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*Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim.* It is the evening of the 2nd day, *erev yom bes be-rosh khodesh Iyyar, Parashas Emor, tav-shin-qyin-vav*, the evening of the 1st day, Sunday, 8 May 2016, webcasting from the state of the Jews that arose after the ashes of Europe.

How coincidental, how ironic, that today, May 8, is the day that the War ended in 1945, V-E Day, Victory in Europe Day, with the news chock full of accusations that the Jews are now acting like Nazis 70 years ago.

Last webcast we remembered the Holocaust, with this year the bizarre twist of Israel's Deputy Chief of Staff insinuating that Israel today calls to mind pre-Nazi Germany.

He tried to walk that back but could not. Of course, this just was another eruption of this fad of linking Jews to Nazis in a very strange place.

Not that he intended that, I am sure. What he was up to was a "cousin," so to speak, of what Ehud Barak did, as I mentioned last time, proud of having grown up in an atheist commune, when he said that if he were an Ancient Palestinian boy, he would be an terrorist too, thereby redefining what Arab terrorists do to us from satanic to understandable, leastwise tolerated.

Yair Golan's speech remains the talk of the town here, but what I heard was another IDF officer who hates hating the enemy. What he and soulmate Defense Minister Yaalon are doing is the old Mapai recoil from anything that smacks of Jewish clannishness, cliquishness, claiming to be a Chosen People. Who says we Jews are any better than the Arabs? And, "We must respect their point of view."

No, what Yair Golan did was put on display the thinking of these IDF officers since the beginning of the state. They wave high the banner of *havlaga*, meaning “restraint” when using weapons – hence the flap over Elor Azaria in Hevron being charged with manslaughter for shooting dead an Arab already dropped by another soldier’s shot.

On the other hand, this behavior results from an old, old Jewish failing: the exercise of too much mercy, when it is uncalled for and that has far-reaching, negative consequences. Jews call themselves *rahmanim oovnai rachmanim*, “merciful people and the children of merciful people” and that can descend into narcissistic preening and disastrous judgments.

For example, in 1985, with three IDF held hostage by terror chieftain Ahmed Jibril, Yitzhak Rabin, to free them, released over a thousand imprisoned terrorists. Hundreds of them were expelled, but hundreds more were allowed to return to their homes in Judea and Samaria and three years later they erupted in the first intifada of December 1987.

For my money, when I ponder the plight of Elor Azaria, I think the real guilty party here has to be, if I understand the situation right, the anonymous soldier who dropped the Ishmaelite first but did not finish him off. Had he done that, there would have been no temptation to Elor to do what he did.

And the case of Elor preceded the Deputy Chief of Staff’s ill-conceived remarks. In his speech, he spoke of the old slogan of “purity of arms” / *tobar haneshek* that goes back to the 1930s among the Left in Haganah. One must never lose control when forced to kill. The IDF is claiming Elor lost control when he should not have -- which may be true -- but that still does not absolve the anonymous soldier who neutralized the terrorist first, put him flat on his back, but did not finish him off.

In the weekly cabinet meeting this morning, the prime minister’s first remarks contained his angry judgment that Yair Golan’s words were outrageous and, separately, he rebuked no less Defense Minister Yaalon for his support for Yair Golan.

It is such an Israeli story. It is a new instance of Israelis refusing to “park between the lines” in an endeavor that requires lines. For example, the presidency in Israel has been corrupted these past decades now by the politicians in the Knesset who stole the job from those it really belongs to. It was meant to be, and in the beginning was, an honorary position awarded to a distinguished Israeli who represented the best in the country, scientists, scholars, etc.

But then twenty years ago, the boorish Ezra Weizmann turned it into a political plum one campaigned for, and ever since the occupants have been politicians who refuse to “park within the lines” of the position. Politics is about clashing groups in society, when the presidency should focus on the opposite: those aspects of Israel that all citizens share.

Instead, these presidents think the job is a bully pulpit to pontificate on politics.

And here was another case of a career military officer popping off about early 20<sup>th</sup> century Germany history as if he were an historian of the period and, I guess, only moon-lighting as an army officer with an admirable combat record. He too had strayed from his position to pop off with words that he could not take back, that he tried to take back, that left the dreadful impression that he said his countrymen were showing signs of Deutschland when it was all a cabaret and political turmoil in raucous beer halls.

I think it was the late, great Winston Churchill who said, “A liberal is someone who in an argument cannot take his own side.” And I would add, because it makes them uncomfortable. And I think it is like the discomfort some people feel in crowds, agoraphobia, as if their very individuality is being annihilated. Liberals recoil from group activities like singing the national anthem with others at the baseball game. They want to stand out from the crowd and one way you do that is to stand in opposition to the crowd

Like Udi Aloni of last webcast, Shula’s son the film director, who says Israeli apartheid is worse than South Africa’s was and the government today is fascist. These are people who must stand apart from their fellows and always, when they do, they hold their fellows in contempt. Shulamite was the Queen of Hearts of Contempt for all people to the right of her, which was just about everybody. She had this compulsion to present herself perched upon Mt. Olympus among the gods of morality, and everybody who disagreed with her was down below with the hoi polloi, the morally inferior.

And here was Deputy Chief of Staff Yair Golan lecturing the people of Israel on Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day that it was a day for Jews to mediate on their own negative attitudes toward the Other, the enemy. Liberals and leftists like these preach a Christian message of “love thy enemy,” when Jewishness does not. I remember when Associated Press journalist in Lebanon Terry Anderson was captured and then held hostage for five years. When released, he said that as a Catholic he had to forgive his captors.

We are not Catholics. There were years in that period when Anderson was tied to a radiator like a dog. His Arab Muslim captors were, plain and simple, barbarians, enemies of civilization whom one does not forgive but defends against.

In other words, at play in this story of Yair Golan’s miserable oratory is the issue of Jews being merciful sons of merciful people, which is a virtue but can become a fetish and overdone. We take too much pride in how restrained we are.

Overall, this episode of Yair Golan pontificating on Israel today and early 20<sup>th</sup> century German history has “Israeli” stamped all over it. The liberal posturing, the refusal to “park within the lines,” the narcissistic identification with one’s mortal enemy

as a sign of one's higher morality, playing his advocate to one's own people. The Leftist sticks up for the enemy in the face of his own people's "intolerance" and "sanctimony" and "moral corruption" – his words. Is it the job of the second highest officer in the army to sermonize about the state of society and its relationship to Nazi Germany? I think not.

The prime minister was right to blast Golan and rebuke Yaalon, the last of the red-hot kibbutzniks at their best for defending him.

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Some good news. Nitsana Darshan-Leitner of Shura HaDin, has gone public with a demand I have spoken about for years: she wants the government to immediately end the use of radio and TV frequencies by the Arabs in Judea and Samaria who broadcast incitement to murder Jews. That 16-year-old Ishmael clone who stabbed Dafna Meir to death in front of her 12-year-old daughter said he was inspired by PA TV.

I knew in early 1994 already, at the beginning of the Oslo sickness, the year the PA regime kicked in, that the radio and TV channels given them by Peres were being used to broadcast poison and was flabbergasted that Peres and Rabin did nothing. They had sold their Oslo brainstorm to the public by saying that if things did not work out, they would just end it and reverse the Oslo process. But here right off the bat the government did nothing in the face of this outrageous use of the radio and TV channels that Israel gave them. I couldn't believe it that the Israelis I once looked up to as the proudest of Jews, whose response to antisemitic aggression was to fight back and not just take it, here was this antisemitic poison being broadcast in Eretz Yisrael and the Oslo peace cultists looked away. They were too intoxicated with their vision of peace and the glory showered on them by antiJews and other fools abroad.

So maybe now, with Nitsana Darshan Leitner on the case, maybe a fire can be lit on this issue.

Though, on the other hand, as I have reasoned for years in similar situations, my inclination is to go easy on criticizing the prime minister in such matters because the reality will maintain its power over us until January 20<sup>th</sup> of next year. The PM has to worry about the enemy in the Oval Office, the greatest secret agent in history, the Muslim Communist infiltrator energized by not one but two antiJew ideologies at the same time.

So, as much as I want to see those enemy propaganda outlets TV and radio shut down, if the government does that, consider the howls that will encircle the globe about Jewish Nazis denying freedom of the press to the Ancient Ones, the people they never stop crucifying.

Maybe you saw how Bibi invited the whole foreign diplomatic corps to come for a seminar on Jewish history in Jerusalem that he would give in the wake of the outrageous UNESCO resolution denying that history.

We live in insane times. I hope you realize that we are living in the very days and weeks another cosmic lie about Jews, like Holocaust Denial, is hatching before our very eyes; the delusion that the Jews never had any history in Jerusalem.

This is to deny the entire text of the Bible, which contains a thousand years of Jewish history in this land, in Jerusalem.

This is madness. The UNESCO states that voted as they did are now as complicit in fabricating an antiJew fantasy as any Holocaust Denier. A few years back, remember, the nutcase David Irving was *Sieg Heiling* and goose-stepping in the Old Bailey court in London, acting out his Holocaust Denial madness, and here is UNESCO, 33 countries, voting for a similar antisemitic lie.

France voted for this crime against sanity and truth, so when at the end of this month France convenes a congress of antiJew states to decide Israel's future without Israel's participation, Israel should tell France that by your vote for UNESCO's antisemitic lunacy, you disqualify yourselves as an interlocutor dealing with our future. If you believe we Jews have no connection to our Temple Mount, you all are as bonkers as David Irving.

It also was heartwarming today to read of the latest poison out of Ken Livingston's diseased mind which exposed him, and not for the first time, as a crank, a know-nothing about our endless need here to defend ourselves from our Arab-Muslim neighbors.

Livingston's latest was that Israel's birth was a catastrophe. Before then, the Arabs and Jews had lived together well, and in so saying exposed himself as monumental ignoramus who has no right to speak with any authority on what goes on here.

The fact of the matter, the facts of history, are plain to read. Muslims have been persecuting Jews every day for fourteen centuries, since Islam emerged as a plagiarized, indeed pilfered version of Jewishness. It is simply not history to imagine a Muslim-Jewish harmony at any time in the past, for Islamic law required Jews to be oppressed and humiliated, and so in every jurisdiction where Jews under Islam, in varying degrees of intensity, they were.

I read the talkbacks on the Israeli English sites now and it is fascinating to read the ignorance of the obviously antisemitic ravers. They have in their heads scraps of "information" gleaned from antisemitic websites about the Arab-Israeli conflict and they obviously do not know what they are talking about. In their heads, they are furious at the Jews and throw out accusations with no basis in history and truth.

As I say in my book, *Palestinian Nationalism*, sympathy for the Balestinians, is this generation's successor to antisemitism, which climaxed with Nazism's Final Solution. Maybe you saw the news item this weekend about the Venezuelan ambassador to the UN

in an informal meeting asking sarcastically if Israel was planning a “Final Solution” for the Balestinians.

I’m telling you this is like a virus, like a major computer virus that messes up your system. This virus of the mind called antisemitism has now been absorbed into the protective folds of Palestinian Nationalism. That is a noble cause, you know, for the victims of the Jews who stole their land and torture them and abuse them daily.

When in New York last month, I picked up the latest copy of the New York Review of Books that I used to read with high seriousness. It has always been anti-Israel because its editor and publisher and many of its writers were post-Jewish Americans, intellectuals who would not be caught dead supporting Israel. It was always anti-Israel but in this issue, the first I have seen in decades, there was a piece by one American-Israeli as left as can be, a supporter of BDS and Btselem and Breaking the Violence, who sees in the recent attempts by Ministress of Justice Ayelet Shaked to rein them in as a “witch hunt” against these noble NGOs only interested in “human rights.”

The portrait of Israel he paints is that of say, East Germany under the Stasi, Communist secret police forever hounding opponents of the regime.

This fellow, this David Shulman, is simply off the rails in his inability to see that what he sees as sticking up for the underdog, others see as treason.

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Speaking before of Ken Livingston the demented antiJew ignoramus, speaking, that is, of his former job, mayor of London, London now has, like Rotterdam, a Muslim mayor, one Sadiq Kahn, son of Pakistani immigrants. Methinks -- I suspect -- he is another Obama, who feigns friendship for the Jews but remains underneath an antiJew snake.

And I say that on the basis of reportage today on the excellent Gatestone website by their regular contributor Soren Kern. He lists a record of too much time in the presence of Muslim radicals. He talks a good game and like Obama today, as his first official act, attended a Holocaust Memorial event, but I just don’t trust a Muslim who once represented Louis Farrakhan in his attempt to be admitted to the UK, which was prevented by HMG. Worse, Kahn said, “Mr. Farrakhan is not antisemitic and does not preach a message of racial hatred and antagonism.”

And if this is an accurate quote, and I’ve no reason to doubt it, then this guy will be bad news.

Not that in his post he will have much power. At worst, perhaps, he will make London more hospitable to an expansion of Muslim charities and mosques that surely will preach the jihad.

Kern also reports that ten years ago during the Danish cartoons of Muhammad mess, he attended a rally in Trafalgar Square to protest the publications of the cartoons in

Western newspapers in solidarity with the Danes under attack. He was on the side, of course, of the Muslims opposed to caricatures of the Prophet.

He is, in other words, despite his outward appearance, like Barack Obama, a man of the Third World where making fun of the leader and the Prophet can get you killed.

He scares me, but obviously not too many English Jews who, and not for the first time, have their heads in the sand, I think, about the future of the country. There in the paper today was Kahn in Southwark Cathedral in London yesterday being congratulated by a beardless man in a kippa; I'm guessing a Reform rabbi, smiling at him.

This is not a good sign for England or its Jews. There is no way on can look favorably on the burgeoning Muslim population, thanks to their polygamous relations for sure, that the British government now tolerates, evidently.

Big mistake. I'm convinced that at the root of all that is wrong with Islam is the sex lives of its people. It is all tied together: the polygamy, the abuse and mutilation of women, the rampant sodomy, the cruelty. What would radically reform Islam is a ban on polygamy and an end to these other aggressions.

What, after all, stunned the West last New Year's Day in German and Austrian cities was those mobs of Muslim men assaulting women in the streets, hundreds of attackers and victims. Like a herd of wild jackasses afflicted with some distemper or rabies driving them to these attacks.

Bad times are rising from over the horizon with the ascent of Muslims in Europe and England, with the U.S. and Canada next in line, I'm afraid.

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A last, a brief note: Compounding the bad news out of London with its new Muslim mayor, it was also shocking that in the London Borough of Barnet known for its large Jewish community, they were prevented from voting because the official lists were never delivered.

A coincidence? Anything is possible, but given everything we know about the rising tide of Muslims in Londonistan, this could be an omen for a future of "bad" luck the city's Jews may suffer.

*Leila tov miEretz Yisrael.*