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The Crimes of Trump

By Sander Hicks

The time has come to impeach the President. The framers of the Constitution gave us this “way out” if our democracy suffers a bitter hiccup. Impeachment is a noble alternative to violence, coups, or assassination.

The authors of our republic didn't put impeachment in the hands of the Supreme Court. Instead, they made it political, by placing it in the hands of the people's representatives: the House, the US Congress. So it's time for a total overview into some of the best arguments for the impeachment of the President you love to hate: Donald Trump.

An impeachment trial is not limited to crimes committed while in office. All past offenses are on the table. Everything from Trump's 1973 violation of the Fair Housing Act for his racist denial of housing to black people to Trump's racketeering with his cronies in Kazakhstan. Or his perjury, when he denied having multiple connections to the mob in Atlantic City or with his Russian pal, Felix Sater. Or his pattern of fraud or his sexual assault against 15 documented plaintiffs.

Sex is a big theme with Donald Trump. If you pick up a copy of *The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump, 27 Psychiatrists and Mental Health Experts Assess a President*, one theme keeps popping up: the President is dangerous, and these doctors feel they have a grave “duty to warn” us. The doctors point out Trump is a classic victim of trauma. Maybe from when he was shipped off to military school at a young age. Maybe it was his psycho racist real-estate developer father. But today, we have a 72-year-old President with the emotional maturity of a 12-year-old, hyper-aroused, an admitted sexual predator, bragging about sexual assault, even proudly lusting in public for his own daughter, Ivanka.

Explore Trump's history, and sex with under-age girls keeps coming up. Start with the case of Tefvik Arif. One of Trump's partners, Arif is a Kazakh hotel magnate who founded the Bayrock company in 2001 in order to work with Trump to develop the controversial Trump SoHo Hotel.

In June 2010, a Turkish SWAT team raided a hotel and boat full of under-age Russian girls working as prostitutes. Arif was arrested but later acquitted. In a similar way, Trump's friend, the bil-

lionaire pedophile Jeffrey Epstein, ran a “sex slave island” in the Caribbean on an island he owned; he flew powerful celebrities, including Donald Trump, and Hillary and Bill Clinton, there on a private plane dubbed the “Lolita Express.” An FBI document seems to indicate that Epstein was also some kind of FBI informant. That may explain why Mueller's FBI only gave him a slap on the wrist. The US Attorney who gave Epstein such a free ride, Alexander Acosta, was later appointed Secretary of Labor by President Trump.

With a wink and a nod, Trump admitted to *New York Magazine* in 2002, “I've known Jeff [Epstein] for 15 years. Terrific guy. He's a lot of fun to be with. It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side. No doubt about it — Jeffrey enjoys his social life.” According to *Daily Beast*, Jeffrey Epstein had 14 private numbers for Trump and his family in his little black book. Could it be that Epstein's job was to control politicians?

Virginia Roberts Guiffre and two other women have filed suit against Trump for rapes and sexual assaults. They claimed they were raped by Trump at the homes of Jeffrey Epstein. In the late '90s, the media documented that Trump attended dinner parties at Epstein's 71st Street mansion. In April 1999, UK tabloid *The Mail* reported that Donald Trump was among the guests at a dinner Epstein threw in honor of Prince Andrew.

Mobbed in Atlantic City

The people Trump did business with for his hotels in Atlantic City, Dan Sullivan and Kenneth Shapiro, were mob-related. Trump even admitted to his biographer, Tim O'Brien, “They were tough guys. They say that Dan Sullivan was the guy that killed Jimmy Hoffa.” Sullivan “probably wasn't an honest guy,” Trump added, and Shapiro “was like a third-rate, local real estate Mafia.”

The main legal problem with that is that 25 years earlier, Trump claimed that his partners in Atlantic City were clean. He did so in promises to government casino regulators in New Jersey. In a court, the legal term for this is *fraud*.

Racketeering and Bayrock

Attorney Ken McCallion is a former U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Prosecutor - who investigated money laundering and organized crime in NYC. McCallion tells the *Megaphone*, “As far as the money-laundering activities of the Trump organization, Bayrock and others, that is, I can tell you definitively, this an intensive area of investigation by the Special Counsel's office, the FBI and other Federal investigators who are pursuing it. We will be seeing very shortly indictments related to that.”

For more insights into Trump's character, just look into the cast of characters he put together for his real estate ventures from the kleptocratic country of Kazakhstan. For starters, there's Viktor Khrapunov, a former mayor who was accused of embezzling \$300 million from the government of Kazakhstan. He and his daughter bought and flipped three units in the Trump SoHo, a move that was largely seen as the laundering of stolen funds.

Indeed, of all the sales of Trump condos, 21% were bought in all-cash deals by anonymous shell companies, according to Thomas Frank, writing for *Buzzfeed*.

Khrapunov and Trump have shared the same attorney, Rudy Giuliani. Bracewell & Giuliani set up a shell company for Khrapunov in the Netherlands in 2007. The company was called KazBay B.V., ...continued on page 3.



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Welcome Back, to *The New York Megaphone*

The New York Megaphone was originally published from 2005 to 2008 by a team of “**Citizen journalists pursuing the unreported story.**” **We met every week**, as a part of the Vox Pop fair-trade, coffee-house on Cortelyou Road, central Brooklyn. We were a team of volunteer writers, and we broke important, investigative stories. We took on issues of peace and secrecy, FBI corruption, and the cover-ups of the “War on Terror.” We covered the FBI Mafia scandal of Lin DeVecchio, a case which collapsed in a “Dive to the Mat” in the Brooklyn courts. We sounded the alarm, when a US government whistleblower showed up dead, poisoned in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Today, in 2018, we have our work cut out for us. We didn’t think there could be a Republican President more incompetent than George W. Bush. But Donald Trump proves us wrong. We join many voices calling for his impeachment. But we go deeper, and show his ties to the Russian Mafia, and his friendship with the billionaire pedophile who works closely with the US Federal Government.

Ten years has passed since we last published. So, what are the major political differences, among the US people, ten years later? There has been a huge shift. A deepening hunger. There’s a new hope, in the streets.

The New York victories of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Julia Salazar, in local Democratic Primaries, are harbingers of a new era in American democracy. Suddenly, elections are winnable. The energy of Occupy Wall Street can be translated into real leadership. We the People, can take power, democratically, when we are motivated, and when our political campaigns are well-organized. I personally canvassed for Julia Salazar in decrepit NYCHA housing projects, where the stink of urine in the stairwells seemed to shout out that the government has abandoned the poor. Salazar won, in order to change that.

Ten years ago, the American Left was cynical and fragmented. The anti-war movement was too fascinated by the new President Obama to protest his drone warfare, his bank bailouts, or his targeting of Gaddafi. But today, in 2018, there’s a democratic revolution going on. The Bernie Sanders’ candidacy opened up a bold new possibility. As a result, the Democratic Socialists of America has surged past 50,000 members. The DSA plans to send fresh voices to the US Congress, and the NY State Senate. There’s a revolution going on.



Here’s what the *Megaphone* can contribute:

First of all, **excellent investigative reporting.** Deep, careful, scientific journalism. Independent. Not biased by Wall Street, big corporations, or the military-industrial death machine. (No one on staff has a weird background working for the CIA, unlike certain corporate TV media personalities.) Our headquarters is a small office in the back of an industrial loft in Maspeth, Queens, inside of a sawdusty, woodworking shop.

Experience. We are on the Left, but we have just a bit of wisdom, based on experience. We don’t reject all religions as the product of false consciousness. In fact, Karl Marx said that religion was the “opiate of the masses” but he also said it was the “heart of a heartless world.” God is change, is truth, is a circular process of deepening compassion. The American Right Wing has been trafficking in a blood-thirsty form of Christianity. It’s

fundamentalist, it’s Zionist, and by design, it is Islamophobic. It leads to violence. Today, the White House’s John Bolton has been taking money from the MEK terrorist group, and pushing Trump towards war with Iran. But we take a stand and believe that humanity can transform. The more we understand religion and spirituality as tools of resistance, of universal higher consciousness, as infinite pools of energy, as processes that can build understanding and peace, then the stronger we become.

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Big Shout-out to artist Seth Tobocman, who worked with us on past Megaphone issues, ten years ago. He has expanded his comic history of Trump for this issue. We are putting the team back together. Old and new. We want you to hear the call to join our team. So if you have an idea for an important story, email me. We need all kinds of volunteers to step up and help us create a newspaper and a new news agency, for the people. For the truth. For democracy. 📢

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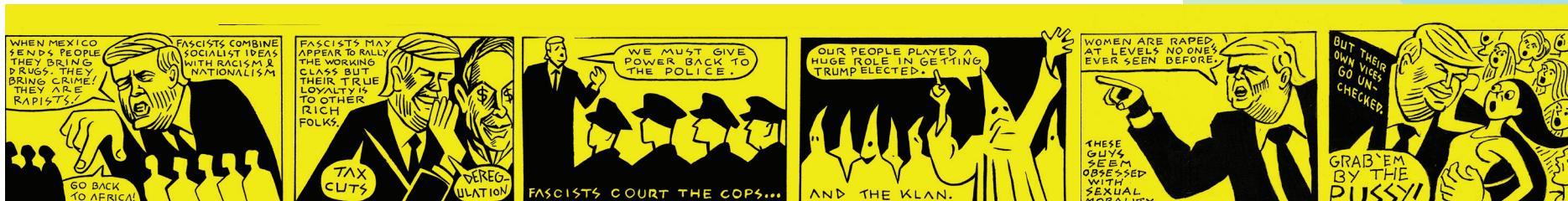
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and was partially owned by Bayrock. Bracewell & Giuliani opened an office in Kazakhstan in 2007, the same year Khrapunov fled to Switzerland. Their law firm seemed to be interested in joining the wave of international investors keen to exploit Kazakhstan's natural resources after the fall of the Soviet Union. Giuliani even raised money from expatriates in Kazakhstan when he was running for US President, in the late aughts.

Bayrock's managing director Felix Sater connects Trump to the Kazakhstani and the Russian mafia. Sater is the son of mob underboss Mikhail Sherferovsky, who worked for Russian Mob Boss Mogilevich. Mogilevich, according to FBI, is the kingpin of all Russian Mafia, and Mogilevich has a "good relationship" with Putin, according to top Russian government critics, most of whom have since been killed off, by Putin.

In 1991, Felix Sater was banned from working as a professional broker/dealer on Wall Street after stabbing a fellow broker in a bar-fight with a broken margarita glass. Sater followed that up by getting convicted of running a "pump and dump" scheme defrauding \$40 MM from elderly Holocaust survivors from the top floor of the Trump Wall Street tower for the Russian Mob. From there, of course, he went on to work for the FBI as an informant.

When Loretta Lynch was being confirmed for Attorney General, she was asked why Sater's files were sealed. She explained that Sater had generously shared "information crucial to national security and the conviction of over 20 individuals, including those responsible for committing massive financial fraud and members of *La Cosa Nostra*."

Sater joined Trump SoHo's Bayrock Group as a senior advisor in 2003 at the behest of the company's owner and founder, Tefvik Arif. (Arif, remember, is the one mentioned above, arrested regarding under-age prostitutes in Turkey.)

Felix Sater was a managing director of Bayrock Group LLC, as well as a senior advisor to Donald Trump and The Trump Organization when construction of the Trump SoHo began in 2006. In December 2007, *The New York Times* exposed his criminal past and mafia ties, so he left Bayrock and went to work exclusively for Trump. He even had a Trump organization business card....

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This makes it particularly hard to believe when Trump denies knowing Sater. On November, 15, 2013, Donald Trump lied under oath in a deposition. Trump was suing one of his biographers in a failed attempt to block the truth.

"How many times have you conversed with Sater?"

"Not many. If he were sitting in the room right now, I really wouldn't know what he looked like," replied Trump with a forced, blank expression.

"That was a lie," says attorney Ken McCallion. Perjury is an impeachable offense.

Felix Sater also played a role in the relationship between the Russians and the Trump Campaign.

Felix Sater wrote and sent to his Russian contacts (probably Dmitry Peskov, Putin's personal assistant) an email stating, "I will get Putin on this program and we will get Donald elected." Felix Sater 's childhood friend from his days in South Brooklyn is the now-convicted Trump attorney Michael Cohen. Sater and Cohen were partnering on a hotel deal for Trump Tower in Moscow 2016 during the election. "Trump World Tower Moscow" was going to be backed by Russian investor Andry Rovo, who claimed to be the sole backer. But according to investigative reporter Scott Stedman, part of Rovo's money came from Russian Mob kingpin, Semion Mogilevich, the same mafia godfather linked to Sater and Putin.

Trump's Father Figure: Putin

It seems that Putin came to power using the help of his own 9/11. In September of 1999 (9/99?), there were the Russian "Apartment Bombings" that many experts in the West believe were false flag attacks staged by Putin's agents. In Russia, they helped Putin achieve "overnight popularity."

It's widely known that Putin has killed an alarming number of journalists and critics, most prominently Alexander Litvenko, an investigator who said that Putin had a "good relationship" with Russian mob kingpin Semion Mogilevich. Litvenko was poisoned three weeks after accusing Putin of killing the dissident writer Anna Politkovskaya. An inquest in the UK tied Litvenko's poisoning with radioactive polonium-210 to Putin.

So Trump's fawning over Putin in Helsinki is a political crime. Attorney Ken McCallion calls it "Treason - defined by giving aid and comfort to the enemy. Trump actively soliciting and cooperating with his campaign team, with Russia, is in my view, actionable."

Cohen/Manafort

Michael Cohen, Trump's personal attorney, was convicted this August, but has turned into a witness against Trump. It was Cohen who transferred the hush money to porn star Stormy Daniels to have her remain silent about an affair with Trump. Trump claims there was "no crime" and that the hush money was not "campaign funds." This is an admission of guilt in itself because the crime at issue is *using personal money for campaign affairs*. Trump's misuse of funds here could also be evidence of obstruction of justice. And for trying to dissuade FBI director James Comey from looking at Russia connections, the charge would be the same.



"Donald Trump and The Kazakhstani Connection: Tefvik Arif."

Also convicted in August was Paul Manafort, a long-time GOP operative who became Trump's campaign manager. He was convicted on eight counts, crimes including tax fraud, bank fraud and failure to report foreign bank accounts.

Manafort worked for Putin's man in Ukraine, for ten years, Viktor Yanukovich. Yanukovich was ousted in a popular revolt in 2014, and the Ukrainian Parliament issued a warrant for his arrest, the "mass killing of civilians."

Financial records from December 2015, certified in Cyprus, showed that Mr. Manafort was approximately \$17 million in debt to interests connected to Mr. Putin and Mr. Yanukovich, a few months before he joined the Trump campaign. That included million-dollar debts to Russian oligarchs, like Oleg Deripaska, a billionaire related by marriage to Boris Yeltsin. Deripaska also has close ties to the Kremlin.

End Game

Today, Trump has a 60% disapproval rating according to an ABC Poll. *The New York Times* accuses him of being a "congenital liar." The new book *Fear* by Bob Woodward tells of White House insiders questioning the

President's sanity. There's talk of the 25th Amendment being invoked, where a majority of the cabinet could vote that the President is not fit to serve. According to Michael Wolff, author of *The Fire and Fury*, Trump is mentally deteriorating, repeating himself constantly.

"Trump is a demented bully with his finger on the nuclear trigger - brazenly ratcheting up the danger of war from North Korea to the Middle East. Immigrants are terrorized and children are still separated from their parents. The Supreme Court sits on the verge of a pro-fascist majority, making it a fully pliant tool in the Trump/Pence regime's drive to ratify, protect and enforce its agenda," according to protestors from the Refuse Fascism movement.

Independent author and journalist David Lindorff told the *New York Megaphone*, "It's pretty certain that Democrats will take over the House in November, but probably narrowly, and there are plenty of gutless bastards there so impeachment is not the sure thing it should be, even if they dump Pelosi."

The political establishment was utterly shocked that Trump won. Trump was too; he actually disappeared for awhile to process the shocking

news. America is run by an oligarchy, and the big-money-dominated, corporate media system assumed that a spineless, pro-corporate, pro-War hawk like Hillary Clinton would win easily. Trump was too raw, he was too weird, surely the people wouldn't chose someone so coarse.

The Big Media underestimated the discernment of the American People. Swing state Americans were more than willing to take a risk on a reality-TV star they knew.

After all, Hillary was just too stiff, too sterile. There had been rumors for far too long about Hillary and her secrets: Rose Law Firm, Vince Foster, Mena Arkansas, Libya, secret servers, the 30,000 emails, and the Clinton Global Initiative. In fact, according to a failed plea agreement with Jeffrey Epstein, famous attorney Alan Dershowitz pleaded for his client, that Epstein had been one of the Clinton allies who helped set up the Clinton Global Initiative.

So, in Trump, the corporate Democrats got what they deserve. But what do we, the people, deserve? We deserve a leader with integrity, a vision, a sense of service. Do we even believe this is possible? What does it say about our country, the core values of our society, that we have Donald Trump as our leader? And what can we say to our children and descendents, to history, if we don't take a stand and impeach him, now. 🇺🇸



Illusions and ‘Collusion’

Meet Wall Street Insider Nomi Prins

By New York Megaphone Staff

With a Wall Street pedigree at Goldman and Bear Stearns, how did this skilled and articulate money manager become one of central banking’s fiercest critics? Nomi Prins is the author of seven books drawing on her background in finance, as a former financial managing director. Her latest book is *Collusion: How Central Bankers Rigged the World* (Nation Books, 2018).

In *Collusion*, Prins exposes how unelected central bankers influence policy in our so-called democracies. Prins provides tools to help us understand something that felt so wrong, to so many: the bailout of the banks in the financial meltdown of 2007-2008. Much was kept hidden. Little was understood. But the people knew something was wrong. Prins takes aim at central bankers in Mexico, the BRICS, Japan and Europe. She shows how the US Federal Reserve and its international clones march in lockstep to serve the financial elite, and each other, not the people.

New York Megaphone is pleased to feature these two excerpts from *Collusion* for our readers, reprinted with the author’s permission. *Collusion* is fittingly “Dedicated to the citizens of the world.”

From *Collusion*, page 1:

The 2007-2008 US financial crisis was the consequence of a loosely regulated banking system in which power was concentrated in the hands of too limited a cast of speculators. Since the crisis, G7 central banks have pumped money into private banks through an unconventional monetary policy process called quantitative easing (QE). QE is an overtly complex term that entails a central bank manufacturing electronic money and then injecting it into banks and financial markets in return for purchasing bonds or securities (or stocks). The result of this maneuver is to lift the money supply within the financial system, reduce interest rates (or the cost of borrowing money, disproportionately in favor of the bigger banks and corporations),

and boost the value of those securities. The whole codependent cycle is what I call a “conjured-money” scheme, wherein the cost of money is rendered abnormally cheap.

...

The danger with having a system rely on so much conjured capital is that when central bankers stop manifesting it, it could go into shock; markets could plunge, credit seize, and a new crisis emerge. That’s why central banks are walking the tightrope between altering their policies and doing nothing to alter them, thereby continuing them by default, with no exit plan.”

“No significant regulations have been introduced to fix the structural problems behind the last financial crisis...Which means we are headed for another epic fail. The question is not if, but when.” -Nomi Prins

From *Collusion*, page 249:

“Another byproduct of the financial crisis and central bank collusion was the rise in economic anxiety that spawned a swing towards nationalism, from Brazil to Great Britain to the United States. The shock of Brexit in the United Kingdom reverberated around the world as voters turned away from the incumbent leadership and its failed economic policies. In the United States. The election victory of Donald Trump, the billionaire “anti establishment” president, was another manifestation of this trend. These landmark votes were not caused by central banking policy directly but were the effects.” 🇺🇸



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Standing Up Against the Death Plans for Iran

By Sander Hicks

And the Activist of the Year Award goes to... Medea Benjamin!

On Wednesday, September 19, the CodePink co-founder grabbed the podium and gave an uninvited, impromptu speech at the Hudson Institute, a conservative think tank. She seized the moment right after U.S. special envoy to Iran Brian Hook gave a speech full of the same old bias against Iran.

Brian Hook concluded his remarks by saying, "It is time for all nations to join us in holding Iran to a new level of accountability for its destructive behavior, especially its lawless pursuit of ballistic missiles. Thank you."

But the event was far from over. Medea Benjamin pounced on the mike and said, "That is the most ridiculous thing I have seen. The world community wants to keep the Iran nuclear deal. Our allies—the Germans, the French, the British—they want to keep in this deal. The world community wants to keep the deal. Let's talk about normal countries. Let's talk about Saudi Arabia. Is that who our allies are? They are the biggest threat to the world community."

At this point, Benjamin was grabbed by Hudson Institute security, but she protested that they were hurting her. She then continued, "Do you think these sanctions are hurting the regime, or are they hurting the Iranian people?...You are making a case for war with Iran. How did the war with Iraq turn out? You're doing exactly the same thing we did in the case of Iraq. We don't want another war in the Middle East...How did Libya turn out? We have the people of Syria suffering. And how dare you bring up the issue of Yemen? It's the Saudi bombing that is killing most people in Yemen. So let's get real. No more war! Peace with Iran!"

Let's Get Real

The U.S. State Department and President Trump have recently increased sanctions and pressure on Iran, after withdrawing from the Iran Nuclear Deal, or J.C.P.O.A. When Hook accuses Iran of "destructive behavior" really, what he is describing are Iran's efforts to stabilize the region.

Iran supports Shia forces in Iraq that are fighting I.S.I.S and trying to hold the country

together. In Syria, Iran supported the secular Syrian government as it fought a wave of Al Qaeda linked extremists, often backed by the U.S.A. Hezbollah has also played a key role in helping to drive I.S.I.S out of Syria. Iran's role in the region is not defined by some fanatical desire to spread terrorism, but rather by an effort to secure itself and keep the region from becoming even more chaotic.

Saudi Arabia, Israel, and the United States, have a different agendas in the Middle East, and have been working to support uprisings and "regime change" against governments they dislike. The result has been the strengthening of terrorism and a mass refugee crisis.

Journalist Caleb Maupin told the *Megaphone*, "Recent maneuvers from the White House, such as recognition of Jerusalem, indicate almost a desperation to prove Trump's loyalty to Israel. As Trump is constantly called fascist and accused of being anti-Semitic or Hitleresque, held in absolute contempt by C.N.N and most mainstream American T.V networks, his efforts to hold on to key allies like the Likud Party and the Christian Zionists have increased. Trump's excessive rhetoric against Iran isn't exactly strategic, but it is what a key group among his supporters really likes to hear."

"The Trump administration seems to be constantly pandering to specific minority factions among the rich and powerful in the United States. These groups have specific short term interests, and unlike the banking elite and the intelligence community, are not thinking about long term strategy or geopolitics" said Maupin.

John Bolton Loves Terrorists

Brian Hook, special envoy to Iran, has worked with White House national security advisor John Bolton on past Iran sanctions, when Bolton was the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Today, Bolton is the White House's chief advocate for war on Iran. And he's not afraid of using terrorists to do it. John Bolton in May was widely reported to have taken paid speaking engagements with the M.E.K, aka "Mujahedeen Khalq."



During the 1970s, the M.E.K. was suspected of being behind the assassination of six Americans in Iran. The group is in exile, and is widely hated in Iran. Its aim is to overthrow the current regime. It has recently experienced a serious make-over from scrappy band of 300 into a well-funded operation.

The M.E.K are Iranian, but they took Iraq's side when Iraq invaded Iran. That makes some sense, when you realize that the USA secretly took Iraq's side as well, in that conflict. The USA secretly backed the psychotic, chemical weapon-using Saddam Hussein.

Around 2003, the M.E.K group's core members were for many years confined to Camp Ashraf in Iraq, particularly after the M.E.K and U.S. forces signed a cease-fire agreement of "mutual understanding and coordination" according to *Wikipedia*. The group was later swept up and relocated en masse to Albania. Maybe the C.I.A realized they were too weird to work with to destabilize Iran. But other people had big plans for them.

The M.E.K's rehabilitation began in 2012, when it was taken off the U.S. Terrorism Watch List, by then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Today, the mainstream media has taken the bait. Stories about the M.E.K don't mention its history. Instead, the videos online show a professional group of 10,000 members, holding professional conventions, with highly paid speakers, like John Bolton or Rudy Giuliani.

Live In Mashhad, Iran

This *New York Megaphone* reporter was privileged to attend the "New Horizons" conference of international activists, writers, and dissident government officials, in Mashhad, Iran, this past May. I addressed

the gathering, regarding a little-known report to Congress called the "Shea Memo." Meanwhile, Israeli snipers opened fire on non-violent protestors in Gaza, eventually killing over 60, on live television. The protest was against Israel moving its embassy to the international city of Jerusalem.

Miko Peled is the author of *The General's Son: The Story of an Israeli in Palestine*. He is an Israeli intellectual who grew up in Jerusalem. In Mashhad, Iran, he told the *Megaphone*, "The recognition of Jerusalem is giving more legitimacy to the state of Israel, which lacks it dearly. The violence has increased since the Jerusalem recognition. It has emboldened

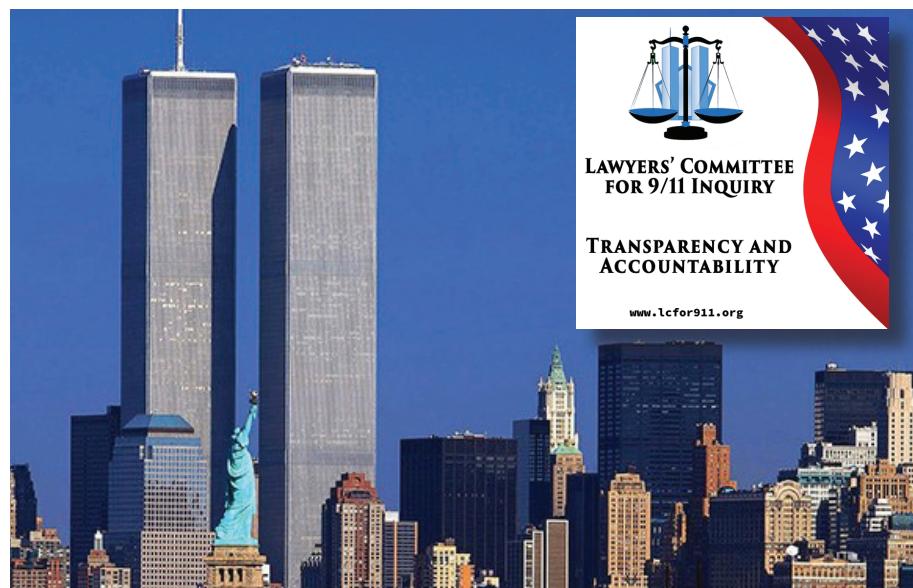
Israel. Jerusalem is a huge political gift to Netanyahu. It makes him a very important Prime Minister in Israel. In 1967, Israel took East Jerusalem and did ethnic cleansing. The city of Jerusalem has not been recognized, legally, as a part of Israel. The old American consulate in Jerusalem reported directly to DC, not the embassy in Tel Aviv. Israel is guilty of ethnic cleansing, genocide, and apartheid. The USA could be legally held guilty of 'complicity' with genocide - which is a violation of the Geneva Convention."

Philip Girdali, former C.I.A counter-terrorism official was also there in Mashhad, Iran. He stated publicly, "Look at how the relationship with Israel damages the USA. It's \$3.8 billion a year in military assistance, from the USA. \$1 billion a year for Iron Dome. Americans don't have healthcare, but Israelis do."

Big Picture

Iran has been trading with China since 200 BC. It has had diplomatic relations with Russia since 1521. At its zenith, the Persian Empire extended from what is now modern day Greece and Libya to the borders of India. Persia once extended north into territories that are now regions of the modern-day Russia.

As the Trump Administration descends into chaos, the American people must remain vigilant against being manipulated into a supporting a new war against this ancient culture. The American right-wing is not above using war as a distraction. Trump trashing the Iran nuclear deal is a step in that direction. What Medea Benjamin at the Hudson Institute last Wednesday was nothing short of heroic. In the future, starting now, there are an infinite number of opportunities for activists to follow her lead: to stand up, and articulate a quick counterpoint to deathly positions based on bias, hate and propaganda. 🙏



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A Special Symposium at Feldman Gallery

How can truth activists bring genuine compassion to 9/11? How do we return with fresh eyes to the events of that day—including its aftermath of war, deception, and torture? “9/11: The Collapse of Conscience” by conceptual artist Fredric Riskin at the prestigious Feldman Gallery reflects on the mystery, unseen political nuances, and dark pain of the 9/11 attack—and especially heralds the fact that it remains an unhealed wound in the American psyche. This symposium, featuring the artist along with speakers from the 9/11 truth community, is focused on healing and compassion for victims, perpetrators, and the American public.

“9/11: The Collapse of Conscience” is an immersive multimedia installation. Riskin explores the 9/11 trauma and examines our individual, collective, and governmental response to the catastrophe. Both somber and dramatic, the installation presents powerful iconic imagery, including for example the collapse of Building 7, in a variety of media—print, canvas, video and sound. Riskin’s modus operandi is a unique compendium of in-depth analysis and high-tech expertise. The show premiered on September 11 and runs through October 13.



31 Mercer Street in New York | October 10 at 7 – 9pm
For more information: <https://feldmangallery.com/symposium>

RECKLESS DAUGHTER: IN WORD AND SONG



The Music of Joni Mitchell
Saturday, Oct. 13, 8 PM

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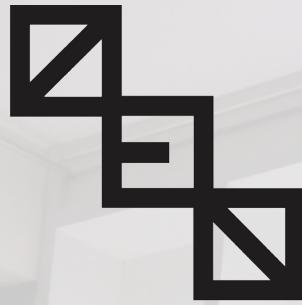


Join singer-songwriter Hannah Reimann (piano, vocals & dulcimer), Michele Temple (guitar & backing vocals) and author David Yaffe for a concert and book launch with signing by the author of the paperback edition of Yaffe’s *Reckless Daughter: A Portrait of Joni Mitchell* (2017).

The event will feature Reimann and Temple performing the iconic composer's early hits from 1967-1974; "Big Yellow Taxi," "River," "A Case of You," "Court and Spark," among many others. Hannah Reimann will read passages from the book between songs, stories about Mitchell's life, her songs, colleagues, loves and adventures.



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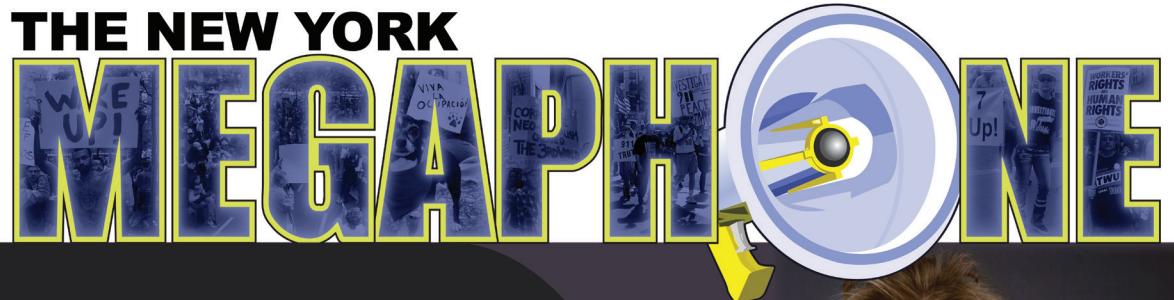
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