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*Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim.* It is the evening of the 2nd day, *yud-dales beSivan, Parashas Shlach Lekha, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 1st day, Sunday, 19 June 2016, webcasting from the State of Israel whose early icons are coming to the end of their days. The icon of the sabra, the born-in-Palestine Jew raised to be a socialist, a farmer, a soldier, and no more that religion stuff.

For those who might not know: the sabra is the name of an edible mini cactus, all prickly on the outside, soft and mushy inside. The hero of Leon Uris's bestseller *Exodus* was sabra Ari ben-Canaan. Interesting choice of name, for in fact in the first years of the new state, there was a circle of intellectuals who called themselves "Canaanites," meaning, yes, their home is here and they fought for it against the Arabs, but not as Jews. Ben-Canaan means a "son of Canaan." These early, hard Left Israeli intellectuals declared their divorce from Jews outside of Israel.

Moshe Dayan was the first baby born in the first kibbutz who grew up to be a fearless soldier for whom religion was nonsense. And interestingly enough, on the last page of his autobiography, in a separate section, his last words, he related one of his archaeological finds: the tomb of someone who was buried before Abraham came from Ur Casdim. The tomb was that old. Dayan said he looked at the bones and identified with the man who surely called this land his homeland and he probably loved his homeland as a normal person loves his homeland, as Dayan loved this, his homeland.

But of course none of that Jew stuff. Dayan was saying indirectly he too was a Canaanite. His late son Assaf crowed that he never once set foot in a synagogue and never would.

In *Exodus*, Uris himself took a swipe at the rabbis of the Jews in history who retarded them with their superstitions.

Interesting, too, that in this historical romance, the love story within Israel's war of independence is between Ari Ben-Canaan and a lovely American Christian nurse. Uris himself married a non-Jewess. The whole story is about assimilating Jews.

The 20-somethings who fought and died in the Israeli War of Independence were the heroes of the Jewish community here at the time. Like Ari Ben-Canaan, their leaders were overwhelmingly from communes and collective villages, the kibbutzim and moshavim. They never constituted more than 5% of the population, more often only 3%, but they were the elite; they were the ruling class; they were the officers in the IDF, the pilots in the air force, the politicians in the government, heads of the national labor organization called the Histadrut. They ran the country and, not surprisingly, they felt it was their country more than anybody else's.

And I remember when their rule came to an end after 30 years in 1977. Israelis in the ruling elite that evening were slack-jawed and dumbfounded when the election results show Menachem Begin had won. They couldn't believe that. He was this weirdo from way back when.

Well, flash forward to this week and we are seeing, I think, more and more eruptions of the last of the kibbutz generation squawking at the reality of their sinking into the quicksand of history.

When Deputy Chief of Staff Yair Golan said what he said on Holocaust Remembrance Day, he was only in character as a ranking officer in the IDF whose ethos, whose atmosphere, was molded by the generation of 1948. These were Jews who were raised to dismiss the Jewish religion as foolishness. And as for the Holocaust, well, it could have happened to any people given the right circumstances.

In a way, this was a denial of the lunatic antisemitism that fueled the ovens at Auschwitz. Sabras like these were raised to believe that they were Israelis and not Jews and therefore antisemitism did not concern them. And in the right circumstances, Jews too could become Nazis. That was Golan's message on Holocaust Remembrance Day. We are not the chosen people; we are a normal people.

In the uproar that followed, the Defense Minister Yaalon supported him but the prime minister rightly rebuked both of them. I mean, if you want to express your views on political and cultural things, fine. But take off your uniform because when you are wearing it, you have no right to express your opinions on such matters.

Which brings me to the top story here since last Thursday: at the annual Herzlia Conference on Security, Ehud Barak, now sporting a thick black beard, delivered few words on security but a torrent of them impugning the leadership of the prime

minister. It was a rant of sentences of unrestrained bile. If there was a Jewish Nobel Prize for *loshon hara*/evil speech, it goes to Ehud Barak.

He grew up in a commune of atheists, socialists, who never wore jackets and ties as too bourgeois. They created for themselves a classless society and produced, not surprisingly, men with no class like Ehud Barak.

His vocabulary was off the charts. He accused the government of being taken over -- *khatufa*, kidnapped in Hebrew -- by a "fanatical core of extreme ideologues." The prime minister Hitlerizes every foreign threat. And at the end, not once, not twice, but three times he used the word "fascism" to describe the current state of politics in Israel.

He was simply hysterical in his torrent of accusations. And another facet of his having no class, he was being oblivious to the implicit slap in the face to the people of Israel who went to the polls and voted for this right-wing government led by Benjamin Netanyahu.

He painted the portrait of a situation that simply does not exist. He made it sound as if there had been a *coup d'etat* by these "extreme, radical fanatics," when it is a government no more and no less reflective of the people of Israel than any other. This is what the electorate voted for just 15 months ago, and Ehud Barak barking that the government in place is a fascist junta, more or less, is an insult to that electorate.

And in keeping with his perversion of reality, he was oblivious to his own voice as the voice of the army, he and Yaalon and Golan, who think the civilian government isn't good enough and is corrupt. Shades of some colonels in a Third World "banana republic" plotting a coup.

In fact, in what Barak said, he sounded as if he was calling for the current government to be toppled by a "civil uprising," his words, but then added, "...and the ballot box." But his first preference preceded his reference to "democratic elections," of course. Then he had to go on television the next evening to spin and walk back his remarks.

Yaalon also criticized the prime minister in like fashion and now wants his own party because he was humiliated by Bibi (who, by the way, did not grow up in the leftist ruling class.) Yaalon sided with Golan for he too sees the army, like Barak, as the backbone of modern Israel that has had not only a military role but one as a molder of the New Jew. Yaalon experienced his rebuke from Bibi denying him the right to believe in the ethos of the IDF that was his world.

In a word, last Thursday in Herzlia, Ehud Barak went ballistic against the Prime Minister. As far I saw in the reports of his incendiary speech, he was in high, classical, Leftist dudgeon because Netanyahu and his camp have attacked the Supreme Court, he said; attacked freedom of expression [the Golan speech], the media's independence, the state controller, the attorney-general, senior officials in the IDF, the Shin Bet and police, the antitrust regulator and others. Israeli democracy, he said, is threatened by

the NGO law, the Suspension of MKs law for antiJew incitement, separate transportation for Jews and Arabs in the West Bank and the attempt to apply Israeli law to Jewish settlers in the West Bank.” This was the laundry list from Ehud Barak.

It is interesting how we settlers are never referred to as “Israeli settlers.” We are always “Jewish settlers.” Not that I mind but it is another moment for reflecting on the society that Ehud Barak grew up in, a commune of socialists who sneered at the Jewish religion. These were Israelis who would tell you they were Israelis and not Jews.

This latest hysterical outburst by him and Yaalon, still the kibbutznik -- while Barak is a multi-millionaire who lives in the poshest penthouse in Tel-Aviv -- is, I think, just another spasm in the death rattle of the generation of the sabras, these farmer-soldier, atheist socialists of yore and legend.

They have become a dying breed here. Their ideology, their thoughts, their values made sense in the past but no longer do. They sense their impending doom, I think, and are not happy about that.

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Yes, the age of Ari ben-Canaan in Israel is slipping beneath the waves of history, and as his cohort leaves this world, we see tyrannical Stalinism inherent in the socialist dream. Barak attacked the right for their attacks, as he called them, on the Supreme Court, NGOs, separate transportation of Jews and Arab in Judea and Samaria, as if he believes all these institutions are sacred cows above criticism. Leftists like him experience criticism of their views as illegitimate and tantamount to inciting people to murder them. Criticism of the Supreme Court is unacceptable, in the mind of Ehud Barak and that is because it is a leftist clique.

He attacked Netanyahu for not pursuing peace with the “Palestinians” and having a “hidden agenda” of leading the country to a one-state solution in which Israel becomes an “apartheid state.”

And this is where this crude, classless man’s lack of class crosses the line from bad taste to treason for providing ammunition to Israel’s enemies. Every clique of antisemites on university campuses who organize Israel Apartheid Weeks will be pleased to read this quote from Ehud Barak last Thursday linking Israel to apartheid, just like Jimmy Carter in the title of his book. What a jackass this Barak is. And then he evidently tied off his rant at the podium by claiming that democracy is being eroded by the government and the “roots of fascism have taken hold in this government . If it looks like the roots of fascism and walks like the roots of fascism and barks like the roots of fascism, then it is the roots of fascism.”

On one level, I am angry that a Jew could be so uneducated as to think Israel’s polity is like Mussolini’s Italy or Franco’s Spain.

On another level, I find it virtually surreal that a former prime minister of Israel, defense minister and foreign minister could be so oblivious to the damage he does to this country with talk like this. Every antisemite in the world will latch onto his words as proof Israel is a fascist, apartheid state. Is that what he wants?

I think I've remarked before on my belief that for all the greatness in the State of Israel Reborn, one major and important deficit of the return from the Diaspora has been the loss here of Jews, like Barak, who have no understanding of gentiles and the still powerful role of irrational Jew-hatred. It is still out there. In using these words, "fascist" and "apartheid," he in effect pays his respects to those around the globe who make such accusations at us.

The "Zionism is racism" UN General Assembly Resolution of 1975 was formally annulled in 1991, but that meant nothing. It remains the backbone of all Israel-haters. Jewish nationalism is racist because the Jews are a race and won't let other races share in the Holy Land which is holy to the three great monotheistic religions. The Jews are greedy racists whose very nature drives them to oppress and humiliate the Ancient Palestinians whose ancient homeland the Jews stole from them.

Barak's tirade was pathetic. The Likud Party's formal statement in response said, and right on target, that "The left wing is simply unwilling to accept the fact that the Likud is the ruling party. To that end, all is fair, including harming Israel's security interests. The government in Israel has not been hijacked, it was elected by the people. It's strange that the very people who praise democracy can't understand that."

And I see in this another case of psychological projection. Here was Barak calling for a "civil uprising" in his words, because the government had been overrun by "extremists fanatics." He was the one calling for a coup d'etat.

No, it is the same government the people voted for 15 months ago. What is he talking about?

Yes, the Likud is right in saying that the Left is unwilling to accept that the people prefer Likud over the remnants of the old Mapai Labor movement Mafia of Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan, etc. They lost power in 1977; they returned to power in 1992 but then brought down on the country the nightmare years of the second intifada. Indeed, it happened in the brief two years Ehud Barak was prime minister who like his forebears Rabin and Peres tried to make a deal with Fatah. Only "ghetto Jews" like these kibbutzniks who never lived in the real world would make a deal with Arafat. In the real world, no sober and successful person would ever go into business with that slime and see in him a potential partner for a win-win peace deal. Arafat was lowlife. Arafat was a poisonous reptile in the form of a man. Only such country bumpkins as these communards would think it a good idea to go into business with Arafat as a peace partner. Like all Leftists, they have no judgment when it comes the nature of the human personality.

Last week, I think the day before in Herzlia, Barak was in New York sounding pretty much the same in a staged gabfest at Central Synagogue in Manhattan on stage with Dennis

Ross, where he said that he supported reaching an agreement with the “Palestinians” as soon as possible, and if a deal is not reached, Israel could become another South Africa.”

What a jerk. What a schmuck.

Like Oshrat Kotler, an anchorwoman on Israeli TV who on Friday night said in praise of a musician who lives in Yitzhar overlooking Shechem -- a settlement -- “he knows how to sing, to compose and direct. And there is no doubt he is a sane settler.”

Of course, there was a howl of protest at her obnoxious remark. She was called on the carpet by management and apologized, but like the “Zionism is racism resolution” that can be annulled but not never forgotten, her obnoxious remark was further evidence of the ruling class in Israel’s journalism and entertainment. In her mind, all 500,000 Jews living on formerly Arab, illegally occupied territory that the League of Nations assigned to the Jews are insane, except for this one singer.

Oshrat Kotler, soul sister of Ehud Barak.

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There was an interesting if depressing piece in Makor Rishon on Friday about the headless and useless anti-terror behavior of the Obama administration. In France, last November 13, after the horror at the Bataclan club and the surrounding cafes and restaurants, 130 murdered, France’s Ministry of the Interior decided to zero in, put under surveillance, mosques preaching violence. In Brussels likewise, after the March 22<sup>nd</sup> horror at the airport and a metro station, the prime minister there did the same thing; he put incendiary mosques under surveillance.

But in the States, the Obama administration is not doing do that. The New York Police Department used to do that and did good work, catching terrorists ahead of time but was forced by political correctness to suspend such intelligence operations.

Political correctness likewise stopped the neighbors in San Bernardino from reporting the suspicious activities of their Muslim neighbors, who went on to murder 17 (?), 14(?) people. And there was Obama last week claiming the Bill of Rights and Constitution of the United States extend protection to aliens overseas whose culture produces everywhere undemocratic regimes.

And then this wicked man went down to Orlando and again shook his finger at the availability of weapons in the U.S. as the problem, and not the Muslim maniacs who use them.

The Makor Rishon piece covered the Clarion Project in the States, whose emails I get, and now I am going to make a contribution to them. They seem to be a serious effort doing what the government is not doing. They are keeping track of every mosque in the US. There are some 3,000 now. Every state has some of them. Every state.

Rather, if I understood this article correctly, there are Federal agencies monitoring these mosques but they are forbidden by Obama & Co. of making their findings public.

Scores of these mosques are home to firebrand preachers who preach the gospel of Muhammad who was, arguably, aside from the professional executioners in Saudi Arabia, the greatest head chopper in history.

In other words, Islam is penetrating the U.S. and all thanks to Obama who has imported about a million Muslims.

A couple years ago, I was at JFK Airport set to board an El Al flight for Tel-Aviv, which was delayed -- so what else is new --? so for hours I got to see the terminal teem with Muslims, hundreds of them.

Not a happy prospect.

This character Obama in his haughty, sneering argument against saying "Radical Islam" made no sense when accusing those who make the demand of smearing an entire religion, when the exact opposite is true. By speaking out against "Radical Islam," he would isolate and defend the non-violent ones. One protects the bulk of Muslims from the charge of criminal terror by using the term "radical Islam."

And that Obama hears a blanket criticism of Islam as a whole in this demand reveals how his Muslim mind works. He distorts reality and hears his own worst nightmare: people accusing him of being a Muslim traitor, which is what he is. If he were smarter and perhaps less panicked, he might embrace the term "Radical Islam" in order to protect the bulk of his fellow Believers in the One True Faith. But he does not.

In true totalitarian fashion, like Stalinist Ehud Barak, criticism of one's religion is unacceptable. How dare Israelis on the Right object to the decisions of the High Court? And how anyone dare not like Islam?

How dare the Knesset, in the mind of Ehud Barak, pass a law against NGOs financed by foreigners to smear and slander his country?

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