

## SHABBAT SHALOM – 04.27.2024

### In the News (Topic 1 of 3) JUDGE WARNS TRUMP HE WILL BE JAILED IF HE DOESN'T SHOW UP TO COURT

**Article:** Judge Warns Trump He Will Be Jailed If He Doesn't Show Up to Court Every Day of Hush Money Trial

**Article Link:** <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/judge-warns-trump-he-will-be-jailed-if-he-doesn-t-show-up-to-court-every-day-of-hush-money-trial/ar-BB1fG0E>

#### Key Talking Points:

- The judge overseeing the trump “hush-money” case on Monday warned former President Donald Trump that he could be arrested for missing court dates, although his attorney signaled that he would show up.
- According to the New York court system, a defendant who is free on bond—like President Trump—who does not deliberately show up to court could face a “warrant for [their] arrest,” and they “will be subject to separate prosecution and separate punishment for bail jumping no matter what happens in this case.
- The former president’s attorney, Todd Blanche, told the judge that President Trump intends to be present at his trial, in which he faces 34 counts of falsifying business records, but noted there may be an absence.
- The lawyer said that the former president also wants to be present at every conference during the jury selection process.
- In Monday’s hearing, his lawyers requested the trial not be held on May 17 so the former president could attend his son Barron’s graduation from high school.
- A lawyer in the case also told the judge he wants June 3 off so he could attend his own son’s graduation.
- Judge said he wasn’t prepared to rule on those requests, sparking outrage amongst Americans, saying quote: “It really depends on how we’re doing on time and where we are in the trial.”
- The trial is scheduled to last about 8 weeks, 4 days per week, which is likely to severely limit President Trump’s campaigning during that time. The former president has contended that the trial—and three separate cases—are a form of election interference meant to derail his 2024 presidential campaign.

### In the News (Topic 2 of 3) BIDEN WINS KENNEDY FAMILY ENDORSEMENT

**Article:** In rebuke to RFK Jr, Biden wins Kennedy family endorsement

**Article Link:** <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/biden-win-kennedy-family-endorsement-philadelphia-2024-04-18/>

**Video Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwT6jEqHHk8>

#### Key Talking Points:

- Joe Biden returned to Philadelphia on April 18, the final stop of his three-day tour of the crucial battleground state, where he announced receiving the endorsement of the Kennedy family.

- More than 15 members of the Kennedy family, who have previously criticized Robert F. Kennedy jr.'s independent bid for the white house, endorsed President Biden at the campaign event in Philadelphia.
- Ahead of the event, Kerry Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy's daughter, announced the endorsement during an interview with MSNBC on April 18.
- "We're here in Philadelphia with my siblings and representing my first cousins, all of whom ... are supporting Joe Biden for reelection. We're doing that because we feel that the stakes are so high," she said. "He cares about all of us. And he was inspired to get into politics because of my father."
- Mr. Kennedy entered the presidential race last April, challenging president Biden for the democratic party nomination.

## In the News (Topic 3 of 3) EXTREME ANTISEMITISM ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

**Article:** Columbia rabbi warns Jewish students to go home, don't come back to campus because of 'extreme antisemitism'

**Article Link:** <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/columbia-rabbi-warns-jewish-students-to-go-home-don-t-come-back-to-campus-because-of-extreme-antisemitism/ar-AA1nouyc>

**Video Link:** <https://twitter.com/OLILONDONTV/STATUS/1782167337682006209>

### Key Talking Points:

- With everything you see going on in the Middle East and Israel, there is a growing surge of antisemitism in the U.S.
- In this clip that went viral, you can see a group of Yale students forming a human chain to block a Jewish student from entering the university. Oli London, posted on social media that this chilling act of antisemitism echoes 1939, when Nazi's blocked Jewish students from entering Vienna University, simply because they were Jews. This is unacceptable in America.
- The New York times reports a prominent rabbi at Columbia university took a drastic step Sunday of warning Jewish students to go home and not return to campus because of extreme antisemitism by ivy league schools.
- The dire directive followed yet another night of violent anti-Israel protests on campus — which included one protester holding up a sign suggesting that students waving Israeli flags should be the next target of Hamas terrorists.
- Rabbi Elie Buechler told students Sunday morning the events of the last few days, have made it clear that Columbia University's public safety and the NYPD cannot guarantee Jewish students' safety in the face of extreme antisemitism and anarchy.
- He stated quote: "It deeply pains me to say that I would strongly recommend you return home as soon as possible and remain home until the reality in and around campus has dramatically improved."
- In yet another report, FOX News reported that a Jewish Yale student was stabbed in the eye with a Palestinian flag during a mob protest.
- This isn't just happening at ivy league schools, however. Numerous news outlets are reporting protestors waving Palestinian flags, burning American flags, and shouting, "death to America," while standing on American soil.
- Remember the hatred of God's people is supernatural and spreading around the world. Many say it's the worst it has been since the holocaust.

## Biblical Message

### Key Verse

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