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Subject: **TOMORROW's NYC Conference -- ANSWERING THE CALL TO ACTION WITH ACTION: Lawsuit vs the Press for Rigging Mamdani's Electoral Win as NYC Mayor: "journalistic fraud", "institutional reckless disregard for truth", etc.**

Attachments: cja-oct-29-25-amended-complaint.pdf;
[ers-with-netanyahu-1986.jpg](#)

TO: [SHURAT HaDIN](#)

Founder/Director Nitsana Darshan Leitner, Esq.
CDO/Senior Attorney Rachel May Weiser, Esq.

RE: Mamdani's anti-Israel, pro-Hamas falsehoods and the press – and my below e-mails regarding [tomorrow's "urgent call to action" conference in NYC](#) – above-attached and [here-linked](#) is now a further draft of the October 29th Amended Complaint – to which I have made an IMPORTANT expansion to paragraph 38 by the addition of subparagraphs (a) and (b), and corresponding modification to now subparagraph (c). Paragraph 38 (at pp. 59-60) now reads:

38. Many of Plaintiff SASSOWER's e-mails to other defendants included the original chain of her first two and then first three e-mails to Defendant NYT. Or these e-mails were furnished by links, as, for example, in the [August 24th Announcement](#) and [September 4th News Tip/Alert](#), sent to a wide swath of New York and national press, defendants among them, by e-mails stating: "Take your pick".

(a) The chief difference between the "pick" is that the [August 24th Announcement](#) included the following:

"Zohran Mamdani's win as NYC mayor is being rigged by The New York Times and other NY press. In tandem with their pervasive anti-Israel slanting and defamations, giving credibility and resonance to Mamdani's anti-Israel, pro-Hamas

falsehoods, they are concealing his corruption as a NYS assemblyman.

...

The catastrophic result of this concealment by The Times and other NY press of what NYC voters most need to know and their incessant reporting of polls, endorsements, and fundraising that their own fraudulent, ‘fake news’, fawning journalism generates, is that NY’s Jewish, pro-Israel, and other communities are dispirited and have been inhibited from mobilizing against Mamdani because of the purported inevitability of his electoral victory in November.” (underlining in the original).

(b) Upon information and belief, Defendant NYT and other press were fully aware that Mamdani’s repetitive claims that Israel was committing genocide in Gaza and is an apartheid, colonialist state, which they were reporting, are false, but – as with plaintiffs’ [March 14th](#), [March 17th](#), [March 18th](#), and [March 20th](#) e-mails – *did not confront him with evidence rebutting his anti-Israel, pro-Hamas lies*, as, for instance, the scholarly book [Beyond Proportionality: Israel’s Just War in Gaza](#), by New York City resident and law professor Thane Rosenbaum, published May 19th, five weeks before Mamdani’s June 24th Democratic primary win, and produced no reviews or discussions of the book, then or thereafter.

(c) In every material respect, including by their evidentiary hyperlinks, Plaintiff SASSOWER’s e-mails to the other defendants and press are – like her e-mails to Defendant NYT – true, accurate, and correct.

With respect to subparagraph b, I am cc’ing Professor Rosenbaum for his response – and, additionally, such others as CAMERA, HonestReporting, The Lawfare Project, and ZOA, with its Center for Law and Justice, to whom I also sent prior drafts. Can they confirm that subparagraph b is factually correct – and do they have suggested improvements? Also, what are their suggestions for the billions of dollars in damages, compensatory, presumed, and punitive in the “Prayer for Relief” (at pp. 85)? I think my illustrative 8 billion dollars is too low.

Professor Dershowitz is plainly in the best position to judge the constitutional grounds of the federal lawsuit, set forth by paragraphs 1, 84-86. However, as to defendants’ “frauds and conspiracy crimes” – for which the Complaint’s “Other & Further Relief” (at p. 85) seeks referral to criminal authorities – reinforced by paragraph 42 pertaining to my [October 16th letter to the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia](#) – I believe criminal lawyer Benjamin Brafman would be in the best position to judge this and, of course, the truth of my assertions, made throughout, that Mamdani cannot be elected mayor because, based on the open-and-shut, prima facie evidence furnished by my e-mails to him, he must be indicted, and will be

convicted, of corruption as a NYS assemblyman. Please forward this e-mail to Mr. Brafman, with whom Professor Dershowitz will be in conversation on the topic “Cross-Examining the World: The Legal Truth About the Genocide Libels Against Israel”.

Also, please forward this e-mail to Melanie Phillips so that she will know, as the keynote speaker on the topic “The War Against the Jews”, that Israel and the Jews have powerful legal remedies to fight back and vindicate the truth against a malevolent, fraud-propagating press – and that an historic federal lawsuit doing just that is NOW HAPPENING!

Finally, I thought you might enjoy the above-attached photo, from 1986, of then Israel Ambassador to the U.N. Benjamin Netanyahu and staff, of which I was one. I’m standing next to him, with the necklace.

Thank you.

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Subject: UPDATE -- Oct 27th NYC Conference -- Lawsuit vs the Press for Rigging Mamdani's Electoral Win as NYC Mayor: "journalistic fraud", "institutional reckless disregard for truth", etc.

Shavua Tov.

Updating my below e-mail, as to my litigation strategy for taking on the media’s flagrant lies about Israel, which have given legitimacy to Mamdani’s own, above-attached is a revised draft of the October 29th amended complaint in the federal lawsuit against the press, filed on October 8th. Most significantly, the “Factual Allegations” section now reinforces that this is a summary judgment case by stating, as to each e-mail quoted or described that:

“In every material respect, including by its evidentiary hyperlinks, this e-mail is true, accurate, and correct”.

As stated below: “This is an hugely important case for Israel and the Jewish community – and I look forward to discussing it with you at the conference. If you can review it briefly before the conference, that would be most helpful. In any event, kindly forward this e-mail to Professor Dershowitz so that he

can familiarize himself with it, as well as to other conference participants for whom it would be relevant, such as Melanie Phillips.”

In the event that Professor Dershowitz is reachable *via* his Harvard Law School e-mail address, I am taking the liberty of sending this e-mail to him, directly.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
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TO: Shurat HaDin

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I am a contributor to Shurat HaDin – and thank you for the important work that you do and for the conference you are holding in NYC on Monday, which I will be attending.

The [conference announcement](#) states:

“The aim is to better unify our activists and our movements, to share individual and organizational information, and to coordinate our strategies for the difficult fights ahead.

This is not just another event – it’s an urgent call to action. Your voice and your presence are crucial. Together we will prevail.”

As we cannot prevail without taking on the flagrant lies of the media, I have commenced a lawsuit against 25 press defendants for their knowingly-false, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism, focused on their rigging of Zohran Mamdani’s electoral win to be NYC mayor – with four causes of action: “journalistic fraud”, “institutional reckless disregard for truth”, “defrauding purchasers, contributors, & taxpayers”, and “conspiracy”.

On October 8th, I filed the verified complaint in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York – and thereupon e-mailed it to the 25 defendants. I also e-mailed it to other press entities – and these I have now included as defendants by a verified amended complaint that I plan to file on October

29th. Above-attached and here-linked is the [October 29th draft](#). Upon its being filed, with my payment of the filing fee, I will be issued summons so that I can effect service upon the now 34 defendants, for which I have 90 days.

This is an hugely important case for Israel and the Jewish community – and I look forward to discussing it with you at the conference. If you can review it briefly before the conference, that would be most helpful. In any event, kindly forward this e-mail to Professor Dershowitz so that he can familiarize himself with it, as well as to other conference participants for whom it would be relevant, such as Melanie Phillips.

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