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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 4th day, tes beSivan, Parashas Beha-alos-kha, tav-shin-ayin-vav, the evening of the 3rd day, Tuesday, 14 June 2016, webcasting from Judea, observing the proceedings in the U.S. after the massacre in Orlando.

The U.S., I'm afraid, is in need of some root canal deprogramming of the language that Americans speak these days, and in some cases refuse to speak, like the President of the United States who refuses to say "Islamic terrorism." As president, by fiat, once in office, he ordered all US military manuals connecting "Islam and terrorism" be destroyed and new ones printed at taxpayer expense with these expressions deleted.

And after a Muslim, that captain in the US Army at Ft. Hood in Texas, shouting "Allahu Akbar!" murdered 13 fellow American soldiers, this president said Islam had nothing to do with it.

In his universe, certain ideas and expressions are taboo, and consistently he defends Islam with this taboo from all criticism and rejection. Speaking negatively about Islam is simply unacceptable.

And here today the Washington Times reported on a report by the Homeland Security Advisory Council that was released days before the attack in Orlando that stressed the importance of combating extremism by "avoiding terms that might offend Muslims." This subcommittee, first created by DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson in 2015, published its report on June 9. Some instructions were "Officials should not use the word *'jihad.*" Officials should not use the word *'takfir*," which

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is done when one Muslim accuses another of apostasy. "We must speak with honor and respect about all communities within the United States..."

Language...Deprogram Program has always been about language, with a hat tip to George Orwell. The New York Times reported the other day that the police in Bangladesh suspected "Islamist militants" in the hacking to death of a Hindu priest just walking innocently down the road.

"Islamist militants." Two words, two lies. The word "militant" is camouflage for terrorist-murderer-assassin, with "Islamist" an invention of Western academics who for their own, non-scholarly reasons, needed to believe that Muslim terrorists are not representative of Islam as a whole. that they are outliers. Men like Daniel Pipes and others coined the word "Islamism" when that too, like "Islamist," is not used by Muslims themselves.

Today I heard Hillary Clinton speak of "radical Islamism," which tells me she still doesn't get it when it comes to the Middle East.

All these terms, "radical," "extremist," "Islamist," "Islamism" are all camouflage for the truth that these are Muslim maniacs and that is all they are: just Muslims. All these adjectives are extraneous and misleading.

What people do not want to face is the truth that these murderers, these terrorists, are the true face of Islam, which we know because the sources of authority in Islam do not condemn them. One would love to see -- but will not -- a major, dignified televised address live from Cairo's al-Azhar, the great Muslim seminary, where the man in charge tells Believers to stop murdering people at random like this, as in Orlando, as in Tel-Aviv, as in Paris, Brussels, London, Amsterdam, etc. He has to say in clear Arabic, "Stop murdering non-threatening people going about their innocent lives. Don't do that anymore."

It would be nice too if the high priest in Mecca at the Grand Mosque preached to the Faithful a similar sermon, issuing a *fatwa* telling Muslims to stop murdering people at random, which is what terrorist atrocities are.

But, as I say, I don't see this happening, so I conclude that by this behavior, these terror strikes are Islamically kosher and therefore these mass murderers are not "radical extremists" but mainstream Muslims whose religion and religious authorities license them to massacre other people.

So Barack Obama has once again exposed his inner self as incapable of criticizing Muslim terrorists, criticizing fellow Believers. I have believed that his withdrawal from Iraq in 2011 and the ridiculously feeble strikes at ISIS reflect the discomfort Barack Hussein Obama feels in sending infidel soldiers, American soldiers, to fight and kill fellow Believers. This makes him very uncomfortable.

This is a man who toppled Mubarak in Egypt in favor of the Muslim Brotherhood, and that is because Obama sees in the Brotherhood the salvation of people, and in truth,

in the election following, the Brotherhood won and ruled for a year until toppled by the army once again.

And speaking of Obama's refusal to allow talk of "Muslim terrorists," maybe you saw how Pam Geller's page on Facebook "Stop the Islamization of America" was removed by Facebook. I was not surprised in light of recent allegations about Mr. Zuckerberg and my own experience with Facebook. I advertised my book on Facebook and have reason to believe there was sabotage.

This political correctness thing is emerging as a major weapon against the West wielded by Muslim enemies of the West. Here was Jeh Johnson calling for basically silence when it comes to insinuating anything negative about Islam. We must not offend them. All criticism is a priori a form of racism.

The only one speaking the truth, it seems these days, since the latest Muslimproduced hell on earth in Orlando, is Donald Trump. I have no problem with his demand that Obama resign. He said, "Obama can't even mention the words 'radical Islamic terrorism.' There is something going on." And in explaining his demand that Obama resign, he said, "He doesn't get it or he gets it better than anybody understands – it's one or the other, and neither one is acceptable."

Touché. Well put. Not to be too inflammatory, he does not cross the line and come out with the obvious, that Obama is a traitor to his country, like Aldrich Ames, like the Walkers, father and son, like the Rosenbergs. Traitors.

And Trump did not stop there. He went on, "Well, there are a lot of people that think maybe he doesn't want to get it. A lot of people think maybe he doesn't want to know about it. I happen to think that he just doesn't know what he's doing. But there are many people that think he doesn't want to get it. He does not want to see what's really happening."

Well, I agree with everything except that last thought. Trump says that Obama does not want to see what's really happening when I think he does see exactly what's happening and wants it to happen: the bleeding of America by Muslims which he will not stop because his supreme loyalty is to his Islamic faith. Check out Obama on YouTube Obama in 2009 bowing obsequiously to the king of Saudi Arabia, one of the most backward, abusive to non-Sunni Muslim countries there; to women and drenched in antisemitism.

In any case, three cheers for Trump for craftily speaking the truth when he says, "There's something going on," meaning behind the behavior which is intolerable. Obama's refusal to speak less than favorably about Islam is a function, I think, of his inner core, his identity. He grew up, after all, with two Arabic names, one of them the first Shiite in history, Hussein ibn Ali.

Trump has signaled his belief that Obama really is an enemy agent to the extent that in his decision-making the good name of Islam is always paramount. When last year the head-chopping videos of ISIS surfaced, Obama lectured his countrymen in America that

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the Crusaders were not the best of men either *i.e.* do not judge Islam, do not judge it inferior to Christianity. When among the first to be beheaded were American journalists, Obama defended Islam to Americans instead of defending Americans from Islam.

How ironic. We Jews are chronically suspected in every generation in the Diaspora of dual loyalty. Jews as rootless cosmopolitans, in Joseph Stalin's lingo, loyal to other Jews rather than the gentiles in whose country they happen to be living.

Yet here in one of the great betrayals in human history, the main actor is a Muslim American who by his words and behavior and presidential decisions has held high the banner of Islam over the Stars and Stripes.

He said wanted to fundamentally change America, and he did for worse, big time.

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Speaking before of that nauseating spectacle of the President of the United States of American, fittingly I think, on April Fool's Day, 2009, bowing deeply before the king of Saudi Arabia who was wearing, fittingly, the desert robes of uncivilized, nomadic barbarians, albeit made of the finest cloth. Did you ever notice how when the Saudis and other Gulf Arabs go abroad on official business in their tribal costumes, not Western business suits? And of course the keffiya head dress is the equivalent of an American cowboy hat: a national costume that echoes with the romance of their desert past as outlaws.

The Saudis are still in the 21<sup>st</sup> century punishing theft with the amputation of a hand and for worse crimes decapitation. Women still can't drive or move about unescorted by a protecting male. It is a society, according to Ayaan Hirsi Ali, infested with antisemitism even though there are no Jews in the kingdom.

So, by the way, look for the upcoming release of the 28 missing pages of the official 9-11 report on the role of the Saudis in 9-11, classified all these years. That was the homeland of Osama bin Ladin and 15 of 19 skyjackers. CIA director John Brennan has recently spoken about this report. JPost reported today that he appears to be anxious about the upcoming release, though JPost's Yonah Jeremy Bob said nothing of Brennan's relationship with the Saudis. He was CIA Station Chief in Riyadh and evidently a lover of that society and according to rumor converted to Islam there. This JPost piece said Brennan is speaking out now before the impending release in hopes that the Saudis will not come off in a bad light.

And I say any American who could fall in love with Saudi Arabia, hits society, its religion, is another kind of if not traitor than idiot. Saudi society stands for everything the US never did. Liberty is the opposite of submission and submission is the meaning of the very word Islam. An American who converts to Islam has a screw loose somewhere.

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I also have found most peculiar in the last three years that he has been CIA Director his silence, his absence from the public debate. Former CIA director James Woolsey has no problem pronouncing on Islamic terrorism; there is no reason John Brennan should not.

But of course Obama put him in that position and like Obama Brennan never goes public with talk of Islamic terrorism, which fits the rumor that like Obama he is a closeted Muslim.

What a scenario. You can't make this stuff up. The President and head of CIA are secret Muslims. Hollywood would never go for such a premise, too outlandish. But truth is stranger than fiction.

And speaking of fiction, yesterday Prime Minister Netanyahu met with his fellow Likud cabinet ministers to answer questions about his policies, in particular his publicly expressed interest in the Saudi "peace initiative" of 2002, and Bibi said it must be revised, for the region has changed in fourteen years. He also said a revised Saudi plan must delete the demands for the lines in 1967 and an Israeli retreat from the Golan plateau. And of course language about refugees with a right of return. In sum, Netanyahu said there was no substance to the rumor that he told Putin that he was ready to discuss the Arab initiative, as it exists today. It needs, he said, to be revised.

In other words, as I've said before, Bibi is a first rate taurine excreta artist and that is all this talk of the Saudi initiative ever was. And the reason for that could not be simpler or easier to understand. That is not one sober Jew in Israel, especially in the army who thinks it would be a good idea, one day, to pack up all our equipment and return to the other side of the Green Line. The idea is simply not of this world. No Israeli, after our experience of abandoning Gaza, thinks it would be a good idea to abandon Judea and Samaria, give it the Gaza treatment, withdraw, and let Hamas come within small arms range of Ben-Gurion Airport. Which politician of which party is going to agree to that?

Which makes the Israeli Left, like the traitors to America mentioned before, traitors when they support the enemy demand that Israel retreat like that. This is the community in Israel that reads and takes seriously Haaretz the newspaper, now largely owned, I believe, by German gentiles. It is one Israel-bashing article after another in which the Arabs are always Israel's victims, and the only solution is the Two-State Solution.

And last Friday, the most important in the week for newspapers in Israel, their Uri Misgav said that Supreme Court Judge Noam Sohlberg who lives in Alon Shvut in Gush Etzion, that abuts the bus stop where the three boys two years ago were kidnapped, is a war criminal for living in Alon Shvut and is therefore unfit to sit on the country's highest tribunal. Misgav wrote that building and living in settlements was a violation of international law. He also complained that because Sohlberg is religious, that skews his thinking.

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And you can bet Uri Misgav has never thought for 60 seconds about the logistics and dynamics of evacuating the settlements. How would it be accomplished? Who would pay for it? Where would Israel put its radar installations removed from the ridges of Judea and Samaria so vital for defense?

Where would these hundreds of thousands of settlers go? And of course Misgav understands that not only must the communities outside of Jerusalem be abandoned to the PLO, the retreat must also include the post-67 Jerusalem neighborhoods from Gilo in the south to Pisgat Ze'ev in the North, and Ramat Eshkol and French Hill. All are post-67 neighborhoods and the other side says they must be evacuated too.

What I am getting at is the essential pipedream of the Two-State Solution as our enemies without and traitors within imagine it. It has zero chance of ever coming into existence. It is just a way of legitimizing one's hatred for Jews, which is common in every generation among Gentiles and no less Jews themselves. The settlements and the settlers are the evil ones denying justice to the victims of the Zionist movement, blah-blah, yadda yadda, blah-blah.

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There was more in the news this morning about the mikvaot/ritual baths run by Orthodox Jews that refuse to let the facilities be used by self-defined Reform and Conservative Jews for their conversion ceremonies. The Haredim in the Knesset have tabled legislation to override the High Court decision February that said the Orthodox can't do that.

The whole thing is so annoying because of the hypocrisy, if that's the word, of these schismatics who in their home communities do not maintain and use a mikveh at all. Reform Jews even scorn the practice as "sexist." But here in Israel they want to convert non-Jews to their version of Judaism by using a mikveh?

This is in the same irrational class as the demand of the Women of the Wall to pray alongside men at the Wall when in Reform Jewish doctrine, they shouldn't be praying at the Wall at all. One never finds an Orthodox synagogue that calls itself a "temple," when that is common practice among Reform, and there is a deep philosophical meaning to this. When the Reform movement began in the first decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Germany, they proclaimed a new kind of Jewishness in which the Jewish nation no longer existed, only a Jewish religion, a set of ideas and philosophy. Fearful of the charge of dual loyalty, they wanted to impress on their gentile neighbors that they were good and patriotic Germans just like them, albeit with a different religious philosophy. And unlike classical Jewishness, they would not pray to return to the Land of Israel to build the third and final Temple.

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No, they felt no national brotherhood with the Jews in other countries and had no interest in building a third Temple. Their temple was right there in Hamburg and Berlin and Frankfurt. The building of the Third Temple in Jerusalem could mean the reinstituting of animal sacrifices and for the Reform in the Age of Reason, that was too primitive a thought to contemplate. So no, the Reform had no desire to return to the Land of their forefathers and build the Third Temple.

And since praying at the Western Wall is a mournful substitute for the Temple, Reform Jews have no business there.

So this whole pain-in-the-neck of catering to these handful of activists is just that: an annoyance. They are insisting that if non-governmental agencies, as they are being offered, build them four mikvaot, the government will still have to provide funds to run and maintain them.

What they are really after is legitimacy. They want to be treated just like the Orthodox. They want the government to support them as a legitimate form of Judaism when that is a lie. The only form of Judaism that is legitimate is the one that produces the next generation of Jewish children and then Jewish grandchildren and Jewish great-grandchildren, etc. And it ain't the Conservatives and it ain't the Reform, who are shrinking at warp speed.

So I wish the government here would wise up and understand that they can ignore these activists because they have no support in the States precisely because their communities are drying up. They represent only themselves. It is sad but true: the non-Orthodox Jews are going the way of the Ten Lost Tribes, assimilating into the general human gene pool. If Jewish students on college campuses are silent in the face of Israelbashing, that is because they never had any education in the history of Israel and by not living according to the Jewish calendar marked by Sabbaths and holidays, they have no information to defend themselves against the accusations and choose not to get involved.

Between 1881 and 1921, some two million Jews immigrated to the United States. In 1928, a respected census said the community had grown to 4.8 million. For decades now, the lie has been told again and again that there are 5 or 5.5 million Jews – the number never changes -- when the truth is much worse. There may be two million who are active and connected in some way to the Jewish people, which includes the non-Orthodox.

In mid-20<sup>th</sup> century America, the American Jewish community, the children and the grandchildren of those immigrants produced so many successful scientists and lawyers, engineers and actors, novelists, doctors, dentists, accountants, business tycoons. Their contribution to America was immense.

But now, because they largely did not keep the Sabbath, the dietary laws and laws of family purity, this community is reaching its end.

Which is another reason I think the Israeli government is wasting its time catering to these few hypocritical, ignorant and neurotic Reform Jewish nudniks.

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