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Shalom laYebudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It's the evening of the 6th day, *yud-tes beTishrei, Shabbos Khol HaMoed Succot, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 1 October 2015, webcasting from the vortex of history.

Well, the top story this week has to be the Russian presence in what's left of the state of Syria and its air strikes today against Assad's Jr.'s enemies, and Russia's claim to own the airspace in Lebanon and Syria and warn the U.S. and Israel to watch out.

The Iranians have been open about their desire to set themselves up in the Golan as well to create a northern counterpart to Gaza where Believers can sporadically fire rockets into Israel and murder Jews at random to the extent of so embittering Israelis the people will leave and the country will die, G-d forbid. As the king of Persia Achashverosh and his Vizier Haman plotted to kill all the Jews in their empire, so today their offspring dream of destroying the world's only Jewish state, G-d forbid, where to compound the offense against Islam of Jews being independent of Islam, they even rule over millions of Believers.

My, my.

Israel has told everybody it will not stand for Iran ensconcing itself on the Golan to do this. Last Sunday, two Syrian rockets landed on Israel's Golan, did no damage or hurt anybody, but Israel responded with a major volley of Tammuz artillery at a Syrian artillery position outside Quneitra that wounded the deputy commander there.

Putin responded to this right away, after his meeting with Obama, and said that Russia would not stand for Israeli strikes into Syria even in response when attacked.

What I have found annoying and amusing are the MSM pundits this week who continue to criticize Obama for his “failed” policies that have led to this Russian presence in Syria. And I ask, how long must it take for some people to realize that Obama’s policies only appear to be failures? On the contrary, he may be the most successful president in American history for seeing his ideology implemented.

He has clearly shown himself numerous times to be incapable of criticizing Islam, of linking it to the horrors done in its name by Muslims. Ft. Hood, he said, was workplace violence, and he refused to attend the Charlie Hebdo demonstration and called the dead Jews at the Hyper Cacher just “some folks.” And when the mass head chopping began last winter, he saw fit to defend Islam by reminding Americans that Christians had behaved badly during the Crusades. He was clearly defending Islam to Americans instead defending Americans from Islam.

He has stabbed Israel in the back. Is it not clear that when it comes to Islam, this president has nothing negative to say? Yesterday, David Cameron called him on this.

And I believe that as Islam was a major influence on him -- his father was a Muslim and he himself surely lived as a Muslim for a few years as a schoolboy in Indonesia -- so another influence on him was that of his mentor Franklin Marshall Davis the doctrinaire Communist. Obama has therefore reopened friendly relations with Cuba still under the despotic rule of the Castro brothers notorious for their torture of dissidents. Obamacare is very much an imitation of Cuba’s medical program East Bloc-style socialism that provides free medical care that the Castro brothers introduced as proof of what saintly fellows they were. And as Islam is beyond reproach in his universe, so Russia has a special place in Obama’s heart and he believes a Middle East dominated by Russia is a better Middle East than one dominated by the U.S. This is the president who exposed himself by saying, “Whether we like it or not, the US is a superpower,” or words to that effect. “Whether we like it or not...”

Ergo, MSM pundits this week are criticizing Obama for his passivity and failure to resist the looming Russian and Iranian dispossession of the US in the region, when I think this is exactly what he wants. He hasn’t failed in the least.

In Israel, there is concern, to put it mildly, about Iran’s determination to emplace itself on the Golan and Russia’s presence that surely will deprive our air force of its traditional rule of the skies.

Obama spoke at the UN this week, and people were surprised that he said not one word about the Ancient Ones. For the first time since he became president, he made no reference to any Balestinians and their alleged need for a state on land the Jews refuse to hand over.

Well, I think that is so because, as far as Obama is concerned, he has won on the Balestinian issue. It will no longer concern him. He no more cares about this allegedly archaic people than anybody else on the planet. It has always been camouflage for Jew-hatred post-Holocaust, and now that he has assisted the Iranians by promising to hand over an immense sum of money they can use to murder Jews in terrorist horrors and/or

build that atomic bomb to terrify Jews and destroy the country via the actual use or just threatening to use, he is finished.

The so-called Palestinians have always been a phony excuse and now that he has stabbed Israel in the back with his Iran deal, he can forget about them. Whether they have a state or not means nothing to this Muslim ideologue.

And that U.S. and Russian planes now may clash in the skies over Syria is only for him another cause to shrug. He has no love for the U.S. that he says is a malevolent force in the world and he does not think that about the Russians.

Remember that open mike incident back in 2012 in the campaign period when Obama was telling that Russian functionary (whose name escapes me for the moment) that after the elections, he would be more flexible toward Russia and he wanted Premier Putin to know that.

What was revealing too, at least yours truly, was not only the words he spoke but his respectful and even servile and accommodating body language and intonation; what psychologists call his affect.

Think also of the deep bow this Muslim dissembler, three months into his presidency to 2009, executed before the king of Saudi Arabia, homeland of a bin Ladin still then alive, homeland of 15 of the 19 Muslim maniacs on 9-11.

So thanks to this evil man Obama, we in Israel face a much greater threat coming from the north, with the government vowing not to let Iran establish itself on our borders there.

How that can be prevented is, at this stage, anyone's guess.

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And that was yet another version of Psalm 23.

The other top story here this week has been the annual speechifying at the UN by national leaders. Yesterday, the Holocaust Denying mass murderer Mahmoud Abbas spoke and Prime Minister Netanyahu is to speak this evening. I am sure he will say many right things and chastise Abbas for his speech as not conducive to peace but I also expect him as usual not to challenge him as fully as he should.

Yesterday, Abbas said he does not feel bound to Oslo any more but stopped short of formally tearing it up. He said he would not negotiate with the "occupying regime," only in a multi-national framework, and only after Israel halts "all settlement activity," which he never has defined. Presumably, he means all Jewish activity in these communities, including, I guess, just breathing.

He also said Israel has refused to withdraw from areas B and C as per the Oslo accords. He was lying. Israel, he said, is violently violating Muslim rights to prayer on the Temple Mount – lying again -- and above all Israel is turning the conflict from a political one into a religious one. That is useful; he is always projecting psychologically.

The prime minister's office responded by calling the speech "deceitful and encourages incitement and unrest in the Middle East."

But, true to form, this statement did not rebut Abbas's accusations. He accused us of being occupiers, but Israel never rebuts that with the truth of international law that the circumstances of Israel's presence in Judea and Samaria are so removed from the usual understanding of "belligerent occupation" as to be irrelevant. We are not occupiers.

Moreover, while Israel in its behavior has always acted (!) since 1967 in the belief of its right to live in and rule in Judea and Samaria, it has never made this case in word and in public, preferring to live with the fantasy that it can hand back some (!) but not all of the land taken from Jordan in 1967 and the Arabs will be satisfied and make peace.

It was useful, though, that Abbas yesterday accused Israel of turning the conflict into a religious one because this is classic. Jew-haters always accuse Jews of their own sins. It is the Muslims who are stoking the fires of violence by changing the status quo on the Temple Mount and thereby raising the temperature in a religious way.

There is absolutely nothing Palestinian about these punks throwing rocks on the Temple Mount. They throw them as Muslims, and true to form, Arabs like Abbas, when they want to raise the temperature of hatred around here, resort to religious strife, for there is nothing in Balestinian history that they can turn too. It is always the Temple Mount, always Al Aqsa Mosque, from the days of Haj Amin to the present day.

Abbas demanded that Israel move toward ending its occupation or, he threatened, he would formally annul the Oslo accords and hand over all authority to Israel and make it responsible for his Balestinians, which, when you think about it, is an admission that he does not care about having a state. He just wants to give us a hard time. The Maharal, you know, the great rabbi in Prague Judah Loewy 500 years ago said the Holy One Blessed be He created the Arabs with one job in this life and that is to give the Jews a hard time.

Abbas also cited in his speech the late Yitzhak Rabin, who coincidentally was the topic of an Israeli TV expose a week ago citing Rabin as far back as 1976 during his first term as prime minister, when the settlement movement was a mere two years old, calling it a "cancer on the social and democratic tissue of the State of Israel."

Three years later in his book of memoirs, he also called the settlement movement a cancer. Abu Mazen cited Rabin as one who said Israel would become an apartheid state so long as the Balestinian question was not solved.

Well, Rabin was also that same uneducated socialist who mocked critics of his Oslo peace plan and his surrender of two-thirds of Gaza because, they said, it would lead to rockets out of Gaza into Israel. Rabin laughed at that. So what he said about settlements and cancer, we pay little attention to.

Rabin was truly an educated boor and therefore incapable of envisioning an Israel keeping all the land it took in 1967 without giving citizenship to all these Arabs. That would not make it an apartheid society.

There is nothing in history or morality that requires that we give them citizenship as we take full possession of the land. On the contrary, it is functionally inhuman even to

demand that Israel give these people citizenship. Why? They are our mortal enemies whose land under the Jordanians was used to launch murder raids into Israel for twenty years. In 1967, Israel was attacked by the Jordanians. Israel drove off these attackers, and I ask, by what moral calculus are we then obligated to give the Arabs who lived there citizenship in our country and the right to vote in our parliament? They are our mortal enemies and it is simply inhuman that we take these people in. It is asking Israel to behave as no other people on earth would behave in our situation.

After World War II, President Harry Truman and Prime Minister Winston Churchill at Potsdam agreed to order ten million ethnic Germans to abandon their homes in Germany's neighboring countries and move into Germany proper, and that is what happened.

When the United Colonies of North America in 1784 legally became the United States of America, thousands of people left the country. Some went to Canada; some returned to England; some went to the islands in the Caribbean because they did not want to live in a country divorced from England. John Adams, second president of the United States, estimated that the Revolution was made by only a third of the colonists; another third was indifferent, and the remaining third was opposed. They may have objected like the revolutionaries to England's high-handed and disrespectful abuse of them as colonists, but not so much that they wanted to give up being subjects of the Crown and especially not when rebellion against the king was not only a political crime but a religious one.

Not for Yitzhak Rabin and other provincial leftists here to imagine offering the Arabs in Judea and Samaria a status other than full citizenship, the kind of second class status that people living in American possessions enjoy. Think of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, Guam and other places.

Israelis of the Left also cannot see the rightness of publicly asking these Arabs to emigrate and even to offer them financial assistance to do so.

And this is due to the *sub rosa* program of the secular Zionists who led the Zionist movement which was not only to create a state for Jews but transform them into a normal people in a country as non-denominational as any other. Asking the Arabs to emigrate would be "racist."

No, it wouldn't. No more than it was racist to order German nationals, ten million of them, to move.

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So we have a new security threat in the north, the Russians and the Iranians and in the south on Tuesday evening of this week there were two air raid sirens as rockets were fired out of Gaza. One of them was brought down by the Iron Dome system.

Air force planes were not long afterwards taking to the air to drop bombs and blast some four structures in Gaza in retaliation. The IDF said the rocket launching was likely the work of ISIS devotees in the Strip, even though HAMAS a few hours earlier had

announced that it no longer felt bound by the 2014 ceasefire because of Israel's "aggression" on the Temple Mount.

Yeah. Maybe you saw the terrible video of the Haredi father walking with his children in the Old City to the Kotel/Western Wall surrounded by shrieking Arabs, his children crying hysterically in terror. It looked like Berlin circa 1938.

In a related story last Friday, we learned of the Cabinet's decision to relax the rules for Israeli defense forces in the matter of when they can open fire with deadly force against these Ishmael clones.

That was a good move. In the past, a security officer had the right to use deadly force only if he was personally threatened. Now, if anyone in his purview is threatened by a rock thrower, he can shoot.

There also is talk of administrative detention for these rioters on the Temple Mount. The Times of Israel reported on Monday that the GSS estimates 30-50 Arabs as the prime instigators with the intimation that they could be arrested and detained indefinitely.

I still think, though, Israel should return to its old policy of expulsion either to Syria or just to throw them over the fence into Gaza.

Another tactic might even loosen rules for using deadly force, though, this would take some preparatory public relations because Israelis are so unaware of Jewish life under Islam, they themselves would first have to be educated. I would love to see the prime minister make a speech to the nation and to the world in which he brings up fourteen centuries of abuse of Jews under Islamic apartheid laws in which Jews were commonly the targets of teenagers with nothing better to do than throw rocks at them, and of course the Jews were forbidden by the same sharia apartheid laws to fight back. But now, we should tell the world, we are back home and no longer living under antisemitic sharia legislation and will not tolerate being the targets of rock-throwers any more. Israel might declare such behavior on a par with attempted murder, which it is, and thus every rock thrower is a potential target for a police sniper with a license to kill.

Think of how the Iranians in 2009 put down protest demonstrations following the theft of the election by the regime. They used sniper fire. No need for a massacre; just kill one in the crowd and the crowd will scatter.

If I were prime minister, I would flood the Arab communities abutting Jerusalem with flyers in Arabic warning of the consequences of throwing rocks at Jews. The thrower can be shot dead.

Instead, Israel still stumbles along trying to new tactics. The police now have built a kind of shield on wheels so many police can shelter behind it as they advance on a crowd.

What is still lacking is the public diplomacy of an Israel no longer tolerant of such behavior. Israel must respond to Abu Mazen's accusation that the political conflict is becoming a religious one and insist it has always been a religious one; that the Muslims have been persecuting Jews every day since the days of Muhammad but now we are home again will no longer tolerate this abuse.

This week during what we call “our time of happiness,” the Succot festival week, the seed of Ishmael has been making life miserable on the Temple Mount for Jews and that is something Israel must suppress and mercilessly.

Israel must say, “We do not molest Muslims in their holiest city of Mecca and they will no longer molest us in ours.”

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Lastly, two items, two pieces of business. First, the link posted for this webcast leads to an op-ed piece by yours truly that went up on the Jewish Press site yesterday entitled, “Krauthammer’s Blunder” in which I explain how the otherwise highly intelligent Charles Krauthammer could have been so wrong in criticizing Ben Carson’s rejection of a Muslim for the presidency as a “moral outrage.” I explain to readers what you all know to be my idea of an IBJ, an Inside the Beltway Jew who, when it comes to Israel, the Arabs and Islam, must toe the politically correct line or be banished from inside the Beltway.

I also want to reference the choice today made in Jerusalem for new head of the Israeli, another kippa-wearing settler, Roni al-Sheikh, whom everyone praises to the skies, as further evidence of the mutation taking place Israeli society.

Fifty years ago when I first came here, men wearing skullcaps were the rarest of birds in the government and the army. Today, fifty percent the young officer corps do cover the heads and observe the laws of Moses, as leftist political thinking drops into the dustbin of history. What is taking its place is good, old-fashioned Jewishness, the way of life and philosophy of the Jewish people from the beginning, that has sustained this people, thank G-d.

Indeed, thanking G-d is what the very word Jew means. The Matriarch Leah named her fourth son Yehuda from the verb “to thank” for she thanked G-d for his birth. “Jew” means are “G-d thanker.”

So I hope you all are having a good Succot week and I will be back, G-d willing, next Tuesday.

Until then, *Leila tov veShabbat shalom miEretz Yisrael.*