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*Shalom laYebudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim.* It's the evening of the 4th day, *kaf-dales beIyar, tav-shin-ayin-heb, Parashas Bekhukosai*, the evening of the 3rd, Tuesday, 12 May 2015, webcasting from living proof of the failure of the non-Jewish Jewish project.

It started, leastwise in the modern era, over two centuries ago. And in case you are wondering when the modern era began, I believe professional historians mark that as the discovery of the New World, which makes sense to me.

When that happened, a major blow was struck against Christianity when people took the discovery to mean the world was indeed round and therefore the Church was not infallible.

It is no accident, I think, that a mere 25 years later, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses, his philosophical statements, to the door of the cathedral in Wittenberg, Germany, and the Protestant Reformation got under away, which led to the English break from Rome 20 years later under Henry the Eighth whose remarkable daughter Elizabeth founded the Church of England in 1558.

This led to a sea change, not yet a real revolution, but still a change in European attitudes toward Jews. Breaking free from Rome, the English threw off the Catholic prohibition on translating the Tanakh, the Bible of the Jews, into a language people could understand. The Church called for the death penalty, in those days, which had been used, against anyone who did that. Hard as it is today to believe, what that prohibition did for the common Christian was keep him in the dark about what was written in his "Old Testament" that on the one hand Christians said was passé; its expiration date had come and gone on, but on the other, was kept around away, albeit

in the unintelligible 5<sup>th</sup> century Latin translation of Jerome which was based on the 3<sup>rd</sup> century b.c.e. Greek Septuagint. This prohibition on learning was so unJewish.

Thus in the age of Elizabeth I, many of Europe's thinking people turned to the study of Hebrew as a hobby. Queen Christina of Sweden, famously played in the movies by Greta Garbo, used to pay for lessons in Hebrew from a rabbi in Hamburg.

The rebellion against the Church of Rome also made kosher rebellion itself against religious authorities, and not surprisingly, the Church of England would find itself also protested against by breakaway sects, one of whom was called the Puritans, who found the C of E to be as dictatorial as Rome in its oppression of them.

So the Puritans fled England and settled in Holland for a bit before deciding to escape Europe altogether and settle in the New World in the new colony of Virginia in North America.

About a hundred of them set sail but for several reasons they did not make it to Virginia but came ashore on what was not yet a Crown colony. They made make landfall far north of Virginia and called their settlement Plymouth.

But before coming ashore, they discussed and wrote the rules for living in their new community. Having been at sea for weeks, all they had for writing material was used paper they had used during their regular on board Hebrew lessons, for the Puritans were seized by the Old Testament and wanted to know what was really in it and to use it as a model for their community. They had to know Hebrew for that.

So they took a piece of paper which on one side there were two parallel columns of words. It was an English-Hebrew vocabulary list. They flipped it over and started writing what history would call the Mayflower Compact after the name of the ship they were on. And thus began American society as we know it today.

The Puritans were still decades away from feeling positive toward living Jews but otherwise they were in awe of the ones they read about and studied in Tanakh.

They gave their children names such and Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Abigail, Jediah, Ichabod.

Sixteen years later, the survivors of these settlers saw that their community, whose political and religious leaders were one and the same, had to plan for the future, so they established a school to train future ministers and created a four-year program during which every year the seminarians had to study Hebrew, and at graduation the best student in the class overall would give a commencement speech not in Latin but Biblical Hebrew. The college was called Harvard and the best student at commencement every year gave his valedictory speech in *loshen kodesh*, the Holy Tongue, and that went on for the next 150 years.

During the American Revolution of the 1770s, the three rebel leaders tasked by the Continental Congress to draft a declaration of independence, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, were also asked to design a seal for their revolution and one idea was a scene of Moses leading the Children of Israel through the Red Sea. They looked on King George III as pharaoh and call him that. At the

same time, a suggestion was made to legislate not one but two official languages: English and Hebrew. (It didn't pass).

But in that revolutionary period, that is, in the wake of the successful American Revolution made by men, many of whom, three centuries after Columbus and a century after Galileo's persecution by the Vatican for saying the earth revolves around the sun and not the other way around, had become post-Christians. And so in 1786, two years after the Revolutionary War officially ended, the students at Harvard rebelled against the 150 year-old tradition of having the commencement speech delivered in Hebrew, and that was the end of that.

Coincidentally, that very year, a rabbi in Germany passed on after decades of cozying up to the post-Christian philosophers in that country such as Immanuel Kant who revered him and perhaps in part for his bending of Jewish his beliefs to go along with their enlightened age.

Moses Mendelssohn never stopped living a kosher Jewish life, but like that one tiny hole in a dike, his thoughts would lead two decades later in Germany to the founding of the Reform Movement, which today is dying at warp-speed.

Mendelssohn's error and the Reform error was believing in a rapprochement with Gentiles, which sounds nice but its danger is the breaking down of the separation between Jew and Gentile which can only lead, as it has, to terrible destruction among the Jewish people.

Christians lost their faith in the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries and Jews lost theirs too. Jews were emancipated. They built massive synagogues that made the unintended statement that their congregations had lost the hope and the will to return to Eretz Land and were in Europe to stay.

Indeed, this was the meaning of the Reform movement calling their assembly halls temples. They were saying to their German neighbors, "We are Germans who have no loyalty to the Jewish nation that dreams of returning to the Land of Israel. Judaism for us is a philosophy." So the early Reform even moved the Sabbath to Sunday to be more like their neighbors.

And the rest is history. The Emancipation and the dejudaizing in the end failed. In 1848, the Spring of Nations as it was called, referred to rebellions by small nationalities in Europe under the jackboot the Hapsburg Empire. And one their sidelights was major Jew-killing. Hence, in the decades of the 1840s and 50s, a quarter-million mostly Reform Jews fled Germany to the United States and even more, one imagines, to other countries.

By the 1870s, anti-Jew feeling had so swelled a new term had to be invented and it was called antisemitism. In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, the Jew-hater Karl Marx wrote a pamphlet called *A World Without Jews* that called for their natural, evolutionary disappearance as the world moved to socialism then communism, he predicted. It did not call for mass murder.

In 1889, though, a baby was born in Austria who would try that; his name was Adolf Hitler. Such was the reaction of many Europeans and post-Christians to the Emancipation of the Jews. They did not like it big time.

In this period as well in reaction to the rising Jew-hatred camouflaged as anti-Semitism -- how intellectual that sounds -- a German-speaking Jew would inspire some followers to emulate the national liberation movements in Europe, which would lead in 1914 to the First World War, and he chose to treat the Jewish people as just another small people with national liberation aspirations. His name was Theodor Herzl, and his movement, like the Reform Jews he was raised among, aspired to normalizing the Jewish people.

One can certainly salute the great successes of the post-religious Zionists, but they too were mistaken if they thought the world was ready for their project of deJudaization.

For sure, post-Holocaust, the level of murderous thinking has diminished in Europe, radically.

But a perusal of Herzl's thinking suggests he didn't know *bubkes* about the Arabs and Islam. You know, the billion-plus Muslims today in the world, half of whom surround us six million Jews on three sides. They are people utterly dead to the horrors of that period that Jew-hatred brought down not only on the Jews but even many more gentiles. They have yet to understand that that kind of lunatic Jew-hatred is also dangerous to them.

For this major slice of humankind, it is as if the Enlightenment never happened; the rebellion against Rome never happened. No Reformation.

Yesterday at the *Mishor Adumim* intersection, a Muslim terrorist shrieking "*Allahu Akbar*" raced up to a 19 year-old Jewish man and stabbed him.

He's okay. They say his wounds are only moderate.

But if I were an employee of this generation's American administration -- successor to the Puritans hundreds of years later -- I couldn't say that. You can't say "Muslim" and "terrorist" in the same sentence according to the Muslim Jew-hater now in charge of the America established centuries ago.

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Indeed, Theodor Herzl seems never to have considered the possibility that Israel would be opposed by the Islamic Empire whose views of Jews are positively Dark Age. Yes, there was no Renaissance for that culture, no Reformation, no Enlightenment. Indeed, the famous Belgian historian Henri Pirenne made the case that the Dark Ages were so named because of the rise of Islam, this enemy of civilization and culture.

Herzl likely never dreamed that last week a Balestinian -- he never heard that name in his time --- a Balestinian Authority parliamentarian -- and never mind this parliament has no met in like a decade -- visited three Ishmaelitic families to present them with

honorary plaques for their three sons who in the year 2000 in a police station in Ramallah so battered three Jewish men, their faces and heads were unrecognizable. They had to be identified by dental and other records...three Arabians who joyously plunged their hands into the pulp of the Jewish faces they had made to glory and show off the warm Jewish blood to their friends.

Yours truly keeps waiting, year in and year out, for the Israeli government to be as public as Palestinian Media Watch is when it comes up with these news stories all the time. I would love to see Prime Minister Netanyahu call a live press conference promising a major announcement; assemble all the hundreds of foreign reports based here and make one of his visual aids presentations with photographs of those three Jewish victims and tell the media that with such as the PA that hands out such awards, Israel will never make peace.

Indeed, the PA, if it wants peace with Israel, he can say, must publicly renounce such behavior and can start by thanking Israel for letting their leaders live every day.

If we were not Jews, we wouldn't. If we were not the hated Jews and not the heirs of deJudaizing secular Zionists, we would arrest and execute Mahmoud Abbas and Saeb Erekat and Jibril Rajoub in public for their savage murders by the thousands of innocent Jewish people and non-Jewish people no less; you know, the uninvolved bystanders to their atrocities.

I hope before my lifetime is up I understand why Israel, official Israel, has never availed itself of all the material archived by Palestinian Media Watch to make the case that Israel will not deal with the PLO, disguised as the PA, anymore. That was the big idea of the Oslo freaks.

Israel today likewise objects to the P5 +1 countries negotiating with Iran. Well, Israel would have a stronger case by taking its own medicine and writing off the PA. Israel has the right to tell the world that the age of Oslo is over. Oslo was the attempt over decades to negotiate a nice agreement with the Arabs here but it failed, big time.

Israel should say that now, as news reports tells us what the EU is cooking up, Israel will not go along. A demand is to be made that Israel and the PA resume negotiations, which is camouflage for pressing Israel to hand over the heart of its country to these antisemitic savages. Israel should say, "We tried that. That was the big idea of our post-Jewish Enlightened ones, Beilin, Peres, Rabin, etc. But it did not work."

And now we are seeing a recrudescence of anti-Jewism in Europe not seen since the War ended 70 years ago, two generations ago. In the news today was an item about the Dutch who – forget about Anna Frank; the Dutch were major collaborators with the occupying Nazis in hunting down their Jews – who are planning on dictating to Dutch Jews living in Israel that Judea is verboten, off-limits to them. And if they live in Judea and Samaria, the elderly, and receive social security payments, they will be punished by having them reduced. How dare these Jews live on land stolen by the world's only Jewish state from the Ancient Palestinians, the ancient, legendary landlords?

It seems a 90-year-old Dutch Jewess recently made Aliyah to live with family in Samaria and had her payment reduced by more than a third.

The news evidently embarrassed official Holland so they rescinded the punishment but insist that a program like this will be re-thought and re-instated in the future in some form.

The Europeans, these post-Christians, as the post-Christians in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century Europe, learned to hate Jews for a post-Christian theory called antisemitism, so today's Europeans genuflect before the god of Palestinian Nationalism. That is today's legitimate way of keeping the tradition alive of hating Jews and hurting them.

Another way is to pour millions of euros into NGOs in Israel whose work is smearing Jews with guilt. Not for killing Jesus and sucking out of the blood of non-Jews at Passover time; today it is for persecuting the poor, poor victims of Jewish nationalism.

Over one hundred new nations have entered the United Nations since World War II, almost everyone a rebellion against a colonial power, that is, a European power, who celebrate their independence every year, but one of them has been chastised for becoming a racist imperialist power itself.

Their breaking free from not only the British Empire but the Arab and Muslim Empires has become an act of imperialist racism on their part, unique in the history of modern national liberation movements.

And it is these NGOs which today receive millions from the United Nations and European and American NGOs to smear Jews with war crimes, aggression and racism.

NGO Monitor here, founded and run by Bar-Ilan professor Gerald Steinberg, just released a study on these NGOs for an upcoming conference called the Global Forum for Combatting Anti-Semitism. Steinberg's project highlights the truth that not only do European governments fund anti-Israel propaganda, some of it is outright, old-fashioned, timeless Jew-hatred.

Yes, even the birth of Israel has yet to put an end to this functionally hallucinatory mental illness.

\* \* (Musical Interlude) \* \*

And that was a modern adaptation of a traditional Moroccan song.

Indeed, delusional hostility towards the Jewish people is back in fashion in Europe and no less in the rest of the West. And for sure, as in the past, it is not an exclusively gentile project.

The Washington Free Beacon today reported on the efforts by APN, Americans for Peace Now and of course J Street to sabotage legislation pending in Congress intended to threaten European countries with economic sanctions if they go through with the agenda of BDS types.

And of course these organizations' members are antiJew Jews who relish sticking it to the world's only Jewish state in the best tradition of Christian antiJewism like the antiJew Jews two thousand years ago who allied themselves with the Roman Empire.

In fact, Christianity began as the project of antiJews Jews, Jesus and his twelve supporters. For the first century of Christianity, all Christians were Jews living here. They tried to persuade the rest of the country the Messiah had come, but with nothing changing, their message was rejected. And in the Bar Kochva revolt that began a century after the crucifixion of that Jewish man from Nazareth, along with a quarter-million other Jews, a three-year rebellion began, 132 to 135 c.e. These "Christian Jews" threw in with the savage Romans as never before, and that was the end of their community here. In college, Religion departments, they are called the Christian Jews.

So we have seen such types as America's for Peace Now in the past, J Street types in the past at that point and even hundreds of years before Bar Kochva when in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century before the common era, in the age of the Maccabees, war began not against the Greeks but the antiJew Jews who threw in their lot with them.

It's chronic problem with this people.

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Well, in all candor, the history lesson in this webcast has been part of a deliberate attempt to avoid saying anything about the top story in Israel today that remains the struggle by Netanyahu to form a government and it is not a pretty sight. Everybody is coming off dirty.

Boogie Herzog and Co. are simply shameless, virtually comatose, in their hostility to the people of Israel who voted clearly for Bibi to lead them. This character said yesterday he was going to replace Bibi, bring him down – and never mind the implicit insult to the electorate of a month ago that voted for him, not you Boogie.

On the other side, Bibi has to promise millions of taxpayers' shekels to finance the invention of utterly useless government ministries to satisfy his fellow Likudniks' demands for them.

He is also in the middle this week of legislation cancelling legislation that limits a government to 18 ministries, and thus makes a mockery of legislation as a serious endeavor.

I remember, for example, when Assad. Jr. was made dictator in Damascus after the death of his father. The Syrian constitution said he was too young, so one morning their so-called parliament together and wrote a new constitution.

And in Israel these days, it seems, the political system in Israel is not much better.  
Yuk.

That's it for this Tuesday. Until Thursday, G-d willing, *Leila tov me Eretz Yisrael.*