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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It's the evening of the 2nd day, *yud be Mar Heshvan*, Parashas *Vayeira*, *tav-shin-ayin-beh*, the evening of the 1st day, Sunday, 2 November, 2014, webcasting from the Land of Israel, between Hevron and Yerushalayim.

Jerusalem. In today's regularly scheduled cabinet meeting in that city, Prime Minister Netanyahu promised not to change the status quo on the Temple Mount under which Jews are forbidden to pray there, even though, as he said to his cabinet, the Mount has been "the holiest site" for Jews "ever since the time of our patriarch Abraham."

Netanyahu asked for the cabinet's help in maintaining order, after earlier in the day Housing and Construction Minister Uri Ariel of the Jewish Home Party told a rally in Jerusalem that the status quo on the mount would change. Bibi said, "What is necessary now is to calm the situation and to act with responsibility and restraint...private initiatives should be avoided as well as unbridled statements."

He also spoke of Israel's determination to combat violence in the capital. "I have ordered that massive reinforcements be brought in and that additional means be used in order to ensure law and order. It could be that we are in for a lengthy struggle but we are determined to be successful. We will certainly oppose all...attempts by Islamic extremist elements to stir up unrest. They would like to set a religious fire in Jerusalem and thereby ignite the entire Middle East. The place they are most determined on is the Temple Mount."

Yes. I think Bibi gets it and has done the right thing. While I support 100% the rightness of restoring Jewish sovereignty over the Temple Mount and the right to pray there unmolested by the sons of Ishmael, I do not join the activists pressing for that now. I think that is a huge mistake.

A dangerous mistake. Our Sages never enjoined us to unnecessarily provoke the goyim, and Netanyahu clearly understands that the nuclear core of our war for survival is the Temple Mount because that is the heart of the matter; the heart of the Arab resistance to Jewish life resurrected in Jerusalem and all of Eretz Yisrael.

It is a religious struggle; that is the underlying, intellectual scaffold of my book. Palestinian Nationalism is a phantom, a will o' the wisp, a verbal imagination of no substance or truth. It has always been camouflage for the underlying energy that has always been religious.

Caroline B. Glick in her book *The Israel Solution* and in a recent column fingered Haj Amin al-Husseini, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, as the father of Palestinian Nationalism and she could not be further from the historical record. His entire philosophy was that there was no Palestine. It was all southern Syria and the capital of Syria is Damascus, with Jerusalem a secondary, satellite settlement, if you will, certainly not the capital of a country called *Falastin*. His line was the exact opposite of today's Arab line which we heard last week: that there will be no peace until there is an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its eternal capital, which I pointed out at that time was sheer plagiarism almost word for word spoken by a series of Israeli prime ministers who said Jerusalem is the Jewish people's eternal capital.

In truth, in the 1920s, 30s, 40s, 50s, Haj Amin, leader of the Arabs in Eretz Yisrael, was adamant that there was no such country. For him, the self-proclaimed holy man/Muslim priest, the Zionists were Jews in revolt against their status as *dhimmi*, which rebellion had to be put down for Islamic reasons having nothing to do with a thing called Palestinian Nationalism.

How ironic that in Haj Amin's generation they resisted the creation of a separate country called Palestine; today they claim to be its ancient owners. Pretty weird, no?

So I think Bibi is absolutely right to call for calm and the restoration of the prohibition on Jewish prayer because if we attempt physically to change the status quo, not only will we have the locals up in arms, but neighboring countries like the Turks and the Iranians and the Pakistanis and the Indonesians, and that is because the Temple Mount encapsulates the struggle here that is a religious war par excellence and always has been.

Where I part company with Bibi is his passive acceptance of this reality and the absence of any effort to perhaps turn the situation to Israel's advantage; sort like jiu-jitsu or judo in which one tries to redirect the opponent's force and use it against him.

What Israel might do is acquiesce in the prohibition and then make the biggest stink in the world possible for this shameless oppression and violation of our human rights; this denial by these Muslims of access to our holiest site. Is this or is this not antisemitism of the rankest kind?

Israel must tell the Muslims we are no longer their *dhimmi* whom they persecuted daily for fourteen centuries, oppressing and humiliating *al-Yahud* as per *sharia* law rooted in the Koran. Israel must resist and declare that unlike the Buddhists in Tibet suppressed by the Communists; unlike the Yazidis in Iraq massacred by ISIS Muslims, we will not take this lying down. Israel might announce that while it will not physically attempt to change the status quo on the Temple Mount, every day that we are denied our full rights, we will build anywhere and

everywhere in Judea and Samaria. All construction will be permitted (subject to common building codes, of course). Every day the Muslims deny us access to our holiest site, we will interpret this behavior on their part as the refusal to be neighbors who respect our religion and religious rights in our ancient homeland practicing our ancient religion at our ancient holiest site.

Israel will likewise refuse to engage in any peace talks. The word is that that messianic obsessive and dullard at the State Department John Kerry wants to restart “peace” talks after Tuesday’s elections. In addition, Israel will announce that the Arabs will not only have to lift their prohibition on Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount, they must apologize for 14 centuries of persecution and illegal occupation of our holiest site.

Israel should make a federal case, as the expression goes, out of this horrendous discrimination against us by these Muslims that is as ugly as any antisemitic persecution in our history.

Moreover, Israel, while maintaining the status quo on the Temple Mount, could also launch a diplomatic offensive in which Israel refuses any more to play the game that these Arabs here are “Palestinians” with national rights to a state in our ancient homeland. Israel must explode the filthy lie of a Palestinian people and the Palestinian Narrative.

Take, for example, how Israel responded last week to Sweden’s recognition of a Palestinian state when there is no such state in existence that meets the criteria of statehood. Israel should tell Swedes that they are delusional.

Israel indignantly recalled its ambassador for consultations, and Foreign Minister Yvette Lieberman tried to ridicule the decision by saying the Middle East was more complicated than an IKEA piece of furniture that needs some assembling. Cute, but off target.

I think the proper response to Sweden’s recognition of a Palestinian state is to declare there is no such nation as Palestinians and to ask Sweden to prove Israel wrong by listing all the books in Sweden’s best libraries about this allegedly archaic people. Israel should ask Sweden to provide the names of all the books on the Palestinians published in Swedish before 1970. In my own research into the UN, commissioned in 1991 before the modern era of computerization was as advanced as it is today, the Columbia University School of International Affairs’ library still used the old card catalogs, and a search of all the cards with “Palestine” or “Palestinian” in the title that I made revealed not one published before 1970.

So Prime Minister Netanyahu is right to want to cool things down, for an eruption on the Temple Mount will only provoke Muslims world-wide, and we can do without that.

But he could also seize the moment to make it work for us by exposing Islam for the force of imperialist aggression that it is. Islam’s intolerance of non-Muslims is plain to see and he should say that we Jews refuse to kowtow. We are not *dhimmi* anymore, we must tell the world, and it is Abu Mazen and his killers who have to learn pluralism and respect for others who think differently and believe differently.

Islam is as much of an imperialist, totalitarian ideology as Nazism was, as Communism was, and Israel must confront the necessity of restoring the pre-1967 narrative when Israel was Little David and the Arabs Goliath. And the way to do that is by slaying the dragon of

Balestinian Nationalism and exposing Islam for the menace to world peace that it is in a class with Nazism and Communism and medieval, religious Jew-hatred.

Like Nazis and Communists, Muslims hate Jews. All totalitarians do.

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Yes, the Temple Mount is ground zero in Ishmael's endless war against Israel. If we Jews say the Temple Mount is our holiest site, the sons of Ishmael claim it is rightfully theirs; if the Israelites say Jerusalem is our eternal capital, the Ishmaelites say it is their eternal capital. And notice too how they define themselves as a kind echo or reflection of us Jews, these thieves who steal our words, our beliefs, our feelings. They are bereft of any original ideas.

It is no accident, I think, that Muslims hold up the moon as a symbol of their religion, for the moon, unlike the earth, is a dead world. Nothing grows there. It is the consummate desert like the deserts of Araby.

The moon is also no producer of energy. All it can do is reflect the light of the sun. We created our commonwealth thousands of years ago with our Temple in the city that we built, and so the Arabs think nothing of stealing the Temple Mount from us and the city too.

Like George Orwell's nightmare society in *1984* whose leading man Winston Smith was employed by the Ministry of Truth to re-write yesterday's news – basically re-writing history -- so Arafat told Clinton and Barak at Camp David -- the moment when the bubble of the Oslo Delirium finally burst -- that the Jews never had any temples on Haram a-Sharif. They just say that, he said, because they want to keep it from the Muslims.

This style of thinking is a cousin, as my book points out, of Holocaust Denial, which also is re-writing history by removing certain events and episodes that really happened, deleting them from the historical record like Winston Smith in *1984*. There is a kind of, if not a computer virus then, a virus of the mind in Araby and Islam which cannot accept the truth and must re-write it.

Similar mindwork, the mental equivalent of mechanical clockwork, seems to be at work as well in the UNHRC, you know, the UN Human Rights Council that just ended its 112th session in Geneva this month and issued a report on Israel. What a surprise. This is the UN body concerned with human rights violations in the world which focuses on Israel's alleged violations in every session, a focus non-existent on any other country. No focus on Bashar al-Assad's conduct of his war against rebels; no focus on the denial of citizenship in Sunni Saudi Arabia to Shiite Muslims.

It is no exaggeration to judge this UN body's targeting of Israel in every monthly meeting an obsession that burns with religious fervor. It is an obsession which not only aggresses against Israel as against no other country; it cruelly neglects groups in the world truly suffering real human rights abuses at the hands of real oppressors. The obsession with Israel is a form of cruelty to them; to, for example, the hundreds of Christian girls in Nigeria kidnapped and raped by Muslims in the name of their religion.

And the UNHRC has now issued yet another report on Israel's alleged crimes, insisting that "all human rights violations committed during Israel's military operations in the Gaza Strip in 2008-2009, 2012 and 2014 are thoroughly, effectively, independently and impartially investigated. And those who committed human rights violations, in particular persons in positions of command, are prosecuted and sanctioned in the manner commensurate with the gravity of the acts committed."

The Council also recommended that "Gaza's victims of human rights violations be compensated," and I'll bet there is not one sentence in this report on the human rights violations of launching rockets from Gaza into Jewish apartment houses and shops and factories and schools and synagogues and the obligation of Gazans who launched these rockets to compensate their Jewish victims in Israel. Likely not one word about that.

And that is why this is another example of contemporary, dehumanizing Jew-hatred which is different from previous persecutions of Jews but only on the surface.

The report also called for Israel to "move its security barrier to the pre-1967 lines; and Israel should also stop settlement activity and stop expropriating Palestinian land, and Israel should also look to evacuating its citizens from the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Israel should take measures aimed at the withdrawal of all settlers from those territories. Israel must also cease torturing people and demolishing homes and halt the excessive use of force by the IDF."

This is the face of an age-old behavior: the desire of goyim to drive Jews from their homes which is not only cruel to us Jews but a form of armed robbery, for in every expulsion from countries, provinces and towns the Jews were always forced to leave behind immovable property for their oppressors to confiscate. The Holocaust was not only about the mass murder of six million but the armed robbery of six million, for every one of those Jews had something they called their own, no matter how poor some of them may have been.

And here is the UN Human Rights Council calling for the expulsion of a half-million Jews and of course the abandonment of all the immovable property they implanted in Judea and Samaria and Jerusalem and Hevron over almost half a century.

The war against Israel today is just the eternal war against the Jews in modern dress.

What a turn of events. The United Nations was created by the victorious anti-Nazi, anti-Fascist Allied countries in World War II, one of whose first major decisions as an organization was the Partition Plan of 29 November 1947. Indeed, since the UN came to life in early 1945, as the War was ending, it had been involved in the Jewish Question from day one. All those refugees and survivors of the death camps. What to do with them?

But in our time, the UN has become the plaything of Third World dictatorships, some 30% of them officially Islamic, which ideology is, as observed, a cousin and a successor to Nazism as a totalitarian system of hatred of all Jews.

Palestinian Nationalism is the same old same old hatred in disguise.

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On the good news front, there was a political rally last evening in Tel-Aviv's Rabin Square, site of his assassination 19 years ago. The good news was the sparse number of attendees; this crowd gets smaller every year, and many of the youth who showed up weren't even born when Rabin was killed.

One of the highlights apparently was the full-throated speech of the seemingly immortal, 91 year-old Shimon Peres whose voice was not only amazingly strong but he seemed to be fully aware of how many people think of him now. It came out when he said in his most popular line, "Those who don't believe in peace are the delusional ones" [*baZZyim* in Hebrew] for that is how many Israelis now view the man. His Oslo peace dream was a major flop, a fiasco that exploded in blood and gore, but he presses on and accuses his accusers of being out of touch with reality for not believing in peace.

Rabin's son Yuval was also there speaking similar pabulum. He said, "Yes, we have a conflict with the Ancient Palestinians but they are not our enemies."

What? The older I get, the more I think that major components of the Leftist mindset are selfishness and cowardice. Yuval Rabin has lived for years in the States as a businessman because he does not want to fight for Israel. He prefers his comfort. He is selfish.

And as a coward, he cannot face the truth that we in Israel are surrounded on three sides by hundreds of millions of primitive, superstitious, irrational, violent, cruel, Jew-hating sons of Ishmael. Instead, he insists they are not our enemies.

This is denial of almost psychotic intensity.

Then there is Shimon's protégé Mistress of Post-Zionist/Post-Jewish Justice Tsipora Livni, this uneducated, unsophisticated yuppie wife whose husband is in advertising. Today her Ministerial Committee for Legislation was to vote on a bill to outlaw the free newspaper *Hayom* funded by Sheldon Adelson. She said *HaYom*, which means "today," which is a tabloid and available in English in line, is "not a newspaper but election propaganda funded by someone very problematic with a worldview that goes against Israel's interests." She said that on television last night.

For sure, *Hayom* is a politically right-wing newspaper, but no more than *Haaretz* is a left-wing newspaper owned, these days I think, by a German corporation. But what I want to know is: what could this woman be thinking with a law degree who hasn't got the slightest sense of fair play? She and other Leftists have been trying to put *Hayom* out of business because it is right-wing and claim the justification is that it is free.

One wonders if she knows that most newspapers make peanuts on the money they take in from direct sales; it is advertising that is their major source of income.

This is really so indicative of the dictatorial leftist mindset of Communists and Israel's Labor Movement who demonized all those who disagreed with them. You know, like Peace Now, whose name reflects the organization's attitude that if you don't agree with Peace Now's agenda -- which is the enemy's agenda -- you don't want peace now; you want war now. You are an evil person. Logic and facts in the consideration of political issues and social problems take a back seat to the purity of your soul and your Enlightened intentions.

That was the mindset of Robespierre during the French Revolution's period of terror when he sent thousands to the guillotine for the "crime" of lacking sufficient revolutionary *virtu*, meaning the right, revolutionary attitude.

Livni also expressed her view last Thursday on Army Radio against the decision of Defense Minister Yaalon to transport Arab workers from Judea and Samaria into Israel for the workday in their own buses and require them to return in them and via the same checkpoints; not buses used by Jewish commuters as they have for some time now because the Jews have felt uncomfortable and women complain of being molested. The situation has also become tempting for suicide bombers.

And what was Livni's response? Par for the course. She accused the settlers in Yeshua of wanting "apartheid" buses. And when she said that, as far as I am concerned, she crossed a red line and joined Jimmy Carter and John Kerry in attaching the word "apartheid" to Israeli society and thus made of herself an enemy of the Jewish people.

This woman is an idiot. She said this desire to return to the *status quo ante* -- when Arab workers did not ride these Israeli buses -- is "discrimination forbidden in Israeli law."

What a dope. The Arabs in Judea and Samaria are not citizens of Israel but officially, de jure and de facto the enemy. They cannot possibly be covered by Israeli law applicable to citizens.

This is a mindset reminiscent of Barack Hussein Obama and Eric Holder determined to provide civil court proceedings and protections as the venue for trying foreign Muslim terrorists. Those terrorists are not entitled to the privileges of citizens and the US government is under no obligation to award them such rights and privileges.

Likewise the Arabs in Judea and Samaria. Discriminating between Israelis and the Arabs is for Livni a kind of apartheid.

This woman has become by her foolishness and lack of sophistication, by her ignorance and ego, a menace.

* * (Musical Interlude) *