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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 6th day, *vav beAdar bes, Parashas Vayikra, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 17 March 2016, webcasting from the Promised Land the world will not let us have.

For sure, it is the Holy Land. There is nothing like it on the face of the earth, such a small country whose every square meter the world has begrudged us, envied, and insisted the Jews have no right to. Read the record of the Peel Commission of 1937 and the complaints being made then, and how we were stealing “their” land.

You know, that is the position of the Church of Scotland whose home base in Jerusalem is in Baka. Its head prelate has said that there is no basis in the Bible for the Jews today to claim title. In his view, Zionism has been an illegitimate enterprise for claiming ownership of land the Bible does not entitle them to. Go figure.

Oh, how the world puts a microscope over Israel and has something, rather, almost something negative to say about every uncultivated land that Israel claims and wants to develop.

This week the GOI (Government of Israel) ruled that 578 acres of undeveloped land down at the bottom of the world near Jericho is state land, and the governments in the West, the US, the UN, the UK, France, Germany, all complained that Israel does not have the right to do this. All said it harms the peace process, when the subtext to that is, “This land belongs to the Ancient Ones. You Jews have no special right to this land, no more than the Palestinians, Palestine’s legitimate ancient owners.”

They all had some snarky criticism but I was most taken with the Reuters reportage on the reactions of these nations and UN organization to the Israeli government’s

announcement. The language used by Reuters, the politically correct lexicon, contained like a half-dozen lies all against Israel that have become the building blocks of Jew-hatred today without people even realizing it.

For example, Reuters reported, starting with the lede sentence, that the US, France and Germany “criticized Israel’s decision to appropriate large tracts of land in the West Bank.”

The “West Bank.” This name came into common parlance in 1968 -- that insane year -- and its purpose was and remains the extermination of the names Judea and Samaria that appeared on maps for ages, right up to 1969. “West Bank” has dispossessed “Judea and Samaria” and does so every time it is used. “West Bank” is a piece of antisemitic propaganda that no self-respecting Jew should ever use.

The lede sentence went on to say that these powers criticized Israel’s move because it “violated international law...”

Another lie. It is extremely rare in free societies, with a balanced supreme court, to receive court decisions that are unanimous. Most are split decisions. There are two sides to, if not every issue than most of them.

But in the matter of Israel, the opinion is unanimous across the entire planet. Israel is the only nation at the United Nations denied a seat in the Security Council, and it is written in stone that Israel violates international law by developing barren land in Judea and Samaria. It is a given. Judea and Samaria belong to the Palestinian nation, a nation that in 1948, minding its own business, was all of a sudden invaded by larcenous, pushy Jews who barged in and stole Palestine from them, leastwise a big chunk of it.

And then again in 1967, the Jews struck a second time and won’t return what they stole so that the original, indigenous, native Palestinian nation can have the state they have been dreaming of for all of time because they never had one.

Reuters reported that Israel had violated international law and contradicted a “two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.” Two more humongous antiJew lies. The buzzwords of the “two-state solution” are also verbal camouflage of the underlying belief that Israel has to retreat from Judea and Samaria and turn it all over to the victims of Israel’s aggression in 1967.

And the other lie here is the expression “the Israeli-Palestinian conflict,” which dispossessed, really turned inside out, the earlier name for this endless violence, the Arab-Israeli conflict. In the 1950s and 60s, the conflict was about the superiority in men, material and strategic depth of the Arabs trying to wipe out and prevent the Jewish state from existing. When reversed into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Israel is in the first position with a powerful military that denies the "Palestinians" the right to a state. This is psychological protection and another whopping lie.

This Reuters dispatch went on to refer to the “Palestinian city of Jericho,” when I never cease to be amazed at the use of this proper noun when it is nothing but more verbal

camouflage or verbal sand thrown in your eyes, for there is nothing “Palestinian” about Jericho. It is wholly inhabited by Arab Muslims, whose language is Arabic. They call themselves Arabs and Muslims, two identities both rooted not in Palestine but in the Arabian Peninsula, which is hundreds of kilometers from Palestine.

There is, in a word, nothing Palestinian them. Five times daily, they bow down in the direction of the Arabian Peninsula; which is hardly the behavior of a true *indigene*, as they say in French. The Balestinians claim to be the indigenous people of Palestine, when there is nothing indigenous about them. They howl and shriek that Israel is in “occupation of Palestine,” when I say, the true occupier, the true foreigners, the true colonists representing an empire are the Arabs. Their empire is rooted in the Arabian Peninsula. They are like colonists sent out from the home country.

As Eretz Yisrael was an imperial prize for distant Rome for two centuries that Rome called Yudea, so Eretz Yisrael became an imperial conquest for the Arab Empire whose seat is Mecca, in the Hedjaz, which is also, like Rome, far from Eretz Yisrael. They howl at us “Imperialists! Colonists!” because that is exactly who these Arab Muslims are.

The Reuters report went on to say that in Paris on the Quai d’Orsai, in the Foreign Ministry, a spokesman said, “Settlements contradict international law,” and as I point out in my book, which law the speaker may or may not have in mind is never cited. Never cited is the name of this law and in what law book it can be found. Never cited is the decision of any court ruling that the post-67 Jewish communities are illegal in international law; no legal ruling accompanied by briefs, notes and references to other court decisions.

“The settlements are illegal in international law” has become like liturgy in the Church of the Enlightened. It has become some kind of mantra. It is a cousin, so to speak, of what we recently heard out of Newton, Mass. where Catholics boys at a basketball game were jeering at the other team, “You killed Jesus! You killed Jesus!” and I say, “The settlements are illegal in international law” is in the same category. The first is an accusation of having committed murder; the second is stealing someone else’s property. In the old Wild West, a claim-jumper could be given a “necktie party” for that.

Next Reuters’s *sub rosa* lie: “All people in Israel and Palestine have a right to live...”

Take my word for it, especially those younger than I: In the 1950s and 60s, before the Six- Day War, and even into the 70s and 80s, one never saw this formulation “...in Israel and Palestine...” In those decades, there was no Palestine.

I noticed like ten years ago when meeting here a gentile college student from the States who wanted to be a diplomat and some experience about the Middle East conflict who told me he had just been to “Ramallah in Palestine.” And I had to correct him. I had to tell him that Palestine never existed for the Arabs and it is no accident that what they call Palestine is home to no serious town or industry because until the Zionists showed up, there was no “Palestinian” people, no Palestinian government, no Palestinian Department of Public Works to take of the highways, because there were none.

This recent coinage of “Israel and Palestine” is just antisemitism because it implies that some of the Promised Land really belongs to this mythical nation absent from all history, and because a history shows the Muslims claiming there was no such country as Palestine, as Haj Amin said in his lifetime. He said that for the first half of the 20th century.

Reuters went on to call it a “decades-long conflict,” which could also not be more wrong. It has been going on for over a thousand years. The relationship between Jews and Arab, Jews and Muslims, did not begin in 1948; did not begin in 1967, did not begin in 1917. I have on my bookshelf an 1840 edition of a diary kept by a Christian monk, a pilgrim to the Holy Land at that time, in which he describes a massacre of Jews in Jerusalem by the Arabs. This is when the Turks were governing the region. This massacre was connected to the political upheaval of Muhammad Ali in Egypt at the time trying to take Eretz Yisrael away and break free of Turkish rule. And in this upheaval, the Jews got massacred.

This violence today is dishonestly called the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict that is decades old, when it is not. It is centuries upon centuries old.

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Well, the latest flap here between normative Jewishness, Orthodoxy, as lived in Israel and its nemesis, so-called Reform Judaism, continues to have mouths flapping. Opinions left and right all over in the place in the MSM, in the Knesset, on TV. But what annoys yours truly is the dishonesty of the Reform -- apart from differences in belief. For example, I am well acquainted with the so-called Higher Criticism of the Bible produced in the mid-19th century by German academics who claimed that the Five Books were not the handiwork of one man, Moses. He probably did not even exist, some said. There had been four separate authors – today I understand they say 16 -- writing from different perspectives whose different versions of the Five Books were ultimately edited together by rabbis after the return from the Babylonian Exile.

And not only that. The Jews plagiarized earlier versions of some of the stories in their Bible. They are not original.

Anyway, this theory is taught in all modern Christian divinity schools; I attended one for a year as a graduate student. It is taught around the world in all college departments of religious studies, and no less to those who want to become Reform rabbis. It is a theory that sprouted at the same time as “antisemitism.”

So apart from interpretation and understanding the texts -- everyone is entitled to his own beliefs – what is intolerable are the lies the Reformers are telling. There can be no excuse for that, and one of their principle lies is that “Orthodox Jews have no right to tell other Jews they are not Jews.”

I never cease to be amazed how long-lived and widespread this lie is in the non-Orthodox world. They say, “There is more than one way to be Jewish” and “the Orthodox have no right to tell others they are not Jews.”

This is intolerable because no Orthodox Jew has ever said that. What Orthodox Jews say is that one’s *behavior*, in theory and practice, is not Jewish.

One is a Jew either by proper conversion or, most commonly, by birth, which clearly was the decision of the Almighty Who saw to it that you were born to a Jewish mother, and no man can countermand the Almighty. Your Jewish identity, your status, is from G-d, and no rabbi can change that.

What can be criticized, however, is one’s behavior that most certainly can be judged as not Jewish. If, for example, the words of the Bible with its 613 commandments are to be taken seriously, one of them is not to eat pigs. Now, a Jew can eat pigs all he wants and in the modern age not die from trichinosis, but he cannot claim that this is Jewish behavior.

It is this distinction that is confused in the minds of Reform Jews, and I begin to suspect it is “deliberate,” albeit unconscious, “on purpose,” so as not to have to face the judgment of Orthodox Jews when they say that those who do not keep the 4th commandment, the Sabbath, and do not practice the spiritual appetite control known as kashrut, and do not observe the regulations in regard to conjugal relations (the mikveh), are not living Jewish lives.

This Reform are banging on the doors again, begging for the right to use the mikvehs in Israel to convert people to their non-Jewish way of life -- when in their hometowns in America, I’d bet good money, there is not one temple with a mikveh that the congregation paid to construct and uses regularly. So what in the name of Sam Hill are they doing demanding the use of mikvehs here? It is not part of Reform Judaism there.

Likewise, these Women of the Wall who insist upon wearing tefillin and taleysm/prayer shawls like men, back home in their Reform congregations the men don’t wear them. It is this kind of weird hypocrisy and irrationality that bugs yours truly more than doctrinal differences.

They claim to be the largest stream in American Judaism but as a stream, they are drying up very quickly. In 1990, the intermarriage rate was already 52% of all marriages for Jews.

Today it is surely over 70%. Like lemmings running off a cliff, the Reform are committing suicide, which is one reason they want recognition here in Israel. Like the Titanic going down, the once great ship of American Jewry is sinking beneath waves and these activists want a lifeboat or safe harbor. They are sinking in a whirlpool of marrying out from the Jewish people --euphemistically called intermarriage -- when I think “marrying out” is closer to the truth.

The Reform claim to be a legitimate stream in Jerusalem but when it comes to circumcising their babies, they must seek out an Orthodox *mohel* because there are no Reform *mohalim*.

Likewise, in their temples, they have a Torah scroll or two, but not one of them was written by a kosher scribe, a *sofer stam*, because among the Reform they don't exist either.

Hello! This is not normative Jewishness as it survived for thousands of years all over the globe. The variations in customs from region to region are colorful and interesting; the accents are different; the melodies are different; but at bottom it was the same religion from Morocco to Moscow, from Yemen to Paris, Libya to Germany. A way of life marked by the Sabbath, by kashrut, by mikveh, *brit milah*/circumcision, etc.

It is an interesting historical tidbit that when in the 1870s in New York, the decade when antisemitism was exploding in Europe, the Reform entered into merger talks with the Unitarian Universalist Church because the Reform had become so deJudaized, in theory and practice, there was no reason not to merge until they discovered two obstacles and ultimately the talks failed.

One was the person of Jesus. The Unitarians wanted to teach of his goodness, but even these radically deJudaized Jews, in light of thousands of years of horror at the hands of Christians, could not get behind that. Secondly, they realized they could not give up circumcision and still remain part of the Jewish people, as they obviously wanted to at some level.

This is emblematic of the defective soul of Reform Judaism. They want to have their cake and eat it too. They want to be normal, just like their gentile neighbors. They want no restrictions that keep them apart. At the same time, they would not shed completely their Jewish identity for its emotional rewards. It is a parasitic identity, taking the good but doing nothing to perpetuate the people.

They have nothing to pass on to their children except "Remember the Holocaust," but for these kids, if that is all being Jewish means, who needs it?

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Maybe you saw the story out of London yesterday of a Labor Party MP, one Vicki Kirby, who was suspended for the second time for her off-the-rails delusions about Jews. The first time she said, "They all have big noses and Hitler is the Zionist God." I confess that's a new one on me.

Suffering from a cracked version of history as well, like so many antiJews, she said, "We invented Israel when saving them from Hitler [her chronology is all messed up here] who now seems to be their teacher. I will never forget and I will make sure my kids teach their children how evil Israel is."

The woman is clearly clinical. This is not a political story but really of medical interest, psychiatric department. This woman imagines that Jews today are as evil as Hitler who has become their teacher, their role model. Jews are acting like Nazis toward their victims, the Ancient Ones.

As for her history, “We invented Israel when saving them from Hitler...” Israel did not save us from Hitler; this is a perversion of historical truth. Also, the Brits did not invent Israel. The Jews invented Israel.

This is like that other lie that says, “The UN gave Israel a state,” when the United Nations gave Israel nothing but a few words. It was the Jews who brought Eretz Yisrael back to life. All the UN did was salute the reality that there were people, 650,000 Jews in 1947 living here who had the right to live free in their own state on a piece of the Palestine that the League invented in the 1920s. Less than ten percent of the original Mandatory map.

On the Israeli websites’ talkbacks, one can see these cockamamie historical revisions all the time, indications of these crackpot versions of history that lead to the antiJew attacks on the legitimacy of Israel’s existence. You know, we stole Balesstine from the Balesstinians and how the UN “gave” us a state.

I can’t remember a time in my seven decades of life when there were such stories of British MPs spewing truly demented versions of reality in which, like many Muslims, the Jews are the Devil Incarnate. What did she say? She wants her grandchildren to be taught how evil the Jews are whom she likened to Adolf Hitler. Our behavior toward the Arabs here has surely been less than perfect, but Hitlerian?

Well, YNETnews also reported on a poll taken by the Israeli Embassy in Warsaw that discovered 49% of Poles think Israel is an aggressive country.

The Muslims attack us every day, attempt homicide, Jew-killing, but in half of Poland the people see us as the aggressive party.

Also out of the Gatestone site yesterday, we read that in France, 10,000 policemen are detailed to protect synagogues and Jewish schools in addition to train and subway stations, even some mosques in an apparent attempt to keep the Muslims happy, keep them from thinking they are being ignored. “Let’s not forget there is Islamophobia out there,” seems to be the message. “They are victims of prejudice too, you know, just like the Jews.”

I never imagined in my lifetime news stories like these: Jews being murdered at random by homicidal antisemites. I thought it was a thing of the past. In my subconscious, I seemed to have believed that with all the remembrance stuff about the Holocaust, the lesson had finally been learned that insane Jew-hatred can light a fire that for sure burns Jews but not only them. Its flames can engulf the non-Jews too who start the fire. I had always, apparently, assumed that that lesson had been learned, but obviously not.

I believe it was learned in civilized societies by the best and the brightest. British Prime Ministers like Labor’s Tony Blair and the Tory’s David Cameron know this truth; I

think Francois Hollande in France and Angela Merkel in Germany too, but not necessarily the common man.

Therefore, we are seeing this resurgence, this recurrence of Jew-hatred worthy of pre-Holocaust Europe, real crazy Dark Age *mishgass* about Jews and stoked by the presence of millions of Muslims who are light years from Europe's thinking classes who know the relationship between outrageous hatred of Jews and the menace it poses to a society as a whole.

I think there is some connection between this resurgent antiJewitis in Europe and the penetration of the Continent by Muslim retards still living in a pre-Enlightened culture.

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