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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It's the evening of the 6th day, *yud-beTishrei Parashas Haazinu*, *tav-shin-ayin-vav* the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 24 September 2015, webcasting from the hills of Judea south of the Temple Mount that Israel has refused since 1967 to claim as Jewish property and only Jewish property. And this is why the top story remains the violence on the Temple Mount and around it and what to do about it.

Yes, the principle actors are the Ishmael clones, these wild, would-be teenage murderers who scored one goal last week when with their stones they murdered a Jew. And it is true, as PMW reports, that Shimon Peres's "moderate" Fatah pals are sounding exactly like Haj Amin al-Husseini in screaming that the Jews are destroying or are planning to destroy, or are destroying in stages Al-Aqsa Mosque. In 1929, that is what he broadcast, and in 2015, the Arabs are still broadcasting these lies about Jews; broadcasting like Nazis, like Christians instigating the blood libel, like Communists railing against Jewish bankers who are out to deprive everybody of their money and enslave the whole world.

Mahmoud Abbas, Hamas, Iran, Jordan and Saudi Arabia are all hysterical with accusations of our aggression on the Temple Mount, which is a brilliantly clear case of psychological projection. Who is storing up rocks and bricks and iron bars to throw at whom? The Arabs are in another of their fits of hysterical antiJewitis.

Today it was reported that the Prime Minister has repeatedly tried to get King Abdallah II of Jordan on the phone to ask him to cool it with the allegations that as an intelligent, Western-educated fellow he surely knows are lies.

But the king has refused to talk to Bibi, which should not surprise nor overly concern us. Of course he won't talk to Bibi. And neither would you or any of us in his position, with his biography. He is King Abdallah II who was named after his great-grandfather who was assassinated on July 20, 1951 in front of Al-Aqsa Mosque by a suicide-assassin sent by Haj Amin al-Husseini, the bloodthirsty Grand Mufti. Five days previously, Haj Amin had engineered the assassination of Lebanon's Prime Minister Riad Solh in Amman, and when a memorial service was held for him in front of Al-Aqsa, King Abdallah I of Jordan was there in attendance and was assassinated by another Haj Amin assassin.

Of course in our time our King Abdallah II is not going to speak to Bibi and will continue to sing in the chorus of his fellow Arab-Muslim potentates because he knows that if he shows the slightest respect for our Israeli, our Jewish, demands for respect, he marks himself for death, just like his namesake, the target then of fanatical, homicidal, conscienceless Muslim priests. One of the ways Islam is different from all other religions and therefore should be outlawed in the West is the oddity of its political system that simply does not include the principle of the separation of church and state.

In the West, for example, the clergy, Jewish and Christian, are the last in society to beat the drums of war and shriek, "Kill the enemy!" They are the last in society to favor violence and war.

By contrast, in Araby, their holy men are bloodthirsty rabble-rousers.

King Abdallah II in Jordan this week would not speak to Prime Minister Netanyahu and that is perfectly understandable. His people are Arabs, they are Muslims, and the Islamic temptation, inclination and addiction is strong. It is threatening and has always been, as it has threatened many Arab states since the modern era of Western-style nation-states, which in Iraq and Syria have clearly failed. So Israel can expect no help from Jordan this week and must deal with the violence here all by ourselves.

In classical Israeli fashion, the material trumps the spiritual. And by that I mean the prime minister was reported today to be confirming new security measures with the cabinet's approval. More manpower, lengthy prison sentences for rock-throwing, fines, loss of benefits to a minor's family that are provided by the State.

The Arabs are, and not for the first time here, raising the flames prior to an appearance at the UN this month, every fall, by Mahmoud Abbas.

He too has to do this or face accusations from his rivals in HAMAS that he is too cozy with Al-Yahud. Abbas must prove his Jew-hating credentials to remain a respected leader. Hence, last week's reference to the Jews' filthy feet dirtying the Holy Sanctuary, as Islam calls out Temple Mount plateau.

Yes, this latest flare-up that some are calling the third intifada is not the third intifada. It is, though, stoked by Abbas and his Muslims and their violent teenagers but ultimate responsibility lies with, I am afraid, Israel. The bottom line culprit is the State

of Israel that in 1967, unbelievably, handed back the Temple Mount to the Muslims. Israel did not want it. It was not worth the trouble. The socialists who dominated the state at that time snorted at and mocked religion in general and Judaism in particular. Their idea of a Jewish state was a normal, non-religious community, because since the middle of the previous century, atheism had conquered religion and it was an enlightened thing to pooh-pooh religion. It was certainly nothing to shed blood over.

Moshe Dayan was the national icon, the ultimate sabra, the New Jew who had nothing but contempt for religion. His first wife Ruth Dayan no less was always proud to speak of her own life when as a girl for some years, I believe in the 1930s, she lived in London and played with Gentile girls only, she said, never Jewish ones. She was proud of that. She and Moshe produced son Assaf, now deceased, who not once in his life set foot in a synagogue and he bragged about that too.

I remember my own literally sophomoric response to the Six-Day War preceded by a couple months my sophomore year in college. How proud I was of Dayan and Israel for handing back the Temple Mount. To me it was a gesture that Israel had no imperialist designs and certainly no religious ambitions, not when every enlightened person knew that religion is the opiate of the masses. I was never a communist but like generations in the West I believed in a Darwinian universe in which religion was a stage in the evolution of man that man had outgrown. Dayan's gesture made the statement that Israel was enlightened and not a religious state. If the Temple Mount meant so much to the Muslims, let them have it. It is nothing to fight over.

We saw this philosophy in operation again, 33 years later, during the reign of Ehud Barak who at the onset of the last intifada on Rosh HaShana 15 years ago, when he refused to fight over the Tomb of Joseph besieged by the Ancient Ones and even let a soldier die there. In his enlightened universe, the loss of more men in the retaking of the tomb would have been foolish. Thus do the thoughts of the enlightenment unfold.

How wrong I was about the rightness of giving back the Temple Mount. Not that I reproach myself. I tried to get to Israel as a volunteer during the Six-Day War but did not succeed until six weeks later when asked by friends if I wanted to visit the Western Wall that had been liberated, I didn't know what to say because I did not know what they were talking about because we were Reform Jews who never ever were educated about the Exile and the dream of returning to the Land of Israel and building the third and final Temple and, finally, as a people, getting it right about how to live in this Land.

Religion played no part in my life. Not only did Jerusalem mean little to me. I knew nothing of Hevron and the Cave of the Patriarchs and the Matriarchs.

And so I was in tune with the Mapainiks who ran the country and dominated the culture: post-religious social democrats.

Now, though, it is clear that Moshe Dayan's decision is the root of our troubles today in Jerusalem. What Israel should have done at the time was not only proclaim sovereignty, which it did over all of reunited Jerusalem, but begin to dismantle the Islamic presence on the Temple Mount.

But Israel didn't, and one major reason was the foolish and ignorant fantasy -- still at work, I am afraid -- that we can somehow get the Muslims to stop hating us and recognize our rights and we can do that by being nice to them.

Since 1967, Israel has dictated a shared presence on the Temple Mount as it administers the Tomb of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs in Hevron but that attitude clearly has never influenced, let alone changed, the Muslim heart.

Israelis have wanted nothing more than peace and quiet. They have never been out to create a religious society. And that is why they have always been respectful of Islam.

Yesterday it was Yom Kippur and Islam's Eid al-Adha, meaning the Feast of the Sacrifice, when Ibrahim tied up his son Isma'il in Mecca, and never mind that the Jews say it was Ishaq in Jerusalem.

Israel every year officially sends salutations to its Muslim citizens and those in Judea and Samaria on this day of 'Eid al-Adha, and that too is a symptom of the wrongheadedness of Israel administering Jerusalem since 1967.

* * (Musical Interlude) *

Yes, the Israelis are where the buck stops if you want to know the root cause of the current violence on our Temple Mount and environs, our refusal to declare absolute sovereignty since 1967.

And not only the Jewish masters of the culture here in Israel are guilty but those in the States as well. The ADL, which I discovered is not a Jewish organization so much as an American organization of descendants of practicing Jews who do not want that fact of their birth to impinge on their success and happiness in America.

The ADL statement last Shabbos -- significantly issued on Shabbos, therefore violating Shabbos -- went like this: "We are greatly concerned by increasing tension in Jerusalem on the Temple Mount/Noble Sanctuary [Haram a-Sharif], holy to Jews and Muslims, and support the continued efforts of Israel's political and religious leadership to appeal for calm and ensure the status quo which accommodates both Jews and Muslims and has been in place since 1967."

I'm sorry but I cannot agree that this place is the Temple Mount/Noble Sanctuary. It is only the Temple Mount. It is certainly no Noble Sanctuary, not when Arab kids stock up rocks and bricks to murder Jews and not when street Arabs play football on the plateau. These Arabs haven't got a sense of the holy.

The plateau is some 37 acres and the only explanation for the presence of Muslims on it, for the existence of those two structures, is the Islamic tale of Muhammad flying on a flying horse from Mecca one night the 750 miles to Jerusalem through the sky, where he landed and leapt to Heaven from the Temple Mount, met all the previous prophets, then flew back to Mecca on his flying horse, all in one night.

This is a place of holiness? What's holy about it? What is the message of this story if not just a pretext for claiming that what is holy to the Jews was captured by the Muslims who should be the real owners of this mount?

Jerusalem for Islam is nothing but a trophy, a marker of its claim to being the final stage of monotheism. It stands for the preaching of no message, and in any case, no Jew, not in Israel, not in the ADL, should be saying that the Temple Mount is holy to both religions.

No, it's not. For most of the last 14 centuries, Jerusalem was a ruin of a crumbling city, rat-infested, riddled with diseases. Look at the new cover on my book which is a painting from 1859 showing today's so-called Arab East Jerusalem which at the time did not exist. Jerusalem in those years was the walled city whose great doors were swung shut and locked very night to defend the people within the walls from outlaw Arabs outside bent on burglary, robbery, rape and murder.

Jerusalem was a slum, not some cherished holy city to the Muslims. Like the guy who comes in third in his event in the Olympics whom only his hometown newspaper pays any attention to, Jerusalem was a distant third for Muslims to Mecca and Medina. The Shiites also have in Iraq their holy cities Najaf and Karbala. Jerusalem meant nothing to Arabs and Muslims, apart from that fairy tale of an adventure.

Versus the centrality and significance of the Temples and what they represented.

Every year the Israeli government sends salutations when Eid al-Adha comes around and I can only shake my head. Israel should pay no attention to this lie of a holiday that implies that we Jews are liars by saying it was Yitzhak who was bound by his father in Jerusalem. Israel should go public with its view that this holiday is stolen property, a rip-off of our religion. And if this does not find favor in the eyes of the New York Times, too bad. I am suggesting that Israel cease courting the Arabs and Muslims with ecumenical professions of a friendly condominium ownership of this country and this Temple Mount and start demanding not love and friendship but respect.

I said before that prime minister has responded to the violence as a material problem to be solved but he remains mute on the motivation of these violent Arabs.

I would like to see him learn to read, like a Reform boy who is taught to read Hebrew without any understanding, just to recognize the letters and vowels and sound them out; learn to read in Arabic his translated message in a radio broadcast. The Prime Minister should prepare a weekly 5-minute program delivered in Arabic by him in which he talks directly to the stone-throwers and tells them they have no right to attack us with rocks and bottles of flaming gasoline. For fourteen centuries, their grandparents threw rocks at us in their countries where we were dhimmis living on sufferance under their intolerable rule, their periodic abuses, pogroms and daily humiliations.

But now we are back home in our country and it belongs exclusively to us. I think Bibi should broadcast propaganda on the radio to Arab youth and tell them they have been lied to by their corrupt leaders who told them the fairy tale of a Palestinian people that

lived here for thousands of here whose country the Jews stole. Bibi should tell them this in Arabic. And the sheer novelty of it will become the talk of the town.

* * (Musical Interlude) *

On the domestic, political front in Israel this week, we were treated to another escapade by the Enlightened, who hardly for the first time betrayed their country.

I am thinking of the appeal made by three former Israeli ambassadors to Brazil not to accept the new appointee as Israeli ambassador Dani Dayan, a resident of Samaria and former head of the Yesha Council. They said accepting his credentials will mean putting a stamp of approval on the settlements. These three were long-time enlightened diplomats, Elie Barnavie with his fluent French who served in Paris and dined for sure with the most sophisticated Parisian thinkers and wept together with them over the victims of Zionism.

Another was Alon Liel who served as ambassador to Apartheid South Africa and to Turkey. His wife, I think, is a big shot in Peace Now. They lobbied Brazil not to accept the Prime Minister's choice of Dayan as the next ambassador who is a native of Argentina and also speaks Portuguese. He was one of Israel's first start-up champions in the age of the computer and made his bundle in the 1980s.

It is behavior like this by the Left that again tells me that being a leftist and being a traitor go hand in hand.

In the States, there is a law against private citizens interfering in foreign affairs. It is called the Logan Act named after an American businessman named George Logan in the late 1790s who tried to manage Franco-American relations in Paris on his own. The government in Philadelphia did not like that. It is unfortunate that Israel does not have such a law, for the Left has always been involved in free-lance dealings with the enemy against their own country and its legitimate government. For example, after Shimon Peres lost to Bibi in 1996 after five miserable years of his Oslo delirium, in his retirement he took to meeting with Arafat to advise him on how to get the best of Bibi.

Think of as well Jane Fonda going off to Hanoi; think of her male counterpart John Kerry flying off to Paris to talk respectfully to the Viet Cong, as surely as he recently wanted to help the Iranians to achieve at least some their goals. I think they got all of them. Wasn't that the news last spring out of Geneva? The U.S. delegation had become mouthpieces for Iran around the table to the remainder of P5 + 1 countries.

Elie Barnavie and Alon Liel as devout leftists remain seized of the dream of the two-state solution although they never discuss their plans on how to deal with the half-million-plus Jews who would become homeless refugees in their own country, stripped of their homes, livelihoods and communities. These men talk of the two-state solution which they have to know at some level of cognition would mean this massive dispossession of more Jews than those who fled Spain in 1492.

It is an *idee fixe* in psychology, a fixed idea impervious to change. They dream of peace that is only achievable by turning Judea and Samaria back to the Arabs. But they

never consider what that dream come true might mean for the rest of the country. Do they really foresee retreating from land that basically abuts Ben Gurion Airport and turning it over to the Arabs who in their majority prefer HAMAS over Fatah?

Likewise this same day, Tuesday, we read of Yair Lapid declaiming his peace plan last Sunday which is based on, he said, the Saudi Peace Plan of 2002, the one, you may recall, in which LTF was the errand boy for the King of Saudi Arabia.

Like Alon Liel and Elie Barnavie, Yasir Lapid dreams of a two-state solution, sees that as the essence of the Saudi Plan, and overlooks its demands for total retreat from Judea and Samaria and Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.

Naftali Bennett blasted Lapid on Monday for his purblind reading of the Saudi Plan, seeing in it only what he likes and missing all the rest, like its endorsement of a “right of return” for the six million Arabians now claiming to be Ancient Palestinians.

Israel’s biggest problem may be its own clinging to the basic secular Zionist fantasy of eventually getting the Arabs and the Muslims to like us, to like Israel.

On the contrary, the time has come to speak the truth from Jerusalem via the government in Jerusalem that Israel will no longer pay homage to the fantasy of a “Palestinian” people that gives them the right to our land. Israel must proclaim there are no “Palestinians” with a legitimate claim on our country.

Likewise the Temple Mount. Which does necessarily launch action. First, a period of education by the prime minister who every week for months perhaps releases a five-minute broadcast in Arabic that tells these people the truth.

* * (Musical Interlude) *

And that was Psalm 27:4.

Yes, what I would like to see is a five-minute radio broadcast by the prime minister in Arabic in which he responds to all the lies. Today Abbas and his PA media say Israel is dismantling Al-Aqsa. The prime minister must tell them in Arabic this is a lie.

The prime minister would tell them they are not Palestinians. They have no history as “Palestinians,” have no Palestinian language. They are living in what their people called Syria and therefore as Syrians, they already have a state of Syria and they should go live there.

And the prime minister would also do well to give the same speech in Hebrew to the people of Israel, telling them the hoax of the “Palestinian” people with rights to Eretz Yisrael is over.

Okay. I’ll be back a week from this evening. *Shabbat shalom ve-chag sameach Succot miEretz Yisrael.*