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*Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim.* It is the evening of the 4th day, *kaf-dales beShvat, Parashas Mishpatim, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 3rd day, Tuesday, 2 February 2016, webcasting from Israel, Land of truth, enemy of lies.

Not that this generation of Jews in Eretz Yisrael, leastwise its leaders, see themselves at war with the lies that world antiJewry tells about Jews in general and Jews here in particular.

My general definition of antisemitism is lying about Jews, though Israelis seem not to care. Take, for example, the fantasy of a Balestinian people whose national identity is inseparable for the lie that "Israel stole Balestine from the Balestinians."

I mean, ask yourself, what is known about this people, these Balestinians? What is known of their history over, they claim, thousands of years? The names of their rulers, their kings, whatever, heroes, their councils of elders, their high priests, whoever ruled them?

No one has ever heard of the battles this people fought against enemy peoples. No can point to a particular food the Palestinians are identified with, like tacos and sushi, pizza and frogs legs, with Mexicans, Japanese, Italians and French.

About the only thing anybody on the planet knows of the Balestinian People is that the Jews stole Palestine from them. I, for one, am perpetually flabbergasted that no Israeli leader speaks up and tells the world that's not true; that there are no "Palestinians" and we didn't steal anything.

In the newspapers this morning, there were lies that no official Israeli will respond to, I am sure. The so-called Balestinian Minister for the Waqf and Religious

Affairs, Sheikh Yusef (that's a nice stolen Jewish name here) Edais reacted to the decision yesterday to do some construction along the Temple Mount's western wall for Jewish women who are uncomfortable praying in the company of other women. The Sheik said this area is an "inseparable part of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and was Muslim-own property." He also said Israel was engaged in massive excavations beneath Al-Aqsa Mosque in its attempt to Judaize the city.

For sure, those of you who know the location know that the area in question has no physical contact with Al-Aqsa Mosque whatsoever. The former is down below the Mount, the latter on top the Mount and not above the area but set back from it.

The Sheik went on, "Al Aqsa Mosque is part of the faith of the Muslims and belongs only to Muslims. This includes all its structures, yards, walls and gates. The Jews have no connection to it whatsoever. The offensive against Jerusalem is aimed at consolidating the occupation in it and turning it into a Jewish city by falsifying its history and displacing original residents. This decision is a brutal attack on the Waqf, and additional evidence of the Israeli aggression against Muslim holy places in an attempt to Judaize Jerusalem."

And I say that with such a man who is truly representative of his people, it is simply impossible to conduct a mutually respectful compromise, come to a civil accommodation in both senses of the word "civil."

First, I want to point out what may not be apparent to the non-cognoscenti of the latest twists in the Ishmaelitic mind. What this primitive has in mind here when he says "Al-Aqsa" is not just the mosque at the southern end of plateau but the whole plateau. That is why he refers to all of its walls surrounding the Mount, all its gates (I think there are eight of them) and for the Western Wall which the Muslims now call the Al-Buraq Wall -- Al-Buraq means "Lightning," Muhammad's winged, flying horse that transported him through the sky one night from Mecca to Jerusalem, and on the basis of this miracle story a.k.a. fairy tale they claim ownership of Jerusalem. They now call this wall the Buraq Wall, though I think the "tradition" is no more than 20 years old. The Al-Buraq Wall is where the horse landed, they say, and Muhammad tied him up.

This is a news story, I think, that is full of the true DNA of the Arabs' war against the Jews and their relationship to Jews. The claim to Jerusalem here is nothing but a fairy tale meant to justify the shameless, guiltless theft of the heart of the Jewish religion, the Temple Mount. The Midrash teaches that "Ishmael is a thief," that this is his essential character trait, and here is a perfect, pristine specimen of this truth. Here is the head of the Muslim authority that rules over the Temple Mount denying any Jewish connection to the Mount. And keep in mind the fact that this is Islam's idea of a clergyman, a holy man who is a master of lying about Jews and in effect claiming that we Jews are the thieves.

In a different statement yesterday, the Grand Mufti in Jerusalem, Sheik Muhammad Hussein, said the prayer space adjacent to the Western Wall targeted for construction to accommodate Jews who insist on praying like gentiles is “the property of the Islamic Waqf taken by the Israeli occupation in 1967 as part of the attempt to Judaize Jerusalem.”

In researching my book, the heart of which is UN resolutions 1945-1989, I came across numerous resolutions with that very same charge: that Israel since 1967 had been Judaizing Jerusalem, with nary a nod to the historical truth that for centuries before the rise of the modern Zionist movement, the Jewish Quarter of the Old City within the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Ottoman-built walls had always been the largest of its quarters. This was true until 1948 when the Arab Legion, led by the British Imperialist General John Glubb, overran Jerusalem and drove out every Jew.

For decades, UN resolutions were voted on condemning Israel for Judaizing Jerusalem, which implies that it was a Muslim city, when the historical record also shows that the Muslims were always in it a very small minority -- even under the Muslim Turks. In 1905, under the Turks, there was a census. A total 60,000 souls all told lived there; 40,000 of them Jews, that's two-thirds, and this was a dozen years before the Balfour Declaration. At the same time, there were 13,000 Christians, a large percentage of them Armenians, not Arab Christians; the others were the Italian community with its churches and convents and the Russian Orthodox community and the Greek Orthodox, the English and American Protestant communities.

The Muslims counted for a mere 7,000 of the 60,000, mostly Turkish administrators and the garrison with its officers, wives and children. There were virtually no Arabs at all.

Yet in the mind of people today like this Minister/Sheikh of the Waqf, historically Jews have no connection to the Jerusalem whose central importance is the Temple Mount and only that.

Jerusalem has never been a center of commerce and industry. It sits astride no major waterway or commercial route. Its only significance has been religious and the capital of the Jewish people, and here is this savage denying that. And I say that with such people, negotiations of any kind are a fool's errand.

Last week. I saw only a minute of two on FOX of Frank Luntz the pollster with a group of American-born Muslims, young people, who could not say yes to Israel as a Jewish state.

Of course, they claimed to be solid Americans and wanted the audience to know that they don't identify with ISIS, but when it comes to recognizing the right of the Jewish people to their own state, they could not.

And that is because at bottom, for these proud Muslims, Islam's nuclear core burns with antisemitism. I even say that in its totality Islam is a form of antisemitism. Hatred of the Jews is basic to Islam.

That is why the Oslo Abomination was destined to fail from Day One because the uneducated narcissist Beilin, its architect, and his community of know-nothings do not see, did not know, that Islam and antisemitism are one and the same.

Here is this Arab official, not some crackpot popping off on a soapbox in Hyde Park with his ludicrous theories but a minister of the Palestinian Authority and no less the highest priest in the Islamic religion in Jerusalem, its highest authority over Al-Aqsa Mosque, who with not a shred of conscience and honesty insists that the Jews have no connection to the Temple Mount. They just say that, he says, and have been since they "stole" it in 1967.

This is a marvel of psychological projection. He and his brutes are the thieves who have no connection to this mount other than their appetite for what the Jews hold holy.

He is the liar; he is the thief accusing Israel of stealing and lying.

While official Israel, as always, stands mute before this enormity of falsehood and armed robbery.

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Yes, Israel stands mute. It is this oddity about Israel's Jews that never ceases to puzzle me. The typical Israeli response is to pay no mind because Israelism is such a material pursuit lacking spirituality.

Israelis across the political spectrum, that is, in the ruling class, say nothing in the face of these endless myths, fantasies and lies the Arabs never cease telling.

Here Sheik Yusuf Edais accuses Israel of falsifying history – when Islam is nothing but the falsification of history. That is what the Koran is. It claims for Islam one Biblical story and important personage after another; it re-writes the Biblical text, and accuses Jews of "changing words from their text," in essence, re-writing the original language of the Koran that was brought down from Mt. Sinai by Prophet Musa. It is basic Islamic doctrine that Musa was given the Koran by Allah on Mt. Sinai who brought it down and then the Jews snatched it from him and re-wrote it.

Notice, too, the absence of content here the "content" is just the accusation. It is all intellectual property theft accompanied by this charge that all Islam did was take what the Jews had stolen from them and distorted it.

And I remain constantly amazed at how official Israel looks the other way and buries its head in the sand so as not to confront the truth that with such people a mutually

respectful agreement to share Jerusalem and the Land of Israel is not of this world, this reality.

What I would like to see is an Israel launching a major public relations campaign against the mountain of lies that is enemy propaganda, starting with this tall tale of an historical Palestinian nation with historical national rights here.

Israel needs to broadcast in Arabic, on TV, on the radio; to create Arabic language pages on the Internet; to lecture the locals here that their “Palestinian” identity is a fraud; that this country in history was home to Syrians in the minds of Arabs and Muslims. It was all Syria, and modern Syria came into being as a state in 1946, so the Syrian (!) Arabs here have had a state since then and they don’t need another one called Balestine --not when Haj Amin, the locals must be taught, said there was no such country and Jerusalem was located in Syria whose capital was Damascus, he said.

And the world too must be told this. From the podium in the great chamber of the United Nations General Assembly; the Israeli ambassador must tell the Assembly that these people are not “Palestinians” and not in need of a state; tell them that Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, all of which spread over more than half of historic Palestine, have enough land to give them. Israel need not cede one acre.

Yesterday in an op-ed in the New York Times (speaking of the UN), Ban Ki-Moon continued his attacks against Israel and the prime minister who, he said, distorted his words. Here too Israel stands mute before the slander of this man whose entire attack and support for Jew-killing rests on his belief that Israelis are in criminal occupation of Balestine, which makes the Ishmaelites frustrated, hateful, and driven to extremism a.k.a. murdering us.

Israel rightly protests Ban Ki-Moon’s backing of those who murder us because they are so frustrated by our occupation but never shoots back that there is no occupation according to international law.

When Israel drove the Arab army armies from Judea, Samaria, the Golan and the Gaza Strip in 1967, it announced explicitly that Israel was not in occupation of land belonging to another state because no one had recognized another state as its owner. But for the sake of humanity and expediency, Israel would guide its behavior toward the locals *as if* there were an occupation in international law and would await peace talks with the enemy to resolve the issue of sovereignty.

Those talks never came about until 1993 and those we now know were entered upon in bad faith by the other side. They never, those brutes Arafat and Abbas, intended to make peace Israel within any lines.

So again this week, apparently because Bibi really stung this flunky on the Arab-Muslim payroll at the UN by his rejoinder, Ban Ki-Moon again mentioned the “occupation,” and again Israel plays deaf to this lie.

I sometimes think Bibi and fellow Israelis are quick to protest the seeming support for terrorism because they cannot or will not confront the lie at the heart of the accusation. It is easier to protest support for terrorism than counter-attack the lie that Israel is in occupation of land that rightly belongs to the legendary “Palestinians.”

I have also been puzzled at least since 9-11 by an Israel that has never attempted to re-brand the enemy here as not a political movement of “nationalists” but Muslims in the same class as the sky devils of 9-11. Israel since then should have repeatedly told the world that we have had suicide bombers just like the 9-11 maniacs. They made hundreds of attempts, and now we have today’s stabbers aware that they will be killed. It is the same ethical situation.

Israel has to tell the world what PMW reports on every week, namely, the support that “Mr. Moderation” Mahmoud Abbas tenders today’s suicide monsters. Every one we have had to kill has been praised and called a martyr by the PA and had some street or sports competition named for him.

Israel has to portray our enemies not as Balestinians suffering from our oppressive and illegal occupation but the same demons who brought down the World Trade Center.

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In a separate news item today related to the foregoing about Ban Ki-moon’s third jab at Israel in a week, Israel’s UN ambassador Danny Danon protested the publication of a UN report on the condition of Ancient Palestinian women, and I can guarantee that there are many reports like these in just about every UN agency and department.

When the PLO entered then UN in 1975, it penetrated every agency and department and made sure that whatever its operations, its field of activity, the “crimes” of the evil Jews were discussed and written about. If, for example, the topic was desertification in the southern hemisphere and what to do about it, there would be language on Israel allegedly destroying Ancient Palestinian land and making it unfit for agriculture.

If the topic as here was the status of women, the suffering of Ancient Palestinian women at the hands of Israel would be included.

And even when the topic at hand was not relevant at all to a message the Arabs wanted to insert, like here, Amb. Danon protested yesterday about a report on Balestinian women that referenced the horror in Har Nof in November 2014 when a band of savage Arab killers invaded a shul of men praying morning prayers, murdered five, decapitated one. Another lingered in the hospital for a year before dying, and this report called the episode “an incident” in which “five Israelis and two Balestinians were killed.”

In this language, there is no conscious massacre of five Jews by lunatic, suicidal Muslims but an “incident” of moral equivalence in which five on one side died and two on the other side also died.

Elsewhere in this report, it notes that in the period covered, eight Israelis were killed by Arabs, “most of them settlers,” as if that was understandable and different from killing non-settler Jews.

Danny Danon protested that this report like others also went out under the signature of Ban-Ki-Moon, this, as he called it, was an “absolute distortion of reality” which characterizes the work of the UN, I say.

And in another unrelated news item, this one from Germany in JPost, the topic was the *Suddentsche Zeitung*, meaning South German newspaper, based in Munich, whose coverage of Israel remains notoriously borderline antisemitic. You know Munich, where the Nazis flourished in its beer halls. Nazism was first an Austrian and south German cancer. As in many countries, its northern and southern cultures can be markedly different.

In this case, an opinionator in the *SZ* accused Israel of “always seeking revenge” which in turn produces a cycle of violence and stated that Palestinians kill Jews out of desperation and resistance -- and never mind that before 1967 not one “Palestinian” was reported to be frustrated because he did not have a state, and attacking Jews had nothing to do with the occupation of Judea and Samaria because there was none.

In other words, no one should think, as I used to, that antisemitism in any serious measure outside the crackpot fringe was a thing of the past. On the contrary, it is alive and well in our time emanating not from the lunatic edges of society but its most respectable venues. The MSM, the UN, the EU in Brussels; in this case and a venerable German newspaper just like the New York Times of Little Tommy Friedman.

The *SZ* in 2014 published a cartoon of Mark Zuckerberg with a huge nose and the tentacles of an octopus gobbling up the world, and it was not the first time such classic imagery of Jews as monstrous, ugly animals has appeared in otherwise respectable publications.

With official Israel leaving criticism of such behavior to the Simon Wiesenthal Center or the ADL. Israel has got take its head out of the sand and stop looking the other way when our mortal enemies, the local Arabs and Muslims and European Jew-haters, tell the biggest lies of the generation, the biggest one being the Balestinian nation whose land we stole and won't give back.

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Last item: It was a pleasure this morning to wake up to the first news reports that Ted Cruz had won Iowa and even that yesterday, breaking precedent, Prime Minister Netanyahu had endorsed him.

Fine with me. Alan Dershowitz taught Cruz at Harvard Law School and has said, even though they are politically in different camps, Cruz was off-the-charts brilliant.

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May he go from strength to strength. And there may also be a distant Jewish connection here to his success and his brilliance. His father was born in Cuba but his grandfather emigrated from the Canary Islands. And I have it on good authority that maybe three-quarters of the Spaniards on those islands are descended from *anusim*, as we call them in Hebrew, those forced to convert to Catholicism.

In other words, if there is any truth to a theory of genetically based Jewish smarts, Ted Cruz may have some of them

*Leila tov miEretz Yisrael.*