

MAMDANI WILL NOT MARCH WITH JEWS

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For 61 straight years, every mayor of New York City has marched in the annual Israel Day Parade. But not this year. Zohran Mamdani, the Muslim Marxist Millionaire, told Jewish New Yorkers to take a hike.

“While I will not be attending the Israel Day Parade,” he said, “my lack of attendance should not be mistaken for a refusal to provide security or the necessary permits for its safety.” How magnanimous of him.

Had he tried to deny a permit, he would have gotten a licking in court. Ditto had he tried to prohibit a police presence.

As for safety concerns, it is ironic that this same man who fought a law providing a buffer zone around houses of worship (he yielded only when the vote was veto proof), and vetoed a similar law for schools, made sure that on Tuesday the streets near his mansion had a huge buffer zone—the police had barricades all over—keeping anti-Mamdani protesters away. I was proud to have spoken at the rally.

Quite frankly, the sight of Mamdani marching in a Jewish parade is on a par with the Imperial Wizard of the KKK marching in an African American parade. The mind boggles.

Mamdani is a particularly lousy fit to march in this year’s Israel Day Parade. Why? Because the theme is “Proud Americans, Proud Zionists.” He’s made it abundantly clear that he is not a proud American, and his hatred of Zionists is undeniable.

He has flatly said that Israel does not have the right to exist as a Jewish state. He has also said that “Israel is not

a place. It is not a country.” That remarkable comment explains why people like Rabbi Marc Schneier recently said, “No one wants you at the Celebrate Israel Parade anyway. We don’t want you, your rhetoric, and your diatribe to ruin our proud day.”

I can sympathize with the rabbi.

For years Mamdani refused to march in New York City’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade (he did so reluctantly at the last hour this year), and that is why many Irish Catholics like me didn’t want him to show up. He proved me right when he hosted a breakfast event on March 17 wherein he took the time not to honor St. Patrick, but to condemn what he said was the “genocide” in Palestine. He just can’t get Jew-hatred out of his head.

Let’s face it. There is no way Mamdani could march in a parade that celebrates Zionism without inflaming his radical Muslim fans.

Mamdani has long proven his anti-Zionist chops. Most recently, on his transition team he appointed Mohammad Karim Chowdhury, an extremist who has said that Zionists are worse than Nazis. He is not an anomaly. The ADL estimated that 20 percent of Mamdani’s transition team were tied to groups that are anti-Zionist.

Mamdani need not pout. After all, he will not feel unwelcome for long. The day after the parade marks the beginning of Gay Pride Month.

Happy Israel Day Parade!