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*Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim.* It is the evening of the 6th day, *tes beTammuz*, *Parashas Balak*, *tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 14 July 2016, webcasting from Israel in high summer in pretty good shape.

We can start for a change with good news. Not only has Britain abandoned the sinking ship that is Europe being swamped with Muslims, its new prime minister is a friend of Israel and the Jewish people and she has just now chosen as foreign secretary Boris Johnson, notorious for his politically incorrect support of Israel.

The very good Clarion Project website yesterday noted some of Theresa May's recent steps as Home Secretary against Muslims. She said in a recent speech about Muslim extremists, "We will no longer tolerate your behavior. We will expose your hateful beliefs for what they are. Where you seek to spread hate, we will disrupt you."

She also led the legal battle to expel Abu Qatada to Jordan; I remember that. It took a decade but in the end, he was expelled. And in 2015 she had the Counter-Terrorism and Security Services bill passed to bar re-entry of citizen-subjects who left the country to fight with ISIS. When she introduced the bill, she said, "We are in the middle of a generational struggle against a deadly terrorist ideology. These powers are essential to keep up with the very serious and rapidly changing threat we face." Very nice

"The middle of a generational struggle," she said. I like that. It reflects a sense of history in which major shifts occur over time, over generations, and it was her way of conceiving that the struggle with belligerent Islam today is not going to be like either world war lasting 4, 5, or 6 years but over generations.

And the more that lovers of liberty and freedom take the long view, the better. And the first step is to unblinkingly face the reality that Islam -- not radical Islam, not extremist Islam -- but Islam itself is the problem. It is not an Abrahamic culture. Ishmael was far more his mother's son than his father's because of his violence.

All his adult male life Avraham had wanted a son then finally had one, who turned out to be a "wild ass of a man." The text tells us that when Yitzhak was weaned, which would have been at age 2 or 3, there was a celebration during which he was the center of attention, but that rubbed half-brother Ishmael, either 16 or 17 years old, the wrong way and had him making fun of his little half-brother.

Sarah saw this, as she had seen Ishmael's 16 or 17 years of life. She had watched this little wild ass of a male grow up and in that instant at the weaning party looking at him making fun of her son, she knew that he was capable of anything, of murdering Yitzhak after Avraham's passing in order to inherit everything, and that is why she said to Avraham that Ishmael had to go.

Avraham resisted. Ishmael was not 100% bad. He had his good qualities. He was his first-born son. But G-d told him to listen to his wife. In this matter, she saw more clearly than he did what needed to be done.

And so Ishmael was expelled and not only from Avraham's community but civilization. The text tells us he went to live the desert. And Rashi writing in the 11<sup>th</sup> century France during the First Crusade said that in the desert Ishmael with his bow and arrow, these are killing instruments, became a highway robber.

Of course. That is what the Arabs in this region were known for over thousands of years. The Near East was known for its deserts and desert nomads who preyed up innocent passing travelers. You know, when Mark Twain was here in 1867, the trip from Jaffa port to Jerusalem inland took two days on the backs of beasts of burden, and the travelers had to be accompanied by armed guards, for the countryside was lawless and there were bands of robbers out there who preyed on innocent travelers.

This is who the Barbary Pirates were only they did it on the sea. They were the sea-going version of the same phenomenon on land; predatory Muslims preying upon people at sea in transit when they are defenseless and vulnerable. Ishmael was the father of all bandits, I think.

That is an interesting word, "bandit," from the word "band" meaning a handful of men, a gang of predators who prey on others. They are literally outlaws, living outside the law in the wilderness and are a law unto themselves.

The Arabs, of the seed of Ishmael and ultimately antediluvian Ham born before the Flood, they are all appetite, appetite for the possessions of other people and unbridled by any sense of conscience and guilt. They crave what others have and invent fairy tales to justify violently taking what they covet.

In today's JPost editorial on the current UNESCO lunacy -- more verbiage denying the Jewishness of the Temple Mount -- they quoted Dr. Shimon Samuels, director of international relations for the Simon Wiesenthal Center who said, "UNESCO used to be a favorable arena for us, especially at the World Heritage Committee. But the Palestinians have launched a theft of the Jewish narrative, because the validation of the Palestinian narrative depends on deleting the Jewish-Israeli one. It's a replacement ideology."

That is very true. Islam sees itself as having replaced the Christianity that replaced Jewishness, so that now Muslims are the Chosen People with their correct version of monotheism. Indeed, the "Palestinian" narrative dispossesses the Jews of the Jewish narrative. The "Palestinians" are the legitimate ancient nationality here. This is "their" ancient homeland, not that of the Jews.

The problem here, though, is this the verbal construct "the Palestinians," which has sort of conquered our pathways of thought. Here is Dr. Shimon Samuels rightly complaining about this dispossession but he doesn't realize how in these four sentences he himself refers to "the Palestinians" three times which is the foundational lie of the whole enterprise. It is the original dispossession.

It is an amazing fact, I think, of contemporary life and Jewish history that there are millions of people today who call themselves and are called "Palestinians," when there is nothing Palestinian about them. They do not speak the indigenous language of Palestine, which is Hebrew. They speak a foreign language, Arabic, whose provenance is the Arabian Peninsula to which they pray five times daily, toward Mecca, as surely as Jews pray in the direction of Jerusalem.

But as thieves, in their ethical universe, the principle is "what's mine is mine and what's your is mine." It is not enough for the seed of Ishmael to be content with Mecca and Medina and a territorial spread over 21 states larger in area than the United States. They must also have Jerusalem and Eretz Yisrael. Without it, they feel deprived. An injustice has been done to them that is so great, one can understand the occasional eruption of righteous anger in a 17 year wild ass of an Arab boy with a knife who stabs a sleeping Jewish girl to death.

While Shimon Samuels is absolutely right that the "Palestinian" narrative as replacement theology, he does not realize how he helps it along by calling these people "Palestinians." For every time you do that, you are cementing the connection between these Arabs, these Muslims, with the territory of Palestine. Calling them "Palestinians" is giving them a geographical identity, which is our ancient homeland. But as we saw with the opening of the Museum of Palestine last month in Ramallah, it remains as empty, that identity, as the galleries and rooms in that new building whose walls are bare of any artifact that can be called "Palestinian."

And I, for one, find this really weird. Sort of like *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, one of the great horror films of all time lacking all blood and gore. We have the entire planet, leastwise the de facto planetary government of the UN, obsessed with the alleged theft of Palestine by the Jews.

The whole world sees it that way now, which is more evidence of the power of the Jewish idea.

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Yes, there seems to be more good news in the region. The Bloomberg report earlier in the week you may have seen on Israeli drones operating over the Sinai Peninsula and striking at ISIS infestations, drone strikes approved by Egypt. It is not really a new story. This has been going on some time.

ISIS has become the cement of the old adage that my “enemy’s enemy is my friend,” so we find ourselves in Israel challenged by the same outlaws as Egypt, and so together the two countries are working together. The Egyptian foreign minister just paid a visit, the first in seven years, I think.

The 1979 peace treaty with Egypt limited the Egyptian military presence in Sinai to light arms, to policemen, but since the chaos in the region that the Muslim Brotherhood backer in the Oval Office unleashed in 2001 when he drove out American-friend Mubarak and brought in the Brotherhood, and since the return of the army to power under al-Sisi, Israel has given a waiver to Egypt on the type of arms it can bring into Sinai to combat this menace that did not exist in ’79. In a word, Israel and Egypt are fighting the same enemy, these lunatic Muslims in these murder cults, which al-Sisi is on record denouncing as only bringing shame on Islam.

Also in the good news department, the GOP platform committee was reported yesterday to have deleted all references not only to the “Two-State Solution” but to Balestinians altogether. The current language calls for “a comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East, to be negotiated among those living in the region. We oppose any measures intended to impose an agreement or to dictate borders or other terms, and call for the immediate termination of all US funding of any entity that attempts to do so.” Hint-hint, wink-wink, the PLO.

Sounds good to me and reflects what is known of Trump’s views on Israel. I think he sees the big picture, which is not about Israel bullying the Balestinians but the picture of six million Jews surrounded on three sides by 550 million mostly Muslims. He sees an Israel 50 miles wide and does not see Israel as the bad guy aggressor.

He and I are the same age, both from New York. He remembers the Six-Day War, surely which was not about “Palestinians” in the least but the long-standing hatred of the Jewish state by the Arabs. This was their second, concerted attempt to destroy Israel, and

“Palestinians” had nothing to do with it, and that is how I believe Donald Trump continues to see the situation, which is the accurate way of looking at Israel.

Israel has hundreds of warplanes, thousands of tanks, and submarines and patrol boats just to combat the so-called Palestinians? I think not. We have this large military establishment because it is the entire region that threatens us. Calling the strife here the “Israeli-Palestinian Conflict” is a perversion of the original name, the “Arab-Israeli Conflict,” which now that both Turkey and Iran have gone Muslim, when in the 1948 they were not like that, means it is the Muslim-Jewish Conflict. You know, Turkey and Iran were among the first states to open diplomatic relations with Israel, those two Muslim states, officially, and it is only in the last generation, when the belligerent mullahs took over in Iran and Muslim Brotherhood types in Turkey, that the relationship has soured.

This is why we have the military establishment that we do. It has nothing to do with “Palestinians” and everything to do with belligerent Islam, predatory Islam, imperialist Islam on three sides.

What the Muslims have accomplished via their delusions and terrorist violence is the imposition on the world of their skewed perversion of the situation here. In their narrative, we Jews are the imperialists, we are the colonists, Jimmy Carter’s words. We are aggressive empire-builders, overrunning other peoples.

In 1909, the Zionists broke ground to begin what became Tel-Aviv on the seashore just north of Jaffa and since then, now 107 years later, we have spread our “empire,” rampaging, overrunning, building colonies, moving 50 miles inland in that time. Attila the Hun and Genghis Kahn were nobodies compared to the rapacious Zionists!

But of course the truth is just the opposite. It is the Arab Muslim Empire that spread out from the Arabian Peninsula and overran Eretz Yisrael and planted colonists, whose seed to this day continue, five times daily, to bow down to their real homeland, these Arabic-speaking Muslim Arabs.

They are the foreigners here. For fourteen centuries, this region was just an undistinguished part of Syria. Jerusalem was never the capital of an independent Muslim state whose people called themselves “Palestinians.”

And as Joan Peters reminded us, during the Mandate period, there was a constant in-migration of Arabs looking for work from all over the Middle East. It was not until just a year or two ago that, thanks to Prime Minister Netanyahu, a serious barrier was built in the south to stop the floodtide of illegals entering into the country.

Well, in the 1920 and 30s, the physical obstacles were really nonexistent. I myself remember the fence separating Gaza from Israel 50 years ago. It was a flimsy nothing of a fence that was no obstacle.

And that is why so many of the refugees from 1948 were able to flee as they did because they had just arrived. They were illegals, unskilled migrant workers who had no immovable property here. With not much more than the clothes on their backs, they fled

in 1948 behind Egypt lines expecting the Egyptian army to kill all the Jews, and then they could return to pillage the Jews' property.

Only things didn't work out that way. The fighting ended and a line was drawn around the Egyptian force and the refugees sheltering behind that force that became the famous Gaza rectangle. Expecting to return to where they had been before, the refugees found themselves now marooned, basically imprisoned.

So I think the GOP platform draft so far reflects Trump's view of Israel which is mine, if indeed he has the same memories of 1967, when Israel was on the cover of every major newspaper and magazine, Time, Life, Newsweek. The three major networks with their evening news programs were consumed with coverage of the Six-Day War, which had everything to do with the Arabs trying for the second time to destroy Israel and nothing to do with "Palestinians" and the need to create a state for them.

Trump knows this truth; it is part of his life story too. What Obama the dissembler covers up is that Islam is on fire with its monstrous dreams of murder; that is the problem. 9-11 was not about "Palestinians," which is why Trump said let us shut down immigration from Muslim countries as least temporarily.

So if indeed he is on track to become president, that is more good news.

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And now some more good news. Facebook closed down ten Hamas pages yesterday including the personal account of Hamas big shot Ezzat al-Rishq and surely *esbet hayil*, woman of valor, Nitsana Darshan-Leitner had much to do with it. She, remember, just filed a billion dollar law suit against Zuckerberg for Facebook's role in Arab terror, allowing Hamas and friends to use his service. I consider Zuckerberg a sad example of the disappearance of the Jews in America, leastwise among the vast majority who do not live Jewish lives, which is a daily and surely a weekly obligation.

Zuckerberg's alienation from Israel is symptomatic of a whole generation, which is one reason anti-Israelism on college campuses is as strong as it is. Israel has no meaning to Americans of Jewish extraction like him.

It is to his shame that he had to be threatened with a major lawsuit to take action against Hamas which, he should know, is an organization of Muslims as sick in their heads about Jews as the worst German Nazis were.

Then again, in his defense, Israel never makes that argument, so I suppose it is not fair to fault Zuckerberg and the Zuckerbergs of America. Israelis themselves cannot face the reality that their hopes of peace and friendship with our neighbors, as the goal of secular Zionism, was not and is not of this world. The secular Zionist movement for sure created this fine little country, but the dream of becoming so normal that we would no longer be

a rootless, wandering people living in other peoples' countries, would put an end to antisemitism.

It hasn't worked out that way. It never occurred to those secular dreamers that while they wanted to shed their hated Jewish identities and become normal, the goyim might not.

One of my first surprises about Israel the first time I came here was the discovery of Israeli antisemitism -- there is no other word for it -- leftist Israelis who turned out to be not the proud Jews of Zionist myth but just the opposite. Zionism for them was shedding their hated Jewish identity altogether and worse, even agreeing that antisemitism had its points, that the Jews were at fault for the hatred, thanks to their religious beliefs and behaviors. The way to end antisemitism was to stop being Jewish.

And in their encounters with gentiles overseas, they flattered themselves that they were Israelis not Jews and the gentiles saw that and respected the difference. This was the spiritual atmosphere of the Zionist Left that led the state into independence.

Now, though, sheer demographics has changed the country so that the religious Zionist community, or national religious as it is called, is on the ascendant, which is what accounts for the top story here the last couple of days: the appointment of a new chief rabbi in the IDF, whom the ignorant Leftists accused of being, basically, barbaric because Judaism is barbaric.

The left referenced some teaching by Rabbi Eyal Karim of verses in the Bible, which the unlearned misread because they are ignorant of the tradition. For example, antisemites think the verse and "eye for an eye" means Jewish law calls for blinding a criminal in one eye if he blinded his victim in one eye, when such mutilation of the body is absolutely verboten in Judaism. There is a tradition of a way of reading the Bible, which is found in the Talmud, but they don't know that.

So the anti-religionists of the Left who protested this appointment of this former combat officer and then a rabbi, is just another example of antiJew behavior over the millennia of people, Jews and gentiles alike, trying to use the Bible, via their ignorance of it, to discredit Jewishness.

In the end, though, the attempt to block the appointment has failed. Chief-of-Staff Gadi Eisencott met with Col. Rabbi Eyal Karim and is satisfied he is no religious fanatic who thinks Torah-law is superior to IDF and State of Israel law. He does not.

A tempest in a teapot but always at stake is the tenuous Jewish identity of this state.

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Last item: You all may have seen the story of Obama's operatives here trying to influence the last election, via the transfer of hundreds of thousands of dollars ultimately from the State Department, to make Bibi lose.

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Well, truth be told, every U.S administration tries to influence the elections here so this is really nothing to lose any sleep over.

*Leila tov miEretz Yisrael.*