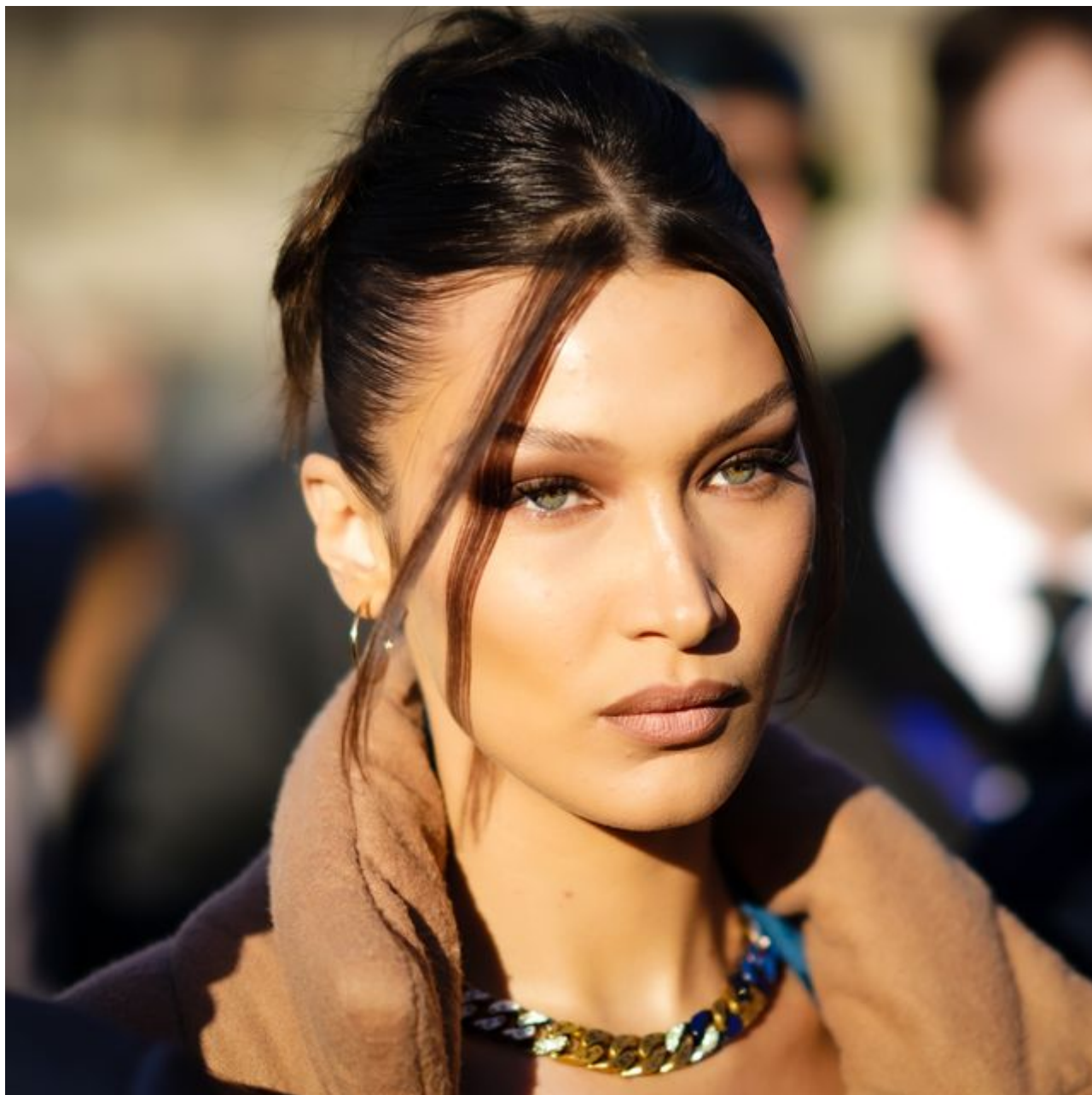


Historian Bella Hadid Makes a Comical Mistake

by Hugh Fitzgerald



Bella Hadid, the Palestinian-American model, a master of the catwalk's mandatory swirl-and-twirl, gets an A for her chilly good looks, but I'm afraid that, not for the first time, she has flunked History. She recently posted a photo on Instagram of a soccer team, identified as "Palestine – 1939," which was apparently playing against an Australian team. She tweeted "so

cool” in reference to what she assumed was a team of Palestinian Arabs. “See,” she was signaling, “we Palestinians had our own soccer team as far back as 1939.” The truth turned out to be quite otherwise, and correcting her mistake gives us a chance to discuss the words “Palestine” and “Palestinian” as they once were applied to Jews, and as they were then appropriated by the Arabs. For ignorant Bella Hadid turned out to be praising – “so cool” – a team consisting entirely of Palestinian Jews, and who wore their identification on their jerseys.

The story of her comical misidentification is here: “Bella Hadid Post on 1939 ‘Palestine’ Soccer Team Shows Jewish, Pre-State Team, Notes Pro-Israel Influencer,” by Shiryn Ghermezian, [Jihad Watch](#).