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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It's the evening of the 6th day, *yud-zion beMar Heshvan, Parashas Vayeira, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 29 October 2015, webcasting from the world's obsession with Jews.

I recently read a book by a major polymath, Sander Gilman, a professor at Cornell with appointments in the departments of German and Near Eastern Studies and psychiatry at Cornell's medical school. It is called *Jewish Self-Hatred* and what he does is confront the temptation to abandon Jewishness for the Gentile world that tracks with the loss of faith in the Christian world and the Emancipation of the Jews. And what I found most fascinating was his studies of Jewish men of letters, poets, journalists, novelists two centuries ago almost exactly, and how these men were reminiscent of today's LTFs, Little Tommy Friedmans and Roger Cohens and Jeffrey Goldbergs and Peter Beinarts. This has been going on for centuries really. He analyses the writing of Ludwig Borne who was born with the name Loeb Baruch and of course Christian Johan Heinrich Heine, born Harry Heine and a slew of other writers and artists in Germany whose work reflected their torn identities and the general state of civilization in the 19th century when the world, Europe, was obsessed not with Israel as it is today – there was no Israel -- but what was called the *Judenfrage*, the Jewish Question.

Everywhere the Jews were emancipated in Europe, a decision made by intellectuals, the chattering classes, the average European Christian was made most uncomfortable in the presence of these Jews let out of their ghettos. The Jewish Question was as much at the center of the news in Europe in the 19th century as Israel

is today. That is, Israel and the Balestinians, whose suffering is as constant and timeless as that of Jesus on the Cross.

In the 19th century, there was not even one settlement in Judea and Samaria to blame for the anger that today bestirs the Ancient Palestinians to, for example, just yesterday, plunge a knife into the nape of a middle-aged Jewish wife and mother of eight kids gone to the supermarket in Gush Etzion to shop for the family. The goy assailant just missed her spine by millimeters, by the grace of G-d. They say she will be okay. That was yesterday, when another Jew was buried, Richard Laikin, *b"y* who was either shot or blown up on that bus in Armon HaNatziv.

No, in the 19th century not one goy reviled Jews for crucifying the Ancient Palestinians. At that time, there were economic theories like those Karl Marx and Ferdinand Lassalle, both antiJew Jews, who described society as the victim of the capitalists, whose principle leaders were the Jews. There is always a narrative to explain the hostility and constant pre-occupation of the larger society with the Jewish people.

As a result of the discomfort felt in their presence after the Emancipation, a theory of, call it pseudo-anthropology and half-baked historical theorizing, emerged called antisemitism. No longer were these post-religious, post-Christian Europeans hateful toward Jews for religious reasons. They no longer believed in the divinity of the man from Nazareth so the Jews were no longer hated as deicides who murdered Jesus -- as their modern descendants are accused of murdering Yitzhak Rabin.

Antisemitism explained the discomfort in the 19th century, and it was similar to the 16th century when English playwrights like Christopher Marlowe wrote a play about an absolute villain called *The Jew of Malta* and his contemporary Shakespeare wrote his comedy *The Merchant of Venice*.

The world is always obsessed with the Jews, and via this obsession, they license themselves to get involved in trying to do something to us.

Some examples are as current as this week's news. On Tuesday, the European Parliament in all its bureaucratic grandeur listened to a speech delivered by the navigator of the continent's foreign policy, Dr. Federica Mogherini, who said, "President Benjamin Netanyahu and President Mahmoud Abbas must demonstrate with acts that their commitment to the two-state solution is real and not just fake or just an empty slogan."

Thank you, Doctor. She has a PhD, you know. in Political Science. She is a scientist of politics and in her scientific opinion both Netanyahu and Abbas must act in the same way because they are equals. Both are leaders of two ancient peoples who love their joint ancient homeland; their love is identical.

And never mind the cosmic lie embedded here. A century ago, Jerusalem was home to 60,000 souls, two-thirds of them Jewish. This was before the First World War when Jerusalem was still under the Ottoman Turks after four hundred years. Today Jerusalem has become the largest city in Israel. It is now in population more than ten times the size it was a century ago and that is due to one people only, the Jewish people.

It was only the Jews who built a world-class university and a world-class hospital and installed sewers and streetlights, created parks and roads and built hotels and other schools and institutes of higher learning.

Versus the Balestinians who built what? Nothing as evidence of their love of their ancient homeland and Jerusalem in particular. They did nothing for the city they allegedly love. They did not build anything. No university, no colleges, no technical institutes. They installed no sewers, no traffic lights. It is simply a crime to compare and equate us Jews with these literally now backstabbing psychopathic people.

Mogherini calls Abbas, as everybody still does in our world of lies, President Abbas when he stopped being president six years ago. What is the purpose of this lie? Here was Mogherini demanding that both Prime Minister Netanyahu, a serious human being, and this thug Abbas demonstrate their commitments to the holy, messianic two-state solution. The moral equivalence here is nauseating, a form of antisemitism for comparing this impressive Jewish man with this international terrorist thug who this very week continues to spread the lie that Israel is murdering innocent Balestinians at random and making it look like there had been a terrorist attack.

And I ask, who does she think she is sitting in judgment of us? Then again, anti-Jews are obsessed with us. They always have been. Hashem created the Jews as evidence of His existence, which people don't want to know about, so they hate us. And in feeling guilt for their own sins, they reflexively point the finger of guilt at the Jews as the prime bearers of guilt in this world. The existence of the Jews makes people feel guilty and their response constantly is to smear Jews with guilt for one thing or another. Today it is acting like Nazis in our racist mistreatment of the real, authentic ancient owners of Palestine who had their entire country stolen from them by us and are persecuted and abused by them every day.

So that was Dr. Mogherini on Tuesday. And then yesterday in that ultimate European colony of a country New Zealand, feeling its oats as a new member of the UN Security Council, is preparing a resolution that will impose negotiations on the two sides for a two-state solution. The draft calls for Israel to freeze construction in Judea and Samaria -- without of course I am sure using those names -- and for the Ancient Ones to respond by discontinuing their constant filing of complaints against Israel at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. The draft also states that a lasting peace "based on the two-state solution can only be achieved if the two sides engage in serious negotiations."

I read this stuff and imagine the people who write these resolutions are like robots or androids or something, incapable of original thought and the drawing of conclusions. Don't these New Zealanders know that when Bibi took over in 2009, he called for and implemented a ten-month freeze that got us nothing? And here they are asking us to do it again. They seem to be forbidding us from learning from experience. This language here tells me that its author in New Zealand, in Wellington, does not

know that 22 years ago, the Messianic Age of Oslo was launched on the White House lawn and ever since there have been negotiations, so what are they asking for?

As a result of this news, the Government of Israel summoned New Zealand's ambassador for a dressing down. The prime minister made clear his displeasure with the fact of New Zealand proceeding with this draft with no consultation with Israel. New Zealand wants to impose negotiations on Israel, and I say this is another example of the antiJew reflex. Point the finger at Israel and dictate what Israel should be doing or not doing. Judea and Samaria have become the last places on earth where otherwise civilized societies shamelessly dictate that it is to be Jew-free and the Jews have no rights there. And when it comes to dealing with our barbaric neighbors and mortal enemies, countries like New Zealand know better than Israel what is good for us. Like that community organizer in Chicago and state senator in Springfield, Illinois who acquired knowledge and wisdom in those jobs far exceeding the acquired knowledge of our Israeli Prime Minister.

Everybody wants to get into the act and have a say telling us Jews where we can and cannot live and how to conduct our affairs with our homicidal Muslim neighbors. Everybody else knows better.

And then yesterday there was another example. A speech was delivered in Washington at the venerable Carnegie Endowment for International Peace -- and never mind there has never been such a thing as international peace -- delivered by His Excellency the United States Secretary of State John Forbes Kerry who declared that it is "absolutely vital that Israel take steps to empower Balestinian leaders to improve economic opportunity and the quality of their lives on a day to day basis."

Yes, it is the obligation of the Jews to see to the economic improvement not only of their own people but their mortal enemies who murder them and name streets and schools after these murderers.

In every generation, the goyim, the nations of the world, are obsessed with us as objects to be hated for our alleged aggression and abuse of others.

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Yes, it was John Kerry's turn yesterday in Washington, like New Zealand the day before, to wag his finger at the Jews, only this time he also reprimanded the Balestinians and said, "Their leadership has to cease the incitement to violence and offer something more than rhetoric. The Balestinians need to propose solutions that will contribute in a real way to the improvement of life, to the reduction of violence and to the safety and security of Israelis."

You got that? John Kerry would to like see, say, the next day, Mahmoud Abbas convene a meeting in Ramallah with his top advisors and ask for their ideas how they can contribute to "the safety and security of Israelis."

Abbas and friends must work on ways to contribute to Jewish security and safety, said John Kerry. And I ask, on what planet is John Kerry living?

All of these goyim driven to lecture us and chastise us and berate us and uphold the golden rule according which there is complete moral equivalence between Jews and Arabs, that may be their greatest delusion of all. Their refusal to see us in the right and our mortal enemies in the wrong; to see our moral and culture superiority in every way and the inability to see our mortal enemies in the same negative light as Hitler and Nazi Germany.

And that is not all. Just yesterday, to follow up on Mogherini's EU, New Zealand and the U.S. this week, yesterday as well Mahmoud Abbas himself was in Geneva addressing the UN Human Rights Council and accusing Israel of "systematically violating the principles of international law." This international terrorist was lecturing the Human Right Council on international law. He said, "The state of human rights in the occupied territories and east Jerusalem is the worst and most critical since 1948, and he called for a special regime of international protection of the Balestinian beople, immediately and urgently."

JPost reported that the Government of Israel responded to this by saying that "demonizing Israel is unfortunately par for the course when it comes to Abbas's speeches in international forums." And I thought that was a very good choice of words, "demonizing," for that is exactly what anti-Jews have done from time immemorial. Jews are not seen as fellow human beings but not quite human demons, not humans at all really, but something in the realm of vampires like Dracula, blood-suckers, and never mind that Jews are unique in civilized societies for refusing to ingest blood at all other meat-eating peoples do.

And in the age of Marlowe and Shakespeare following the Renaissance which was an awakening after centuries of oppression by Islam (but that's another story), as feudal Europe began to morph into a capitalist system, the Jews became the blood-sucking money-lender, Shylock, an image revamped in the 19th century by Karl Marx who saw Jew-bankers as the leaders of evil capitalism, war profiteers who loved wars and didn't care how many people died in them.

For capitalists like Henry Ford, the Jews were the dastardly geniuses behind communism, and for communists the Jews were the dastardly, evil capitalist bankers like the Rothschilds.

Israel's UN ambassador said that Abbas's speech to the UN Human Rights Council demonizing Israel was to members who are the worst violators of human rights on the planet. What a topsy-turvy, mendacious world of lies we live in. Yesterday that very body inducted Venezuela, with 131 member-states voting for that. Israel's new ambassador Danny Danon said, "The absurdity at the UN knows no limits. Venezuela is the biggest ally of North Korea and Iran."

Though I would say a much bigger absurdity is his presence, that is, Israel's presence in the UN, and I am sure the prime minister would agree but does nothing about it. He has better things to do, I suppose.

For sure, he appointed Danon ambassador in large part to get rid of him. If you remember, he was a cabinet minister early in Bibi's tenure who was sacked for arrogantly criticizing the prime minister in public for his policy toward the Arabs. I imagine that Danon in private ate crow before Bibi and apologized profusely for his behavior because he did not like being put out to pasture and kicked out of politics.

Bibi also had to know that sending this less than qualified fellow to the UN, it did not matter because Bibi knows the UN and what a hopeless cesspool that organization has become. He expects nothing of it and expects nothing of Danon in the post.

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So like Danny Danon sent to the UN by Bibi to get rid of him who probably did penance to get that job, MK Tsipi Hotovely, according to the headline in JPost yesterday, backed "down on the Israeli flag on the Temple Mount comment." Herb Keinon reported that on Tuesday, "she took a pounding from opposition MKs in addition to displeasure from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for saying that she dreams of seeing an Israeli flag over the Temple Mount."

Yes, this is exactly what I was referring to over the last week and in general in the matter of the Temple Mount: the provoking of the entire Islamic world. My focus was Israelis as among the more provincial Jews in history.

It was on Monday night of this week on Israeli television Hotovely said in an interview that she wanted to see the Israeli flag over the Temple Mount, after which the prime minister said all government members must get in line behind the policy, after which she issued a clarification saying that the remarks were her personal opinion and not that of the government.

I think too that Hotovely is the victim, if that's the word, of Israel's educational system, which I feel confident, although not having been educated here, goes much too easy on Islam and the history of the Jewish people in Islam. I hope the pupils are taught about the fundamental, foundational Jew-hatred in the religion of Islam and the abuse of 14 centuries the Jews suffered. I say that because I think Hotovely, who I like a great deal, and Yehuda Glick no less, are unaware of the centrality of the Temple Mount to the entirety of the Islamic religion. The Temple Mount under a Jewish flag is in Islamic eyes a stab in the heart of the religion itself.

I've said before that Christendom has been able to survive the return of the Wandering Jews but not Islam. Jews ruling over the Temple Mount when their Muhammad once stood and leapt to heaven is a dagger in the heart of Islam. It is a mortal threat to the only thing that sustains them, the belief that Islam is the final stage of revelation and Muhammed the Final Prophet.

Indeed, for the longest time, certainly into my college years a half century ago as student of religion, it was common for scholars to refer not to Islam but the Muhammadan religion, which makes a lot of sense. There is absolutely nothing new and useful in Islam

as an ideology, certainly not the idea of monotheism and not the idea of smashing idols; both are stolen from the Jews.

The only thing that distinctively set Islam apart is the person of Muhammad. The *shahada*, the one-sentence statement of faith of Islam, the creed that a convert says in the moment of his conversion, is “There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet.” As I say, the concept of Allah is Jewish. Only the belief in Muhammad sets you off as a Muslim.

And what, after all, triggered the massacre at the Charlie Hebdo offices? Those cartoons of Muhammad. And then last summer there was almost another massacre in Texas when Pam Geller presided over a convention of cartoonists and their drawings of the Final Prophet.

Muhammad is everything to these Muslims. That is their religion. Allah is this distant figure; they don’t know much about him. So an Israeli flag over the Temple Mount is equivalent to mocking their man in those political cartoons.

This is why the Prime Minister made it quite clear, apparently, to Tsipi Hotovely, that she is playing with fire.

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Lastly, a story related to Hotovely and the Temple Mount activists, related, that is, in my mind as a story of the nature of Islam. JPost reported that Germany this week deported an Islamic preacher, a Turk, who was quoted by a newspaper in the city of Offenbach where he lived saying that “The Jews are the worst enemy of Islam.”

That’s true. There is even a verse in the Koran that says that explicitly. It says Jews are a Believer’s worst enemy, even worse than Christian priests. And that is quite a statement considering that inside the golden Dome of the Rock, the ornamental strip of Arabic script that surrounds the base of the dome are words trashing Christians and Christianity, cursing them.

This preacher, first name Nusret, they won’t release his last name, belongs to, they say, a radical Islamic group which is under constant surveillance by the domestic intelligence agency called the Federal Office to the Protect the Constitution. This preacher is on record preaching against democracy and the German constitution. He wants to see sharia as the law of land in good old Deutschland.

Well, to conclude on an up note, I think there was only one murder attempt today at Tel Rumeida in Hevron. No Jew was harmed, thank G-d; one Muslim shot dead.

Maybe it’s the rainy weather. But I have feeling this latest outburst of vampiric lust to shed Jewish blood is waning, and one reason may be, as a knowledgeable Arab expert here said the other day, the absence of support around the Muslim and Arab world for this behavior. These psychopaths are not becoming the heroes of Arabs and Muslims, certainly not among the sober among them who recoil from this wanton murder of people by Islamists with knives. Even they have limits.

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HAMAS is crowing that the current offensive must never end and perhaps there is a fear that it will peter out that prompted such a statement. For sure, thanks to the flooding of Jerusalem with soldiers and police, and moving roadblocks and the arrest of scores, even maybe hundreds in Jerusalem, Jerusalem may be returning to normal.

We shall see, and we shall overcome.

Leila tov veShabbat shalom me Eretz Yehuda and remember that for the next month there could be some delay in posting the webcast.