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*Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim.* It's the evening of the 4th day, *yud gimmel beMenachem Av, tav-shin-ayin-beh, Parashas Vaeskhanan*, the evening of the 3rd day, Tuesday, 28 July 2015, webcasting from the most disputed piece of real estate on the planet.

How odd. How neurotic of the world to sneer at the Jews for their claim to being the Chosen People, chosen by G-d and at the same time claim ownership of their holiest site, the Temple Mount. I mean, Enlightened opinion, Muslim opinion, the opinion of the Nations United, the closest body to a planetary government, all say the Jews cannot be sovereign over the Temple Mount. If we are not the Chosen People, why not?

Indeed, even Israel by its actions goes along with that. It does nothing to change the status quo on the Temple Mount where the Arabs deny Jews the right to visit without being surrounded by a witches' coven of Arab females howling and mocking them, as the Israeli police hustle the visiting Jews along and permit no prayers. A Jew caught moving his lips is arrested by the Israeli police. It is a daily routine of police escorting visiting Jews as the Arabs howl at them. Why, just two days ago on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, dozens of Arabs, males about Ishmael's age when expelled from Abraham's peaceful tents, all of them masked, threw rocks and fire crackers and metal bars at the police, all pre-positioned in Al-Aqsa Mosque, and this is hardly the first time they have pelted the police like this and denied the Jews the right to pray in peace.

And it happens because Israel lets it happen, and Israel lets it happen because left-to-right across the secular political spectrum no one wants to turn this conflict into

a holy war between Islam and Judaism. And never mind wanting is not the same as being able to prevent it, or denying it, which is what official Israel has always done.

The reason on Sunday morning for these dozens of violent barbarians attacking our police and Jews come to pray on that holy day is because Israel is mute when it comes to asserting its rights precisely because they are in essence religious rights. To end the disgrace of the State of Israel tolerating what goes down on the Temple Mount, starting with the prohibition against Jewish prayer, Israel would have to fight for its religion, and this country was founded by anti-religionists, left and right.

Fifteen years ago, prince of the atheist communes Prime Minister Ehud Barak, the apotheosis of the new Jew as soldier, the most decorated in the state's lifetime, did absolutely nothing as the Arabs using dump trucks removed thousands of tons of dirt from the Mount to build for themselves a huge underground mosque inside the mount.

One of the most stirring moments of the miraculous Six-Day War was the radio transmission by Gen. Mordechai Gur saying, "The Temple Mount is in our hands," and there 33 years later the prime minister of Israel in 2000 looked away as the Arabs looted our Temple Mount. Knowing Ehud Barak's community as well as I do, the wisdom of Enlightenment dictates that you don't fight over religious things because religion is basically stupid, superstition, old wives' tales and magical humbug.

Likewise the violence today all day at Bet El north of Jerusalem where I lived for a couple of years, where the chaotic Israeli legal, political and military systems were clashing; some wanting to and some not wanting to tear down 24 apartments in a couple of new buildings.

The prime minister is on record opposing the destruction, but the Attorney General in this system is not his attorney-general but completely independent and no fan of the national religious way of life, this Tel-Aviv criminal defense mouthpiece.

And then there is the High Court, perhaps unique in the liberal democracies for being a closed clique of leftists who choose only their own kind to sit on the bench.

So what you get is what we saw today, hundreds of police and hundreds of resisters to the demolition order. Scores were arrested, carried out bodily, though my impression so far is that this was not another Amona, a national disgrace in which thugs in uniform brutalized demonstrators.

And all because, like the Temple Mount, Israel's official position on Judea and Samaria is a mess, the ultimate, in a way, anti-Zionist, self-inflicted, contradictory wound. The very term Zionism originates in the word *Zion/tsion*, not the Land of Israel but Zion, which, for those who don't know Hebrew means, simply, "mark," as in "x marks the spot" or a land-mark. *Tsion* is also, just as in English, a grade in school, the mark you get on a test.

In other words, the word Zion means, more or less, ground zero, "x marks the spot for Jews." This is where it's at. For thousands of years Jews never forgot that their homeland was not where they were living, which was easy because no Gentile authority between the Roman Empire until the late 18<sup>th</sup> century treated Jews as members of their

nation with full citizenship rights. The homeland was always Eretz Yisrael and for sure short, “Tzion,” a special place in Jerusalem.

Hence, many times every day over thousands of years in prayers and blessings after food, one literally, as a Jew, had Jerusalem on his lips. And what is Jerusalem, if not the city around the Temple Mount? The Temple Mount, the Jewish’s people holiest ground. It is not the Western Wall.

And here are the grandchildren of the Zionists who tolerate antisemitic abuse on that Mount because they are uncomfortable fighting for religion, for the Jewish religion, when Zionism arose in a Europe that was already lost to and wallowing in atheism, and the Zionists followed suit.

It is not a coincidence that the 1870s saw the emergence of the very idea of antisemitism as a major movement in society at the same time that the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche declared in that decade that G-d is dead.

In this period, Karl Marx was also still alive and declaring religion a drug that stupefies Believers.

It was not that the 1870s suddenly saw the launching of a new phenomenon. The intellectual atmosphere leading up to the 1870s had been in the works for centuries. A century earlier in the age of Voltaire and Kant, Christianity was also on the run, already being dismissed. That period was nicknamed the Age of Reason by one of the most important journalists in history, the Englishman Tom Paine whose book *Common Sense* ignited the American revolution, and whose next book was *The Age of Reason*, written when he was imprisoned in Paris during the French Revolution by the radical left. His book was basically a call to atheism which came out in 1793.

So modern Zionism emerged in a climate of pooh-pooing religion that was quite established, and it is one reason why today’s secular Israelis are at a loss when it comes to defending their rights to this Land and the Temple Mount because at bottom these are religious rights.

So what you do is tolerate the chronically ugly behavior, really antisemitic behavior, by these gentiles on the Temple Mount; and it was another day of pushing and shoving between the police and the army and Jews who believe they have the right to live where they do.

Actually, the scenes today were kind of heartening because on display, so far, were Jews in conflict with one another, even physical confrontations with one another, but thank G-d, we are not Arabs, not Muslims, who when they clash don’t act like us. They clash with weapons of death in their hands and use them to kill one another by the hundreds of thousands. Here we push and shove.

Again, on the bright side, the courageous and dedicated Rabbi Yehuda Glick was in JPost actually, wonder of wonders, praising the police for their behavior on Sunday on the Temple Mount, and that of Minister of Internal Security Gil Erdan who resolved to keep the Temple Mount open to Jewish visitors. In the past, a Minister of Internal Security would shut it down. Said Rabbi Glick, “I think we saw a first step

toward barring Muslims radicals” from the Temple Mount at such moments and cracking down on the organizations that pay them. You know, these boys and yowling females are paid to harass Jews. It is a job.

Not that the police have altered basic policy. On Thursday, one youthful Jewess name Avia Morris was on the Temple Mount and while there was the target of screaming and cursing by Arab women for, like, three-quarters of an hour. I assume she just took it until she “lost it” and spat back, “Muhammad is a pig!” for which she was arrested.

Imagine: These Arab harpies shrieking at her for all the time and the police do thing. But when Ms. Morris loses her composure, she gets arrested.

In sum, let us be thankful as Rabbi Glick tells us for the incremental progress of not shutting down the Mount to Jews as in the past at such time, but there is still a long way, a long philosophical way, to go.

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That was Psalm 27:4.

Yes, Israel has to rediscover respect for its own religion, official Israel that is, and one step toward that goal might be finally -- really the purpose of my epic book --taking on and defeating enemy propaganda which is the basis for Israel hatred in the world. It is something Israel never does.

For example, why do the Ishmaelites deny us the right to pray on our Temple Mount? The answer in our time is that it is not our Temple Mount and never was, they say. For decades the PLO has gotten such as UNESCO to draft and vote on resolutions condemning the “Judaization of Jerusalem” because in the primeval swamp that is the Muslim brain the Jews never had a presence in Jerusalem. In the 1920s, the Waqf crowed that Muslim ownership of the Temple Mount was proof that Islam is the correct religion because it was the site of the Jews’ Temple that the wicked Jews, due to their wickedness, lost to Believers in the One True Faith.

Today, though, since the summer of 2000, the doctrine is that the Jews never had a temple atop Haram a-Sharif. I myself have heard with my own ears Arab tour guides in the plaza before the Western Wall telling their charges there is not one piece of evidence that the Jews ever had a temple on the Mount.

PMW sent out a post two days ago reporting on a PA deputy minister insisting that centuries before the Jewish religion came into being, Balestinians were in Jerusalem and it is the Jews who are stealing Balestinian history and geography. And I never cease to be amazed that official Israel never responds to this lunacy.

Today or the day before, we learned that Minister Sylvan Shalom met on his own accord with Saeb Erekat, when by all rights this should have been engineered through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Thus the story was about Sylvan’s freelance diplomacy and what Tsipi Hotovelev had to say about this.

When I am outraged that anyone meets with Saeb Erekat ever. And why? Because in July 2000 at Camp David when Arafat changed Muslim doctrine and said to Pres. Clinton that the Jews never had a temple in Jerusalem, Erekat was at his side and nodding in agreement.

And then two years later when the IDF attacked the terrorist cell inside the Jenin UNRWA slum following the horror of the Passover bombing in Netanya at the Park Hotel, Saeb Erekat told the media that Israel had massacred 500 Ancient Palestinians in Jenin, which by the way was the same number used in August 1929 by the Grand Mufti Haj Amin when he lied and told the Faithful that the Jews had murdered 500 Believers on the Temple Mount which sparked the three days of massacre.

This guy Erekat is someone no Israeli official should ever be meeting with. And by the way, with rumors of 80-year-old Abu Mazen thinking of retiring, Erekat could be the next PLO headman.

Israel should never talk with a man like this but make a stink over his behavior, spreading this ridiculous lie about us, denying history as surely as Erekat's Muslim brother Obama denies the existence of Islamic terrorism, as he did after Ft. Hood, after Charlie Hebdo in Paris and the Hyper Cacher massacre of Jews where "some folks just happened" to be killed there. Obama is forever in a permanent state of denial.

Bibi is forever making arguments that are logical and reasonable in opposition to the positions held by the enemy, such as Iran, but he never ever touches on the illogic and the primeval, hallucinatory spirit of hatred of Jews that animates these people.

The Europeans, the EU, Dr. Mogherini the erstwhile Young Communist, are pondering how next to prod us into retreating from Judea and Samaria, when Israel might respond to her by making a stink over the Nazi-like brain-waves in the minds of our enemies, men we should not negotiate with. No good can come from negotiating with such delusional men whose minds are clouded by medieval fantasies of Jews as agents of the devil, master manipulators of all the evil in the world. Israel needs to tell Mogherini that we will talk with anybody who signs off on the recorded history of the Jewish people in this Land and the existence of its two temples in history, the first that stood for 410 years and the second for 420 years.

Israel should declare its readiness to talk to anybody who accepts the history of *The Jewish Wars* as written by Josephus; that accepts the Latin writing on the Jews by Tacitus and Cato and Seneca; one who accepts the thousands of PhD theses on university library shelves dealing with ancient history, the Bible, Middle Eastern archaeology; dealing with Jewish life in this Land over thousands of years, and to those who do not we will not talk.

Israel should talk to no one as flakey as Erekat and Abbas. They must be exposed as primitive lunatics with whom no peaceful accommodation is possible.

Israel has to demolish Balestinian propaganda, the antisemitic fantasy of a Balestinian history and until it does, the war of words and threats of boycotts and sanctions will never go away.

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

And that was Aderes Emuna, written in the 11th century by Rabbi Ishmael Cohen, which is read every Shabbos morning in Nusach Sefard synagogues.

Yes, Israel is faced with a phantom nation whose verbal existence is meant to undermine Israel's rights by claiming parallel and equal national rights that simultaneously cover up the truth that this is no conflict between nations but religions.

And how convenient for Israel's secular ruling class. This is why in my book I accuse the Jewish left of being as responsible for the invention of the Balestinians as our enemies in Araby, in Islam and the antisemitic West. Confronting the truth is commonly one of mankind's most difficult challenges.

We see as well this behavior in the latest brouhaha around Gov. Mike Huckabee's raising the image of "the doors to the crematoria" in the matter of the Iran deal. It has been quite interesting to see who says what.

Without a doubt Huckabee is right on target and his detractors, especially among them the Jews, can't deal with it for this truth challenges their own self-image and psychological needs.

I watched Huckabee yesterday on FOX, on the Five program, attacked by Geraldo Rivera, Halachically a Jew but one who I am 99% sure does not live a Jewish life and knows no more about Judaism than many Gentiles. Geraldo is a liberal from New York and a defender of Pres. Barack Hussein Obama, and the thought that Obama has the mass murder of Jews on his mind is intolerable to a Geraldo Rivera, every liberal like him really, who like Obama has a hard time disliking Islam. You know, all religions are of equal worth, "the three great monotheistic religions." This liberal fashion plate Geraldo does not want to be tarred with the accusation of Islamophobia.

Also, like too many millions of Jews in America who know little of Jewish theory, wisdom and praxis, the Holocaust for them is something one must always remember. We must never forget the Holocaust, such Jews say, and contribute money to building memorials and shrines to its victims in the mistaken belief that this is a worthy substitute for living a classical Jewish life.

But as for learning from the Holocaust, well, that is something else. It seems to be for such a people a kind of antiquarian hobby but not a guide for the future. The objection to Huckabee's accurate warning is that "nothing compares to the Holocaust" and suggesting that this is what Obama wants is no good. Demands have been made of Huckabee that he retract his statement; thank goodness he has not. Even Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Ron Dermer recoiled from impugning anything but good motives to Obama and Kerry, while of course disagreeing with them.

Well, I don't know what Bibi told his faithful servant Dermer, if anything, to say but I would not be surprised to learn that Dermer was speaking on orders from the boss.

Whatever.

For my money, though, there is no doubt of the malevolence in Obama toward us Jews. He sat in that church of hatred for 20 years, a church that honored Louis Farrakhan, and Obama has no ill will toward Jews? Puh-leeze

He insulted the Jews in his inaugural address; insulted Prime Minister Netanyahu by not inviting him to lunch and walking out of him; he sandbagged Bibi by violating Res. 242 without informing ahead of time.

Obama's first call as president was to the Muslim murderer and Holocaust Denier Abbas, but he has no ill-will toward Israel? Give me a break.

Abe Foxman of course criticized Mike Huckabee. Foxman as a little boy in Poland was handed over to his family's Catholic nanny for the duration who baptized him and raised him as a Catholic until forced to return him to his parents after the war - but not until after a legal battle because the Catholics did not want to lose "one of their own." One presumes that Foxman suffers post-traumatic stress and his need to be on the side of the government. He is no Zionist; he never made Aliya. He has worked for the ADL whose job it is to defend Americans of Jewish extraction and not let that fact get in the way of their lives as Americans. I once was sent there for a job interview and realized the ADL is not a Jewish organization but an American organization for people of Jewish extraction which is a very different proposition.

So Abe Foxman wants nothing but good for Israel, I have no doubt, but in defending Obama against Huckabee, he exposes his inner life.

The National Jewish Democratic Council of course objected to the "unacceptable attack against President Obama that smears the memory of Holocaust victims."

Likewise, these are Democrats of Jewish extraction mostly lost to the Jewish people when they defend this bad actor who is also destroying the States -- let alone Israel. Obama and Kerry want people to believe that the way to manage US-Iran relations is to give the Iranians 150 billion dollars and decided that at the very moment the government in Teheran was orchestrating mass demonstrations of Iranians shouting "Death to America!" and to license Iran to become a nuclear power in just a few years.

Mike Huckabee said the government plan was "idiotic," but I disagree. Obama knows exactly what he is doing -- only Geraldo Rivera and fellow liberals haven't got the intestinal fortitude to face the truth that the reigning Iranian elite in Teheran are as crazy about the Jews as any German Nazi ever was and Obama backs them.

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

Yeah, post-Jewish liberals like Geraldo Rivera and head of the Democratic National Committee, that dingbat Debbie Wasserman Schultz, are quick to remember the Holocaust but prefer not to believe that since its passing there are still people out there who think like Nazis. They don't want to know that. Remembering the Holocaust is something for the past but has no implications or applications for the present and future.

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Mike Huckabee, on the other hand, and Rick Santorum who agreed with him, have no doubt that the Iranian leadership means it when they express the wish to destroy the State of Israel.

And those who can't believe that are at best just cowards.

*Leila tov miEretz Yisrael.*