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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It's the evening of the 6th day, *vav beElul, Parashas Shoftim*, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 20 August 2015, webcasting from Israel and its self-inflicted wounds.

Well, the top story here remained the Arab enemy on his hunger strike, because of which the IDF moved Iron Dome batteries into position at Ashdod and Beer-Sheva. There is fear that if this enemy Arab in prison starves himself to death, the rockets will start flying again because he is identified with Islamic Jihad and his death would license them to exact Arabian justice which would be firing rockets into Jewish homes to kill us at random.

In addition, why is this Arab on the threshold of death? Because he was arrested by Israeli soldiers or police and never charged, never tried, never convicted. Judea and Samaria's highest legal authority is the Israeli army and everybody knows military justice is not like civilian justice. It is what military music is to normal music.

The hunger strike was this particular enemy's way of demanding to be charged and tried or let go.

It is called "administrative detention" and is a euphemism used to describe this seizure of an enemy individual. As soldiers in uniform lose freedoms that they had as civilians, e.g. deciding what clothing to wear, what kind of haircut, when to go to bed and when to rise, so under martial law someone picked up and locked up does not have the same rights as a civilian citizen in a society at peace.

And the reason for the martial law is the refusal of the surrounding Arab states to make peace after 67 years. There are 21 Arab states; two have signed treaties with us.

So much for the legality and ethical rightness of such a situation in which the military can just arrest someone and locked him up for as long as they want; no charges filed. By going to court, they would expose intel sources so they won't do that.

Still, despite the legality and morality of this behavior, of administrative detention which I support, Israel still bears great responsibility for the continuation of this status quo in Yash since 1967, and that is because Israel persists in seeing Yash as a bargaining chip. It persists in the fantasy it can sell back a major portion of Yash but not the whole thing, and the Arabs will be satisfied; satisfied with a state next to Israel even smaller than Israel, wholly dependent on Israel for its economy. This is will be the Old-New State of Balestine and our neighbors will be content and grateful and happy to cooperate with Israel for the mutual benefit of the two states. This is the underlying fantasy of the TSS.

Therefore, Israel participates in this legal situation that is quite murky. Like the eternally open sore for 67 years that is the Gaza Strip, where they fire rockets at us, plant mines in our fields, fire automatic assault rifles over the border at us, but then expect us to act like city policemen in a liberal democracy when the IDF counter-attacks in Gaza and we must read them their Miranda rights.

The state here cannot buckle to the demands of the self-starving prisoner. As mentioned last webcast, that could ignite pandemonium in the prisons with their thousands of homicidal Arab prisoners who were arrested for carrying out or just planning to carry out the murder of Jews.

And then there are the Enlightened in Israel who protest the violation of this Arab's right to starve himself to death -- as if he had such a right. It seems to me when you are locked up, you lose lots of rights, and if starvation is one way of attacking Israel, you do not have the right to starve yourself to death either, so Israel will force-feed you.

But, "Oops," say the Enlightened. "You can't do that. Cruel and unusual punishment."

It is all so mixed up and confused here.

Likewise how this story is unfolding with the involvement -- as usual -- of the High Court in the nitty-gritty particulars of what is basically a foreign policy problem. The Court yesterday ordered Mr. Muhammad Allan released because he has now, doctors say, suffered brain damage and therefore no longer poses a threat to Israel, though it is not clear how much brain damage or if it is permanent or temporary.

His Arab lawyer said this brain damage could have been avoided if he had not been in detention. One of the justices yesterday in court, Hanan Melcer, dismissed that by saying, "The damage was not the result of the detention but his own self-inflicted behavior."

In a way, this messy mixing of civil rights in a civilian society with a population of enemy aliens publicly bent on destroying our country is, I guess, unavoidable at least until there is a new president in Washington. May it be Mike Huckabee, from Israel's point of view.

Huckabee was here again his week fund-raising and visiting in Shilo and publicly declaring it to be Jewish land, Israeli land, as of right. Thank you, Governor. Maybe he will have an impact on at least some Israeli politicians who must, I believe, eventually, publically, support this policy. It is the only one that makes sense. Full Jewish sovereignty in Judea and Samaria. It is the only logical one.

The Two-State Solution has never been anything but a half-baked, adolescent fantasy not at all thought through. And all one needs to verify this claim is to read Shimon Peres's book *The New Middle East* which he published three months after the Handshake on the White House Lawn. In it, he envisioned a new Middle East with borders as open as those in Europe, in the EU. He envisioned rivers of tourists and businessmen streaming in and out of Israel and all the states of the Middle East, enjoying themselves, doing business, everybody getting rich. It was in this period, you may remember, Shimon was so deliriously drunk on his vision of peace, he foresaw Israel joining the Arab League of States!

St. Simon's vision of peace was cotton candy for the mind that had nothing to do with the reality of the peoples and religions and culture of the Middle East. These Arabs can't get along with one another, let alone us Jews. Hundreds of thousands of dead in Syria now, as there were in Lebanon in the 1970s and 80s, as in Algeria in the 90s. A couple of weeks ago, Oxfam said that in Yemen millions of people are on the brink of starvation thanks to the fighting there and disruption of the economy there, such as it was.

The Two State Solution was almost metaphysically insane for imagining, without filling in the details, the creation of another state here, west of the River. Rather, it was scientifically insane. It was like thinking you can get two gallons of gasoline into a one-gallon jerry can. There is simply no room here for another fully independent state. There is not enough air space; not enough electromagnetic space.

Calling for the Two-State Solution now means, in Arab minds, dispossessing 500,000 Jews and returning Israel to its 1949 cease-fire when it was 9 miles wide. What Israeli prime minister and party will agree to that? Not even Yossi and Tsipi and Boojie would agree to that.

It is forgotten that the Two-State Solution was the brainchild of Uncle Shimon and disciple Dr. Joseph Yossi Beilin, PhD the famous charlatan scientist of politics. Both of these men had never worked in the real world, likewise Yitzhak Rabin, and their big idea called the Oslo Peace Process was the handiwork of not even amateurs but dingbats, idiots, completely divorced, like so many Marxists, from human nature as it really is.

Israel has to undergo a true and salutary period of brainwashing in the best sense, the rinsing from its brains of all the unrealistic assessments of who our neighbors are. Israel must learn to confront finally the ground of being of these people: the hatred of Jews that drives them.

The animosity to the restoration of Eretz Yisrael by the Jewish people over the last century and a half pre-dates hostility to the settlements and the Six-Day War that led to them; pre-dates the hostility to the War of Independence; pre-dates the League of Nations Mandate. When the League invented the modern jurisdiction of Palestine in the 1920s, the Arabs resisted and wholly for religious reasons because at that point they had no conception of Palestine, no national identity. It was as Muslims that they murdered Jews in the 1920s and the 30s and the 40s and the 50s. Only in the 60s and 70s did they begin claiming to be the authentic, national, Balestinian landlords of Balestine from time immemorial.

And it is that hatred that fuels all their violence, like the three separate attacks last night with rocks thrown at cars, a little girl hurt by flying glass and in Jerusalem, stoning the light rail again after a hiatus of some months.

Israel needs to strengthen itself by reining in the power of the High Court and to gird its loins in the face of Arab resistance, such as this one example of this security prisoner. We must not do what he wants but what Israel needs to do.

Khazak va-amatz.

* * (Musical Interlude) * *

On the good news side of the ledger yesterday, the Spanish reggae festival outside of Valencia called the Rototom Sunsplash European Reggae Festival was reported to have reversed itself and apologized for its cancellation of the appearance of Matisyahu. They reissued the invitation and put him back in the program, and they were apparently reacting to pressure from Madrid, the highest reaches of the Spanish government and I guess because the persecution of this one Jew was so blatant.

The festival management said its initial cancellation was made in fear of disruption by the BDS people; I'll buy that. One report said that of the 250 performers, 5 had protested Matisyahu's presence; Roger Waters clones, I guess. They had demanded that he denounce Israel and support driving Jews from Judea and Samaria -- which is the meaning of supporting a so-called Palestinian state.

It was a lengthy and detailed apology, and not only was the national government involved, so was even the normally anti-Israel press in Spain, starting with the country's No. 1 newspaper, *El País*, which means "The Country," sort of like Haaretz.

The Spanish are among the most anti-Jew people in Europe, which tradition carries over into the current generation in the form of bashing Israel for its criminal abuse of the Ancient Ones. But because this antisemitic aggression against this American musician of Jewish extraction, whose music is totally non-political, as he in his public statement was,

because the abuse was so obvious, even *El Pais* and other newspapers tongue-lashed the festival organizers for bowing to the demands of the BDS antisemites in Valencia.

I found it interesting too how the editorial in *El Pais* attacking the obvious antisemitism at play here, said, “It is absolutely unacceptable that in the Spain of the 21st century, individuals and organizations can still demand that somebody explain himself in ideological terms in order to be able to exercise his profession, and takes us back to the dark days when everybody was required to prove their religiosity and purity of blood.”

I read that and was impressed by the evidence of this editorialist having that kind of historical sensitivity and knowledge. I wonder how many of his readers understood what he was getting at.

The expression “purity of blood” was invented in the 15th century in Spain, *limpieza de sangre*, and is considered the first modern, proto-Nazi biological antisemitism. What happened was this: In 1391, starting in *Sevilla* at Pesach, which coincided that year with Easter, thanks to the hysterical Jew-hatred stirred up by the Catholic priests, a pogrom erupted. Jews were massacred, their homes ransacked, then the fire of this violence jumped to nearby towns and other cities in Spain over that summer. It was a summer of serial massacres in Iberia. Thousands of Jews were slaughtered in these bloody riots. And as a result of this proto-Kristallnacht, over the next ten years maybe half of Spain’s hundreds of thousands of Jews, converted. Some had no spiritual resources to resist the brutality and to continue living as Jews. They threw up their hands and said they would not go on as Jews. Others became the famous Marranos. They began living double lives. They were terrified into pretending to convert but remained Jews in secret.

Now, flash forward in Spain 50 years, when the grandchildren of the Marranos had grown up. As Catholics, they were entitled to enter any profession, guild or university, and as a result, by the mid-15th century, they had become Spain’s leading engineers, doctors, scientists, merchants, even priests, Monsignors, archbishops and cardinals. And the Spaniards never knew who was a sincere Catholic and who a secret Jew.

Thus the Inquisition to inquire into the sincere beliefs of an official Christian who was thought to be a secret Jew underneath. What they knew above all was the family tree of all these young adults and came to believe that the Jews had taken over Spain.

Thus in the year 1449, the government passed a new law calling for *limpieza de sangre*, “purity of the blood.” It was no longer enough to be a Catholic to be a full citizen. One had to have roots in Spain going all the way back to the year 711, 738 years earlier.

And why? Because that is when the Muslims invaded at Gibraltar and the Jews assisted them in their conquest. And why? Because for more than a century before then, after the Visigoths who had ruled Spain in the 5th and 6th centuries converted to Roman Catholicism, they had mercilessly persecuted and terrorized the Jews in Spain so that by the year 711 there was not one public Jew in the country. All had either fled or pretended to be Christians. It was one of the darkest periods in Jewish history.

And when the Arabs invaded, the Jews came out of the woodwork and helped them. The Muslims in effect rescued them.

And in the 15th century, even seven hundred years later, the Spanish Catholics had never forgotten that. They saw the Jews as traitors. So they passed this new restrictive legislation, news of which reached Rome, the Vatican, and objections were raised. There was nothing in canon law about this. A Catholic was a Catholic and such a demand had no basis in the religion.

To which the Spanish authorities replied to Rome, “You don’t know what is going here. The Jews have taken over the whole country. They are the all the professors in the universities, the lawyers, the merchants.”

And here was the leading newspaper in Spain yesterday aware of the age of *limpieza de sangre* and its seeming recrudescence in this festival of reggae in which a Jew is deprived of his right to his profession on the basis of his personal beliefs.

This made Madrid uncomfortable and made the leading journalists uncomfortable, as it should.

So that was a nice news story today. I have one of Matisyahu’s discs, the first I think, and some of his music is wonderful.

* * (Musical Interlude) * *

And that is one of my favorite Benayoun pieces. It is a love song and I hope you all realize that in the middle he is singing in Arabic.

On the political front, the top story today was the revelation – nothing should surprise us anymore – that Iran will be its own monitor when it comes to the Parchin facility that they have never let inspectors enter. The document agreed to by those treasonous Americans Kerry and Obama lets Iran collect samples of the work there and send them for inspection to Europe.

This Iran plan gets crazier and crazier the more facets of it that are exposed.

Well, I stand by my analysis that at rock bottom the entire history of these negotiations has been fueled by age-old anti-Jewism. What, after all, is the immediate threat of Iran having an atomic bomb? That is no secret. The mullahs boast of their dream in public. It is to destroy us.

El Supremo in Iran Khamenei just published surely his greatest work called *Falastin* and said Falastin is the most important issue for Islam, for Iran.

And I agree. Islam, as I’ve thought for years, is not just a religion with an antisemitic side like classical Christianity. Jew-hatred is of the essence in Islam. It is not an antisemitic religion but a religion of antisemitism. Khamenei feels, and he is not wrong, that the existence of Israel -- just its existence -- is a mortal threat to the religion of Islam. And I agree.

There are all kinds of types in Islam -- journalists, politicians, clerics --- who avidly follow events in Israel that they know to be a world leader in hi-tech and medicine, avionics and pharmaceuticals. A few months ago, YNET reported that little Israel is third in the world in registering patents in the U.S. In 2014, no less than 3,555 patents were registered,

many by American companies with operations in Israel, where the groundbreaking work was done.

These Muslims know that the standard of living for the average Israeli is far above that of the average Iranian and masses of Muslims. And all this makes them hate Jews even more.

This is what the entire Iran nuclear bomb business is all about as far as I am concerned. It is in the title of Khamenei's book. He and his people are obsessed with Israel, for it should not be that Israel is so superior in so many ways when Islam is the "correct" religion and Judaism a "plagiarized" version of it. As the Jews stole Baalshem from the Baalshemians, so they stole Islam from the Believers. And it is just not right that this people, these Jews who for fourteen centuries had lived as an oppressed and humiliated people under Believers, are now back in the Land they were exiled from by Allah for being evil. The world is out of kilter with the Jews back in control like this.

But don't tell that to America's Reform Jews, that is, their official bodies. Some three of them announced yesterday that they would take no position on the Iran deal, for or against, because "there is simply no clarity that would support taking a position." Instead, they alluded to their supreme value of pluralism in which all opinions are of equal worth, or words to that effect.

I feel sorry for these Reform Jews. It really is sad that they are so far away from of knowing what true Jewish belief is and requires. Of course they are disappearing, for they are empty of all theory and practice. They are nothing but a shadow of the degenerate so-called liberals in the Democratic Party; they are as empty as Hillary Clinton. I can't think of even one issue or idea or cause she is associated with or expressed herself about. What does she stand for? Equal pay for women? Puh-leeze. That is so 1960s.

She stands for free medical care, I guess, ObamaCare, like her own HillaryCare. Same idea. Communist Cuban-style free medical care.

So today's shrinking band of Reform Jews who can't make up their minds about Obama and Kerry's wicked Iran deal are thinking par for the course. They have no view to preach, only that all sides in the debate be civil with one another.

This is pathetic. They cannot see the existential threat to millions of us Jews here in their president's plan to arm the Iranians with atomic bombs and to fund Hezbollah and Hamas Jew-killing adventures.

How they mirror the vacuity of their own Jewish lives and the sorry state of American culture that twice, like them, voted this villain into office.

HaShem yirakhem, Lord have mercy

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