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*Shalom laYebudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim.* It's the evening of the 4th day, *yud-zion beIyar, tav-shin-ayin-beh, Parashas BeHar*, the evening of the 3rd day, Tuesday, 5 May 2015, webcasting from Israel and its shaky identity.

Well, the big story domestically since last Thursday has been of course the violence in Jerusalem by a crowd of Ethiopian Jews and Sunday's even bigger riot in Tel-Aviv. The charge in the air is racism but I'm afraid that's only partly true.

The whole thing started of course with that video a week ago yesterday of that Israeli cop attacking this Ethiopian soldier in Bat Yam standing peacefully with his bicycle, who appears to exchange some words with this cop who suddenly lunges for him and proceeds to beat him up. Not a pretty sight.

Yes, racism surely must have played a part, but I don't think it is the whole story.

I look forward to learning at some point what each said to the other. It appears the cop spoke, then the soldier Damas Pakada spoke. I've read that a suspicious package are spotted, and when that happens all people in the vicinity are asked by authorities to step away until the bomb squad shows up. Traffic is halted, and the cop may have told Pakada to move along, and Pakada answered in a way that lit this man's fuse.

And how did he answer? Possibly without sufficient timidity and obedience. I know because I know Israeli cops to some degree, and I find them to be less than professional. And by that I mean they are not trained not to take insults personally. Not that I think Pakada insulted him. I doubt that. It is possible the cop had had a

fight with his fight that morning. In any case, to cut to the chase, I have seen more times than one Israeli cops be brutal to people and bully them. They've bullied me.

They throw their weight around. Israelis in general are notorious for their rudeness. And these cops are low-paid, poorly educated Israelis.

I've seen them at student demonstrations tasked with keeping order among the demonstrators who functionally challenge and dare the protesters to start fighting with them. They act as if this is a normal requirement of the job: to physically intimidate people even when it is not necessary.

I am no expert on the Ethiopian community, but I suspect an important percentage of the rioters were, like those in Baltimore, also ripe for violence themselves for reasons other than racism. I doubt that they have ever known discrimination and abuse here like what Negroes suffered in the Jim Crow South and the late Apartheid South African system, if only because Israelis are hooked into being "with it" with the rest of world and racism is a known no-no in the West.

For sure, as noted in a YNET post today, in the army, just like in the army in the States where there are standards and grades for behaviors and achievements and one advances, in the IDF the Ethiopians do not feel discriminated against. As in the States, the army may be the most racism-free of all institutions.

But it is also true in the army that the percentage of recruits here who do time in the brig are Ethiopians. It is sky-high. Ethiopians have reached high levels in the officer corps, but clearly, a major portion of them are unsuited for the disciplined life of a soldier.

There is also the undeniable truth that a part of the socio-economic failure of this community to advance is because they are Africans and Israel is not responsible for that.

Henry Kissinger once sharply observed that history, that is, the history that counts and we remember and study and learn from, the people and the events that have moved the history of the world, all took place north of the equator -- though of course he added no explanation for why this is so. But it is. And only HaShem knows why he made the world this way.

Most of black Africa before the arrival of European explorers at the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century was illiterate. They had no written languages, no traditions of reading books and learning about the world and changing the world for the better, as Hashem commands. And that fact is also not the fault of the West. One suspects that some fuel in these two riots comes from plain human envy and bitterness for which Israelis also cannot be held accountable.

I remember once in the mid-1980s talking with a South African consular official in New York who complained about the world bashing his countrymen for the low state of black African life in it, saying, "We still have people with bones in

their noses and the world is angry because we don't give them jobs as airline pilots flying Boeing 747s."

In sum, it is a complicated situation and not reducible to the monolithic accusation of racism.

Put another way, I think it's a good bet that this cop, that brute in that video who was immediately removed from duty, had attacked other people like this in the past and not all of them were black Africans. This was likely not his first aggression against an innocent civilian.

Others here think some of the instigators among the rioters were radical Leftists delighted to be able to smear Israel as a racist country before the whole world; Israeli Apartheid and all that.

Indeed, one of the news reports, the Times of Israel site, quoted Pakada whose report of the incident pretty much matches my suspicion. He said that when riding his bicycle a week ago Sunday, he saw two police officers securing an area around a suspicious object. He asked them what they were up to and the one of them shoved him off his bike saying, "I can do whatever I want!"

Yeah, it sounds as if this guy felt he was not being paid fitting respect by Pakada who as an innocent civilian asked an innocent question, and then this guy lost it because he wasn't being sufficiently and immediately obedient.

Then again, if it turns out that Pakada addressed him first and aggressed against him verbally, then that's another story.

But I doubt that scenario, knowing Israelis and Israeli cops as I do. I wish that issue – the general rudeness of Israeli cops -- were also part of this story.

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Speaking before of the Ethiopian riots, I mentioned the possibility of enemies of Israel inside that mob stirring them up, and for sure that was a factor in the latest report by an Israeli NGO bashing Israel. "Breaking the Silence" issued a new "report" – you'll see that word in quotes on the transcript of this webcast -- containing accusations made by 60 IDF soldiers of war crimes. But of course not one of them has a name. In effect, by my lights, this "report" could be 100% fiction.

Breaking the Silence, for those who don't know, is like the women in *Machsom Watch*, who watch the checkpoints (*machsom* means barrier) to make sure Israeli soldiers are nice to the enemy. *Machsom* is driven to expose how IDF soldiers abuse innocent Ancient Palestinians as they check them for bombs and other Jew-killing equipment. And this Breaking the Silence outfit is similar. Their focus in this "report" is last summer's IDF operations against Gaza. You guessed it: the IDF deliberately slaughtered innocent Ancient Ones, according to them.

The IDF responded properly to this pseudo-report by this Israeli organization, saying that if this NGO has evidence of such criminality, it should turn it over to the IDF for investigation. In fact, just last week, there were reports of trials of some soldiers by the Military Police who during the fighting looted and stole from the locals. The cases were investigated, the soldiers accused, tried and convicted and they will be punished.

Indeed, this rejection of such behavior is right there in the Book of Joshua. The Israelites are ordered not to loot and when only one of them does, the whole people is punished. Jews believe in collective punishment not only for others, as in Sodom and Gomorrah, but for themselves.

The IDF has zero interest in abusing enemy civilians. Only people who believe Jews are gratuitously criminal and sadistic believe that.

As Israelis, they also have in the army an awareness that Israel does not need cases of such behavior. Israel benefits not at all from such criminality. It is not policy.

The patriotic *Im Tirtzu* NGO -- which means "If you will it..," a famous quote from Theodor Herzl -- said this "report" was funded from Ramallah by an NGO called the Arab-Palestinian Foundation and another called the Arab Human Rights Fund which paid out \$300,000 to produce this so-called report alleging IDF war crimes in Gaza last summer.

This is one problem the Israeli government has never tackled as it might. I think this country is crawling with NGOs, hundreds of them, all financed from abroad, all providing a livelihood to thousands of Arabs. Never in history was there a thriving Arab economy here; not before the Zionist movement and not since, in large part because there are no natural resources here. The NGOs provide employment.

Jerusalem is an oddball city for a capital. Unlike so many, it does not sit astride a major waterway or trade route. It is inconveniently perched in the hills and that is not conducive to heavy industry. Its whole significance is religious, not economic.

Before Zionism, there was no serious local economy here. Truth be told, the Zionist movement was a materialist blessing in disguise for the Arabs in the region. To this day, we provide them with jobs. The PA itself is wholly on welfare from outside, anti-Jew sources sending so-called foreign aid to the Ancient Ones. And these NGOs inside the country, I've heard, are also major contributors to the economy for our Arab enemies because there are so many of them.

And this latest so-called report by this Israeli NGO funded by the enemy seems to be just another link in world anti-Jewry's war against Israel, in this case aided and abetted by traitorous Jews.

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On the home front, Israel's domestic politics, my least favorite subject which I bring up only because I feel I must, focused on the fact that Netanyahu has now less than

24 hours to nail down a government coalition or its back to elections – just what we need – or he has to bring in Labor, which Bibi said months ago he never would do.

Lieberman has quit as Foreign Minister and shaken everything up. Bennett is being attacked from the nationalist right for overweening and uncooperative ambition.

What a snake pit of *loshen hora*, evil speech, the Israeli system chronically produces. One of these days, maybe after Moshiach shows up, Israelis will figure out that the very architecture, the engineering of its electoral system leads to this unpleasant behavior that brings no respect to politicians, only cynicism and disgust. It is a system that trashes collegiality and cooperation between ministers. These coalitions, like the last idiotic one with Tsipi Livni, the antithesis of Netanyahu, as a member of his team; these coalitions are counter-productive. They cost the taxpayer plenty with their frequent elections. Every major player in Jerusalem today is being paid a salary but for what? For wheeling and dealing and bad-mouthing others that makes no contribution to the common weal? It is a kind of crime to be paid a salary to spend one's days like this, fighting over who gets what ministry, and never mind that those who get one commonly have no qualifications for it. Like Yair Lapid as Minister of Finance even admitting on his talk-show years earlier that he knows nothing of finance; this entertainer who never graduated high school and thinks Copernicus was an ancient Greek philosopher. They pass around these ministries like boys trading baseball cards.

What they might do instead is draw the world's attention to the latest attack my homicidal Muslim maniacs two nights ago in Garland, Texas who came to murder people enjoying the political caricatures of one of the most political of religious leaders in human history; that lunatic camel driver Muhammad. Others have defined Islam as less a religion than community of imperialist totalitarians out to conquer the world violently and mercilessly.

The organizers of the gathering down there, Pam Geller and Robert Spencer who brought in Geert Wilders, are heroes. They are putting their lives on the line for their crusade against savage Islam. All three travel with armed guards and have for years now.

Steve Emerson's website reported today that the gathering of hundreds of cartoonists in Garland was a response to a meeting in that same town last January held by CAIR, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a conference entitled, "Stand with the Prophet" whose purpose was to complain about those who defame the Prophet and thus – fasten your seat belts now – are responsible for the rise of Islamist extremist groups and therefore the world wide hatred of Islam.

You got that? For sure, CAIR is a Muslim outfit through and through for this is how Muslims think. Since the rise of such as those head-choppers in ISIS have led to hatred of Islam, they must be funded by enemies of Islam, such as those who defame it.

This is thinking akin to the Arab-Muslim mindwork on display after 9-11. 60% of Arabs polled said it was the work of the Mossad because it made Islam look bad. Those

may have been Arabs aboard those four planes but their handlers were Mossad who either duped them or found Muslim heretics to cooperate.

This was the thinking of these Muslims last January in Garland, Texas, and last Sunday's cartoonists' convention was a response to that.

Ergo, the assault Sunday evening by two Muslim suicide freaks with their AK-47s - - who thank G-d were killed by a cop who was an excellent shot -- ended the way it did.

Pam Geller has said it cost her organization 50,000 dollars to hire the security that Garland authorities required, and of course they provided and other security agencies even security of their own, at taxpayers' expense.

This could be a kind of watershed event. It is ISIS taking credit now for the attack. It was a murderous assault on freedom of speech by Muslims inside the United States and surely must become a major talking point in the upcoming presidential campaign.

If I were facing off in a debate Candidate Hillary Clinton, I would dismiss her with a wave of the hand as a proven loser in the face of Islamic aggression. Consider the Benghazi fiasco when she was secretary of state, and in general the events of the Arab spring which occurred on her watch. She was complicit in the bringing down of American friend Mubarak in Cairo and his replacement by the Muslim Brotherhood's Mr. Big Morsi, who went straight from prison to the president's office, and then after 14 months was returned to prison by General al-Sisi who restored rule by the army, which is the best way for an Arab country to be ruled.

Only political scientists with PhDs in their "scientific" discipline like Condoleezza Rice who brought HAMAS to power in Gaza after demanding elections, or deep thinkers like Thomas L. Friedman, they otherwise. They have believed that importing democracy into Araby would be a good thing, when democracy among the Arabs leads to chaos.

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Okay, a shorter webcast than usual because I have come down with a spring cold. As I've said before, the one good thing about death is no more head colds.

G-d willing, I'll feel better on Thursday. Until then, *Leila tov miEretz Yisrael*.