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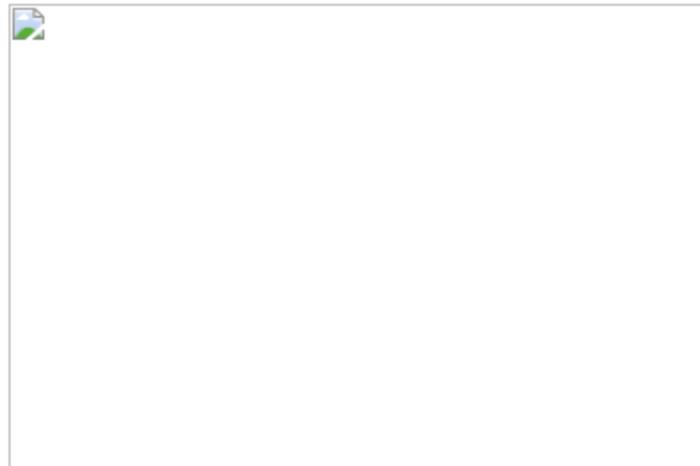
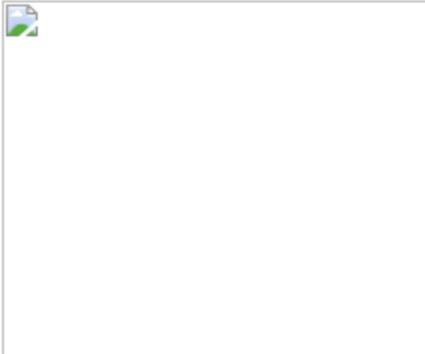


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*President Donald Trump.*

## Religious liberty for me but not thee

**By Jonathan S. Tobin/JNS.org**

President Donald Trump's decision to throw out the ObamaCare contraception mandate as well as to largely exempt religious groups from non-discrimination statutes has drawn criticism from most liberal Jewish groups. But Trump is standing up for a principle that Jews should be defending. Religious liberty for me but not thee is the sort of hypocrisy we shouldn't accept from those who purport to represent a Jewish community that knows only too well the importance of defending our first constitutional right, writes JNS.org columnist Jonathan S. Tobin.

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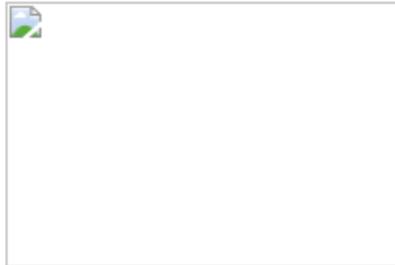
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**Israel a rising star in space and satellite technology**

**By Adam Abrams/JNS.org**

Adding to Israel's existing reputation as a major hub of innovation, the Jewish state is a rising star in space and satellite technology. Several key developments in recent years highlight Israel's growing contributions in the field, including the Aug. 2 launch of Venus, a micro-satellite that monitors climate change. "Israel is one of the few countries that has the entire chain of satellite capabilities, which means launch, design, construction and operation," Avi Blasberger, director general of the Israel Space Agency, told JNS.org. "It's an entirely self-sustained program."

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*Israel's first nanosatellite, BGUSAT.*

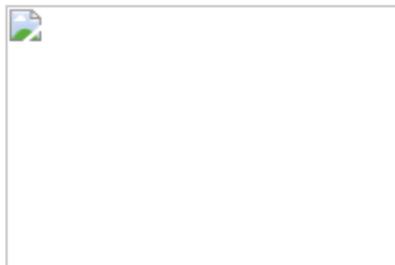
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## **Jewish and Christian groups commend Senate passage of Hezbollah financing act**

**By JNS.org**

Jewish and Christian groups are praising the U.S. Senate's passage of the Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2017, which imposes added sanctions on the Lebanese terror group and its affiliates, and targets foreign governments, individuals and companies that support them.

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*The Hezbollah flag.*

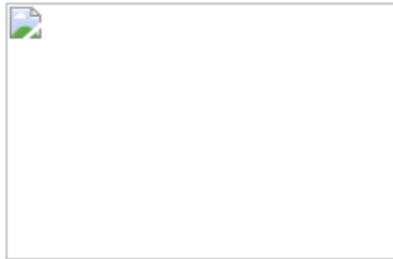
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## **Jewish leaders denounce pro-terrorist play at NYU**

**By Rafael Medoff/JNS.org**

Jewish leaders are denouncing plans by a New York University (NYU)-affiliated theater to host a play that portrays Palestinian terrorists as heroes. From Oct. 12-22, the NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts will host "The Siege," which focuses on the Palestinian terrorists who seized Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity in 2002 and occupied it for 39 days. "Having witnessed firsthand the 'siege,' a blatant terrorist outrage, I am especially outraged at this presentation," said Malcolm Hoenlein, CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "Diminishing the true nature of this brutal attack serves to whitewash terrorism at a time when this scourge is taking so many lives and threatening so many more."

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*A scene from "The Siege."*

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