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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 6th day, *kaf beKhodesh Teves, Parashas Shmos, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 31 December 2015, webcasting from Israel and its eternal two-front war.

No, I'm not talking about the menace from Gaza and the growing menace in Lebanon and Syria from ISIS and related Arab murder cult gangs. The headlines this morning were about hundreds of ISIS types coming closer to the Golan. Even more may soon come as an indirect result of Russian operations. They would be fleeing south in our direction, and the IDF is on high alert all along the border. Farmers have been told to stay from the border.

And of course since the Arab devil, Samir Kuntar, was exterminated a couple of weeks ago in a suburb of Damascus, Hezbollah's high priest of evil Hassan Nasrallah has been threatening revenge. That is how Muslims always justify their aggression; to them it is always self-defense. "It all started when he hit me back."

No, when I say two-front war, I mean the far wider war against us by not only today's pointmen, the Muslims, but their post-Christian backers in Europe and elsewhere, Canada, Australia, the States. For sure, that is one front that has never ended. I mean, when in history was there a time without people hating the Jewish people big time and oppressing us in some fashion?

Mt. Sinai, we say in English, but in Hebrew it is said *Sinai*, which could mean in Hebrew "My hatred." *Sina* means hatred and that suffix is commonly use to refer to a first person possessive construct. In Modern Hebrew, we would say "*sinati*" but that's close enough. Mt. Sinai is where G-d gave us his Torah and it is no meaningless

coincidence, that name. It means “My hatred,” meaning, “You Jews will now represent and bear the brunt of hatred of Me.”

And why the hatred of G-d? Because He wants man to resist temptation which is always a powerful urge toward pleasure in the short term but not in the long.

No, one eternal war is gentile hostility, “gentile” being a very good translation of the word “goy.” “Goy” means a nation, a people. When G-d bestowed the Tablets on Moshe, He said His people would be a holy people, a “*goy kadosh*.” And the word “gentile” in English stems from the same Latin root as the Spanish “*gente*” and the French “*gens*” which means “people,” man’s largest social organization.

So one front is this hatred directed at us by the nations of the world – which UN voting patterns prove to be exactly as HaShem knew they would be -- and the second front comes from within, from the *erev rav*/the mixed multitude within us that is forever tugging on the Jews to stop being so Jewish.

The external enemy does not shy away from murdering us; knifing us in the back, running us over in the street, whose cause is financially managed by NGOs who are paid by external goyim. No, the second front is internal, among our people for whom the right path is to imitate the gentiles, and especially on this night. Oh, how the Enlightened look forward to celebrating New Year’s Eve in gentile fashion by “partying” and drinking to excess.

And so it was fitting today that there were various, superficially highly unconnected stories in the media, revolving around this internal aggression. One story was about a new novel, another shallow love story. They commonly deal with adultery or other forms of a relationship frowned upon by what used to be called polite society. I mean, love stories never spend their time on boy meets girl, they fall in love, get married and live happily ever after. There is no story there. The story is in the obstacle to their love. Romeo and Juliet’s relationship opposed by both families; *Casablanca*, the classic Hollywood movie, is likewise a romanticized story of adultery, and its subterranean tale as old as Oedipus Rex, but that’s another story.

There was Eric Segal’s famous *Love Story* that was also about the barrier between a rich WASP and a poor, ethnic Italian-American girl.

Love stories are about obstacles to the couple, and that is this week’s big seller in Israel, a love story between an Israeli woman who meets an Ancient Palestinian Bohemian in New York City, and then of course the sad ending is when they return, she to Israel and he to Ramallah. The Ministry of Education has rejected it as material to be taught in schools due to the smiling on such a relationship because it is a threat to the Jewish people.

And of course, the Enlightened are out there sneering and snorting their disdain for this decision because the book seems to bless the idea of mixed relationships. According to the Times of Israel site, the book is “saturated in the assimilationist fear of the Diaspora...that undermines the humanism that is at the heart of successful literature.”

And then the reporter on the Times site, one Mitch Ginsburg -- notice he lives here but has not adopted a Jewish name, like his rival, that lunatic leftist at Haaretz, Mr. Bradley Burston – Ginsburg says literature is not a collection of morality tales but at best an entertaining look at the inner workings of human souls.” To which I say this is pure, glatt kosher claptrap.

The greatest literature in human history is the Bible whose every story is a morality tale and commonly plunges to the deepest of “the inner workings of the human soul.”

Therefore, the ban on the book by the Ministry of Education triggered a rush to the bookstores today by Enlightened Israelis of Jewish extraction. The publisher announced that they are all sold out and he is going into a second printing.

And as further evidence of the importance of this novel, the leader of the opposition in the Knesset got into the act. Yitzhak Herzog, grandson of the chief rabbi of Mandatory Palestine said the decision presented a “backward world view.” He told students at a pre-army academy that they should all read it and he himself bought several copies.

And then there was A.B. Yehoshua, one of the triumvirate of novelist horsemen of the secular Israeli apocalypse who said that the decision “threatens all literature.”

What’s really going on is the rejection of the age-old Jewish notion of Jew marrying Jew as necessary for the survival of this people.

In the Book of Genesis we listen to Rivka/Rebecca grieve over her son Esau’s marriage to one of the local Canaanite girls, this very low-level people. And then of course after the return from Babylon, Ezra and Nehemiah are adamant that the remnant of the people still here over the 70 years of exile must divorce the women they married. And of course the fact that the Babylonian community, in its overwhelming majority, did not return with Ezra and Nehemiah – the way American Jews have stayed there and not come here, enjoying in Babylon their lives among the goyim, which led to the Purim story and the tale of a proto-Holocaust that was aborted in the nick of time, though Queen Esther remains the Queen and there is deep meaning to be mined in her continuing marriage to the king after the story concludes.

I remember once listening to the haughty Hollywood actress Lauren Bacall, whose birth name was Betty Persky, she from the Bronx – Shimon Peres used to be Shimon Persky and these two are cousins – Bacall was asked about her marriage to Bogart, who was in *Casablanca*, about their love affair and how her family was opposed and how she sneered at these small-minded people, as if the Jewish opposition to intermarriage was a bigoted response.

Her marriage to Humphrey Bogart took place more than a half-century ago, and a story today in Israel was about this romance, this book, between a Jewish woman and so-called Balestinian, with Boogie Herzog supporting the book, and Mitch Ginsburg likewise disdainful of the “assimilationist fears of the Diaspora” when he wants books to wave the banner of humanism.

All I could do when I read about this was slowly shake my head at Herzog, grandson of the chief rabbi of the Yishuv in the 1930s.

It's the two-front war. One front is the goyim with their knives and missiles and Molotov cocktails and money from abroad, and the other the *erev rav* who object to the Jewish people's obsession with national cohesion and survival. Jews should be more "humanistic" and "universalistic."

That's right, Mitch. That's right Boojie. How bigoted we Jews are to oppose marrying non-Jews.

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Yes, it was interesting today, New Year's Eve for the goyim, that one story about this romance novel that sounds highly unoriginal, and another story dealing with the continuation of the charge by that Enlightened professor at Hebrew U who called Ministress of Justice Ayelet Shaked a Neo-Nazi. They are connected.

In Yediot, I *guess*, and for sure on YNETnews.com, another academic and a regular columnist Aviad Kleinberg objected all around to the use of "Nazi" to describe people in Israel. No fan of Shaked, he still has the sense to see the hyperbole of that charge.

But he also used the story to go after the prime minister for his belief that it is "the 1930s all over again, Iran is the new Nazi Germany," and he objects to Bibi's references to the Holocaust and, in a word, the "paranoia of his ideology." He mocked Bibi's belief that "They are all rising up to destroy us. In Netanyahu's nightmarish world, we are always the victims fighting for their lives, and our rivals are always Nazis, like Hamas and Hezbollah."

This is a complaint at least as old as my half-century acquaintance with post-Jewish Israeli academics like him. How they scoff at any Israeli and in particular Diaspora Jews for their paranoiac belief that the whole world is against us. They never see the hatred and aggression against Israel as having anything to do with antisemitism and its worst episode, Nazism.

They live in a kind of fantasy world in which they are not Jews and therefore cannot be the targets of antisemitism, and we are not surrounded by 550 million Muslims whose religion could not be more open about its homicidal hatred of Jews.

I've said before that the more I ruminate on Leftists like these I see their cowardice. They are incapable of facing the truth that Zionism as a cure for antisemitism has failed. It connects as well to their need to see the Ancient Ones as our victims. Notice how he said sarcastically that, "We are always the victims fighting for our lives." This oddly gives them comfort because it means we are ultimately in charge of our fate and have the power to placate our enemies by ceasing to abuse them, so there's always hope that we will at some time stop persecuting them and afterwards they will love us.

I find it fascinating, even entertaining, to read and listen to such Leftist academics here who pooh-pooh Bibi's vision of being surrounded by Nazis, when we have just been

through the nightmare summer in which Obama was victorious in his drive to hand a king's ransom over to the Iranians and help them build an Atomic bomb to destroy our country, the one Aviad Kleinberg also lives in with the rest of us.

How interesting that he dismisses the analogy between Nazis and our neighbors in the very weeks they are trying to murder us in acts of terror no less terrifying than attacks by Nazis, Cossacks, Romans, Ukrainians and so on and so forth. He cannot see the similarity between today's Iranians who are as shameless as Nazis in their desire to destroy us; as shameless as their Persian forebears in the age of King Ahasuerus and his vizier Haman who also contemplated the complete extermination of all Jews in the Persian Empire at its height.

This too, this defense mechanism, leads men like Kleinberg to go this evening on the town celebrating New Year's Eve with the rest of the goyim.

In Hebrew, we have known for centuries this evening as "Sylvester," after St. Sylvester; this is his saint's day. He was the pope in power when Constantine the Roman Emperor famously converted himself and set in motion the eventual conversion of his empire to Christianity. He made his move about the year 312 of the Common Era, and as evidence of his sincere conversion and piety, he forbade the Jews from living in Jerusalem and put shackles on the performance of Jewish life. In other words, this is hardly a night for Jews to celebrate.

So this is what I mean about the two-front war, from the outside and the inside, the Hellenists, as they were known in the age of Maccabees, when Jewish athletes were ashamed of their circumcision.

In a way, Aviad Kleinberg distances himself as an Israeli from the reality of aggression against Jews in this generation as in every generation, in another transformation of the same urge in that news item about this book praising basically the disappearance of the Jewish people for that is the proven end result of intermarriage. It has been the same story in the liberal democratic West and even the Soviet East where the Soviet persecution of Jews included, like Constantine, the prohibition on living a Jewish life by the Communists, which led to the mass intermarriage in the Soviet Union that had the same result as the different way of Jews disappearing in the West: by being nice to them.

So once again, in the same week, representing the post-Jewish Left led by the deJudaized grandson of the chief rabbi, Boojie Herzog was waving the flag of yearning to be loved by the goyim. Earlier, if you remember, he had criticized Ayelet Shaked's anti-NGO legislation because the goyim will not like it, as soulmate Tsipi Livni sounded the alarm over our increasing isolation, and here today Herzog was singing the praises of a love story between a Jew and a gentile.

And all on Sylvester, named for a major, persecuting antiJew pope.

Aviad Kleinberg's Yediot opinion piece was entitled, "The Left must not adopt the Right's Holocaust discourse," because for him this discourse is just "too Jewish."

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Yes, the more I think about the Left here, it is cowardice that seems to explain their mocking behavior of things Jewish. They are incapable of facing the reality that we are surrounded by these 550 million Muslims whose religion, they have to know by now, is as dangerous to us as Christianity was at its worst; as were the black fascism of the Nazi period in Germany and red fascism in Communist Russia.

Memri.org on Sunday posted a video with subtitles as usual of a Saudi cleric, Sheikh Muhammad al-Munajjid, who preached a sermon in which he said, “Our hatred of Jews stems from their having cursed Allah. The Jews are today’s plague, a malignant disease. They have a black history stained with bloodshed.”

This from a Muslim priest in Saudi Arabia where every Friday the blood spurts from heads and hands chopped off in public.

He continued, “The Jews are at the top of the list of enemies. The Jews of today are the same as the Jews of yesterday. Allah has shown us their traits. Our battle with them will continue until the end of time. In their false Torah, it says word for word that all non-Jews are impure and Jews are allowed to rape non-Jewish women. The Jews are according to their own Talmud polytheists.”

Could there be any better examples of the primitive psychological defense mechanism of projection than these statements by this Muslim divine? He accuses the Jews of a bloodstained history, when, just look around at the Middle East in these Arab-Muslim countries today where they are as always killing one another by the hundreds of thousands, causing millions to run for their lives.

Reuters yesterday ran a piece on ISIS regulations dealing with having sex with female slaves that have been captured, and here is this sheikh claiming the Torah calls for that.

What is really interesting is the timelessness of his thinking. He says the Jews are at the top of the list of enemies and that is exactly what it says in the Koran that was written some 13 centuries ago. No change there.

He calls the Torah false and that too is right out of the Koran that says the Jews “change words from their meaning” and by that allude to all the differences in the stories found in our Bible and their plagiarized versions in the Koran. It is the Jews, Islam claims, that changed words and changed the narrative.

ISIS has kidnapped and enslaved and continually rapes thousands of girls over the last couple of years, and here is this Muslim holy man preaching from the homeland of Islam that it is the Jews whose Torah licenses them to rape non-Jewish women.

Does Aviad Kleinberg read stuff like this? I doubt it.

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Last item, the good news item. One of the leading Haredi authorities on contemporary Halakha, Rabbi Chaim Kanevsky, has spoken up against that recent decision made by the Enlightened Israeli Medical Association, or whatever its official title is, that

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ruled paramedics on the scene of a Jew-killing a.k.a. a terrorist attack, must treat the most badly wounded first even if it is the would-be Muslim maniac. The paramedics, they said, are not to judge between the wounded.

Well, Rabbi Kanevsky said today in a meeting with the paramedics of Hatzaloh, the Haredi version of the Magen David emergency medical response service, just the opposite. Of course, he said, the wounded Jew or Jews are treated first, not the terrorists. And if it appears the terrorist, he or she, is at death's door, do nothing to help them and let them die.

How's that for a breath of fresh air of old fashioned, moral, sane, Jewish moral judgement?

It reminds me strangely of the kibbutz, the communal arrangement that purposely was intended to destroy the nuclear family. Leftists commonly believe they are smarter than the G-d of Creation Who clearly designed the family unit. Leftists know better, and so their thinking is always challenging the natural order in which it is right for Jews to treat their own first. Leftists experience that reflex as chauvinistic when compared to their exalted, Olympian universalism.

Anyway, a final request from you all subscriber-friends. If you've got a minute, please log on to Amazon.com. Click on books, type in Phantom Nation, hit enter, find the number 26 on the upper right side of the screen. Click on that and find the nasty post claiming yours truly "condones torturing Jews."

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So that's it for the week. *Leila tov and Shabbat shalom mi Eretz Yisrael.*