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TO: **Rabbi & Jerusalem Post Columnist Stewart Weiss**

On the Jerusalem Post's website the title of your July 13th column is a question "[Will the socialist, pro-intifada Mamdani make New York inhospitable for Jews?](#)". However, when the link to the column is copied and pasted it reveals a title that is not a question: "[Zohran Mamdani will turn New York into ground zero of anti-Israel action](#)" – a certainty.

It is to prevent that certainty – and the likelihood of NY becoming "inhospitable for Jews" – that I have been devoting myself exclusively for the past seven weeks. Below is an example, my September 1st e-mail to Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt, founder and chair of the [Zionist Rabbinic Coalition](#), with its above-attached one-page announcement: "**SPREAD THE WORD – Mamdani's Win as NYC Mayor is being Rigged by the NYT & Other NY Press, Concealing his Corruption as a NYS Assemblyman – A Scandal He Cannot Survive**". In these is the answer to how it is that Mamdani is poised to be NYC mayor, described by your column as the "unthinkable, unimaginable", "unfolding right in front of our unbelieving eyes". Indeed, although your column refers to the NYT as "that Israel-baiter and Israel-hater fixture of the city", it does NOT connect the NYT or NY's other press with the "unthinkable, unimaginable". Yet, it is they that are the primary culprits. Their decades of *knowingly* false reporting and editorializing about NY state and local governance, destroying ALL safeguarding checks and balances, have enabled capture by the "woke" left. This is what has led to what you describe as "Mamdani's meteoric rise to power".

Based on my e-mail – and my August 29th e-mail to [The New York Board of Rabbis](#) beneath it – I am confident that you, Rabbi, having suffered the sacrifice of your beloved son Ari for the defense of Israel, will not flinch from your duty to take all appropriate action to "SPREAD THE WORD" about what has been happening here in NY by columns in The Jerusalem Post. And, by focusing on the NYT and NY's other press, you will be leading the battle for Israel and the Jews from the assaults your own August 3rd column "[Leading with libel: Tisha B'Av, the global attack on Israel](#)" describes:

"all of Israel and the Jewish people in general – is under serious attack. Not a day goes by that we are not harassed, harangued, hounded, or held liable for every sin known to man. There is a feeding frenzy – led, of course, by [The New York Times](#) and its ilk – 'all the abuse that's fit to print' – that fills the pages and airwaves of virtually every country, including those who are themselves knee-deep in actual malfeasance. It's open season on Jews, Israeli or non."

Such proposed columns would also allow you to correct your August 3rd column, whose conclusion is that because hasbara hits “against a huge brick wall of prejudice”, where “Truth becomes the primary victim”, there is “only one choice: to rage against the lies and hate while conducting ourselves in the most just and proper fashion that the situation allows.” In fact, there is **another choice** – lawsuits against the press purveyors of these deliberate lies – and this is part of the “ACTION PLAN” my e-mail to the Zionist Rabbinic Coalition presents, requesting its help in securing a favorable response from the [Zionist Organization of America’s Center for Law and Justice](#) and [The Lawfare Project](#) to my [requests](#) to them for assistance in bringing a federal lawsuit against the [NYT](#) and such other press as [AP](#) for their election-rigging “journalistic fraud” for Mamdani – and suggesting a separate federal lawsuit by Prime Minister Netanyahu for defamation of himself and Israel, with causes of action for “journalistic fraud” and “institutional reckless disregard for truth”.

Ironically, your above hyperlink to “[The New York Times](#)” is to Jerusalem Post Editor in Chief Zvika Klein’s July 31st column “[Why the NYT Gaza correction fell short, why it matters](#)”, in which he shockingly distances himself from critics who claim that legacy media outlets are biased against Israel. I had not realized this when I sent him an [August 19th e-mail](#) entitled “URGENT: The NYT & other NY press are dovetailing their anti-Israel bias to election-rig for Mamdani to be NYC’s next mayor. Will you forward this for reporting by your ‘Diaspora affairs’ journalists -- & to Caroline Glick for Prime Minister Netanyahu?”, to which I received NO response from him, nor from any of the [other Jerusalem Post editors to whom I sent it](#). Can you find out why – and, additionally, ascertain whether, as I had requested, the e-mail was forwarded for the Prime Minister. If it was not forwarded, will you forward it?

I would also greatly appreciate if you would forward this e-mail to journalists such as the extraordinary Melanie Phillips (i.e. “[The Pallywood theatre of extermination](#)”, “[The media front in the war on civilisation](#)”, “[The media’s Ponzi scheme of lies](#)”) who has been scorching in her condemnations of the press for their flagrant falsehoods about Israel – and its existential consequences for Israel and western civilization. Perhaps you could suggest that they interview legal experts of U.S. media law about the litigation strategy I have proposed against the [NYT](#) and [AP](#), *et al*.

Finally, please forward this e-mail to the community of American rabbi olim with whom I presume you are familiar because the congregations they left behind and American rabbis are in dire need of their guidance. In particular, please forward this e-mail to Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, as I have not received ANY response from the Lincoln Square Synagogue in Manhattan that he founded, as a hub of Torah and Jewish activism, and of which he is a towering figure. Here’s my [August 28th e-mail to the Lincoln Square Synagogue rabbis](#) and here’s my [August 28th e-mail to its co-presidents](#), specifically asking for confirmation of forwarding to Rabbi Riskin – and, if not, the reason.

I would welcome speaking with you directly, answering your questions, and discussing with you further matters of grave concern for Israel and the Jews, which you might also wish to explore in future columns.

I take this opportunity to note that the beloved, inspiring rabbi of my childhood, [Shlomo Wexler](#) of Young Israel of New Rochelle, [made aliyah in 1988 and became the registrar of Neve Yerushalayim Seminary for Women and also a writer](#). Perhaps you knew him – or know his wonderful wife, Chaya, who is still living. I cherish them, with me, always.

Thank you.

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Subject: Mamdani is a danger to Israel & the Jewish People -- & cannot survive reporting of his corruption as a NYS assemblyman, as the NYT & other NY press know, in reporting nothing about it. HERE's THE ACTION PLAN, consistent with yours --

TO: ZIONIST RABBINIC COALITION FOUNDER & CHAIR RABBI STUART WEINBLATT

I am a Jew, Zionist, lived in Israel for four years, and worked for 10 months at the Israel Mission to the UN under Benjamin Netanyahu, who I greatly respect. I am, additionally, director and co-founder of the NY-based nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](http://www.judgewatch.org) – and, [for decades](#), have documented the *knowingly false* journalism of [The New York Times](#) and other press pertaining to U.S. governance, specifically relating to judicial selection and discipline on federal and NY state and local levels – essentially paralleling what CAMERA ([Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis](#)) and [HonestReporting](#) document about how [The Times](#) and other press report and editorialize about Israel.

These two strands of knowingly false journalism, as to Israel and as to NY state and local governance, have led to the rise of Zohran Mamdani to be NYC's next mayor. The pervasive anti-Israel slanting and defamations of the NYT and other NY press have given credibility and resonance to Mamdani's anti-Israel, pro-Hamas falsehoods, while, simultaneously, these outlets have concealed, *in toto*, his corruption as a NYS assemblyman, for which he must be indicted and will be convicted – the EVIDENCE of which they have, but do not report. The result of their flagrant election-rigging for Mamdani – including their propagating of polls rigged by their journalism – is that Jewish and pro-Israel communities, among so many others, are dispirited and inhibited from mobilizing against him because of the purported inevitability of his electoral victory in November. **This is catastrophic, as Mamdani can be defeated, easily and without money, simply by the press doing its job of reporting on the EVIDENCE of his corruption as a NYS assemblyman, destroying constitutional, lawful state governance and causing vast, irreparable injury to the People of NY.**

The Jewish and pro-Israel communities, among others, **MUST be alerted to this** – and, by the above-attached announcement entitled **“SPREAD THE WORD – Mamdani's Win as NYC Mayor is being Rigged by the NYT & Other NY Press, Concealing his Corruption as a NYS Assemblyman – A Scandal He Cannot Survive”**, I have sought to do just that. On Friday, August 29th, by my below e-mail, I furnished it to The New York Board of Rabbis, whose president, Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, and corresponding secretary, Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz, are members of the Zionist Rabbinic Coalition's Advisory Board. As TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, I am directly forwarding it to you and cc'ing ALL members of the Advisory Board, for distribution to ALL the Coalition's “over 1,000 rabbis from diverse American congregations...committed to supporting Israel”, for ALL appropriate action. This includes help in securing a favorable response from the Zionist Organization of America's Center for Law and Justice and The Lawfare Project, herein cc'd, to my requests to them for assistance in bringing a federal lawsuit against the NYT and such other press as AP for their election-rigging “journalistic fraud” for Mamdani. Here's my August 22nd proposal to The Lawfare Project, which I also furnished to ZOA, outlining the lawsuit and additionally suggesting a separate federal lawsuit by Prime Minister Netanyahu for defamation of himself and Israel, with causes of action for “journalistic fraud” and “institutional reckless disregard for truth”.

Suffice to note that you have repeatedly recognized that it is the press that is largely responsible for the plummeting public support for Israel, including among Jews and rabbis. Three years ago, in the week before Rosh Hashana, in a podcast interview of you by Jewish News Syndicate Editor-in-Chief Jonathan Toban entitled **“Is it okay for a rabbi to be anti-Israel?”**, posted on the Zionist Rabbinic Coalition's website, you stated:

“...one of the problems has to do with what are our sources of information. And so much of what American rabbis digest and process comes from The New York Times, which is unabashedly not sympathetic toward Israel, Zionism...” (at 18 mins).

Most recently, in your July 28, 2025 article **“Needed: Rabbis Who Stand Up For Jews”**, you stated:

“The attacks against the Jewish state are fueled by the almost daily barrage of articles and columns in the New York Times and other once respectable outlets harshly critical with negative portrayals of Israel, which are often inaccurate, and often written by Jewish commentators.”

Two days later you placed the media first in the “plan of action” of your July 30th article **“Fighting Antisemitism Before It's Too Late”**, stating:

"Mainstream media outlets play a significant role in stoking hostility toward Jews and Israel.

...

News outlets must take responsibility for their role in promoting and encouraging antisemitism and hostility towards Israel. We need to demand that they objectively report the truth."

The Zionist Rabbinic Coalition's [homepage](#) features both articles, along with the [August 2nd "Moment of Complexity" sermon for Shabbat Devarim](#) by Advisory Board Member Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz, which, focusing on the false, defamatory journalism of the [NYT](#) and other media that have incited the world against Israel in its just war against Hamas, gives a clarion call for what must be done:

"The mainstream media should do an accounting of its soul. And that's why moments like this, rooms like this, that were perhaps not intended to be places where news is disseminated, needs to now become transformed into places where truth is spoken in a world where truth does not matter. (at 12 mins.) ...

In a world where truth no longer matters, let us be the group that demands the ascension of the value of truth again. Let us re-establish the preeminence of facts and sources and do the work that reporters in the media are no longer willing to do. May G-d give us the strength...the ability as Jews to...safeguard the truth, especially at this moment. And my G-d always bless and protect the State of Israel and the United States of America." (at 34 mins).

Neither Israel nor the United States can survive the deluge of flagrant falsehoods that are the stock-in-trade of the [NYT](#) and other press – and the story of what they have been doing in election-rigging for Mamdani by their *knowingly* false and "fake news" journalism -- the EVIDENCE of which is accessible from my "[SPREAD THE WORD](#)" announcement – is its own HUGE scandal that they will not survive. It, too, must be reported – with their *modus operandi* of *knowing* falsehoods and deceptions shut down by the federal lawsuit I have here placed before you, with its summary judgement entitlement to massive compensatory and punitive damages.

I am eager to discuss this with you and the rabbis of the Zionist Rabbinic Coalition, individually and collectively, so that a successful action plan can be developed and implemented. I am available, *no matter how early or late*. Please let me hear from you by this Friday, September 5th, before Shabbat.

Thank you.

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Subject: The Jewish & Civic Responsibilities of the NY Board of Rabbis to EVIDENCE of Zohran Mamdani's Corruption as a NYS Assemblyman, Destroying Constitutional, Lawful, State Governance, Unreported by the Press

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I am also co-founder and director of the NY-based nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#) – and, in that capacity, interacted with Zohran Mamdani, by four e-mails, in 2020, when he was running to be elected as a NYS assemblyman from Queens, and again, this year, by four e-mails in March, when he was running to win the Democratic NYC mayoral primary. Based thereon – and my interaction, by many, many e-mails, with a wide swath of NY press, both before the primary and since – I have been disseminating the above-attached announcement to mobilize NY's Jewish, pro-Israel, and other communities entitled **"SPREAD THE WORD – Mamdani's Win as NYC Mayor is being Rigged by the NYT & Other NY Press, Concealing his Corruption as a NYS Assemblyman – A Scandal He Cannot Survive"**.

I take the occasion of this [Shabbat Shoftim](#) to respectfully request that you read the one-page announcement and examine its EVIDENTIARY links, from which will be obvious your duty as Jews, citizens, and rabbis to take appropriate action to ensure reporting by the press or by other means of the EVIDENCE

of Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving his knowledge of, and complicity in, the corruption of NY's judiciary, at its highest levels, in colluding with the legislative and executive branches in destroying constitutional, lawful, state governance, of which he has been a direct beneficiary, including by his salary.

As you will be guided by the Torah and our other sacred texts, by modern codes of ethics and civic responsibility largely based thereon, by the foundational documents and laws of our United States and New York State, and by history, I have no doubt that in discussions amongst yourselves, with your Board of Governors, and with the "over 750 rabbis" who are your members, there will be unanimity that doing nothing is NOT an option, individually or collectively.

I am available to answer questions, *no matter how early or late*, and I swear to the truth of the content of my announcement, under penalties of our Torah and perjury.

As TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, please let me hear from you by next Shabbat.

Thank you.

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