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AS BLACK WAITS, **POST** WRITERS RECALL **DAMAGE**

► CONRAD BLACK, RADLER ARE SKEWERED BY WRITERS AT JERUSALEM POST

By GIL ZOHAR

JERUSALEM — As these words are being written,

the jury verdict is pending in Conrad Black's trial at Chicago's Dirksen Federal Courthouse.

"Tubby," as he was called, the one-time chairman of Hollinger International, and three former subordinates, are accused of looting \$60 million from stockholders of the newspaper publishing business, which controlled scores of dailies, including The Jerusalem Post, the Chicago Sun-Times and the London Daily Telegraph.

If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in jail.

Apart from the criminal charges of fraud, racketeering and obstruction of iustice — and the accusations of insatiable greed, snobbery and extravag-ance by the international media — the Canadianborn media tycoon is also being pilloried for chronically mismanaging The Jerusalem Post during the 15 years he controlled Israel's flagship English-language daily, and of causing enduring damage to Jewish journalism, according to several writers here.

With acid sarcasm, former managing editor Calev Ben-David wrote a satire purporting to be a court transcript of his testimony.

Ben-David described the imaginary suggestion by Black's co-defendent PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 3

Germans did it

► NEW NAME FOR AUSCHWITZ

A year after it was first announced, UNESCO last month officially changed the name of the "Auschwitz Concentration Camp" located in Poland to "Auschwitz-Birkenau. German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945)".

Poland had lobbied for the change, to distance its citizens from the masterminds of the Holocaust.

—JTA/Jewish Star



Micha Taubman, the operating manager of Israel's desalination plant at Ashkelon the world's largest, most technologically advanced and economical — stands next to some of the 40,000 membrane units that are the heart of the purification technology.

ISRAELI TECHNOLOGY

Thirst Quencher, Peace Dividend

By EDGAR ASHER

The French environmental services conglomerate Veolia Environnement SA announced in May that it is doubling its investment in Israel by adding an additional \$1 billion over the next five

No wonder. This latest expansion comes on the heels of one of the most significant breakthroughs in water desalination technology eered and developed in Israel.

The new process allows for the production of fresh water from seawater, or brackish water, by a system of reverse osmosis.

Reverse osmosis technology

At the Mediterranean port of Ashkelon, next to the Rutenberg Power Station, Israel is already operating the largest, most technologically advanced and economical, desalination facility in the world producing water through reverse osmosis.

The plant produces 330,000 cubic meters of extremely high quality sweet water every

day from the sea at the incredibly low cost of just over 50 cents per cubic meter. That's almost 30 cents less than desalination projects in other parts of the world.

The projection is that the desalinated water, which is sold to the Israel government, will soon represent about 20% of all of Israel's domestic consumption.

> Such is the remarkable quality and purity of the product that some of the natural chemicals found in spring water have to be added back to give the water a little

The Ashkelon plant was developed by an Israeli-led consortium consisting of Veolia Water of France, and Elran Infrastructures and IDE Technologies (both Israeli). IDE is operating the plant on a BOT (build-operate-transfer) concept. The Israeli company will operate it at a profit for a 25-year period (which includes three years to construct the plant), and then hand it over to the Israeli government.

IDE Technologies has supplied over PLEASE TURN TO BACK PAGE

SONG MYSTERY SOLVED

▶ SECUNDA'S HIT "BAY MIR BISTU SHEYN" CAME FROM 2ND AVE. NEW YORK YIDDISH THEATRE

By CHANAN TIGAY

LOS ANGELES — "Bay mir bistu sheyn", written by composer Sholom Secunda, may very well be the most famous of all Yiddish songs.

It was the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers' most popular song of 1938.

Renditions have been recorded by the Andrews Sisters, Ella Fitzgerald, Judy Garland, the Barry Sisters, Benny Goodman, Guy Lombardo, and Rudy Vallee, among other musical luminaries.

Yet until recently, only a handful of theater historians were aware that the song — whose title means "In my eyes, you're beautiful" — originated in the Second Avenue Yiddish 1990, has unearthed the theater of the 1930s. background to Even fewer

people knew what the play that launched this massive hit was about. Indeed, many casual listeners didn't even know that the words of the title were anything more than gibberish, ביי מיר ביסמ דו שיין

of Americanized German. In fact, the original song was in Yiddish, and the popular versions maintained only the Yiddish of the title

ביַי מיר ביסט דו שיין), substi-

tuting English for the rest.

Thanks to the Milken Archive of American Jewish Music, that's all changing. The Los Angeles-based institution, founded in



and has set it down in

the liner notes to its three-CD set of Yiddish theater songs, released last year, along with a new recording of the piece as it might have sounded when originally sung at Brooklyn's Rolland Theater in 1932.

It's one of more than PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 3

New complaint over City's Arab Festival

FIRST-TIME "CHICAGO ARABESQUE" RECALLS PAST NEGATIVITY

CITY CLAIMS A "NON-POLITICAL" EVENT, BUT ANTI-ISRAEL MATERIAL CIRCULATES

JEWISH FEDERATION "AT WIT'S END"

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By DOUGLAS WERTHEIMER

As he strolled around Daley Plaza in downtown Chicago on June 29, Jay Tcath thought that everything looked as it

should. It was not long ago that the City of Chica-

go had lost its grip on its Arab Heritage Month program. That annual event seemed to be on cruise control until a report in the Jewish Star documented how it had been hijacked by mainline Protestant groups bent on promoting their anti-Israel agenda (Jewish Star, Nov. 21, 2003).

The trouble had begun after the Second Intifada of 2000. By November 2003, a remarkable 26 per cent of all the Arab Heritage Month programs dealt with the

Jewish State, a fact unrecognized by City

officials. Though the City refused to publicly

acknowledge its failed oversight, it quietly took action. In the following year, the bashing of, and obsession with, Israel taking place under official City auspices virtually ceased (Jewish Star, Nov. 26, 2004).

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A missing ingredient in Saudi peace plan: Saudis

► ARAB LEAGUE TRIP TO ISRAEL IS A PROFILE IN COWARDICE

By DOUGLAS BLOOMFIELD

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 9 — The Mideast seems in for another round of pseudo-diplomacy as the Arab League gets set to send a delegation to Israel - now postponed to July 25.

Notwithstanding its "historic" billing in the media, its actually something less than that as the U.S. secretary of state drops by for one more photo-op and pep talk, and nobody takes any of this very seriously because they know nothing will come of it.

What's really happening is that the Egyptian and Jordanian foreign ministers are making another trip to Israel — but this time they're saying they represent the Arab League.

They're ostensibly going to talk up the League's peace proposal, but none of the group's other 20 members takes it seriously enough to bother going along. That includes the Saudis, whose king has taken

credit for a proposal the Riyadh royals now say they've shelved. The king's top priority is

making salaam between Hamas and Fatah, and reconstituting the short-lived Palestinian unity govern-ment he brokered this spring in Mecca.

The failure of other Arab diplomats to join the delegation undermines the League's credibility and tells Israelis the new initiative is not really serious.

The group's terms remain: No contact with Israel until it accepts the terms of the all-or-nothing Saudi proposal.

When the proposal was first tabled five years ago, Israel rejected it, but when it was revived earlier this year Israel's embattled Prime Minister Ehud Olmert couldn't say enough good things about it and practically begged the Saudis to discuss it but they snubbed him. No PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 3

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NEWS

Chicago Arabesque

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Tcath was familiar with this background. He had been doing his job; he's currently the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, an arm of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

In 2003, following the Jewish Star report, he and Federation official Michael Kotzin had met with Clarence Wood, Chairman of the Chicago Commission on Human Rights (CCHR).

CCHR has eight advisory councils, one of which on Arab Affairs — was directly responsible for programming for Arab Heritage Month.

The meeting with Wood was collegial and cordial. And it was productive: the two went away with the item they were seeking — a pledge that the CCHR would prevent such a development in the future.

In the ensuing years, Tcath and others monitored Arab Heritage Month. It seemed to be back on cruise control.

So when the City this vear announced a new Council on Arab Affairs program — "Chicago Arabesque", hailed as the city's first cultural heritage festival — Tcath didn't give the matter much thought.

And when he looked at several of the 22 booths at the festival, he didn't see anything notable either.

Nor did there seem any reason for him to feel concern. After all, Sahar H. Mawlawi, the Director of the City's Arab Affairs Council, had described Chicago Arabesque in an open letter as "a non-religious, non-political festival that promotes public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the

rich cultural heritage of the Arab World.'

population

Mayor Richard Daley, who appeared at the festival on the fourth and final day, likewise gave it his imprimatur.

But before Tcath left Daley Plaza on that June day, he was startled to discover that there was in fact something out of whack with the cruise control.

Chicago Arabesque was not the non-political program advertised.

First he noticed displays and items for sale which showed maps depicting "Palestine" on the very territory internationally defined as the State of Is-

Not less troubling were the stickers and flyers being distributed at the Palestine Solidarity Group

A flver was headed "BOY-COTT THE RACIST SUN-TIMES". It urged people to stop reading or selling the Chicago Sun-Times because the newspaper, it was claimed, has "consistently biased coverage of the Israel-Palestine conflict." It called for an end to "its columnists' racist slander of Arabs and Muslims".

"SAY NO TO RACIST JOUR-NALISM," the flyer stated.

Tcath also picked up a tri-fold leaflet. It featured a map sandwiched between the phrases "40 years of occupation" and "60 years of injustice & dispossession". The map obliterates the State of Israel (it consists of a silhouette of the Gaza Strip, West Bank and the State of Israel, and does not indicate any boundary lines between these areas).

Palestine Solidarity Group, according to the Chicago Arabesque website, is a non-profit organization which was permitted to sell books and t-shirts during

Chicago's Arab Festival: Factual confusion

"Chicago Arabesque," sponsored June 27-30 in part by the City of Chicago, maintained a website with inaccurate and questionable statements. Some examples are below.

Issue	Organizer's statement	Comment
Description of Chicago Arabesque, "the first ever Arab festival in Chicago"	"It is a non-religious, non-political festival that will promote public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the rich cultural heritage of the Arab world."	Anti-Israel flyers were distributed by Palestine Solidarity Group, a vendor on the organizer's approved list; another approved vendor, American Friends Service Committee, was the most egregious promoter of anti-Israel attacks at the City's 2003 Arab Heritage Month
Who is an Arab?	"The term Arab does not refer to a race, a lineage, or a religion, but rather to a language and a culture. Arabs may be Muslim, Christian, or Jewish, dark skinned or light skinned, city dwellers or farmers."	Although "the significance of the word Arab has been steadily changing" in a "slow, complex and extensive" way ¹ , Jews — even though they used to live in Arab countries in large numbers — are not Arabs ² .
Chicago Arab	"almost 250,000" Arabs in	There is no agreement on the

Chicago; Mayor Richard Daley told ABC-7 Chicago television during Chicago Arabesque that Chicago has the country's 3rd largest Arab population

'Palestine' in the Arab world 3 maps of "Palestine": (1) Palestine British Mandate 1920-48; (2)

A list of countries in the Arab world includes Palestine, with its capital in Jerusalem; a slide-show displays Palestine UN Partition Plan (1947); and (3) Gaza, West Bank, "Occupied Palestinian Territory" (the word "Israel" appears on the map in what is the Negev region).

size of Chicago's Arab population, but as noted in 2003,3 the City's estimate is high. Other figures: U.S. Census, 52,0004; Prof. L. Cainkar: about 142.0005: Palestinian writer Ray Hanania: 180,0006; Chicago has the 4th largest U.S. Arab population (not 3rd)

"Palestine" - that is, a place with defined borders — has not existed since 1948, when the British abolished the entity which they had established following their conquest of that area in 1917-88; the organizer's map suggests that Israel is "Occupied Palestinian Territory"

Sources: The organizer's statements are from chicagoarabesque.com ¹Bernard Lewis, The Arabs in History (rev. ed., 1966), p. 10 ²Raphael Patai, *The Arab Mind* (rev. ed., 2002), pp. 12-14; see also George Antonius, *The Arab Awakening* (1965 pb), p. 18; the point is implicit in the title of S.D. Goitein's Jews and Arabs (1964 pb). 3Chicago Jewish Star (Nov. 21, 2003), p. 12 ⁴G. Patricia de la Cruz and Angela Brittingham, "The Arab Population: 2000" (US Census Bureau, Dec. 2003); Chicago Sun-Times (Dec. 4, 2003) ⁵See L. Cainkar, "Palestinians," in Encyclopedia of Chicago (2004), p. 597 hanania.com/arabvote.htm [2003] De La Cruz and Brittingham, as cited, table 3, p. 7 Bernard Lewis, "Palestine: On the History and Geography of a Name," in Islam in History (2ed., 2001), p. 165

the festival.

PSG's website does not hide its anti-Israel purpose. One aim, according to the leaflet, is to "advocate and organize" for (among other things) "the implementation of the comprehensive Right of Return for all Palestinian refugees and their

descendants, to the homes and land from which they were exiled in 1947-49 and again in 1967".

Those who campaign for an absolute right of Palestinians to return to the Jewish state are, for obvious reasons, considered to advocate the destruction of the Jewish state.

More troubling than before

The four-day Chicago Arabesque, which was funded by sponsors at an estimated cost of \$80,000, began on June 27. Jay Tcath didn't visit it until the third day.

Why, he asked the *Jew*ish Star last week, had no one at the City or in its Arab Affairs Council noticed that this event had shown signs of returning to the Israel-bashing activities of earlier years?

City officials did speak with vendors about the guidelines for Chicago Arabesque, a cautious Kenneth Gunn, First Deputy Commissioner of CCHR, told the Jewish Star this week.

Although out of town for much of the festival, he had managed a brief visit

"Some things have been brought to our attention," he said. He had heard



YOU BE THE JUDGE

"In a Glaswegian accent that is at times impenetrable — Australia's Channel 7 subtitled its

interview TOPIC: with him "We'll just — [John] set aboot ye" Smeaton

defiance that has turned him into a de facto spokesman for Glasgow's fighting spirit. His message to terrorists: You come to Glasgow, we don't stand for it,' he says. We'll just set aboot ye." (Translation: 'In Glasgow, we'll just deck you.')" 🚺

- John Smeaton, the 31-year-old baggage handler who ran over and kicked the driver of a Jeep who tried to escape after he intentionally drove his car into the Glasgow Airport June 30. Source: Wall Street Journal, July 7, 2007

JEWISH STAR QUOTE OF THE WEEK

about the Palestine Solidarity Group material, but had yet to see it.

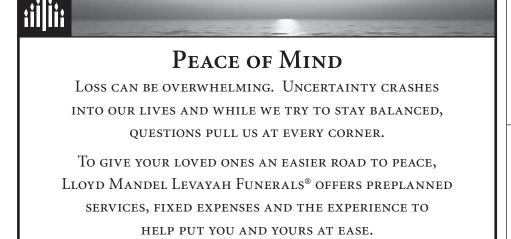
While refraining from being any more specific, he said that "We will look at them and follow up with those individual organizations."

Meanwhile Tcath has again written to Clarence Wood and is awaiting a response to his July 5 let-

"We're at wit's end because this is a problem that has happened in the past," he told the Jewish Star, "and now within a few years we see it recurring again."

But it's more troublesome this year than before, he said. The number of attendees at Arab Heritage Month has not been nearly as large as for Chicago Arabesque, which took place during the Taste of Chicago.

Kenneth Gunn estimated that some 40,000 people had visited the City of Chicago's latest celebration of Arab culture.









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Will they ever get it right?

▶ What excuse now for Chicago's lack of oversight for Arab events?

HE CITY THAT WORKS? WHEN IT COMES to programming events related to Arab heritage under the auspices of the City of Chicago, we don't think so.

From 2001-3, the City allowed its Arab Heritage Month programming to be coopted by mainline Protestant groups here. Those groups were only too happy to take control when they saw officials asleep at the wheel. Year-after-year they turned Arab Heritage Month into Israel Bashing Month - until about one out of every four programs celebrating Arab culture was devoted to Israel or twisted into an attack on the Jewish state. And all of this was done with the imprimatur of the City That Works.

City officials refused to talk about this outrageous development after it was documented in these pages. But — to their credit — they did take action.

It's just there was not enough of it.

After 2003, Arab Heritage Month programming was returned to what it had been initially intended to accomplish - a focus on Arab culture. Then this year, after Mayor Daley gave his go-ahead, a new event — Chicago Arabesque — was added.

With the exception of the involvement of the American Friends Service Committee (an anti-Israel Quaker group), those involved appeared to be from the Arab community.

Nonetheless, once again due to a lack of oversight (and notwithstanding disclaimers to the contrary), political material — specifically, anti-Israel material - was handed out at this Arab festival at Daley Plaza during Taste of Chicago (report, page 1).

Chicago's efforts at promoting communal harmony have become a joke. Will officials ever get it right? And for that matter — see the box on page 2 — will City officials or Mayor Daley ever get their facts right?

Lost in translation

►Ehud Olmert's defeatist attitude comes through in his speeches

Tragically,

wrong

HUD OLMERT STRUCK A SOUR NOTE LAST month in a speech on the stability of Israeli society.

Ably pointing out some of the remarkable strengths of the Israeli achievement at the Caesarea Conference in Haifa on June 28,

and pointing to other areas which need improvement, the Israeli prime minister towards the end of his remarks turned his attention to the challenge to Israel presented by the missiles being launched on virtually a daily

basis from Hamas' Gaza towards Sderot. Mr. Olmert urged patience, arguing that "we cannot, in the short-term, provide you with all the personal security we would like to provide.

To expend the resources necessary to fully shield the area, he noted, would simply draw resources from other areas. And then he said: מדינה לא יכולה למגן עצמה לדעת, כי אין לדבר גבול.

What did he mean by this? According to the government translation, the Israeli leader was doing no more than stating the obvious: "The country cannot completely shield itself, because there is no end to it.²

But according to a Jerusalem Post translation of the sentence, which was published the same day as the conference, Mr. Olmert was expressing a dreadfully defeatist attitude: "A country cannot protect itself ad infinitum, because there would be no end to it."

According to Dr. Pinchas Hayman, formerly of Bar-Ilan University, Mr. Olmert's sentence was an idiomatic pun on the expression l'abed et atzmo l'da'at, which means "to commit suicide". The sense was thus that "a state cannot endlessly defend itself," which supports the *Post's* rendering.

In fact this defeatist attitude appears not to have crept into Mr. Olmert's speech, but to be a faithful expression of his weariness. It came across a few days earlier in his pleading, ingratiating, servile-sounding words to Palestinian Authority president Mahmoud Abbas at the Sharm el-Sheikh Summit, organized by Egypt and attended by Jordan. In hyper-inflated and over-the-top rhetoric, Mr. Olmert noted the "profound" suffering of the Palestinians. "Their pain and memories are infinite," he said.

And he has given expression to this fa-

tigue on other occasions, notably in a Sept. 1, 2005 speech in New York. While the Vice Prime Minister, he said:

"We are tired of fighting, we are tired of being courageous, we are tired of winning, we are tired of defeating our enemies, we

want that we will be able to live in an entirely different environment of relations with our enemies. We want them to be our friends, our partners, our good neighbors."

It would be nice if the world were the way Mr. Olmert wished it would be. But it isn't. Pining for it with a profound sense of sadness, of Weltschmerz, doesn't help. The words do not inspire. They dampen and undermine resolve, they do an injustice to those who fought to make Israel what it is

T IS EASY TO SAY, FROM OUT OF THE RANGE of danger, what someone ought to do. It is easy to be critical of the one who lives in constant danger and fear that a single misstep could have tragic consequences.

And yet, that doesn't mean the defeatism is not palpable. Indeed, it can be felt across the oceans.

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, formerly of New York and now of Efrat, recalled in 2002 a meeting which he had nearly a decade earlier with then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. It came after Israel had decided to arm the Palestine Authority police force, an act which Rabbi Riskin questioned.

"We've got to take the risk," Rabin responded. "Our people are too tired for ano-

Commenting on this exchange years later, Rabbi Riskin's inspiring words appear sadly, but prophetically — aimed at Israel's current leader as well:

Tragically Mr. Rabin was wrong on the first issue; fortunately Mr. Rabin was also wrong on the second. Despite these most difficult and precarious times, the Israeli populace — and especially my people in Efrat — are standing courageous and resolute, proud to be protecting Jews the world over, proud to be waging the battle of the just and the free against the primitivism of terrorist suicide bombers. Mr. Rabin, sadly, underestimated his nation — and we are now paying a bitter price."

IN THE NEWS

By Nechemia Meyers

Israel's Uneven Health Care

AD CHANA PLAYED BY THE RULES OF standard medical practice in Israel a year ago, she would certainly by now be suffering from irreversible damage to her immune system.

Chana is afflicted with a severe auto-immune disease, the treatment of which demands extreme measures that can only be decided upon by a senior specialist.

When she turned to the Israeli medical insurance fund to which she belongs, they told her she would have to wait six months to see a specialist. Yet during that period, she knew her condition would deterio-

So instead she decided to jump to the head of the line by paying to see a specialist on a private basis. She is now receiving the vital treatment she requires.

Chana was able to pay the specialist with funds provided by her supplementary insurance policy and from her own pocket. In Israel, this is all above board.

Sometimes, however, such arrangements are not practical. The result: Under-the-table payment to a physician who, naturally, may not feel inclined to report it to the income tax authorities.

N SOME RESPECTS, THE medical care system here is better than that of the United States.

In Israel, every citizen is covered and will receive treatment when s/he requires it, unlike some 43 million Americans who are



without any medical insurance whatsoever.

So contrary to the situation in the U.S., where health care is a key issue for all political campaigns, it is not really on the political agenda here.

With few exceptions, voters don't seem to be particularly concerned by a situation in which, to paraphrase George Orwell, all Israeli citizens are equally entitled to medical care, but some are more equal than others.

To be sure, inequities in the Israeli health system are found not only in private care, but in hospitalization as well.

Most public hospitals which offer treatment which is virtually free are of a reasonable standard. But they are badly overcrowded, with four to six people in a room, and sometimes one or two more in the nearby hallway.

Private hospitals, which charge substantial fees, are far less crowded, have more nursing staff per pa-

tient and (among other things) offer patients the opportunity to choose what they will eat.

They are staffed almost exclusively by top-flight specialists who visit patients in the afternoon after finishing their morning job at a public hospital.

Another feature of pri-

Where some are more equal than others

vate institutions is the fact that they exclude departments that don't bring in a substantial profit (for example, emergency wards and internal medicine).

EALTH MINISTER MOSHE Sharoni is worried by current trends in private and hospital care in Israel.

He has warned that, unless there are changes, "Israel will end up with two health systems - one for the affluent and one for ordinary people.

Unmentioned by Sharoni is a third health consumer level in Israel. This group is in far worse shape where medical care is concerned.

These are people too poor to even pay the standard fee to fill each prescription. Statistics indicate that some 8% of Israelis don't even go to get the medicines for which they are given prescriptions.



ETTERS

Investing in Israel

To the Editor:

Re: "JUF rejects anti-Israel investment allegation (June 22):

American Jews need to approach Israel with objectivity rather than Stars of Davids in their eyes.

When Jews finally realize there's money to be made here, they'll see Israel with a proper perspective. It's not a country for tzedakah dollars but investment dollars — and immigration by choice for people from the

GIL KEZWER Jerusalem, June 22

Star articles

To the Editor:

Please forgive my slow response to the wonderful article you wrote about A Package From Home ("Aliyah story: Making a difference," May 18). I have just returned from a six week trip in the States and was

Star article that you wrote waiting for me.

You certainly captured the breadth of the project and gave a sense to the public of the importance of our work.

I thank you so much, and as the soldiers say "Elef brachot" — a thousand blessings. BARBARA BLOOM

SILVERMAN Founder, A Package from Home Jerusalem, June 18

To the Editor: I found your wonderful

newspaper, and learned so

delighted to find the Jewish much by reading it that I took out a subscription.

I read "Discovering Torah" — what a wonderful, wonderful article. Maria Mata

Chicago, June 28

Thanks

To the Editor:

Thank you for your review of Alex Grobman's Nation's United: How the United Nations Undermines Israel and the West (Jewish Star, May 18). We really appreciate it.

STACEY DRAKE New Leaf Publishing, Green Forest, AR, June 1

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