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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 2nd day, *kaf-gimmel beKhodesh Teves, Parashas Vaeira, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 1st day, Sunday, 3 January 2016, webcasting from the last legal Jew-killing ground on earth.

It really is quite amazing, the perdurability, basically the permanence of the need and no less important justification for Jew-killing. Since last Thursday, three more Jews were murdered by, judging by the Associated Press, the victims of the Jews.

There was that surprise attack on a restaurant in Tel-Aviv on Friday, 2 dead, 8 wounded. Later, a cab driver was found murdered and the police think there may be a connection because the murderer on Dizengoff, Tel-Aviv's mini-Champs Elysees, escaped and is still on the run as of this evening. There is a fear that he ran to an accomplice a few streets away, jumped into a car and sped off. That would be a new M.O., *modus operandi*.

But of course, the top story here was the indictment of four young Jewish males, one directly for the triple murder in Duma, the others for other crimes against the Balestinians. To read the Associated Press story on these indictments was to read of the poor, poor, Palestinians' victimization by al-Yahud.

The AP reported that Prime Minister Netanyahu pledged "zero tolerance" for such behavior and the crime of arson was condemned across the Israeli political spectrum, but that was end of the reportage on Israel.

The rest featured the dissatisfaction of the Ancient Ones even though the indictment and the naming of suspects had finally come through. "Critics have said that similar, albeit not deadly attacks have festered for years with little action by the government. And for months Balestinians have watched angrily as the case remain unsolved, intensifying

a feeling of skewed justice in the occupied territory, where suspected Balestinian militants are prosecuted under a separate system of military law that gives them few rights. The arson also touched on Balestinian fears of extremist Jewish settlers who have attacked Balestinian property with impunity. Balestinian attacks against Israeli civilians and soldiers over the past three and a half months have killed 21 Israelis, mostly stabbings, shooting and car-ramping attacks. During that time 131 Balestinians have been killed by Israeli fire, 90 them identified as assailants, the rest died in clashes with security forces. Israel says the violence is being fanned by a Balestinian campaign of incitement. The Balestinians say it is rooted in nearly five decades of Israeli occupation.”

And what, I ask, was the reason for murdering Jews six decades ago? And seven decades ago? And eight decades ago, etc.?

Notice, too, the implicit moral equivalence of the arithmetic or the disproportionate feature of it: 21 dead Jews vs. 131 dead Arabians and some people are upset by that. In the Six-Day War, around 800 Israeli soldiers lost their lives, vs. possibly as many as 20,000 Arabians, but in that generation, nobody complained about the “disproportionate” number of casualties. And that is because in 1967 there was no Ancient Palestinian nation whose entire country had allegedly been stolen from them by the Zionists.

In this AP piece, the anonymous correspondent interviewed the brother of the father who died in the Duma arson who said the Israeli government is not serious about pursuing the killers.

And I ask, what is Israel to do with a people like this who think this way and are so utterly disconnected from reality? Israel has been turning itself inside out since last July 31st to find the murderers and here is this Arab saying Israel is not serious, as if the Israeli government doesn't really care because it smiles on burning Arabs to death.

But the real irritant in this reportage comes less from the Arab than the AP correspondent who then goes to state in his own words, “Jewish extremists have for years vandalized or set fire to Palestinian property, as well as mosques, churches, the offices of dovish Israeli groups and even Israeli military bases. The so-called price tag attacks seek to exact a cost for Israelis since they allegedly favor the Balestinians.

“Jewish extremists.” These are not extremists. They are psychologically a handful of painfully immature and seemingly traumatized boys *in extremis* in their adolescent rebellion against Authority.

Indeed, the real targets of the so-called price tag attacks are not the Balestinians but the IDF and the State of Israel, the Authorities. These are boys imprisoned in an extreme case of adolescent rebellion. Their target is not the Arabs but the State of Israel who in their fantasy life is illegitimate and they know better than the adults and want to create a “real” Jewish state, a la Meir Kahane and his dream.

I remember when Rabbi Kahane made Aliyah he said he was going to “drive Israelis crazy” and by that he meant to shake them up and out of their unJewish attitudes and miserable, cowardly handling of the Arabs.

And I say, if you really love Israel, you don’t come here wanting to make everybody crazy.

As for today’s indictments, the prime suspect responsible for the firebombing has been identified as Amram Ben-Uliel, 21, who has a record of vandalizing Arab property and setting fires. He was living on a hilltop nearby.

Complicating the story was a Haaretz report on Friday that the other MSM seem not to have run with it, which is peculiar, the charge that torture was used, authorized by the Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein who did not inform the prime minister of his authorizing the GSS to use “extraordinary measures,” as they are called. In effect, Netanyahu, Bennett, and Yaalon were lied to when they were told no terror was used. That whole issue still remains a mystery.

It was reported today via this indictment of Ben-Uliel that he had confessed, but of course, his family says he was tortured and if so the confession is inadmissible and meaningless.

On one score, though, the truth has come out. What splattered the whole story over the MSM here last week was that video of celebrants at a wedding dancing with an army-issue M-16. Their Kahanite lawyer Itamar Ben-Gvir said it was only a toy, not the real McCoy. But the truth was discovered by the IDF that was able to identify the soldiers in attendance and which soldier had been issued that weapon. He’s in the clink now, in the brig, for the next three weeks for allowing this to happen.

For those who don’t know: tiny Israel allows many of its standing troops to go home for the weekend for the Sabbath, and when they travel, they wear, slung around their shoulders, their weapon and have orders never to be separated from it. That means when they enter the synagogue on Shabbos eve, their weapon is with them. When they sit down at the dinner table, it lies across their lap as they eat and sing and bless. For that inexcusable, irresponsible act of allowing his weapon to be used as it was, Itamar ben Gvir was proven a liar, or incompetent. It was a real weapon. And that guy is now in the clink.

Separately on Friday, two soldiers from the same combat unit were disciplined in a completely separate case, one of them removed altogether from the brigade that he had volunteered for, and the other was assigned to administrative duty because they had abused some Balestinian detainees.

What’s going on here, Israel’s fanaticism about the proper behavior of soldiers in all situation, is as old as the Book of Joshua when he leads the Children of Israel over Jordan into today’s “West Bank,” into Jericho -- “Joshua ‘fit’ the battle of Jericho” according to the old Negro spiritual – when a member of the tribe of Judah disobeyed the orders of Joshua, the national leader after the passing of Moshe, not to take any booty from the

defeated Canaanites in Jericho. One of the soldiers among all of them did that and the result was G-d's anger. He demands perfection from His Chosen People. As a result, in their next battle with the people of Ai, they lost. Three dozen men died. When Joshua appealed to Hashem to tell him what he had done wrong, G-d answered that Israel had sinned by looting when ordered not to do.

Joshua then assembled all 12 tribes and lots were cast to find the guilty party. The tribe of Judah was singled out and Joshua passed through it to investigate, checking family by family until he came to Achan who confessed he had stolen one garment and some gold and silver. The punishment: he and his family were stoned to death and their remains burned. A huge mound of stones was raised over them to remain for future generations to remember their story. And then in the next battle against the people of Ai, the children of Israel won.

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So it remains to be seen how this tale will play itself out. Was young Ben-Uliel tortured or not? Was he framed? And what of the report of Yehuda Weinstein authorizing physical abuse and not telling the PM?

In any case, it would not be the first time this character has thumbed his nose at the people's choice. Not that he is solely responsible for his wretched behavior. I mean, the temptation to do what he damn well pleases is built into the office. Unlike a normal democracy in which an attorney-general serves at the pleasure and on behalf of the people's elected government, here it is a separate office that in practice, certainly his practice, is adversarial to the prime minister and dictating to him what he may or may not do. It is another feature of Israel's crummy political engineering like denying the electorate the power to vote for individual Knesset members, only for the party, for the clique that is the party leadership. And of course the electorate likewise has no power to vote out of office a failed MK. Unheard in Israeli life is voters voting out an incompetent or corrupt representative.

So last week yours truly had no choice but to support the statements of Netanyahu, Bennett, Yaalon, Shaked who have earned my trust, and now the possibility arises they were lied to by this criminal defense attorney from Tel-Aviv with a known record of hostility to the Jewish ideology a.k.a. religion and those who of us who live in Judea and Samaria. It remains to be seen how this story will play out and all the strands that go into it.

But what is clearer, at least to yours truly, is the nature of these known hilltop boys and one source for truth was a fine piece in Makor Rishon on Friday, Israel's best newspaper, an anonymous first person account by a former hilltop boy that confirms suspicions they are a tiny handful of troubled young men, largely drop-outs from the

mainstream settler yeshivas, who, contrary to the hysterical Left, are not in thrall to “extremist settler rabbis” for the simple reason that, as ornery as some of those may be in their own hostility to the Enlightened who run this country, they remain Religious Zionists and do not preach the destruction of Israel as these teenage rebels want.

Indeed, as is so common among teenagers, they sneer at their elders and predecessors, the leaders of the settlement movement who pressed the Labor government in the 1970s to begin settling the land taken in 1967. For the first decade after that war, there was almost no building of settlements with the exception of the few in Gush Etzion that had been on their feet before 1948 and were destroyed, wiped out and the people massacred.

In the minds of today’s teenage rebels, the entirety of the National Religious camp is illegitimate. So these are not “extremists” within that camp but deserters from it, living in, really, a fantasy world of wanting to destroy Israel so that King Messiah would replace it. Hence, the graffiti on that burnt out house in Duma.

They constitute a microscopic percentage of settler youth who in their majority are bent on service in the IDF and are increasingly constitute the next generation of officers.

In other words, as Achan was the only one among the twelve tribes to disobey the order to take no booty -- as Avraham himself took no booty during his hostage rescue mission to Damascus – so today a handful of these off-the-rails teenagers are held up as representatives of the entire State of Israel by its internal enemies.

In that AP report, the settlers are endlessly destroying Ancient Palestinian property and endlessly vandalizing mosques and churches, when the reality is not that all. Indeed, of the recent acts of vandalism, for example, of the church on the Sea of Galilee, the Church of Fishes and Loaves, it seems the principle perpetrator was this very same Ben-Uliel. And a similar case of arson on Mt. Zion against Dormition Abbey, the church of the Last Supper, this was also his doing, they think, and a handful of confederates.

What is instructive in this case is just how fanatical the people of Israel is in not tolerating the kinds of terrorist abominations that are daily fare among the Arabs.

That is one reason why several hundred IDF reservists recently came together to scorn the Breaking the Silence slanderers who are rebels against Israel no less than these hilltop boys. In a way, the two camps on the surface are poles apart but underneath birds of a feather, both claiming the State of Israel is illegitimate, a criminal enterprise one way or the other.

And the two of them are not alone in Judea and Samaria, for on the Arab side, no less, a struggle never ends between the internationally recognized Balesinian Authority and its rebels, HAMAS. Same thing. As the hilltop boys and the Breaking the Silence traitors want to destroy the Israeli government and really the culture of the State of Israel, so the PA is constantly at war with HAMAS that like the hilltop boys finds the ruling group insufficiently religious.

On Friday, JPost's Herb Keinon and Khalid Abu Toameh reported that HAMAS and other Arab factions in Yash have "decided to resume suicide attacks against Israel," leastwise according to a newspaper in Lebanon, Al-Akhbar, which speaks for the Hezbollah cult. According to that source, "Hamis is seeking to undermine the Balestinian Authority in the West Bank through the participation of a large number of Fatah activists in the current wave of terrorism against Israel."

In other words, and not for the first, time, nominal rivals are collaborating with one another, and that commonly happens when the ruling elite, in this case Fatah, is not aggressive enough against al-Yahud and a percentage of its loyalists are itching to Jew-kill but feel frustrated because the elite won't let them. The elite is not aggressive enough.

According to Keinon and Abu Toameh, "Hamis's goal in inflaming the West Bank with renewed suicide bombings, is twofold: to kill Jews and to destabilize the PA."

It seems HAMAS has wanted for some time to resume its campaign of suicide bombings but has been stymied by Israel and -- reading between the lines here -- with the help from the PA.

In any case, in my book I cover more than one terrorist atrocity over the decades whose purpose was less about bleeding Jews in Israel than in competing with other terror cells for prestige and power among their own.

What a people, these Arabs are; what enemies of civilization these barbarians are.

* * (Musical Interlude) * *

Yes, the Arabs, like the handful of teenage hilltop rebels, these dropouts from the mainstream community of National Religious youth, are afflicted with endless rebellion against authority, and especially when it is common knowledge that the PA works with Israel against HAMAS and betrays them to al-Yahud.

Think of the Hollywood classic *The Godfather* that is very much about gang wars and betrayal between families. Arab culture is like that and as old as the Torah, these sons of Ishmael, that wild ass of an undomesticated jackass who lives in the wilderness, as the hilltop boys float from one cluster of tents and rickety caravans to the other.

Friend and subscriber in California John was kind of enough to pass along something from the Breitbart site concerning St. Thomas Aquinas the Catholic theologian who lived in the 13th century during the last generations of the Crusades. Aquinas said Islam "appealed to ignorant, brutish, carnal men and was spread not by the power of its arguments or divine grace but by the power of the sword."

Aquinas said Christianity spread its faith via "widespread belief in the miracles of Jesus" versus Islam that spread through "the promise of sensual pleasures and the violence of the sword."

Sound familiar? 72 virgins and forcible conversion of infidels via homicidal violence. Mohammad, Aquinas wrote, “seduced the people by promises of carnal pleasure to which the concupiscence of the flesh goads us. His teaching also contained precepts that were in conformity with his promises, and he gave free rein to carnal pleasure” and this appealed to a certain type of person of “limited virtue and wisdom.”

He called Muhammed’s first devotees “brutal men and desert wanderers utterly ignorant of all divine teaching. And his violent method of propagating the faith was typical of evil men.”

And I recommend to my friend John and to all of you, check out what Maimonides had to say about Muhammad and Islam. He lived a generation before Aquinas. You’ll find it in his *Guide to the Perplexed* and his *Epistle on Apostasy* and *Epistle to Yemen*. He also had the advantage over Aquinas of living among Muslims. Arabic was his mother tongue. He wrote in Arabic, albeit, using the Hebrew alphabet, like Yiddish in Ashkenaz.

Maimonides lived all his life among Muslims and had more than once to run for his life from them. And in his *Epistle to Yemen*, he calls Muhammad a “moron and a madman.”

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