to change the hearts and minds of national security-focused American Jews weary of Qatar's ties to the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamist organizations, some of whom it flew to Doha and feted.

One specific aim of the lobbying effort, according to a recent Wall Street Journal report, was to kill legislation aimed at sanctioning state sponsors of Hamas, including Qatar.

Rep. Bergman told RCI the emirate "single-handedly defeated" a 2017 bipartisan bill specifically fingering Qatar for its Hamas support.

When colleagues re-introduced the bill in 2019, with "Qatar's name ... removed, and only Iran remain[ing] - Qatar killed it again," Rep. Bergman emphasized.

Had America imposed such sanctions, the congressman believes, Hamas might not have been able to execute the Oct.. 7 attack.

"To go against the Qatar regime for its state sponsorship of Muslim Brotherhood and jihadist terrorism," said J. Michael Waller, senior analyst for strategy at the Center for Security Policy, "is to commit political suicide in Washington."

A Tough Cost-Benefit Equation

Despite its connection to terrorist groups and state sponsors of terror, the West and its allies believe the benefits of using Qatar as an intermediary to the world's pariahs outweigh the costs.

Even as leaders from both sides of the aisle in both chambers of Congress have pushed the Biden administration to exert pressure on Qatar to squeeze Hamas to return all hostages, expel its leaders, and cease support for the terrorist group, the administration has agreed to extend its stay at Al Udeid for the next 10 years.

This cemented the U.S.-Qatar alliance at the same time critics had been calling for the U.S. to leverage the air base to influence the emirates' behavior.

The White House did not respond to RCI's inquiries. Former Trump deputy national security adviser Victoria Coates told RCI that while the emirate's Islamist ties pose "a significant problem," some of the capabilities touted by Doha's boosters, plus its formidable natural gas position - where Coates believes there could be mutual benefits to cooperation - compel America to carefully consider its approach to the relationship. Between "apologists" and "haters," Coates asks, "are either of those positions actually what's in the best interest of the American people?"

Rep. Bergman is adamant that the U.S. should not allow Qatar to buy influence. "Qatar should not be allowed to infiltrate our universities or buy up half of the lobbyists and PR firms in Washington, let alone to purchase 5% of the NBA and NHL teams in Washington, D.C. ... Nor should Qatar be able to covertly fund - and thus exert control over - the think tanks that Congress and the Administration rely on so heavily to set policies."

Coates' former NSC colleague Goldberg put it this way: "Qatar can be with Hamas or with the United States. It can't be both."

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Portions of Light



Parashat Terumah (Exodus 25:1-27:19) Rabbanit Dr. Adina Sternberg, Faculty of Matan, Efrata, and Bar Ilan Midrasha

Two main concepts repeat themselves throughout the Book of Exodus's description of a place for God: Mishkan Ha'edut, the Tabernacle of the Testimony, and Ohel Mo'ed, the Tent of Meeting.

Parshat Terumah introduces the Mishkan, defined later on as Mishkan Ha'edut or Tabernacle of Testimony. It describes the structure Moses is commanded to build, in which the Ark of the "Edut" will be placed, referring to the tablets of testimony Moses will receive upon descending from Sinai. Many commentators believe that the tablets, and the Torah in general, are a testimony to the covenant with God and to our obligations toward Him. We may add that these tablets attest to God's ability and choice to descend into the world. The tablets are the part of the Mishkan that were made by God, attesting to the connection between heaven and earth

The Tent of Meeting is named for the purpose of the place: "And I will meet with you and I will impart to you." This meeting takes place in the Tabernacle of Testimony, but it symbolizes the aspect of this holy place as a place of meeting. Interestingly, the word "mo'ed" in the Hebrew language means both the meeting itself and the time of the meeting (hence the word for holidays - "mo'adim"). This is like the word "date" in the English language, signifying both the time and the meeting. As we learn in Parshat Ki Tisa, Moses could set up his own "ohel mo'ed" to talk to God.

When closely reading the text, one can notice that not only does God's speech occur in "ohel mo'ed", but also all acts of service take place in "ohel mo'ed." This teaches us that the meeting with God is mutual. God's words and presence come from above and meet our services which ascend from below. Yet they both are part of the "mo'ed," the meeting set in time

The Torah describes the construction of the Mishkan as a foundation, upon which the Ohel is placed. The Tabernacle encompasses the testimony, but also represents the static element of the place of God. Meanwhile, the Tent of Meeting expresses the dynamic element of this holy place. This is why the vessels are both vessels of the Mishkan, as they are steady and constant, but also vessels of the Ohel Mo'ed since through them the people serve God time and again.

Just as it is necessary to have both generous contributions coming from the heart and a set tax to build and activate the holy house for the sake of God, so we can find both the steady presence of God in this human construction, and the dynamic element of the recurrent meeting between God and man. Even in a world void of a Mikdash, we may strive to have both steady and dynamic elements in our relationships with our families, our communities, our nation, and above all - our God.

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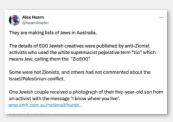
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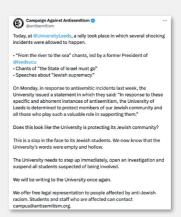
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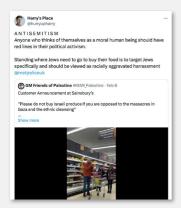
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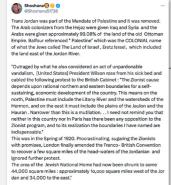
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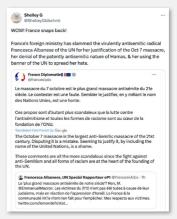
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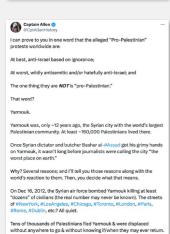
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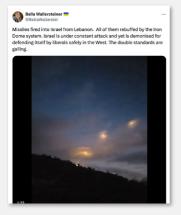
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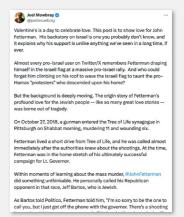
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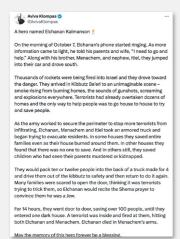


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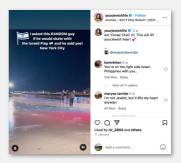
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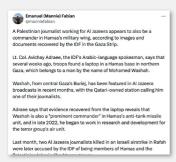
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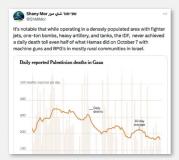
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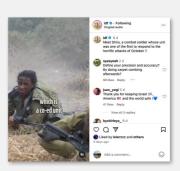
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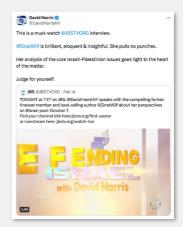


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Terrorists: Kill Jews on Jewish Holidays. Biden: Don't Attack on Ramadan. Really?



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Scottish Police Ask Jew to Hide Star of David to Avoid "Triggering" Mob

Yaakov Katz This tweet is an illustration of all that's wrong with the ICC and the way many in the West view this conflict. @KarimKhanQC is worried about the "bombardment" of Rafah but not about the fact that hostages are being held in Rafah. Does anyone think that if America had saved journalist James Foley in 2014 before ISIS killed him, the US media would have focused more on the clashes that erupted around the building where Foley was being held? Why does Karim Khan not think about why hostages are even being held in a civilian building in Gaza? The question should really be why Hamas doesn't release them and instead has held them for 129 days against This is a conflict unlike anything the world has seen before and the @IDF is doing a remarkable job - not just at degrading Hamas capabilities but also at sparing civilian casualties. ■ Karim A. A. Khan KC ② @KarimKhanQC · Feb 12 I am deeply concerned by the reported bombardment and potential ground incursion by Israeli forces in Rafah. My Office has an ongoing and active investigation into the situation in ti State of Palestine. This is being taken forward as a matter of the utmost

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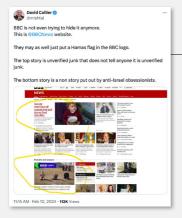
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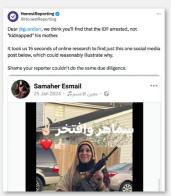
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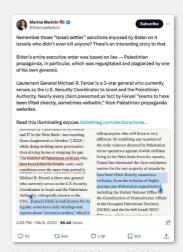


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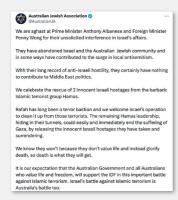
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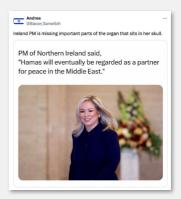
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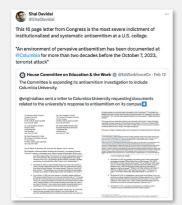
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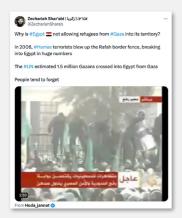
The Region From Maghrib to Pakistan is Muslim, Why is Its Heart in Jerusalem?



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Unless Israel Defeats Hamas in Rafah and Secures Border W/Egypt, Hamas Will Win

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Alternatively, the Ottoman Sultanate can summon its citizens, the Muslims in Israel, to Turkey, like it swapped population with Greece. olying to @HanineΩ9 The fact that at least 1 million Israeli Jews hold EU & US nationality should impel the US & European countries to invite their citizens back to their motherlands so they can make room for the indigenous Palestinians of Gaza whom their colonization had displaced in the 1st place. 2:36 AM - Feb 12: 2024 - 9.093 Views 17.13 C 61 □ 3

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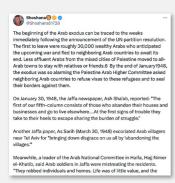
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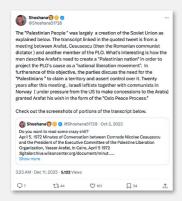
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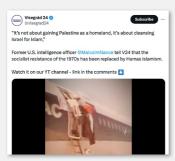
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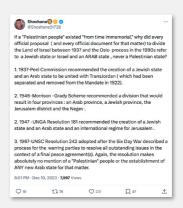


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"UN Warns Israeli Attack On Rafah Could Lead To More Hostages Being Rescued"

Sounds of Music



Pick of the Week Israel Hour Radio

Static & Ben El Tavori - "Zahav" (Gold)

This week, we take you all the way back to 2017. It was the year of the #MeToo movement, the year Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th president of the United States, and the year a young actress named Gal Gadot showed the world what most of us already knew: that Israeli women are, indeed, "wonder women".

It was also the year "Static & Ben-El Tavori" solidified their place as Israel's top musical duo. The boys had already won over the ears of Israelis with such hits as "Barbie," "Al Kvish HaChof" (On the Beach Road), and "Silsulim" (Trills), and their upbeat, Mediterranean-infused pop music was quickly winning over the ears of Israelis nationwide. But their fun new song "Zahav" (Gold) took their stardom to a whole new level.

Inspired by the music of the 1950s and 60s, "Zahav" is an irresistible, extremely singable love song in which the boys woo the "prettiest girl in town". Sure, it's mindless pop music...but in today's difficult times, we can all use an extra smile or two, right?

There's also a connection - albeit a bit forced - to this week's Torah portion of "Teruma". As the Israelites prepare to erect a Tabernacle in the wilderness, they bring donations of precious medals such as silver, bronze, and, you guessed it, gold (Zahav). Sure, it's a stretch...but a good excuse to listen to a fun song of yesteryear nonetheless.

So what happened to Static & Ben-El? Their star continued to shine brighter and brighter for several years, with a long string of mega-hits in Israel and even a few successes in the United States. They even released a song with rapper Pitbull in 2020, earning them a visit to "Good Morning America" on US television, and it looked like there was no milestone the duo couldn't achieve. But personal divisions got in the way, and the boys announced their professional breakup in 2022. Static and Ben-El may have gone their separate ways, but their impact on Israeli pop music history will likely be remembered for many years to come.



Static and Ben El | YouTube | January 29, 2017 Static & Ben El Tavori - "Zahav" (Gold)

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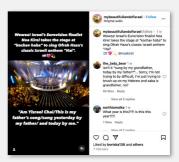


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Fallen IDF Soldier Shaul Greenglick hy"d Sings "Am Segula" (Treasured People)



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Noa Kirel Sings Ofrah Haza's "Am Yisrael Chai"

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"Settler" Executive Order Can Acutally Target Anyone Impeding Palestinian State



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Decades of Education Against Antisemitism Have Failed. New Ideas Are Needed.



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Three Responses to Calls on IDF Not to Operate in Rafah



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Can IDF Finish Last 2 Hamas Battalions Shielded by 1 Million Gazans? Yes.



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Iran Recruits British Muslim to Spy on Jews and Dissidents in UK



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When Jordan's King Criticizes Israel, Remember His History With Palestinians



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Calling Out Radical Islam Isn't Muslim Hatred.
Calling Out Antisemitism Supports Human Dignity.

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US and UK Know Israel Cannot Halt Its Offensive But Engage in Virtue Signalling

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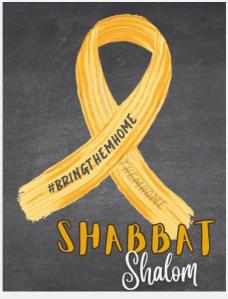


Oh, I don't care about Palestinians. This pin lets me call Jews "white supremacists," "racists" and "Nazis" as much as I want.

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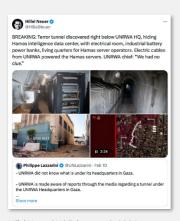
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If Antisemite Francesca Albanese Keeps Job, It Means UN Made a Choice



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Hamas Terror Tunnel Discovered Under UNRWA HQ in Gaza. "We Had No Clue."



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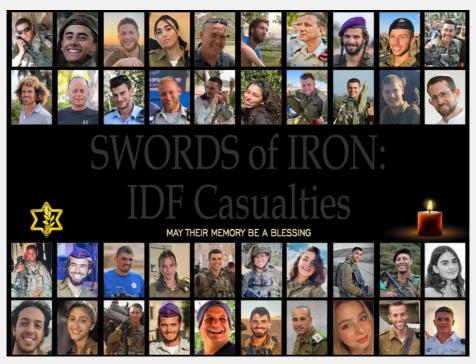
"Why Do UNRWA Bags Consistently Contain AK47s?"

Bring Them Home Now



Israel's Fallen Soldiers February 07, 2024

Swords of Iron: The names of 564 IDF casualties have been released for publication.



Source: Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Prayer for Israel's Defence Forces

מי שַבַּרֶךְ אַבוֹתִינוּ אַבַרָהַם יִצָחָק ווַעַקב הוא יַבַרַךְ אַת חַיַּלִי צָבַא הגַנַּה ליִשַּׁרָאֵל ואַנשִי כחות הבטחון, העומדים על משמר ארצנו וערי אלהינו מגבול הלבנון ועד מדבר מצַרִים ומָן הַיָּם הַגַּדוֹל עָד לָבוֹא הַעַרָבָה וּבַכָל מָקוֹם שָׁהָם, בַּיַבַּשָׁה בַּאַוִיר וּבַיַם. יַתַּן ה' אָת אוֹיָבִינוּ הַקָּמִים עַלִינוּ נָגָפִים לְפָנֵיהֶם. הַקָּדוֹשׁ בַּרוֹךְ הוּא יָשׁמֹר וַיָּצִיל אַת חַיֵלִינוּ ָמְכָּל צָרָה וְצוּקָה וּמְכָּל נָגַע וּמַחָלָה, וְיִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה וְהַצְלַחַה בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵיהֶם. יַדְבָּר שׂוֹנָאֵינוּ תַּחַתֵּיהָם וִיעָטָרָם בַּכָּתֵר יִשׁוּעָה וּבָעֲטֶרָת נָצַחוֹן וִיקִיָם בַּהָם הַכַּתוֹב: "כִּי ה' אַלהֵיכֶם הַהֹּלֵךְ עָמֶּכֶם לְהָלָּחֵם לָכֵם עם אֹיִבֵיכֶם לְהוֹשִׁיעַ אֵתְכֵם": ונאמר אמן.

May He who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, bless the members of Israel's Defense Forces and its security services, who stand guard over our land and the cities of our God from the Lebanese border to the Egyptian desert, and from the Mediterranean Sea to the approach of the Arava, and wherever else they are, on land, in air, and at sea. May the Lord make the enemies who rise against us be struck down before them. May the Holy One, blessed be He, protect and deliver them from all trouble and distress, affliction and illness; and send blessing and success to all the work of their hands. May He subdue our enemies under them and crown them with deliverance and victory. And may there be fulfilled in them the verse, "It is the Lord your God who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to deliver you" (Deuteronomy 20:4).

And let us say: Amen.

Psalms are a significant source of Jewish liturgy and are frequently recited during times of distress. Some Psalms traditionally recited for peace in the land of Israel include Psalms 20, 120, 121, and 125. (Source: Sefaria)

Prayer for Those Held In Captivity

מי שַבַּרֶךְ אֲבוֹתִינוּ אֲבַרָהַם יִצְחָק וַיַעַקב, יוֹסָף משה ואָהַרוֹ, דַּוָד ושׁלמה, הוא יָבַרְרְ ווִשׁמֹר ווִנצֹר אֵת נַעִדְרֵי צִבָּא הַגַּנָה לִיִשְׂרָאֵל וּשְׁבוּיָוּ, וְאֵת כָּל אֲחֵינוּ הַנְּתוּנִים בְּצָרָה וּכְ־ שָׁבַיָה, בַּעֲבוּר שֶׁכַּל הַקָּהַל הַקָּדוֹשׁ מָתְפַּלֵל בַּעֲבוּרַם. הַקּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּךְ הוּא יָמֵלֵא רַחֲמִים עליהם, ויוֹצִיאָם מַחשַׁרְ וַצַלְמָוַת, וּמוֹסרוֹתֵיהַם יַנַתַּק, וּממָצוּקוֹתֵיהָם יוֹשִׁיעַם, וישִׁיבַם מָהַרָה לְחֵיק מִשְּפָּחוֹתֵיהֶם. "יוֹדוּ לַה' חַסְדוֹ וְנִפְלָאוֹתַיו לְבָנֵי אַדַם". וִיקִים בָּהֵם מִקְרָא שֶׁכַּתוֹב: "וּפְדוּיִי ה' יִשׁוּבוּן וּבָאוּ צִיוֹן בַּרְנַה וְשָׁמֶחֵת עוֹלֶם עַל רֹאשַם. שַשׁוֹן וְשְׁמֶחֵה "יַשִּׁיגוּ וַנָסוּ יַגוֹן וַאַנַחַה:

ונאמר אמן.

May He who blessed our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Joseph, Moses and Aaron, David and Solomon, bless, protect and guard the members of Israel's Defense Forces missing in action or held captive, and other captives among our brethren, the whole house of Israel, who are in distress or captivity, as we, the members of this holy congregation, pray on their behalf. May the Holy One, blessed be He, have compassion on them and bring them out from darkness and the shadow of death; may He break their bonds, deliver them from their distress, and bring them swiftly back to their families' embrace. "Give thanks to the Lord for His loving-kindness and for the wonders He does for the children of men" (Psalms 107:8); and may there be fulfilled in them the verse: "Those redeemed by the Lord will return; they will enter Zion with singing, and everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away" (Isaiah 35:10). And let us say: Amen.





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