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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It's the evening of the 4th day, yudgimmel beAdar, tav-shin-ayin-heh, Parashas Ki Sisa, the evening of the 3rd day, Tuesday, 3 March 2015, webcasting from the hills of Yehuda, fourth son of Yaakov ben Yitzhak ben Avraham.

Well, I watched the speech today live from Capitol Hill delivered by the Prime Minister of the Jewish Commonwealth re-born. And my first reaction is that Israel is fortunate to have Benyamin ben Bentzion as its prime minister at this world-historical moment. Better him than me, even though I think he missed the root cause of the problem, but that's okay. Better him than me, because I would have been in danger of exceeding good taste in dealing with the real root cause of this situation which is the man named Barack Hussein Obama. Like a proper guest, Bibi saluted the absent president for all the good he has done Israel that, truth be told, did not sound so good to me, but that's another story.

The only time he got personal was indirectly by zeroing in on the published information regarding the negotiations in Geneva over the Iranian bomb project that Obama oversees and his secretary of state. Yesterday that Viet Cong sympathizer now weirdly secretary of state of the United States – well, maybe it's not so weird with a president friendly with Bill Ayres and Bernadine Dohrn, arguably the worst people who rode the tidal wave of social upheaval in the turbulent 1960s. Yesterday, John Kerry, grandson of apostate Jewish priests...like Bernadine Dohrn whose original name was Dohrnstein, daughter of a Jew who married out and shortened the name...yesterday John Kerry warned, as Susan Rice did the day before, that revealing

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information about the Geneva talks would destroy relations between Israel and America, which Bibi neatly demolished in his speech saying he was going to talk about what anybody could google up.

And then he proceeded to do what he does best: talk the talk of geo-politics. His one book called *A Place Among the Nations* is all about the chess game of international politics as it was when it came out in the 80s: economics and military affairs which I thought was excellent but stopped reading three-quarters of the way through because it got boring. He made his case brilliantly for his view of Israel's place in the Middle East at that time and the danger of our neighbors. But other than that, there was little in that book that was particularly Jewish.

Well, okay. No problem; it was good for what it was. And so today he was excellent in explaining why leaving Iran with any nuclear capabilities and telling them they only had ten years to restrain themselves, in any case, and then do what they want to do afterwards, was not a good idea.

He explained too that when Iran goes nuclear, so would the rest of the Middle East, and he rightly depicted the nightmare scenario of these Muslim maniacs with their hands on arsenals of atomic bombs.

He said then this would be a problem for the whole world. Oddly, I don't recall him referencing Iran's ICBM program of long-range missiles which they don't need in any case to destroy Israel, G-d forbid. They already have short-range rockets for that. I.e. the significance of their long-range rocket program can only mean threatening all states in the world with their atomic bombs.

It was a great speech, though I don't think a particularly hard one to deliver because the bottom line on this issue is just a macro-version of the micro-example of not giving matches to a pyromaniac to play with. This business of Iran building atomic bombs is not the most difficult question to answer. Only a lunatic or someone so malevolent would take seriously the idea of allowing Iran to proceed, in light of everything that we know about this regime, as Bibi noted, now 36 years old. Only a bad actor like Barak Hussein Obama and his team of fools and knaves, John Kerry and Susan Rice, would sit at that negotiating table and promise what Prime Minister Netanyahu talked about today: the idea of leaving thousands of centrifuges in the Iranians' hands, and never mind the half-dozen UN resolutions denying them even one.

I think the P5+1 talks with Iran over their A-bomb program is an example of what historian Bat Ye'or wrote about a decade and more ago as she gazed upon what was happening in Europe. She lives in Switzerland. For those who don't know her: Bat Ye'or is a pen name drawn from the Bible, the Five Books, meaning Daughter of the Nile because she was born in Egypt. She has written book after book on the history of the Jews in Muslim lands and whatever her intent, she refuted an entire way of Zionist thinking according to which the antisemitism which gave rise to Zionism in post-Christian Europe was a wholly-owned subsidiary of the West which was absent

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from Muslim lands. Nonsense. The Jews in Muslim lands suffered oppression and humiliation as called for by the Koran and their lot was no better than their poor Ashkenazi cousins in Jew-hating Christian Europe.

And from her home in Switzerland, she watched the flood tide of Muslims coming in and coined the term "dhimmitude," from the Arabic word *dhimma* which denotes a non-Muslim minority allowed to live within Islam but it must pay literally a high financial penalty each year for the privilege of living in Islam unmolested in their religious practices and also suffer daily restrictions on their lives. She foresaw how the presence of these Muslims in Europe would bend the Europeans to their will and turn them into *dhimmi*, living in a form of dhimmitude, this word of her invention.

And I think the P5+1 talks are an example of this dhimmitude. That is who is sitting at the table with the Iranians, these big shot countries of the West, the economic leaders who are just dying to invest in Iran. Melissa Francis on FOX TV today said, for example, Apple Corporation is just dying to get into the Iranian market. In the black market there, there are lots of illegal IPods and IPhones. They are all the rage, and Apple wants to get in and make it legit.

This is dhimmitude, these six countries leading Western civilization negotiating with the mad mullahs in the old Persian Empire. Bibi was every good at pointing out how Iran now is in control of four Arab capitals: Damascus, Beirut, Baghdad and Sanaa, and how their empire is spreading.

But what I think they are really jawing about -- it is really the main course there, with no name -- is whether or not Iran will be permitted to build an atomic bomb in order to destroy Israel, G-d forbid. And that is why our Bibi gave the speech today that he gave.

People have compared the Geneva talks to the Munich Conference between Neville Chamberlain and the Devil in 1938 where they agreed to sacrifice Czechoslovakia to the Devil with no Czech politician participating in their talk.

Geneva is also reminiscent of the Evian conference held two months before Munich and when dozens of states and NGOs gathered to discuss the rising flood of refugees from Nazism, *i.e.* the Jews running from Hitler's Germany and Poland and other countries where Jew-hatred was fiercely burning. The purpose of the Evian Conference was to decide what to do with these Jews and it was held two months before the Czech betrayal, and there too the Jews were also denied the right to participate in that conference. The Zionists sent a woman to plead the case of the Jews but she was denied entry. That was Golda Meir, and that denial shaped her view of the world big time.

And for sure, Bibi Netanyahu knows this history. I felt blessed today that he is our leader these days, this highly educated, intelligence and eloquent man.

He got off some memorable sound bites. He knows the importance of a brief epigram as a mnemonic, a memory device containing a thought worth remembering.

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For example (I paraphrase), he said heads of other states worry about their country's security. Israeli leaders worthy about their country's survival.

Another good one was, "Sometimes your enemy's enemy is not your friend but also an enemy." He used that to skewer indirectly Obama and his deep thinker's belief that he can cozy up to Iran because Iran is an ally in combating ISIS. Bibi beautifully said, more or less, but they are same. "One calls itself the Islamic Republic; one calls itself the Islamic State." He alternated between referencing the threat to Israel to the threat to the whole world by the menace of maniacal Islam.

So it is a very good thing he is our prime minister. If I were in his shoes, I doubt I could have avoided cutting Obama down not for his strategic thinking but his evil intent.

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Yes, Obama's evil intent is at the root of today's historic speech. It is the fuel propelling this latest diplomatic brouhaha; this business of the impropriety and breach of protocol inherent in Congress inviting Prime Minister Netanyahu to address them and, let's face it, disagree with Imam Barack Hussein, the Muslim crusader. If that is too strong for you, call him the Muslim PR agent. From his first minutes as president, he has been selling Islam to the American people and the world, really, defending Islam to its American victims, by, for example, telling the grief-stricken loved ones of the soldiers massacred at Ft. Hood that Islam had nothing to do with their deaths.

Bibi didn't touch this, maybe because there is no delicate way to do that. It is, though, I think, the heart of the matter. His heart; his black heart.

As Steven Hays pointed out on FOX after the speech, Obama has been from his first days in office relating to Iran as a potential friend of the United States that can be welcomed back into the family of nations. And, I add, Obama's behavior at Geneva, that is, the implementation of his views by his subalterns around that negotiating table. Ergo, starting from the UN position of no centrifuges whatsoever, you start saying, "Okay, we'll let you have a thousand. And then you later say two thousand, and you demonstrate your good will to the Iranians and get them to play ball with you and reform their behavior.

Ultimately, you even promise them that if they behave themselves for only ten years, they will go free and go back to building an atomic bomb to destroy the Jews' state, G-d forbid.

This is what Bibi analyzed today -- analyzed is a good Greek word which means to break apart. He did a great job of explaining the foolishness of this line of thinking and way of negotiating. You cut a deal and then ten years later rip it up and pretend it never happened.

What was missing, though, I think, was the malevolence, for I think Geneva is for Obama all a charade. The man is a chronic liar. He has been exposed before the whole world in one video clip after another as being a liar, a shameless liar about so many things,

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so when he says he will not let the Iranians get an atomic bomb, only nitwits and/or antiJews let him get away with this, believe him when he says that.

By contrast, I think -- I've said for all of his six years -- he has no intention of stopping Iran and therefore for six years is just stalling for time, running out the clock, because he does want Iran to have the bomb.

His pursuit of Iran's friendship is as dopey as his almost psychotic insistence that Ft. Hood had nothing to do with Islam. If he really thinks he can turn Iran around, then he is as idiotic about human nature as Shimon Peres, Yossi Beilin, Tsipi Livni and Boojie Herzog.

By the way, Bibi's performance today was one reason, I think, Boojie chose not to accompany him and to become a patriotic statesman and assist the prime minister, because Boojie, which in Hebrew is sort of "cutie pie" as a term of endearment -- is a cupcake next to Bibi as a public speaker, let alone a strategic analyst. He would expose himself as a radically inferior leader to him.

How fascinating is the common human self-defense mechanism of projection in this case. The Arabs do it all the time, calling us racists when their religion requires them to discriminate against Jews, humiliate and oppress us as they did for fourteen centuries. Boojie and his community say Bibi went to Washington just to get himself re-elected. It was a campaign stunt -- when in my view the most politically driven act here is Boojie refusing to support the prime minister and foolishly missing an opportunity to strip him of his monopoly domination of the topic. What is bugging a lot of Israelis these days is not the menace of Iran but the radical lack of enough hospitals here and doctors and nurses, and the price of apartments for young couples. He could cancel Bibi's advantage in this international crisis by joining him and highlighting the domestic issues.

Instead, Boojie boycotted and has been bleating with the rest of his community found on the pages of Haaretz that Bibi is destroying the America-Israel relationship. FOX's man in Jerusalem today, a young fellow named O'Connor, obviously was speaking only to the elite journalists here to report on how Israelis are fearful of what this speech will do to this most important alliance, to which I say, "Fiddlesticks."

One of the most moving sights every time it has happened is Bibi's appearance in Congress and the reception he gets. He is smothered in love, respect, affection. He enters and walks down the aisle through a forest of hands and people smiling from ear to ear with applause as background music. The Leftists here don't know what they are talking about and/or are so envious of him, they deny this reality.

For yours truly, I find it incredibly moving, for I see the historical background and the true miracle of this event. Here are hundreds of nominal Christians greeting this Jew with such a welcome and then during his 40-minute speech applauding him 40 times, often, most of them, rising to their feet. The anti-Jews among them like Rand Paul could be seen half-heartedly clapping and remaining seated.

But I think such types were in the minority. What a scene after almost 2,000 years of Christians murdering and raping and burning Jews at the stake; after pogroms,

massacres, the gas chambers and the crematoria, with many of the Nazi high command baptized Roman Catholics, here is this community of mostly Christians, these Americans, who are very different.

One of the most astonishing turns in my life has been this evolution of millions of Christians in America cheering Israel on, reveling in the resurrection of the Holy Land and the unique alliance between Americans and Jews over Israel.

Such events as Bibi's receptions leave me slack-jawed in amazement. In light of the history of Jews and Christians, it is nothing short of a miracle.

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Not surprisingly today, of the 28 members of the House and Senate who are nominally Jews (all of them Democrats but one), there were those who boycotted the speech and by their boycott were making the statement that Barack Hussein was their president and not the leader of Israel. When it comes to the fate of Israel, Barack Obama's desires are theirs.

Like Stephen Decatur, Jr. who famously gave the toast, "My country right or wrong but always my country," for Senators Al Franken and Bernie Sanders, Brian Schatz and Representatives Jan Schakowsky of Illinois and Steve Cohen of Tennessee the Jewish boycotters, they seemed to be saying, "It's my antisemitic president who hates America right or wrong."

Schakowsky has been in office since 1998 and is known as one of the radical leftists. Bernie Sanders is that old post-Jewish atheist from Brooklyn who was a member in the 1960s of SNCC, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, arguably the most antisemitic of the Negro civil rights groups. Rosa Luxembourg, the famous old Red a hundred years ago in Germany murdered in 1919 for her politics, also used to turn her nose up at the fate of the Jews because she, like Bernie Sanders, was an enlightened internationalist.

Brian Schatz of Hawaii of course stayed away. He is inter-married. Al Franken: I know nothing of his wife, only him as an utterly talentless comedian who never once made yours truly laugh. His career was always a mystery to me.

And then yesterday, I saw Rep. Steve Cohen on Megan Kelly (I think) speaking of his boycott who came across as so dejudaized, he could not pronounce Bibi's name properly. The Hebrew was so foreign to him.

I judge these boycotters like all the post-Jewish assimilated ones, like the Jewboys in the State Department. At best, they are lost sheep, lost to the flock, which in its prayers sees itself as the flock of Hashem, as in "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." The Jewish people have always seen themselves as G-d's flock that He looks after and guides even when its fate is to be mauled by wolves and wild asses of men be they Nazis, Catholic priests or Ishmaelites.

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There was also an oddity yesterday as a kind of prelude to today's historic speech which was the speech John Kerry gave before the UN Human Rights Council as part of the Obama counter-offensive. It was an easy thing to do, an easy target, a cheap shot really, as Kerry criticized those 47 representatives of antiJew countries for their obsessive fixation, "biased and unfair," he said with Israel. I imagine it was his and Obama's way of saying, "See? We are not anti-Israel. See how we defend Israel from those bad men and women in that council."

But I say, that's a cheap shot meant to deflect the mind away from seeing their toying with the future of this century's six million facing a potential new Holocaust, G-d forbid, at the hands of these Muslim maniacs in Teheran who openly and shamelessly sound just like Adolf Hitler in their public expression of their wish to exterminate the Jewish people.

I was sorry today that Bibi was not more explicit about this. He properly read a tweet by High Priest Khameini in Iran advertising his desire not only to destroy the Jews' state but Jews everywhere. Only I wish Bibi had hammered home, for those who did not quite get it, that these Iranians, as I say, are this generation's Nazis. Leastwise that is how I interpret that tweet. Khameini is not alone in expressing the old thought among Jew-haters that the creation of Israel has had at least one advantage: it collects the Jews all in one place which makes it easier to exterminate them all.

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Okay, so this is my last webcast before my annual break. I'll be speaking over the next month in the same Passaic shul I usually do this Motzei Shabbos, G-d willing.

Also, I'll be in LA at the Luxe Hotel on Sunset, on Wednesday evening March 18, speaking for Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, and the following Shabbos at the Young Israel in Irvine.

I think Bibi did a good thing today. When Barack Hussein announces his agreement with Iran, Congress will pay greater attention and do what, or at least try to do, what's right and prevent this antiJew from carrying out his nefarious scheme, whatever its final form.

Bibi's speech also illuminated for yours truly just why Obama and Rice and Kerry were so anxious to prevent it. At some level of awareness, they knew Bibi would shoot holes through their either idiotic and/or wicked plan, exposing its foolishness, not to say, immorality.

As Neville Chamberlain was wrong to negotiate with the Devil after six years in power in Germany and his lunatic persecution of the Jews up to that time and still prior to the Final Solution, so the P5+1 countries and especially the United States should not be negotiating at all with these enemies of civilization, these Iranian high priests of Islam, let alone make concessions to them as Obama and henchmen are making.

Let us hope that if and when Obama and Kerry announce an agreement, there will be enough representatives in the House and Senate to remember this speech and let out a howl and do whatever is necessary and possible to stymie Barack Hussein's ugly desires.

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So *leila tov* and *chag Purim sameach*. During my absence, as usual, there will be replays of particularly successful webcasts over the last year. It may be interesting to compare what was said in months past and the situation now.

So have an easy fast tomorrow, tsom kal and leila tov miHarei Yehuda.