



SHURAT HADIN – ISRAEL LAW CENTER SUES THE WARWICK HOTEL FOR HOSTING IRANIAN DESPOT MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD



hand the keys over to their client Stuart Hersh, an American citizen who was severely injured in a 1997 Hamas suicide bombing in Jerusalem. In 2003, a federal court found Iran liable for the attack and ordered them to pay Hersh \$12 million, plus interest. Hersh alleged that Iran had provided material support and resources to the terrorist group. To date, that judgment remains unpaid. This current enforcement proceeding seeks to satisfy a portion of the judgment.

“It is insult enough that Ahmadinejad will receive U.S. security personnel during his stay in Manhattan, subsidized by American tax dollars. But that outrage is eclipsed by the idea that this craven outlaw will reside in the lap of luxury at a five-star hotel while his victims still suffer from his underwriting of violent, illegal acts. Give him a cot at the UN or perhaps the other murderers at the Libyan Mission will give him a bed,” stated Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, founder of the Shurat HaDin-Israel Law Center. “Our client, Stuart Hersh, continues to suffer from the suicide bombing that Iran financed in Jerusalem nearly fifteen years ago. We remain committed to getting Mr. Hersh, not Ahmadinejad, the star-studded treatment. The Warwick’s pursuit of profit is unconscionable.”

Iran is designated by the U.S. State Department as a state sponsor of terrorism and is liable for numerous terrorist attacks against U.S. citizens. Several of Manhattans most elite hotels refused Ahmadinejad accommodations because of this; the San Carlos Hotel, The Loews Regency Hotel and the Preferred Hotel Group, which includes The Trump SoHo New York, Trump International Hotel & Tower New York, the Kitano New York, the Sherry-Netherland, and the Lombardy. Ahmadinejad and his personal are offered free accommodations at the Iranian Mission to the United Nations, where they refuse to stay.