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- So I just wanted to comment, just a quick comment, yes, about two things. The first thing, I wanted just to ask our participants, please, somebody sent a most incredible story about an Israeli doctor whose father gave her or grandfather gave her a locket, and it ended up that the father or the grandfather was a jeweller, and he only made two of them. Trudy, I sent you that story.

- Yeah, yeah, I think I've got it. There's some wonderful stories, Wendy, but it'd be wonderful if the person who sent it could identify themselves.

- Yes, would you please resend it to me? I dunno why I've lost it. Maybe it was Bev Fein, but I can't seem to find it, and I would really, really appreciate it. Or maybe it was my cousin Sybil Miller. I'm not sure. I'm so sorry. There's so many emails that I'm getting, and together with all my other emails, I just sometimes get confused. That's why I want to apologise if I don't respond to the people who are sending me emails. I am finding it a little bit difficult to keep up with my normal life, being a mom, being a grandmother, daughter, and at Lockdown, my other life. So we're just doing our best, but thank you very, very much. I love these stories.

These Holocaust stories are become full circle and people are reunited, and I would very much like to collect those stories 'cause I think they're very meaningful and they're very relevant. That's the first thing. And I also think that it'll be helpful to us also just in redefining our narrative. That's the first thing. And then the second thing, I just wanted to comment about our lecture yesterday and what's going on in Israel. What I was left with, just how confusing it is what's going on in Israel with the leadership, as well in Israel, as well as the confusion with leadership amongst the Palestinians. So and how difficult it is when there's nobody really, when we don't see strong, strong leadership and a country moving forward when it's, in Israel, the whole system is really a tyranny of minorities. The whole system does not work, the electoral system. And so that's what I was left with yesterday. Well, we know that, but I didn't realise that there was such dysfunction amongst the Palestinian leadership as well.

- Yes.

- I'm wondering what you were thinking, Trudy, after yesterday's lecture.

- Yes, and I'm going to be coming back to that kind of theme. And I think, Wendy, these are the areas that we will be covering in more depths as we go forward, aren't we?

- Yeah.

- I think that's important.

- It's not clear. It's not clear and it's very difficult. We'll be dealing with the many different

opinions.

- It's like a mosaic, if you like. It's not a straight-line process, and I think that's one of the problems.

- No solutions. All right, are-
- They know there will be. There will be. We must hope. Anyway, Wendy.
- Yes?
- Thanks a lot.
- Thanks, Trudy. Thanks, Trudy, thanks.
- And I will, I'll speak to you soon then.
- [Wendy] Thanks, bye.
- All right. Good afternoon, everyone, from London.

And, of course, my last presentation was about the problem that we have with the left. And I'm coming on now to look at really what I called an inverted commas. Please remember, this is an inverted commas, how beginning in Russia, the State of Israel was Nazified. And tragically, by that I mean that the imagery used in the Russian press by Russian spokespeople was distorted. And I'm going back to that now. And then what I'm going to do today is I'm going to talk about the watershed of the Six-Day War and how gradually Israel embattled to Israel, which was once the guardian of the liberal, if you like. There was a lot of support for Israel up until 1967.

But as I said last week, '67 is a watershed because Israel stopped being a victim, and from then on, it's gone downhill ever since. But there are a few things I want to say. I'm getting an awful lot of emails. Obviously, we're all reading the press, and I know a lot of it is terribly depressing. I know a lot of us are scared. We're scared for our children, our grandchildren when there is a march in London of 100,000 people with some of the most appalling placards, et cetera. And I know the same thing is happening in America. It's happening all over the free world.

I still have, I have one thing to say. I'm getting a lot of support now from non-Jewish friends, and there seems to be a turn in the press because I think what's happened is that in a way, when you look at revolution, let's take the French Revolution, there's a revolution, then there's a reign of terror, and then there's a slight moderation. One of the issues of the extreme left is they're tying up with all sorts of extremist bedfellows, and, tragically, this has permeated our universities, our schools, some of our teaching unions. But I think there's a lot of people out there.

There is an expression, common sense. And what I'm going to try and do is, if you like, meld our way through that story. So what I'm going to begin, and the other thing I want to say before I even get onto that is I think one of the tragedies, Wendy mentioned leadership, one of the tragedies of the Palestinians. And I don't want in any way to decry this because there has been a tragedy. It began in 1947, and that tragedy has continued.

The point was from the beginning, the Palestinian people had the most terrible leadership. In 1947, Haj Amin al-Husayni was still officially the leader of Palestinians. And he, of course, was completely, he was obsessed with the destruction of Israel. All one has to do is to look at his broadcasts for the Nazis. He actually advocates the murder of all the Jews. And also when Palestine... There was to be a two-state solution in 1947. That is what the United Nations voted for. If you actually look at the maps, and can I please advise you, particularly those of you with children and grandchildren who are so bewildered, buy Martin Gilbert's history atlases because if you read some of the anti-Israel propaganda, Israel is this huge country, this huge colonial country. You need actually to look at the maps. So I would advise you to have a look at the maps.

Now what happened in 1947, when war broke out, the bulk of what became, what was to become Palestine was taken by Jordan. And tragically, over 40% of the refugees who fled or left Israel finished up in refugee camps, and the same thing happens in Gaza. The Egyptians did not allow them in. They took Gaza and they sealed it off. So that's not to excuse anything, but I think we need to root our children and our grandchildren in history. If you know the history, you can better communicate. So let's go back to this terrible, terrible story of the Nazification of Israel. And it really, as I said, it comes out of Soviet Russia, and it's exacerbated after 1967. Why is it exacerbated after 1967? Of course, because of the Six-Day War. Now the Six-Day War isn't just a triumph for Israel. It is a huge defeat for the Soviet Union.

What happens is from then on, you get the equation of Israel with the Nazi State, the kind of language. And, of course, I already mentioned how they use the Kastner affair. They use the Eichmann, they use the Eichmann trial. They use the Haavara Agreement. What they try to do, they go as far as to say that the Zionists were guilty of complicity in the Holocaust, that they wanted dead Jews in order to create their state. It goes that far. It tragically is going to be taken on by the hard left. And I began to mention to you perdition. It culminates in a play written by the Trotskyite Jim Allen, produced by Ken Loach, who is still beloved of the extreme left in England.

And basically in that play, it is the Nazi knife. And it's really, it is one of the most disgusting play. I actually saw it. It is one of the most disgusting plays I have ever seen because it twists history. This is the point. It takes the grain of truth. Now what was the truth? Yes, Kastner did do a deal. Yes, of course he did. Arlosoroff did do a deal. All I can say to you is if I thought it would save my family, I would've done a deal with the devil. That is not collusion with the Nazis. And the other point I want to make is that the, they didn't have any power. It's the powerlessness of the Jew. And now let's come back to the next point.

So it's '67, and more and more of this rhetoric is spewing out of Russia. But the world has changed in '67, and you need to take yourselves back into history to remember what was going on. Look, as far as the Soviets are concerned, the crushing of the Soviet allies, please don't forget that, and we discussed this a couple of a couple of days ago, Nasser comes to power. There are changes of regime in all the Arab countries, most of the Arab countries, I beg your pardon. Saudi, of course, and Jordan remain monarchies. But basically there is this notion that there can be a tie up now between the Soviet Union and the newly emerging Arab world. This also ties up with the world of Africa, the Third World. And look, it's the scenario of the Cold War, when both Russia and America are looking for clients throughout the world. We have the situation where Russia has armed the Arab world up to the teeth, and then they suffer this critical defeat.

On the 17th of June, 1967, "Pravda" calls genocidal Israel the Nazi state, and from then on, they begin to be accused of obliterating Arab villages using the image of Lidice. Remember, that was the Czech village that was destroyed by the Nazis. The village housed people who have been involved in the attempt to assassinate Heydrich. He, of course, died in hospital. The Nazis flattened the village. They shot everyone except a few women who they sent and children who they sent to concentration camps. Another quote, this is from "Izvestia." "Pure-blooded warriors of Israel" to the "executioners of Hitler," to the "US aggressors in Vietnam."

Now this is the other interesting aspect. After '67, look up until 1967, who was Israel's real ally? It was France. Israel had been involved in a colonial exercise, though, if you remember at the time of Suez. Britain, France, and Israel, for once, their interest coincided. So as far as the Arabs are concerned, and the Russians, the cynical Russians, this is colonialism in action. And the other point to make, the Arab world is very divided. To shake the sabre at Israel always meant that you could have it as a unifying factor. And after '67, the situation of Arab refugees becomes dire, why?

Because when Israel conquered the West Bank, they became the proud possessors of a huge percentage of refugees, and obviously these people who have been kept in refugee camps since 1947, in 1948. It's now 1967. And we don't have to use much imagination to understand just how terrible it is for people to be in refugee camps. We must never lose our humanity either. So, and it's also, it's really at this stage that you begin to see the Third World and the left, the extreme left in the West, take on the case of the Palestinians, along with, think of all the groups that come out of the '60s. Think about Baader-Meinhof. Think about the PLO. And remember, the Arab, interesting, the Arab insurrectionist movements. They were two, the PLO and FATA. One grew out of Egypt. The other grew out of Saudi. They were terrible rivals.

In 1967, it was the PLO was taken over by Yasser Arafat. From the beginning, he was a total fanatic. What he wanted, he didn't want a two-state solution. He wanted the whole of Israel. And the other point to make when one is talking about the beginnings of Israel, between 1948 and 1951, as I mentioned last week, the largest percentage of Jews who came to Israel came from

the Arab world. And we're going to have lectures on that quite soon. They fled or left. And neither of the cases of the Palestinians or the Jews who left the Arab world, it's not completely clear, and we need to do a lot of work on that.

But the point is, two tragedies were created. What happened to the Jews from the Arab world, of course, they're absorbed into Israel. What happens with the tragic Palestinians is they're left in refugee camps to fester, and then in 1967, Arafat takes it over. But it also ties up really with huge changes in society. Those of you who can remember the '60s and that silly expression, if you can't remember, if you can remember the '60s, you weren't really there. Well, I was a student in the '60s, and I can remember some of it. I can remember the '68 revolution. But think of CND, think of the Yellow Star movement.

At that stage, the left, I'm not talking about the extreme Trotskyite left, were still sympathetic to Israel. And the question we have to ask ourselves, how is it that you have this incredible change? And I would suggest we have to go to the realm of psychology. You have all these protest movements. It's the backdrop to the Vietnam War. It is the Japanese Red Army, the Baader-Meinhof Group. Many of these groups are training in Libya, the IRA, of course, and they're beginning to work together. And what do these groups want? Ostensibly to throw off all the oppressive colonials, but they want world revolution and anarchy.

So you have all these groups who are attracting an awful lot of sympathy from student bodies. Think about the music of the '60s, the freedom of the '60s. This is going to be world changing. And ironically, by becoming a conqueror, all of a sudden Israel is on the wrong side of the equation. So ironically, Israel, which in the '50s and early '60s were putting more experts in, for example, in Africa than any other nation, trying to help them develop in agricultural, all sorts of ways. In 1967, they all broke off diplomatic relations with Israel. Israel is now on the wrong side of the coin. It continues with Russian propaganda, and it reaches a peak in Russia in the '70s, why? Because of the campaign for Soviet Jewry.

I've spent quite a lot of time with you on Russia, and I'm going to go back next week when I talk about Soviet Jews in the war. But many of you will remember the campaign for Soviet Jewry, Soviet Jews wanting to leave Israel, the Refusenik campaign. Now for anyone to want to leave the pure Soviet Union was an insult to the Soviet Union. So if you actually look at the press in Russia, it becomes even more horrific. Let me give you some examples. "Israeli aggressors are like, they are like ." Another cartoon shows them as poisonous mushrooms. Much talk about the international Zionist conspiracy. And, of course, after, up until 19...

Look, don't forget, for the first 30 years of statehood, you had a left-wing government. Then, of course, Begin comes to power. When Begin comes to power, even though it's Begin who makes peace with Egypt, you can imagine what's the right-wing press do to it. I beg your pardon, the extreme-left press do to it and also the Soviet press. Now let me just read from you an article in "Pravda." "Israel is perpetrating a deliberate genocide in Lebanon," this is 1984, "based on an idea of racial purity. Zionists have always collaborated with fascists and Nazis and recruited

Jews from all over the world to be part of the conspiracy."

You see, it's important to remember that, and we are seeing it a lot today from the extreme left in the protest movements, any Jew who has any connection with Israel or affiliation with Israel is suspect. It's spreading also that really any Jew is suspect for the extremists. Let me go on. "All pro-Israel Jews are part of this conspiracy." And, unfortunately, many of these resolutions are taken up by the new leftists and the Trotskyites, and, frankly, in their hatred of Israel, they become as venomous as the Stalinists. I mean, if you actually look at some of the commentary around perdition, Ken Loche, Ken Loche, he was so passionate about the rightness of his play, he managed to produce a list of witnesses to his integrity, people like Chomsky, Lenni Brenner, Akiva Orr.

This is one of the other problems because what you have on the left, you have quite a large number of Jews, people of Jewish birth, who hate any notion of their connection with Israel. They will give Israel no rights, and they give the other side no wrong. It's fascinating because if you use the term Jewish self-hatred, that really gets their hackles up, and they say, "The minute we criticise Israel, that's anti-Semitism." And I don't believe that is at all, by the way, but I'm going to talk about that later on. So basically with people like Ken Loche and Jim Allen, the world is divided into two kinds of Jews.

There's the assimilated left-wing, anti-Zionists, they are good Jews, and the bad Jews who are nationalists, and they're capable of unfathomable cruelty. Now the other point I want to make is what the Russians have done very cleverly through propaganda, and because they want to capture the Third World, they'd used the expression of racist Israel. If you think of the Law of Return, that extraordinary document that gives the right of return to any Jew living throughout the diaspora, Israel then must be a racist state. This is the line that is played, and it gets to such a pitch. And if you think about the makeup of the United Nations, in 1975, Arafat actually goes into the UN with the olive branch and the gun, and Zionism is pronounced a form of racism.

You will remember that back in '65, the Russians had already tried to introduce that. And even though it was later negated, the point was it was there. Meanwhile, you have Arafat leading the PLO to extremism, and, of course, all these groups are performing terror acts for each other. One just thinks of some hijacking of aeroplanes, the terrible Munich massacre, where, ironically, the Baader-Meinhof people, when they were put on trial, they actually said, they talked about Israel becoming the Nazi state.

Now going back, because what we need to do now is to look at how left-wing groups, and I'm going to use England as my example because that's the one I know most about, how these left-wing groups were founded and how they became so involved in the anti-Israel struggle. But I do want to say, before I go on, I think to an extent, they've shot their bolts. Yes, there might have been well over 100,000 people marching through the streets of London, and, as I said right at the beginning, in streets all over the world, and they're nasty and they have extremist elements.

And along with those marching are a lot of people who believe in justice. What I suggest we learn to do is to become far more knowledgeable and engage the moderates in real discussion. I'm not suggesting you out and talk with extremists at all, but I think we have got to take charge of the narrative now, and that doesn't mean a total whitewash of Israel because we've got to go now beyond that. But I think every one of you on this channel believes, as I do, in Israel's right to exist as a sovereign state. I don't want to talk Israeli politics.

As I said to you last week, I'm not a political scientist. My opinion is as valid as my opinion, is as every one of yours opinion. But what I do think we've got to do, and this is where we are seriously at fault, we don't know the background. That's why I said at least start with Martin Gilbert's atlases. And I hope I'm not, I know a lot of people on this particular course are incredibly knowledgeable, but I'm taking conversations I've been having with various organisations that the majority of people are very well educated, but they don't know their own history, and they don't know the story of the Jews. I think this is absolutely critical. That is one thing we can do.

So I'm going to go back to the Trotskyite left in Britain and how it all comes together. The Socialist Workers Party was actually founded as the Socialist Review back in 1950 by a man called Tony Cliff. Then it's the International Socialist in '62 and the Socialist Workers Party in 1977. Now who was he? Who was Tony Cliff? He was born Yigael Gluckstein on May the 17th or May the 20th, 1917. He was born of Polish immigrants who went to Palestine in the Second Aliyah, the left-wing, socialist dudes. He came from a very well-connected intellectual family. In fact, his father was the piano teacher to a sister of Chaim Weizmann, and his father's business partner was one of Chaim Weizmann brothers, so that at the centre of intellectual life in Palestine. He went to school in Jerusalem. He went to the Technion in Israel, then economics at the Hebrew University. So he comes from a well-educated pioneer, left-wing Jewish background. He then joined, like so many of these young characters, Hashomer Hatzair.

This is what the young Zionist idealist did in the diaspora. But he became more and more convinced by the theories of Leon Trotsky, Lev Davidovich Bronstein, and he becomes more and more sure that his kind of internationalism is what the world needs. He joined in Palestine the illegal Revolutionary Communist League. Who made it illegal? The Mandate authorities. He was imprisoned by the British, and imprisoned, he met Chanie Rosenberg, who was a South African immigrant, and they lived together in Tel Aviv. They came to England in 1947. He was never allowed British citizenship. He was a very charismatic speaker. He had to live most of his time in Ireland because, remember, Ireland, Sinn Fein, IRA.

Now the Trotskyite Group, the Trotskyite Group, Tony Cliff, they attracted a lot of attention from, I suppose, left-wing glitterati. Who am I talking about? For example, Corrin and Vanessa Redgrave belonged to the Workers Revolutionary Party. They actually met Libyan officials in 1977 and issued a joint statement opposing Zionism, US imperialism, and Sadat. Now this is interesting because, of course, post-'67, America and Israel have far more coincidence of policies, and what emerges, little Israel is now conquering Israel in cahoots with colonial America against the Eastern Bloc and against all these young revolutionaries who are trying to change the world.

Their paper was called "The New Line," and for a long time it was funded by Libya and by Saddam Hussein's Iraq. And this is the line that they took in 1982 when Israel went into the Lebanon. "It is the graveyard of the Arab people with the help of American paymasters." The language that "New Line" used was "final solution." What they've taken on is the use of Holocaust terminology to define, is to define Israel in Lebanon, "final solution." This is, remember, "The New Line." This is in Britain. "Beirut is the gas chamber of the Palestinians."

Another quote, "Horror gas weapons, Nazi-style barbarism of Zionism and imperialism," talking about the triumvirate of Begin, Thatcher, and Reagan. By 1979, Israel, there's a peace deal, Maggie Thatcher is in power in Britain, and you have the situation where the Palestinian leadership, let's be very careful here, is more and more hard line. For a while they lived in Jordan. They were kicked out in Jordan. That's why they went to Lebanon. More about that later on in the course. But why is it that this issue of a people who do have a tragic past, why did they become the centre? Why is there a global reach?

Now I'm going to read you from Robert Wistrich. "Anti-Zionism has developed its own version of sinister Jewish influences, both with Islamists and the extreme left. The ideology is imbued with a culture of hatred. Whether the rhetoric of Zionism happens to be Marxist, Muslim, Christian, Third World, fascist or openly Nazi, it is replete with stereotypical notions of the perfidious, diabolical planning of the Jews, their corrosive manipulative will to power, their insatiable love of golden intrigue, mastery of hidden forces, and domination of the international financial system. The more radical anti-Zionism, no less than classical anti-Semitism, are obsessed with the malignant nature and the impact of the Jews in the modern world."

Now look, what is Robert doing? And he uses every word is like a gun, isn't it? Bang, bang, bang. What's he doing? He's pulling to... And remember, he was the world expert on anti-Semitism. What he did was pull together all the elements. Israel is now a colonial power. Israel has the backing of international Jewry. Think back to the protocols of the Elders of Zion and the extraordinary allegation that the communist leadership is Jewish, that the capitalist leadership is Jewish. Because Jews are individuals and because Jews do tend... We're going to go with Yuri Slezkine.

They do have this extraordinary ability to adapt to any situation. Are we the chameleons of history? And we do tend to enter trades and professions with high visibility profile, and we quite often do well in those professions. So even though there are only 13, 14 million Jews in the whole world, if you actually ask anyone, they think there are millions and millions and millions. And consequently, who are these people? And don't forget also the backdrop, the tragedy in the West is you're dealing also with Christian anti-Judaism. That's where the diabolic comes from. Now let's be very careful here.

Remember, I'm looking at fringe lunacy in politics. And I want to state very strongly what I said a few minutes ago. I really think we need to go into proper dialogue and put the case not in a propagandist way. The only way we're going to do that is actually become far more aware of our own history, and I think that's very important. Anyway, it crystallises in England with the Palestinian Solidarity Campaign in 1982. It crystallises during the Israeli-Lebanon war. And later on it's going to be incorporated into, see, they're going to make a company out of it, campaign, solidarity campaign, 2004. Now the stated goals of the Palestinian Solidarity Campaign, the right to return to Palestine, Israel's withdraw from occupied territories, and their announcement: we are opposed to all forms of racism, including anti-Jewish prejudice.

This is the group that is the most important in boycotting Israeli goods. Today they run workshops on how to deal with Zionist arguments, what to say to those who call us anti-Semitic, and they also want to explain in workshops, what will the boycott of Israel achieve? Now their patrons are very interesting. The patrons, Geoffrey Bindman, who is a Jewish human rights lawyer, Julie Christie, the famous actress, Jeremy Corbyn, Bruce Kent, Ilan Pappe, Jenny Tonge. Jenny Tonge, Baroness Tonge is a member of the Liberal Party. She was suspended. She's in the House of Lords. She was suspended for a while in that terrible Haitian earthquake. The Israelis were the first people in to help. Her argument was they were there to harvest body parts, which is a blood libel. She was suspended for that.

Tony Benn was a traton, also was a patron. Now the point is they have an incredible amount of trade union affiliates, including the National Union of Teachers, Unite, UNISON. Now they have a huge number of affiliates. And the point about it is that they have managed to put themselves over as, if you like, the party that is fighting racism. They are fighting for the rights of the Palestinian refugees, they are against racism anywhere in the world, and Israel is a racist state.

Now the boycott begins in 2001. I mean, there's been some terrible parts to the boycott. In 2011, for example, there was disruption of the Israeli Philharmonic. In 2012, when the Habima Theatre company was at the Globe Theatre, there were the most terrible demonstrations outside. There was a YouTube film made, which was introduced by Ken Loach. It's called "The Reasons Behind the Academic Boycott of Israel." And what is also fascinating is that they march now along with people like Hamas, who are homophobic, who are misogynist. It's got to the stage where the enemy of my enemy is my friend.

So a lot of young idealist who've taken up the anti-racist banner and white imperialist Israel, if only they knew the truth, must therefore be the big colonial power along with big Satan America, so consequently, it seduced a lot of young people who believe they're fighting for justice. Now, of course, you've had the boycott of two Israeli universities, and one of the problems is actually it's Britain that pioneered this kind of terrible rhetoric. The Stop the War Coalition of the 21st of September, 2001, who were the key members of it? This was the largest peacetime demonstration in British history, and it was launched at a meeting chaired by Lindsey German, who's a member of the Socialist Workers Party, the steering committee, George Galloway, Tam Dalyell, Jeremy Corbyn, Tariq Ali, and Henry Pinter, Harold Pinter.

There's always a Jew on the steering committee, It's fascinating. Now, and what they said was, "We must call together everyone who wants to stop the madness." So who marched with them? The CND, the Muslim Association of Britain, the left wing of the Labour Party, with characters like Corbyn, the Communist Party of Great Britain, the Alliance for Workers' Liberty. But it's dominated. The leadership are dominated by the Socialist Workers Party. There were further demos against George Bush, and following the 7/7 bombings in London, they had a mass peace vigil condemning the bombings, but saying the only way to stop them is to withdraw from Iraq, Afghanistan, and Palestine. When we have justice, we will have peace.

Now there was a very scary demo in Trafalgar Square in 2008, where Tony Benn said, "Parliament may belong to the past. The streets belong to us." Now it's fascinating because after those terrible attacks in Paris, the socialist, their magazine published an article, "Paris Weeps the World's Whirlwind of Western Support for Extremist Violence in the Middle East." This is when the terrorists, not the militants, the terrorists, of course, murdered those unfortunate victims in Paris. "Charlie Hebdo" and, of course, that Jewish store that was attacked. Now Corbyn, before he became leader of the Labour Party, went to a lot of these demonstrations. He was very much part of it.

In 2005, in a big demo in Trafalgar Square, this is Corbyn: "Britain must cease all trade with Israel." Tony Benn: "Bush and Sharon are the two most dangerous men in the world." Paul Mackney, who is president of the second largest union of teachers: "Boycott of Israeli academics." Burgon of the Socialist Workers' Party: "Dismantle the Jewish state." South African apartheid was never as bad as this. George Galloway: "Boycott Israel and Israeli goods." "Picket all stores." I'm quoting from them all. "Picket stores selling Israeli goods." "Time" Britain made reparation for the Balfour Declaration. Galloway was a member of Parliament. Corbyn is about to be, is soon to become leader of the Labour Party.

So in 2009, George Galloway, who along with Corbyn, used to be regularly on Iranian television. How do we know this? Because as members of Parliament, they had to register their interests. They were being paid 20,000 a year for being on Iranian television. Iran, of course, that incredibly moderate state. I'm being ironic. Jews do or do irony, Mr. Corbyn, and I'll never forgive him for that comment. In 2009, this is what Galloway said. He accused Israel of playing Mengele with incarcerated Palestinians. So it's unbelievable that this is the kind of language that is twisted.

And then, of course, the Mona Baker affair, the removal of two Israeli colleagues from the board of a scientific paper. That was inspired by two Jews, Steven and Hilary Rose. 700 academics supported the boycott. Prof. Wilkie, he was professor of pathology at Oxford, refused the application of an Israeli student because of his nationality. His quote, "How dare Israel take the moral ground over the Holocaust and then commit gross human rights in Palestine." And I can go on and on and on. And I think what I'm going to do is actually put in another presentation in a

couple of weeks dealing with some of the major personalities because, unfortunately, even though Corbyn was defeated, and what is very interesting, I think it goes to show just how the British public responded to that kind of extremism.

Nevertheless, it is still a problem in British politics. I really want to have an in-depth analysis of how characters like Corbyn and Galloway and Ken Livingstone, who was mayor of London, I want to look at where they come from so you can understand the political backgrounds. But then what I want to do now, which I think is actually in many ways very, very important. Look, the last comment I just made on anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, what gradually has happened is that the Nakba is seen as another Holocaust, that in a way the Holocaust has been minimalized.

And the other thing that I think, and I'm saying this with a very, very, very, very heavy heart, is the Holocaust is being dejudaized. One of the mistakes I think we made, and I'm going to say mea culpa because I've been involved in Holocaust education for 40 years, is we took it out of the context of Jewish history. I've heard this from many friends of mine who are survivors, who go into schools. They say their opinion now is that although people listen with great respect, they are taking on an individual story. They are not seeing them as members of the Jewish community. And the other point that I, the other mistake we've made, I think, is the universalization of the Holocaust. Jeremy Corbyn and his supporters didn't want a special Holocaust Memorial Day. They wanted a Genocide Day.

Now I want to say from the beginning, and this is a very complex argument, any loss of life is horrific. The slave trade is horrific. The loss of life of the number of slaves transported from Africa to America, I mean, nearly 1/3 died in the transportations. About another 1/3 were under eight. They were robbed of their cultures. It is one of the most appalling examples in history. What happened to homosexuals, what happened to the Roma, what happens... And according to the great Yehuda Bauer, there've been 16 genocides since 1945. He said it's become a precedent, tragically not a warning. But by lumping them all together, I believe we minimise them all. The show up was unique. It was unique because it was an organised attempt by, arguably, academically the best educated nation in the world to wipe another group off the face of the world for no reason.

Look, the slave trade was evil, but it was about economics in the end. Or you can dress it up in race theory and all the other horrors. One of the tragedies of today is Black Lives Matter, for example, the movement. And I don't think anyone with a heart cannot support the sentiments. They have had a terrible, terrible history, just as the Palestinians have had a terrible, terrible history. But extremist elements of Black Lives Matter, make no bones about it, they will march alongside and make statements that are so anti-Israel because Israel, as far as they're concerned, the propaganda campaign has been so clever that Israel is on the side of white colonialism.

They don't see Jews as victims, whereas there is a commonality of victimhood amongst many other groups. Why do you think the IRA and Baader-Meinhof and the Japanese Red Army all

worked together? They thought they were throwing off colonial oppression, yes? The tragedy with Black Lives Matter, and I'm only talking about certain elements of it because it's a huge grassroots movement, is that Israel is somehow swept up with the bad guys. It's back to the old protocols. It doesn't matter whether you're a communist or a capitalist.

Look, there are many, many forms of prejudice in this world, and prejudgment, we all do it. And I'm not going to say whether anti-Semitism is worse than hatred of Blacks or hatred of gays, it's all the same disease, but if you don't understand the roots of each of them, you make a terrible, terrible problem. You make a terrible, terrible problem for yourself. So what I'm saying, I suppose, in my very rambly way, because I'm so angry about all of this, is the only thing that we can do now, I think, is to equip ourselves with information. And that doesn't, and I've said it three times, not propaganda please.

Now something very interesting happened. As I'm sure you all know, back in the '90s, Holocaust studies went on the core curriculum and in many countries. There was a belief that by teaching the Holocaust properly, not only could we cure anti-Semitism and racism, we could stop it happening again. I am fed up with going into museums, and there are over 300 Holocaust museums worldwide, and you always see that the quote of Santayana: "Any people who don't learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat it." Sorry, we haven't learned one lesson from history, and all these Holocaust museums, they haven't indented racism or anti-Semitism.

So it's something else that I've got to be in my bonnet about. Why do we set up more and more museums when really we should be putting our money into proper education? But that's another side issue, which I hope we will have a debate on. But going forward, back in the 1990s, in 1991, Holocaust studies goes on the core curriculum in Britain, of course, in Israel. It's beginning to be taught more and more and more. And I know that David and Dennis have looked at the historiography of the film, how film comes to public awareness. "Schindler's List" seen by about a quarter of the population of Europe, go on.

What then happens is there are outbreaks of anti-Semitism in Sweden, and the Swedish Prime Minister, this is the late '90s, the Swedish Prime Minister decides he wants to do something about it. So he puts money in Holocaust education, and he decides to go further. He has meetings with the British, the Americans, the Israelis, the French, the Poles, the Italians, and he convenes a meeting. They are the core members. I know a lot about this because it became the ITF, and it's now IHRA, and I was one of the, I think I'm the only one around now still in the work who represented Britain with the British delegation.

And in the year 2000, we had the first ever, and it was the first conference of the new century, the new Christian century. It was in January 2000. It was an incredible occasion. Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, her son, and her grandson all played. 60 governments either sent foreign ministers or heads of state, and they issued the Stockholm Declaration that was actually written by the great Yehuda Bauer. He was the prime mover behind it. Judi, can we see the Stockholm Declaration first, please? Yes.

"The Holocaust fundamentally challenges the foundations of civilization. The unprecedented character of the Holocaust would always hold universal meaning." Now can you go on? Could you slide up the screen so we can see the main points? Point one. "The Holocaust fundamentally challenge the foundation of civilization. The unprecedented character of the Holocaust will always hold universal meaning. After half a century, it remains an event close enough in time that survivors can still bear witness to the horrors." I'm going to go through it quickly, but you can get this off the net, and it's important that you have it.

And if you go on to number three, "With humanity still scarred by genocide, ethnic cleansing, racism, anti-Semitism, and xenophobia, the international community shares a solemn responsibility to fight these evils." Can you go on, Judi, please? Can you scroll up? They're going to strengthen education. "We share a commitment to encourage the study of the Holocaust." "We share a commitment to commemorate victims." Number seven, "We share a commitment to throw light on the still obscured shadows." The last, "It's appropriate the first major international conference of the new millennium declares its commitment to plant the seeds of a better future amidst the soil of a bitter past."

Everybody really believed that we could take things forward. In the end, there are now 31 countries, it's now called IHRA, and Holocaust education was spread. I myself was involved in Holocaust education, mainly in Eastern Europe and laterally in China, but we really thought we were getting somewhere with students, with teachers. Holocaust studies goes on the core curriculum, but gradually what happened was that the education about the Holocaust did not lessen racism and it certainly didn't lessen anti-Semitism. So in 2016, IHRA came up with another definition. Can we see that please, Judi?

I want IHRA now. I-H-R-A. Yes, now this is, this was in Bucharest. The Romanians, by the way, are also, there's some very strange bedfellows in the task force. "Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed towards Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and their property, towards Jewish community institutions and religious facilities." Can you go on, please? Now can you, now can you... I want you, come...

Now read these points. "Calling for aiding or justifying or harming Jews in the name of radical ideology or an extremist view of religion. Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonising, or stereotypical allegations about Jews such as the power of Jews as a collective, such as especially but not exclusively the myth of the Jewish world, about a world Jewish conspiracy of Jews controlling the media, economy, governments, and other social institutions. Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoings committed by a single Jewish person or group or even for acts committed by non-Jews. Denying the fact, scope, mechanism, or intentionally of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II. Accusing the Jews as a people or the state of Israel of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust." Can you go on, please?

"Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel or the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide than to the interest of their own notions. Denying the Jewish people the right to self-determination by claiming that the existence of the State of Israel is a racist endeavour. Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation. Using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism, e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel, to characterise Israel or Israelis. Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israel policy to that of the Nazis. Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the State of Israel. Anti-Semitic act are criminal when they are so defined by law. Criminal acts are anti-Semitic. Anti-Semitic discrimination is the denial of Jews of opportunities or services." Okay, thank you very much, Judi, for doing that for us.

So basically that is the new IHRA definition of 2016, and that is the definition, but the, in Britain anyway, the government is insisting that universities ascribe to. A large number of countries now have ascribed to that delegation. I mean, I'm going to give you the names because it's interesting. I should also say that the United Nations have accepted it. The Special Rapporteur for freedom of religion, Ahmed Shaheed; the European Union; the Organisation of American States; the Council of Europe. The countries even have accepted it. By the way, this is what the Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Party in Britain, did not want to accept.

You see, what is absolutely critical is you can criticise the policies of the State of Israel. What the extreme left of Britain is saying is that going to, is going to stop criticism of Israel, and that is wrong. Now that definition is the one that there's been a lot of fights about in some British universities. It's interesting which countries have taken it on: Albania, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Israel, of course, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United States, United Kingdom, Uruguay. So those are the countries who have accepted the IHRA definition.

There are now 31 countries who are involved in it. The whole purpose is to teach Holocaust education, particularly in the arenas where the Holocaust was perpetrated. Now one of the problems, as I said before, is that there are countries, there are organisations, particularly to the left, the extreme left, let me be very careful, who don't want to accept these definitions, and, of course, there are many countries who haven't ascribed to it. But I think this is a start, and I think this is a very good starting point, that if we start with that definition, I think we can get somewhere. And so what I propose to do, the other point to make is this notion of any Jew who gives anything to Israeli causes is now a Zionist, is complicit in Zionism. That is actually against the IHRA definition.

And the other issue is dual loyalty. There was an extraordinary article that came out of "New Line" during Maggie Thatcher's time. It was when she had quite a few Jewish ministers in her cabinets. And in fact, one of them, David Young, will be joining us with his new book in a couple of weeks. And his brother Stuart actually became chairman of the BBC. They were talking about

that the Jews taking over the BBC, and they're controlling government. You see, the minute you have Jewish individuals as powerful, in their own right, what happens is this notion of the Jewish world conspiracy.

The problem was you would've thought all this would've died with the Holocaust, because surely the Holocaust is the greatest example of powerlessness in history. But no, it's still with us, and, as I said, I believe it's because we have a very difficult task. We're going to actually have to confront the world of monotheism with their greatest fear, and that is, of course, it is this terrible notion. Look, if I was a Freudian analyst, I would say Islam and Christianity are the children of Judaism. They are the two monotheistic religions. Little Judaism in numbers gave some of those ideas, were taken by the two largest religions in the world. Ironically, those two religions were at war for over a thousand years.

All I'm hoping and all I'm saying to you is I know that a lot of us are getting despairing. Look at the IHRA definition. Look at the countries that have signed it. We've got to become more robust, and this is something, I mean, this is something that I know that Wendy believes in passionately. We've got to work together. One of the problems with Jews I know, from country to country, we are porous in lot. And there are certain issues that it will be in the interest of every group, actually, to come together, from Jews on the left, Jews on the right, because we have a battle now. It has gone from anti-Zionism to anti-Semitism.

As I said to you, and I'm going to say it 20 times, you can criticise the government of Israel. You can criticise any policy, just as if in Britain, you can criticise Britain, you can criticise any country, but don't demonise. And I think that's where I want to stop.

Q&A and Comments

And should we see what the questions are like? Oh, yes, I've been told. Yes, we have made those films for teaching. Trudygold.com. It might be useful for those of you with children and grandchildren. I must say www.trudygold.com. I have no skills with technology.

And this is from Michael. "My son went to Oxford for two years. My 18 month old grabbed," okay.

This is from Eleanor, who, "I'm from the former USSR. Remember '67 and how it was depicted."

This is from Ellie. I had no idea this was the source. Yes, I think it's interesting.

This is from Rod. "If we think, we avoid fundamentalism, never easy." I agree with you, Rod. I don't like closed systems of any kind. That's me personally. I don't like ideology of any kind because they're, to me, they're closed systems. I like to live in a world where people make up their own minds about different issues.

Q: "How would you deal with the surge of anti-Semitic hate speech online?" A: You see, I think this is very important. What has happened with the internet, we've lost any attempt at civility because you're not face-to-face with people, so you say things to people that are absolutely shocking. Look, I avoid it because I never go near it. To start with, I'm completely rubbish at anything to do with the internet, as my friends find it absolutely hysterical. I mean, my 10-year-old grandson. When Judi can't do it, he does the slides for me. But the point is, what we need is actually to get our best minds working on it because it is the future and it's been exacerbated by the pandemic.

"Recommend the book 'The True Believer' by Eric Hoffer, re: ideology and mass movements." And don't forget Elias Canetti, "Crowds and Power." When you have the crowd, it syncs to the common denominator.

And what do I think about Israel using Nazifying people, which don't hold the right view of our politics? Even Rabin dressed in SS uniform. Can I say I hate extremism, wherever it comes from, okay? That's my own personal view.

Q: "I was born in Palestine. When did they become Palestine and Palestinian, and I'm not?" A: Now this is a very interesting question, and we're talking about the meaning of words. The term Palestine, as I'm sure you all know, was a pride... When the Jews were dispossessed by the Romans, they gave the name to the country to the greatest enemies of Judea, 'cause remember how troublesome the Jews were to the Romans? They called it Palaestina.

When the British became involved in the Middle East, the Arabs actually called the area we know as Israel, Greater Syria. The boundaries were drawn at the end of the First World War, but please don't forget Dvora. There were settled Arabs living in that land. And at our peril, we dehumanised them too. That's me speaking. That is my view. I pray that there will be a solution, although, I'm not a religious person. It can only happen if people of good heart and mind. I do not believe every Palestinian is an extremist, by the way. I do not believe every Arab is an extremist anymore than I believe every Jew is.

The name of the play is "Perdition."

Q: "In America, is the great seal of anti-Semitism related? Jews will not replace us. They are petrified by Jews showing any semblance of fighting back. You said they want the powerless Jew."

A: You see, this is the problem, Jews as victims. And I think there is another psychological in part of this. I mentioned Howard Jacobson's comment to you, they can't forgive us for the Holocaust. Look, think of how Israel dealt with the show. The world stood by and let it happen, and I really believe the founding fathers of Israel did take that on. And it's the Bar Kochba, ben Zakkai debate. The sleight of hand is that Israel has become the big imperial power, inverted commas, and maybe the world can only deal with us as victims, and yet, they still see us as all powerful. There are so many confusions out of anti-Semitism, but since when does logic apply

to ideology?

"France and Israel worked on nuclear," but, yes, France was Israel's main ally up till '67, but then de Gaulle got very angry with Israel and said some very terrible things.

Yes, yes, I agree, Israel certainly has, there were Israeli governments that really tried to do a deal, yes. It's very difficult. It's very difficult to deal with, for example, how do you deal with Hamas who doesn't want a two-state solution? It wants the destruction of Israel. But I do believe there are Palestinians, they need, you see, they need to, you see, how do you deal with an authoritarian, homophobic regime that we're dealing with, with Hamas, that is really subsidised by Iran? How do you deal with a regime like that? There are terrible, terrible issues in the Middle East. But on the other hand, Israel is, there are other Arab countries who find what's going on just as disquieting to their own national interests. So we have to keep hoping.

Oh, Sue Friedman, "I had missed your talk on the Kastner affair and I'm in..." Sue, all I can say to you, I spent a lot of time on the Kastner affair. When the website is up, you will be able to get the past talks, but there are lots of books on it. Look, basically Kastner was a Zionist in Budapest. Hungarian Jewry is not attacked until, in terms of the final solution, until April '44 when Eichmann moves into Budapest. And Eichmann... No, I can't do it quickly. It's much too complicated. So what I suggest is you ask for that, but there are books on the Kastner affair. Oh, yes, and this is Kastner. You can Google the Kastner affair, Israel. Kastner, not Koestler. Koestler, Arthur Koestler is another man, a different writer?

Yes, this is from Romi. "The link between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism has been getting stronger and stronger. It seems as if anti-Semitism is acceptable and used as a weapon against Israel." Yeah, it's also used very much... But remember it's actually illegal in Britain if it's incitement to race hatred. I think we've got to hope that the courts become more robust on this. One of the problems with liberals, and I am one really, I still believe in the Enlightenment, is that liberalism... I mean, Robert Wistrich once said to me, "Unless liberalism becomes militant, we will all go under." I'm just telling you what the great professor said. I hope he's not right.

Q: Judi, "What do you mean by calling Palestinians a people?"

A: Look, let's be careful here. There are people who have lived in refugee camps from 1947. What I'm saying, Judi, is we've got to make some sort of deal in order to survive. That's all I'm saying. Paradoxically.

This is from Myrna. "I've always thought that the Six-Day War was the only time that Israel was in the ascent in world opinion. The idea of little David vanquishing big Goliath caught people's imagination." Yeah, yeah, you had a few weeks of it. It was wonderful. My goodness. I went to Israel in '67, like so many thousands of other students. It was fascinating. I really became a Jew in the '67 war. That's what really changed my consciousness. And yeah, it was fine, but it disappeared very, very quickly, believe me.

Yes, of course. Anna's brought up the Arab money that was donated to universities.

"Golda Meir went to Jordan." No, Marilyn, it was actually in '47 that she met with Abdullah, but certainly King Hussein wrote a very interesting book that he got involved in the war when Nasser told him that the Israeli, that he was winning, basically. Nasser, it's an interesting story, and it will be covered in the course, probably not by me. I am not a military historian. Monroe Blocker's attached a documentary on the Six-Day War. Yes, had Jordan not entered the war, Jerusalem and the West Bank would be under Jordanian control. Yes, yes. Jordan went in on day three. Hussein later really upset, was upset about it.

And this is from Mena. "We in Israel were intoxicated with our victory. Very few people thought then it would be a tragedy in the future. Even Ben-Gurion said we made peace of agreement in return for territories, except Jerusalem. Golda, who became PM in '69, refused to talk about land return with Nasser and others, which led to the Yom Kippur War." Yes. Certainly. I think the events between '67 and '73 do deserve very careful scrutiny, but what I do remember is that Nasser refused to negotiate in '67.

"My young cousins," this is from Barbara. "My young cousins were on the TWA plane the PLO put the bomb on in September, it's 1974, leaving a two-year-old and a four-year-old orphan. My uncle had a heart attack every art site until it killed him." You see, this is a human tragedy. Yes, they used terrorism, and yet they still became the champions of the left.

This is from Ute. "I agree that we must become more proactive." Yes.

Simon from Toronto, "Unreasonable criticism of Israel by non-Jews is usually anti-Semitism." There are Jews who do that, who do identify as Jews. It's not accurate to call them anti-Semites. I think the appropriate term is collaborator. Let's be very, very careful here. I have a lot of Jewish friends who hate the policies of Israel. I personally, I'm not saying whether I agree with 'em or not. I don't actually, but I mean, well, some of them I do, but I do have, I do, but I do think there is another issue. There's a lot of young Jews who hear all the propaganda. They can't counter the argument, and they become very, very unhappy and ashamed, and we are at fault for not telling them the other side of the story. There are two sides to this story. And I'm getting this a lot from friends of mine who've got children at schools and universities. We have really let our children and grandchildren down. I believe that.

Oh, I just lost the questions. Judi, again, I'm so bad at this. Judi, how long have I got?

- Trudy?
- What about, yeah, yes?
- [Wendy] Hi, sorry. Okay. No, you've got a couple more minutes if you've got the time.

- Okay, okay. Fine. Yes, of course I have. This is,

Q: "What about Khartoum Declaration? No Peace, but there's no recognition of Israel." A: Yes, you see, this is the point. We need to study it all.

- But another international turf.

- Yeah, this is from Sally Esko, recommending "The History of the Jews" by Max Dimont and "The Right of Return" by Dr. Colin Froman as good source references for Jewish history. Yes, the "History of the Jews" by Max Dimont is an incredibly good populist book.

- Do you think we should- I think it's on the original bibliography we put out, Wendy.

And this is from Jonathan, "1948" by Benny Morris. And then Sally saying, "I believe that Mr. Morris is thought of as a revisionist historian." One of the problems, when you're talking about the Arab-Israeli conflict, every word you have to be careful of. That a lot of you...

This is from Elliot. "I was a passenger on Austrian airliner from Frankfurt, and a bomb exploded on the plane." Elliot, what can we say? I mean, it's unbelievable. Glad you are here.

Oh, yes, there was no mention of liberal Democrats in the '60s, '70s, people like Jenny Tonge. In fact, you've brought up an interesting point. The young liberals in the late '60s, early '70s were the most radical of all. Yes, and it, yeah, of course, I had to make decisions, I'm afraid, on information. I know a lot of you know so much but just pass on your information.

Yes, another recommendation, "Anti-Semite and Jew" by Jean Paul Sartre. I'm going on.

I'm going on. I keep on losing my spot. "From Ambivalence to Betrayal," Audrey's told us, by Robert Wistrich.

Yes, Bobby's talking about fake history. Yes, I know, but don't forget, denying of the Holocaust is now illegal. For those of you who believe in liberalism and freedom, we've got a real problem. Remember that very interesting statement, I believe in what you say, I don't believe in what you say, but I would defend to the death your right to say it. That's why Wistrich said liberalism has to become more militant. We have to strengthen the law, actually, about things like Holocaust denial.

"Israel in their vestige of colonialism and racism, end of story." What I'm noticing, I'm getting a lot of articles sent to me. You're getting counter-arguments now in the press and on radio. There are people who are coming back from it and saying, "Hold on a minute, it's gone too far." And please don't forget, I can only talk about England, but the bulk of the Labour Party voters completely rejected this kind of rhetoric, remember. That's how the Tories took the red wall up in the north, which is one of the most deprived areas of Britain. This is also. And the Jewish issue did come into it. There were surveys done at Oxford University, and, I think, it was the fourth

reason why people didn't vote for Corbyn, because they thought his views were insane. So don't forget that there are... I'm talking about extremism, but there are people who live their lives and who do believe in fairness and justice. They're the one...

Yes, of course, there are people like Noam Chomsky and Edward Said who aid the dissemination of pro-Palestinian rhetoric, but it's like when friends of mine get really fed up with what's going on in the newspapers, I tell them, "Switch newspapers." There are one or two British newspapers and magazines that will put the Israeli case.

This is Orwell, from June. "Some ideas are so stupid that only intellectuals will believe them." That's George Orwell. It's a lovely quote.

Yeah, yes, James is pointing to the problem that the right wing in Israel has no long-term plans to deal with the existence of three million Arabs. Yeah, that's why I'm saying we've got to find a middle path, but it is interesting though, and I'm coming back to the one issue that maybe I didn't emphasise strongly enough. What I find fascinating when I get engaged in dialogue with people on these issues is that the issue of Israel, Palestine is the main preoccupation. And I find it fascinating that if you...

On one level, I'm going to use a disgusting phrase, the transfer of population. Over two million people died in '47 in the partition of India and Pakistan. Greece and Turkey, the transfer of population, at the end of the war, two million Germans thrown out of Poland. It's happened tragically many times in 20th century history. The one area that goes on tragically is the Middle East. And again, I hope I'm giving you an incredibly complex issue, and I'm trying just to create a mosaic at the moment.

- Trudy, Tru, I'm sorry.

- [Trudy] I think we better stop there, yeah.

- I'm going to jump in because in 30 minutes we actually, we start the production our next presentation, which is the Jewish Museum is going to present "Edith Halpert and the Rise of American Art."

- Yeah, I think, yeah.

- I'm sorry, I'm going to stop you right now because we have to prepare for the next presentation.

- Okay, Wendy, thank you so much, and I hope I managed to steer the line tonight.

- Excellent, always do. Brilliant.

- No, it's a tough line to steer. Anyway, may I wish you all a good evening and keep your faith and keep strong, right?

- [Wendy] Absolutely.
- [Trudy] All right, God bless, everyone.
- [Wendy] Thanks, Trudy. Thank you, everybody.
- Bye bye, Wendy.
- See you later. Bye.