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Nitsana Darshan-Leitner



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present to you Shurat HaDin's 2021 Annual Report. As we all are aware, COVID has not obstructed nor prevented the enemies of Israel from perpetrating terror attacks and violence, nor has it hindered them from spreading their antisemitic hatred on social media. Accordingly, our lawyers have relentlessly undertaken to utilize legal actions to confront these dangerous threats. These are some of our achievements during the year:

We stood at the forefront of the fight against ice cream makers Ben and Jerry's after its parent company took a leading role in the BDS movement in its decision to prevent its products from being sold in Judea and Samaria, taking over their trademark in this region.

We won a judgment against the Palestine Liberation Organization for the 1985 terror seajacking of the Achille Lauro and the brutal violence that Jewish victims endured onboard the seized vessel.

We won a judgment against Hamas on behalf of the families of the three teenagers that were kidnapped and killed by the Islamic terror group, and plan to enforce the 38 million NIS judgment against the PA's money funding Hamas' budget.

We petitioned the International Criminal Court in The Hague to charge the Palestinian terror groups with war crimes in the wake of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad launching over 4,000 rockets and missiles at Israel's population centers from their terror fortress in Gaza.

We filed a lawsuit against Qatar for the deaths and damages that resulted from the billions of dollars it provided to Hamas. We continue the fight against the weaponization of social media to promote terrorism and extremist violence, sounding the alarm on the use of these toxic platforms to finance the hate groups'

operations, their efforts to spread propaganda, and recruit new members. We won a powerful legal decision and breakthrough in the Court of Appeals in the 9th Circuit against the Social Media giants. We are hopeful this could be a major legal gamechanger.

We put the international airlines flying in and out of Beirut Airport on formal notice, that Hezbollah stockpiles deadly rockets at this civil aviation facility and that they were knowingly and negligently endangering the lives of their passengers utilizing this global Hezbollah terror hub. We demanded that they raise this perilous matter with the Lebanese government and suspend their flights into Beirut until the danger is remedied.

We went to court to prevent terror mastermind Marwan Barghouti, the imprisoned leader of the PLO's Martyrs of Al-Aqsa, from running for elected office inside the Palestinian Authority. In addition, we filed a war crime complaint against the Palestinian Authority for financially rewarding jailed terrorists with monthly stipends, for their crimes against Jews and Israelis.

This is an opportunity to thank you once again for your partnership. As our annual report sets out, we proudly remain lock-focused on safeguarding Israel and the world Jewish community. We have researched the issues; we have our brief, and we are well prepared for the fight ahead.

Yours,

Nitsana Darshan-Leitner



Over the past 15 years, Shurat HaDin has taken the lead in fighting terror and pursuing justice. We began with the conviction that terrorists must be held to account in a court of law and victims of terror are entitled to receive compensation. We soon expanded our efforts, pursuing the supporters and backers of terrorism to block terrorist funding and deny terrorist groups the financial “oxygen” that keeps them alive. As terrorist organizations have evolved, we have also continued to adapt and develop new strategies to combat their tactics: battling BDS, lawfare, and other efforts to delegitimize the Jewish state; fighting the use of social media for inciting violence and promoting terror; and defending Israel, its leaders, and soldiers against claims of war crimes. Shurat HaDin is using court systems around the world to go on the legal offensive against Israel's enemies. Fighting Terror Funding Israel and the Jewish community worldwide have

repeatedly been targeted with devastating waves of terrorism, and the present is no exception. Shurat HaDin began as one of the pioneers of directing legal action and civil lawsuits against terrorists and their sponsors, and it has become a world leader in the fight to compensate victims and stop terror funding. Shurat HaDin works with western intelligence agencies and a network of lawyers around the world to file legal actions on behalf of victims of terrorism. Today, we represent hundreds of terror victims in legal actions against Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, North Korea, the Palestinian Authority, Iran and Syria. These cases seek not just to obtain compensation for injury and loss, but to present evidence of these crimes to the world and obtain a measure of justice for innocent victims and families. Moreover, for terrorists to operate they need money — for equipment, training, weapons, personnel, and more. Without money, terrorists cannot function effectively.

To reach terrorists, money must flow from donors and outlaw regimes to places like Gaza, the West Bank, and southern Lebanon. By blocking the flow of money, we can cut off the life-line that keeps terrorist organizations alive. While government efforts to obstruct terror financing are vital, those efforts alone are not enough. Accordingly, Shurat HaDin's legal actions serve a unique and crucial role in blocking terror funding and thus eliminating terrorists' ability to carry out attacks. For example, Shurat HaDin has brought claims against banks that have served terrorists, such as UBS, the Lebanese-Canadian Bank, American Express Bank, and the Bank of China, and it also serves as a watchdog to warn and block other entities and organizations that may consider providing money or resources to benefit terrorist groups.



Combatting Lawfare and BDS

Israel and Jewish communities around the world also continue to be confronted by an international campaign to delegitimize the Jewish State and challenge its right to exist via the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement and various “lawfare” tactics to attack Israel and Israelis with baseless legal actions. Shurat HaDin has taken a lead in combatting these efforts, working to support legislation to prohibit and penalize racist and anti-Semitic boycotts, exposing organizations that fund BDS activities, filing legal challenges to unions and academic societies that seek to support and implement BDS policies, and using legal procedures to foil attempts to weaken Israel’s security, such as the Gaza Flotilla that sought to breach Israel’s legitimate coastal blockade of the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.



Fighting Jihad on Social Media

Just as social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and others have become popular and valuable tools of communication, networking, marketing, and more for individuals and entities around the world, radical Islamic jihadists and other terror groups have also adopted social media to recruit followers, incite violence, and conduct their terrorist activities. Unfortunately, social media providers have largely turned a blind eye to the use of their services by terrorists, refusing to actively identify and delete known terrorist accounts.

Shurat HaDin has initiated a public campaign and legal strategy to challenge these companies for their complicity in the terrorism that their services are used to facilitate and promote. Shurat HaDin recently filed lawsuits against social media giants Facebook, Twitter, and Google for providing material support to Hamas and other designated terrorist organizations.



Defending Against War Crimes Allegations

In their attempt to delegitimize Israel, advance their cause internationally, and pressure Israel to make concessions in the “peace process” the Palestinians have stepped up their efforts to bring condemnation upon Israel in national and international tribunals.

The Palestinian Authority has ostensibly acceded to membership in the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, and has lodged complaints at the ICC claiming that Israel, its leaders, and soldiers should be prosecuted for various “war crimes” arising out of Israel’s 2014 Gaza operation to halt missile attacks aimed at Israeli civilians, and for “settlement” activity in Judea and Samaria. The State of Israel is not a member of the ICC, which complicates its ability to formally respond to these complaints. As a non-governmental organization, Shurat HaDin can thus play an important role in countering the Palestinians’ actions.

Among other things, Shurat HaDin has convened a series of major conferences with academic and legal experts on the current state of the “laws of war,” to promote public awareness and debate on the standards that should be applied to evaluate Israeli military actions. In addition, Shurat HaDin has also submitted several complaints to the ICC documenting international crimes committed by the Palestinian Authority and Palestinian leaders.

Hamas Ordered to Pay 38 Million NIS to the Families of Three Teens Murdered in 2014



On June 12, 2014, a Hamas terror cell in Judea kidnapped three Israeli teenagers—Eyal Yifrah, Gilad Shaar, and Naftali Fraenkel—who were waiting at a junction looking for a ride. The terrorists masqueraded as Orthodox Jews and the abduction was even recorded when one of the boys managed to call the police during the kidnapping; much of the crime was captured in real-time as it happened. Eighteen days following the abduction, the bodies of the three teenagers were discovered. Hamas, operating out of its terror hub in Gaza, used the kidnappings and murders as a pretext to start a war against Israel. The terrorists launched hundreds of rockets into southern Israel, and the Israel Defense Forces entered Gaza in what became known as “Operation Protective Edge,” a military incursion to eradicate the Hamas missile infrastructure and to destroy the underground network of terror tunnels that Hamas used for terror operations.

Shurat HaDin represents the families of the murdered Jewish boys and immediately went after Hamas in court. Supported financially by Iran, Qatar, and other state benefactors, Hamas also receives between \$50 and \$100 million a month from the Palestinian Authority for its administration of the Gaza Strip. The families of the slain boys wanted 500 million New Israeli Shekels in damages but in September, a Jerusalem District Court ordered two of the masterminds of the murderous operation to pay the families only NIS 38 million, approximately \$11.8 million. Although we intend to appeal the judgment for its low ruling, this is yet an unprecedented victory. For the first time funds from the Palestinian Authority will be confiscated for a terrorist attack carried out by Hamas if the Palestinian Authority refuses to honor the foreclosure order and continues to fund Hamas despite the order, we will demand the amount of compensation from the tax money that the State of Israel transfers to the Palestinian Authority.

PLO Ordered to Pay Compensation to 1985 Achille Lauro Hijacking Victims

Thirty-six years after four terrorists from the Palestine Liberation Front seized control of the Italian cruise ship the S.S. Achille Lauro, murdering 69-year-old Leon Klinghoffer, a wheelchair-bound American Jew, and then tossing his body and wheelchair overboard, the victims of that horrific crime have received a small measure of justice thanks to the tireless efforts of Shurat HaDin.

Leon Klinghoffer was not the only victim of the heinous terror assault. Shurat HaDin represented two other victims, Sofi Chiser and Anna Schneider, both American Jews, who were singled out for harsh treatment by the Palestinian terrorists when the terrorists took control of the ship. The American Jewish victims, represented by Shurat HaDin, fought what seemed to be an endless fight to hold the Palestine Liberation Organization accountable for the pain and suffering their operation inflicted. The PLO, the umbrella group that oversaw multiple terrorist factions, had to sanction and approve major operations, such as the seizure of the Achille Lauro.

In July 2021, a Jerusalem court ordered the PLO to pay 1 million New Israeli Shekels to the estates of the two victims. The PLO argued that it had nothing to do with the murder at sea, but the court was not buying it. We are very proud of our legal effort and the message it sends that we will never stop pursuing those who target Jews or perpetrate violence against our communities. Never again means pursuing the terrorist organizations forever.





Seizing Ben and Jerry's Trademark for Boycotting Israel

In July, ice cream manufacturers Ben and Jerry's made a very public declaration that their many flavors of ice cream would no longer be sold in what they referred to as "Occupied Palestinian Territory," an apparent referral to the West Bank and East Jerusalem; the two Jewish-Americans from Long Island, New York, said the decision would take effect at the end of 2022 when its contract with the current Israeli manufacturer and distributor expires.

In 2011, the Israeli Knesset passed a law allowing civil lawsuits that demand compensation from those who call for boycotts against companies in Israel and West Bank settlements, and immediately following the Ben and Jerry's announcement, Shurat HaDin led the legal battle against this latest BDS caper. In 2019, Shurat HaDin forced Airbnb to reverse its pro-BDS policy in the wake of a court settlement between the vacation rental company and a dozen American Jewish plaintiffs who had sued the company and has taken an active lead in the fight to make Ben and Jerry's pay a dear price for becoming yet another woke pawn in the fight against the Jewish state.

As a countermove, Shurat HaDin is registering the name "Judea and Samaria's Ben & Jerry's" with the Judea and Samaria's Registry of Corporations. We notified Unilever, Ben and Jerry's parent company, about our future steps. Unilever fought back, claiming that it had never relinquished its trademark and had no intention of doing so. We hope to have the opportunity to square off against Ben and Jerry's in a courtroom. We intend to seize their trademarks and utilize their name and manufacture our own ice cream in every Israeli region they have withdrawn from. This battle is far from over.

Anti-Israel Rapper Removed from Government's Campaign

Tamer Nafar is a rapper who identifies himself as a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. He has made a name for himself with songs that vilify Israel and compare the Jewish state with Hitler's Germany. His lyrics have accused Israel of ethnic genocide, rape, and terror. His music embodies the vile Arab propaganda of anti-Israel and antisemitic themes that personify the destructive hatred taught in Palestinian schools in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The State of Israel should condemn and seek to silence Nafar. Instead, the Israeli Welfare Ministry used Nafar for a campaign to try and stem sexual violence in the Arab sector.

Nafar is a major proponent of the BDS movement, and the Boycott Law forbids the government from giving any benefits to persons or groups who publicly call for a boycott of Israel. We were determined to stop the public service madness. We have placed Social Services Minister Meir Cohen on notice that Nafar should be removed from any government-funded endeavor as contracting with him is a violation of the BDS law. As a result of our warning, the government canceled its contact with Nafar.





Shurat HaDin Sues Iran Over Torture of South Lebanese Army Veteran

Amer Fakhoury was a soldier in the South Lebanese Army, the SLA, who fought alongside the IDF in southern Lebanon battling Hezbollah and Palestinian terrorist groups. When Israel withdrew unilaterally from Lebanon in 2000, the Fakhoury family found a new home in Israel. They immigrated to the United States and found successful and peaceful lives in New England. But after nineteen years of forced exile Amer Fakhoury wanted to return to Lebanon for a visit. He was a naturalized U.S. citizen and carefully coordinated his return plans and received concrete assurances that his safety was guaranteed.

But shortly after his return to Beirut, he was summoned by the intelligence services for interrogation. He was subsequently remanded to custody, beaten, and physically and psychologically tortured. He fell ill in Lebanese custody and a diagnosis of cancer was never made; the malignancy was enhanced by the Epstein-Barr virus that infected him in prison. After political and diplomatic

pressure was placed on the Hezbollah-controlled government in Beirut, authorities released Fakhoury. He succumbed to cancer in August 2020 shortly after his release. He was only 57 years old.

Lebanon is run by Iran and its proxy terrorist army Hezbollah. As a result, Shurat HaDin and the Fakhoury family sued the Islamic Republic of Iran in U.S. federal court to hold Tehran accountable for this horrific crime and murder of an American citizen. Iran and Hezbollah intentionally ordered, directed, and caused the psychological and physical torture of their father. Fakhoury's incarceration had been a Hezbollah decision; Wafic Safa, the head of Hezbollah's internal security agency, wanted the former SLA officer to be imprisoned. Hezbollah was designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the United States in 1984. In similar lawsuits against Iran, U.S. courts have ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, ordering Iran to pay billions of dollars in damages.



Shurat HaDin Filed a War Crime Complaint against Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas over the Pay to Slay Policy

In 2016, fourteen-year-old Hallel Ariel of Kiryat Arba was murdered by a Palestinian terrorist as she slept in her bed. The brutal crime perpetrated against an innocent teenager horrified the State of Israel.

Hallel was a dancer who had a bright and wonderful future to look forward to. Her killer, Muhammed Tarayrah, infiltrated the settlement looking to kill as many Jews as possible. Although he had tripped a security sensor setting off an alert, he somehow managed to evade capture long enough to sneak into the Ariel family home. Tarayrah snuck into Hallel's room and stabbed her repeatedly, killing the young girl. The Kiryat Arba security team that was alerted to the infiltration alarm captured Tarayrah and shot and killed him. The cold-blooded murder was no random act: Tarayrah was active on social media, sharing multiple posts on Facebook praising terror attacks against Jews and forewarning his intentions of becoming a martyr.

The murdered girl's family was stoic throughout the heartbreaking tragedy, but when the International Criminal Court in The Hague opened a war crimes probe against Israel in March 2021, they spoke out. A year earlier, Shurat HaDin filed a lawsuit on behalf of Rina and Hallel against the Palestinian Authority for their insidious "pay for slay" incentives: terrorists or their surviving kin receive lucrative payouts for crimes perpetrated against Jews and Israel—sometimes, these blood money stipends can reach NIS 12,000 a month. This murder for hire is a war crime and something that the ICC should be investigating.

In a sharply worded letter to the ICC, we stressed that while the court does not have jurisdiction over Israel (it isn't a member state), or the Palestinian Authority since it isn't a state, it does, indeed, hold jurisdiction over Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and many of the PA officials who facilitate the pay-for-slay terror and murder for-profit programs since they hold Jordanian citizenship. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is an ICC member state.



We filed a Complaint to The ICC Against its Refusal to Rule Over Turkey Settling Northern Cyprus Before Investigating Israel Over its Settlements Policy

In a daring move that will test the International Criminal Court's impartiality and focus on a true pursuit of justice—and not just an anti-Israel agenda—Shurat HaDin has called out ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda for a decision on Northern Cyprus and Turkish war crimes. The ICC has been quick-on-the-trigger to accept any accusations leveled against the State of Israel, and Bensouda declared the Israeli settlements a war crime in 2015. So, the question begs to be asked: What about Northern Cyprus? The standard used by the ICC against Israel must apply to all nations, even Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

The demand that the ICC investigate Turkey came in 2014—a year before the court's decision on Israel—but it has remained an issue the prosecutor does not want to touch. “For [a period of] seven years Bensouda has brazenly ignored our communications involving Turkey's occupation of Northern Cyprus despite all

our repeated demands and warnings,” Shurat HaDin founder and president Nitsana Darshan-Leitner stated. “Finally, when we complained to the ICC's Independent Oversight Commission, Bensouda was forced to act [and do something]. We want to ensure that the ICC would not be able to deal with Palestinian complaints against Israel without first determining how Turkey is occupying Northern Cyprus. Let's see the ICC [really] go after Erdoğan.”

While United Nations rulings have called upon Israel and the Palestinians to negotiate a settlement over territory, Turkey has absolutely no legal claim or basis for being in Northern Cyprus. They have initiated a program of racial displacement and stolen half the island nation.

We Issued a Warning to Airlines Endangering Their Passengers by Flying in and out of Beirut-Rafic Hariri International Airport in the Lebanese Capital

Earlier this year, Shurat HaDin issued a stern warning to the international airlines that fly in and out of Beirut-Rafic Hariri International Airport in Lebanon that they ran the risk of legal action if they continued to endanger passengers by flying in and out of the Lebanese capital.

In its pre-pandemic days, Beirut-Rafic Hariri International Airport handled close to 9 million passengers annually. The airport was a hub for MEA (Middle Eastern Airlines), the Lebanese flag carrier, and home to eighteen international airlines, including Emirates, Air France, Alitalia, and Lufthansa. But it is a common fact that the airport is in full control of Hezbollah and airlines knowingly place their passengers and their planes in direct peril by flying to this destination. A June 2018 article by the Washington Post reported that Hezbollah's takeover of Beirut airport is so rampant that the organization moves weapons and drugs, in addition to pro-Iranian fighters to other countries from the civil

wars in the Middle East, without any consequences. Hezbollah allows the IRGC to use the airport as a base for Iranian regime operations against Western interests.

Hezbollah is designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization, or FTO, by numerous countries around the world, including the United States—it is a federal crime for an individual or a corporation to provide “material support or resources” to a designated FTO such as Hezbollah. The international aviation associations and ruling bodies did nothing, even after the destructive Beirut port blast in 2020. Shurat HaDin had to act.

We sent warning letters to the airline carriers and to the multinational insurance giants that insure them, that their continued use of places their personnel, their passengers, and their aircraft, in grave peril and that unless they act immediately, they are inviting a catastrophic disaster.





We Moved to Block Imprisoned Arch-Terrorist Marwan Barghouti From Running For Palestinian Leadership

Marwan Barghouti, the former commander of the Fatah Tanzim currently serving five concurrent life sentences in an Israeli prison for the murders he ordered during the second intifada, is one of the highest-profile terror chieftains in Israeli custody. The attacks that Barghouti masterminded killed dozens, wounded scores more, and resulted in the untold suffering of countless innocent Israelis.

But Barghouti is a celebrity in prison, and he's used his status to receive a myriad of perks that a man with his lengthy list of victims must not receive. Most troublesome is the fact that while a maximum-security terror inmate, Barghouti has received special visitors and has been engaged in Palestinian political aspirations, even having his wife submit his name for the list of candidates running for the office of Palestinian Authority president. Shurat HaDin demands that this travesty of common sense and justice end immediately.

In a letter written in the name of the parents of Ronen Landau, a seventeen-year-old teenager who was murdered by Barghouti's men in a terror attack in Jerusalem's Giva'at Ze'ev neighborhood. "We demand an immediate end to the visits and benefits Marwan Barghouti receives at the expense of the blood of the Jewish terror victims," Michal and Shmuel, Ronen's bereaved parents stated. Shurat HaDin founder and president Nitsana Darshan-Leitner concurred "My clients insist the Israel Prison Service treat Barghouti the same as any other security prisoner serving a sentence for the serious crimes he committed," Darshan-Leitner reaffirmed.

Barghouti's political aspirations were foiled when Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas canceled the long-awaited and many-times-canceled legislative elections, actions that helped to ignite the May war with Hamas.



We Filed a War Crime Complaint Against Hamas Over Firing Rockets Toward Israel with the ICC

Israel's enemies have used the International Criminal Court in The Hague as a headline-grabbing weapon to vilify and discriminate against the Jewish state. Terrorist groups, rogue nations, and the BDS movement have tried to have Israelis tried for war crimes in the ICC, and they made determined efforts to pervert justice in courts that are designed to promote truth, due process, and impartiality. Shurat HaDin has decided to test the legitimacy of this court by filing a complaint that Hamas be charged with international war crimes for its assault on the population centers of southern and central Israel during the May 2021 war that the Palestinian Islamic terrorist group instigated.

Hamas launched 4,360 rockets and missiles during the eleven-day conflict in May 2021. The missile launches were seen by the world on news broadcasts, imagery, and one social media; the skyline over Gaza looked like a fireworks display with all the ordnance being fired from the strip into Israel's towns and cities. The international laws that govern warfare strictly prohibit the specific targeting of civilians—the indiscriminate and unprovoked bombardment of civilians is not only immoral but highly illegal under the Rome Statutes of the ICC. The deliberate actions perpetrated by Hamas constitute the most severe form of war crimes, the Shurat HaDin filing stressed. Hamas used its population as human shields, which is also prohibited. The sole purpose of the Hamas war was to kill and injure Jews. Targeting a specific religious group is also a war crime.

The complaint demanded that Hamas military commander Mohammed Deif and political chief Ismail Haniyeh be brought before the tribunal to answer for these violations of international law.

Shurat HaDin founder and president Nitsana Darshan-Leitner summarized the brazen Chutzpah of the ICC and Hamas best, when she said, “The entire purpose of the existence of the Court in the Hague is to deter and prosecute violent crimes like these being perpetrated by Hamas against Israelis. It is a bitter irony that while the Palestinians, including Hamas, are insisting upon a criminal investigation of Israel in the ICC, they are intentionally carrying out violent war crimes against the Jewish state.”

A woman wearing a black hijab is shown from the chest up. She is holding a fan of US dollar bills, with the top bill being a \$100 bill. The background is a dark, solid color.

Shurat HaDin Filed A Legal Action against the Qatari Banks and Charities for Funding Hamas

The oil-rich and terror-friendly State of Qatar is a supporter of numerous Islamic fundamentalist groups, such as the Muslim Brotherhood, ISIS, and, of course, Hamas. The Qataris have become the primary benefactors for the Palestinian Islamic resistance movement, providing the group with billions of dollars in aid and support. For public consumption, the money is intended to be used to benefit the Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip. In reality, the money facilitates the digging of military tunnels, paying the salary of terrorists and suicide bombers, and purchasing and producing offensive rockets and missiles aimed at Israel. Qatari money—funneled through banks and Islamic charities—has become an integral part of the Hamas war machine.

In June 2021, Shurat HaDin filed a historic one-billion-shekel lawsuit against Qatar and several Qatari banks for their role in providing logistical support for terror attacks in which Israelis have been killed and wounded. The legal action was taken on behalf of twenty-four families that suffered losses because of Qatar's blood money investment in Hamas; there are 120 individual plaintiffs. Among those that Shurat HaDin represents in this landmark case include the family of Daniel Turgeman, a four-and-a-half-year-old from Kibbutz Nahal Oz who was killed by Hamas rockets in 2014. Others represented by Shurat HaDin include individuals killed by car-ramming attacks, rocket fire, and car bombings; individuals killed and harmed by the May 2021 Hamas-initiated war are also included in the legal action.

Shurat HaDin founder and president Nitsana Darshan-Leitner proclaimed, "On the one hand, the Israeli government is fighting Hamas, destroying weapons, and devastating tunnels, and on the other hand it is [allowing the] transferring of hundreds of millions of dollars to be used to purchase weapons. If the State of Israel cannot prevent Qatari funding of Palestinian terrorism, and insanely allows it, then the victims of terrorism will act to prevent it."

Shurat HaDin filed a Formal Complaint Against the ICC Prosecutor for Biased and Unethical Conduct



Shurat HaDin has filed a formal complaint against the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Fatou Bensouda, and members of her staff. The complaint sent to the Independent Oversight Mechanism of the ICC accuses Bensouda of deliberate disregard and bias in the handling of the numerous petitions and communications filed by the Law Center over the past six years. Many of Shurat HaDin's communications focused upon allegations of war crimes and crimes against humanity which have been committed by the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Hamas leadership. These complaints were brought before the Prosecutor's office and presented overwhelming evidence of crimes such as torture in Palestinian prisons, arbitrary executions, the 'pay to slay' scheme administered by PA officials, the illegal use of children in an armed conflict, the use of human shields, and more.

Even as Bensouda was deliberating ignoring and purposefully avoiding the charges Shurat HaDin has raised, she has steadily continued her office's investigation of Israel and the IDF. The Office of the Prosecutor has not even materially replied to these complaints. Furthermore, while supposedly reviewing a complaint filed by Shurat HaDin against PA President Mahmoud Abu Abbas, for his criminal responsibility for crimes committed by his subordinates, Bensouda had conducted a meeting with him regarding her office's examination of the Palestinian contentions against Israel.

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Nitsana Darshan-Leitner

Awarded Prestigious Begin Prize for 2021

Shurat HaDin President Nitsana Darshan-Leitner was awarded the prestigious Menachem Begin Foundation Prize for 2021 in a ceremony held at the Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem. The award to Darshan-Leitner recognized her and the Law Center for a career of "providing a voice to the victims of Palestinian terror, for safeguarding the global Jewish community, seeking justice against Israel's enemies, combatting the boycotters and endeavoring to protect IDF soldiers in forums worldwide."

It was noted that Darshan-Leitner launched her organization, along with other Israeli lawyers, during the dark days of the Second Intifada, when the government had no real response to the daily Palestinian suicide bombings that were devastating Israel. Their goal was to set an example for the country, that when under murderous attack, Jews needed to fight back and go on the offense against their pursuers. Since then, Shurat HaDin has led the legal activist battle on behalf of Israel.

According to Begin Foundation Director Herzl Mackov: "For their decisive activity in the legal war against terrorist organizations and attack on their financing methods in a world-wide campaign, Attorney Nitsana Darshan-Leitner and Shurat HaDin are awarded the Menachem Begin Prize for the year of 2021."

In her acceptance speech, Darshan-Leitner stated: "The former prime minister, Menachem Begin, taught us that Jews must stand tough even when faced with the most powerful and unrelenting of enemies. That we need to respond to every rights violation, every threat to our survival and every challenge to our dignity . . . Over the past two decades, Shurat HaDin has tried to give a voice to the victims of terrorism, to combat the blood libels waged against the IDF, and to go on the offense against the extremist BDS movement. To be recognized for our work is always important and motivating, to be recognized by an organization like the Begin Foundation is especially rewarding and meaningful to us."

THE ULTIMATE MOSSAD MISSION TO ISRAEL

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- Visit Sderot and Kibbutz Alumim to hear from the residents about life under the constant threat of mortars, tunnels, and incendiary kites
- Gain new insight into the intelligence and security challenges faced by Israel and its citizens



Insights into the Secret War on Terrorism

After two years the "Mossad Mission" is back.

The "Mossad Mission" provides an unprecedented insider's view of the history, tactics, and achievements of Israel's most celebrated yet secretive spy agency.

Participants are treated to personal lectures and presentations by Dr. Uzi Arad, former head of the Mossad Intelligence Division and Chairman of National Security Council, Israel Bar Tov, former head of the Israel Security Agency's (Shin Bet), Counterterrorism, Counter-intelligence, and Domestic Subversion divisions, Moshe "Bogie" Ya'alon, former Defense Minister and former Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces, among others. Former Mossad agents give hands-on training seminars on tools and tactics of the intelligence community, as well as riveting descriptions of their firsthand experiences in the service of the Jewish State. The Mossad Mission also features exciting activities and touring of Israel's most cherished sites, all with expert guides and Five-Star accommodations. The Mission has always been a huge and exciting success and after the lengthy global shutdown, this year's trip promises to be the best one ever.

* First Class accommodation Throughout The Trip

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THE LAST CHANCE PROJECT

Pursuing justice and compensations from the insurance companies for Holocaust survivors

As years pass by and the Holocaust survivors' generation and witnesses will soon disappear, chances to retrieve Jewish property and rights will also diminish.

Since the Holocaust and during the past decades, several organizations have valiantly fought to retrieve Jewish property which has been lost during the dark era of the Holocaust. Despite some achievements, most Jewish property which has been looted or lost has never been recovered. Only a fraction of Jewish assets and rights have been reinstated or reimbursed. During the last years, the effort is gradually diminishing together with growing obstacles posed by some governments to retrieve rights and property.

Efforts to file claims against insurance companies have also been made, with some or little success, led by some organizations such as the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC) and project HEART. However, ICHEIC was limited to start with, experienced several obstacles in implementation, and yielded, according to professional estimates, only a fraction of Holocaust victims' unpaid insurance policies. Project HEART started with promise but was prematurely ended, leaving thousands of insurance and other claimants frustrated.

Currently, to the best of our knowledge, no efforts to file claims against insurance companies that are evading payments to

insured, beneficiaries, and their heirs are being made. Considering this grim situation, and to assist the remaining Holocaust survivors and their families, Shurat HaDin decided to use its extensive experience confronting financial organizations around the world to try and retrieve insurance policyholders, their heirs, and their beneficiaries some of the rights that have been lost.

In December 2021 Shurat HaDin launched "Project Last Chance", in order to assess the possibility to bring lawsuits against insurance companies.

This may be the last chance to do so.

Defend Jerusalem



OUR MISSION

Israel today faces an ever more perilous and escalating threat from the Palestinians, the international organizations, the Europeans, and the Islamic regimes. They cannot accept that God's chosen city, Jerusalem, has been returned, after two long millennia, to the Jews. Israel's enemies are fiercely troubled by the current developments as biblical prophecies play out in our day and age. Nor can these extremists tolerate that today all the world's religions are free to worship here. This malicious international cabal will not sleep until they successfully wrest control of the Old City from the Jewish State.

We are fighting them back!

Defend Jerusalem is vigilantly leading the legal struggle to safeguard God's chosen city and to ensure that Israel's enemies and the international bodies, such as the UN and International Criminal Court, will never seize sovereignty over Jerusalem nor exile the Jewish community ever again. Defend Jerusalem is part of a team of experienced lawyers and legal activists in Israel dedicated to combating the Jewish State's enemies on behalf of Jerusalem. We believe that amid all these battles, political, economic, and terror that:

- Someone must stand for Jerusalem
- Someone has to draw a line
- Someone must fight these battles

Our legal campaigns and civil actions are litigated in the courtrooms around the world, and especially in Israel, to defend the Jewish people's eternal right:

- To maintain Jerusalem as our capital
- To protect Israel's ancient heritage in the city
- And to relentlessly safeguard the holy places from being appropriated by the terrorist organizations and the Islamic world

We are God's local counsel in Israel and work to ensure that the biblical prophecies concerning the return of all of Jerusalem's to Jewish hands will be actively realized and watchfully defended.



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