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*Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim.* It is the evening of the 2nd day, *yud-bes beTammuz*, *Parashas Pinchas, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 1st day, Sunday, 17 July 2016, webcasting from the hills of Judea where today yet another homicidal Muslim maniac was caught in time before exploding himself in Jerusalem's light rail train.

G-d bless the Druse security guard today who suspected him and spoke to him in Arabic and knew the guy was dangerous. He had him take off the backpack, frisked him, peeked inside the bag and saw the bomb, he and a local store employee who were chatting when this character walked up. They saw the bomb and turned white with fear. Terrified, thinking they would die, they still tackled the guy, and warned off pedestrians who called the police bomb squad.

We are blessed by the Druse, who claim Jethro, Moses's father-in-law, as their patriarch. He knew right away, the Druse guard, that this was an Arab up to no good. And I hope none of us makes the mistake of thinking that the Druse are Arabs, when they are not. Arabic is their language, but that does make them Arabs any more than my native tongue, English, makes me an Englishman.

I spent a day as a journalist on patrol in Jenin with a Border Guard unit during the first intifada and their Zionism and hostility to the Arabs had me slack-jawed. They had the most politically incorrect things to say about the Arabs. I've never heard a Jew speak that way with such anger and animosity.

Then again, the Arabs, the Muslims, have oppressed the Druse for a thousand years no less than they have oppressed us. Oh yes, they speak Arabic but chose the

sedentary way of life. Their religion prefers mountaintops. They are not desert marauders.

And because Arabic is their mother-tongue, they have performed splendidly as officers in the IDF. They have given their lives for the State of Israel, and one of their gifts was on display today in Jerusalem that saved lives.

I think we in Israel this day should also be thankful to Hashem that our mortality rate in the current blight on civilization that Islam is inflicting has been relatively low. Oh, the barbarians have been bleeding us these last ten months and making us cry, but arithmetically speaking or rather, impressionistically, I think it is the French who have the worst of it these days. They seem to be a favorite target of the Muslims inside their country. How about last week's massacre of 84 people in Nice, on Bastille Day, at the hands of a Muslim who wanted to kill as many people as he could celebrating the culture and people of France, and for sure expected to die amid the carnage that he would wreak?

"Carnage." That's a good word, from the Latin-Spanish word, *carne*, for meat, flesh. Carnage is the human body torn to be pieces shattered; human gore scattered over a stretch of 2 kilometers. As of this evening, I think, another dozen people in hospital are still fighting for their lives.

Is it just me or are the French getting it more than others? If so, this likely is the Hand of G-d and perhaps He is visiting on the French the kind of satanic Arab-Muslim terror they have supported against us for a generation since De Gaulle's, shameless, antisemitic stab in the back.

Just last month there were those 28 nations answering the call from Paris to come and discuss what to do about the Jews who won't hand over to the Balestinians what they stole from them. The French were the pioneers in Europe in the 1970s reaching out to the PLO to make nice to these satanic, antisemitic terrorist criminals.

Interesting too, it was just reported that some of the corpses found in the Bataclan theater last November had been mutilated in classic Arabian style. They like to slice off a man's testicles and stuff them in his mouth.

There was a pilot in the Yom Kippur War, I think, whom they found on the Golan. He had been shot down, captured by the Syrians and given the same treatment. He was found in that condition hanging from a tree.

And just recently it was reported that at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, when Arafat's boys surprised Israel's athletes in their dormitory, they chose the strongest, the weightlifter Yosef Romano, and unsexed him in front of his teammates.

These are the agents of evil, these so-called Balestinian freedom fighters. Since Adolf Hitler and company, there has not been such lunatic, homicidal, Jew-hating cult as the PLO whom the French led Europe into saluting and respecting.

And now the French seem to be getting it big time. What goes around comes around. For a Hindu, it's *karma*. For Jews, *mida kaneged mida*, measure for measure.

If the French could gird their loins and recover their pride in being French, in being Christian and switch sides in their struggle with the Muslims here, they might have a chance of surviving. Imagine a France that returns to the France of the 1950s if it puts its foot down in the matter of Islamic behavior in their country today. If they want to save their people, save their culture, they have to draw a line in the dirt between what is French and what is not and enforce that line and take our side in this conflict. We can help them spiritually and operationally.

One bright idea I saw in the blogosphere was the suggestion that the first thing the French could do to reverse course is offering to let out of prison the thousands of Muslim inmates if they leave the country and never come back.

The French could also pass legislation allowing for the exile even of native-born Muslims, and their families, which I'm persuaded is what Israel has to do; and perhaps if Trumps wins, Israel will have the backing to respond that way.

And if any good can be said to come from last Thursday's latest satanic escapade by a Muslim in Nice, it is that with every such horror, civilization is forced to respond and learn. For example, Newt Gingrich said following that insane truck attack last Thursday, on that famous promenade, that no Muslim who supports sharia law in the US should be allowed to stay. He wants to deport all those who swear allegiance to sharia. On FOX TV's "Hannity," he said there has to be monitoring of mosques, that "gutless Western elites and America's ruling class" are responsible for the horror in Nice by not taking the proper stand.

Now, I think his idea is not well thought out. *Taqqiya*, dissembling, will license every Muslim asked Gingrich's question to say whatever the questioner wants to hear. If asked of he supports sharia, he will of course say no.

It also smacks of the Spanish Inquisition because his demand that a Muslim foreswear sharia law is tantamount to asking him to apostatize, to give up being a Muslim.

This is reminiscent of Algeria under the French. For the Muslims there, in order to be awarded full French citizenship, they too had to pledge allegiance to French law in the matter of the marriage and divorce, and as a result, when the revolt erupted in 1954, of the 9 million Muslims in the country, only 4,000 had done that, had renounced Sharia and were given full-fledged French citizenship.

And here is Newt Gingrich imagining some kind of *auto-da-fe*, inquisition of a person's religious beliefs. It has a bad feel to it.

I think and have thought for years now that instead of this idea, in every jurisdiction in the US where there is a mosque, patriotic citizens should report to the police that this is a center of polygamy, which is illegal in every state in the Union. I

think Islam should be as outlawed as Mormonism once was and for the identical reason: they are polygamists, driven sometimes violently from one community to the next in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in the east until finally fleeing west to the great salt lake even before Congress had mapped out the Utah Territory. And when the Mormons applied for statehood, they were turned down repeatedly for forty years until they changed their doctrine.

So I don't believe in a religious inquisition. I do believe in banning Islam altogether. I think it should be kept out of all liberal democracies. The platitude that all religions are of equal worth is simply not true. As Gingrich rightly understands, sharia is incompatible with liberal democracy that holds high the banner of individual human liberty to the max, constrained by society no more than is necessary.

Islam, by contrast, means submission, and I am not talking about radical Islam or extremists but just Islam. That is the enemy.

\* \* (Musical Interlude) \* \*

When in the late 1980s, five years after the Reform movement leaders declared it was no longer obligatory to marry another Jew, and it became clear that the intermarriage rate had skyrocketed to heights destined to destroy the Jewish people, yours truly bailed.

What did it as much as anything, though, was the evolving attitude toward Israel among fellow Reform Jew friends who became further and further off the rails. As Israel's glory after 1967 became so besmirched by world antiJewry, so the Reform Jews, never wanting to be out of fashion, began to grow progressively hostile to Israel. By the late 1980s, I realized I had lost all common language with old friends about Israel which country I knew far better about than they. Their Israel was what they read in the New York Times and saw on CBS.

And of course there was no greater symbol or emblem of this process that the career of LTF, Little Tommy Friedman who became the first Jew to head the Jerusalem bureau of the New York Times because the Times was persuaded that LTF was as hostile to Israel as the newspaper's owners were, the Sulzbergers, for whom Jewishness was showing up two days a year at Temple Emanuel at 65<sup>th</sup> St. and Fifth Avenue.

LTF became a star at the Times for his relentless sneering and sniggering at Israel, as and such was emblematic of Jews in America for whom fame, fortune and success was far more important than sustaining the Jewish people.

Another example now in the news is the head of the Green Party in the States, Jill Stein, who is still running for president and advertises herself as left-wing secular Jew, indeed she waves the banner of the Reform Judaism she grew up with in Highland Park, Chicago. She attended the North Shore Reform Temple Israel in nearby Glencoe where she went to Sunday School and was confirmed instead of having a bas mitzvah. She has

said that Reform Judaism's emphasis on social justice has had a huge influence on her policies. Growing up, she said, she "really had the values of the Old Testament, the golden rule, really very much drummed into my upbringing."

I read that and did not cry but was sad to listen to this woman who all her life had been hoodwinked into thinking Reform Judaism was Judaism at all. It is obvious from just these few sentences she knows nothing of Jewishness. No Jew calls Tanakh the Old Testament. And all she knows of this Book is what she thinks is in it, the Golden Rule in its gentile formulation for sure which is different than the Jewish one and is thus, again, misinformed.

And for sure she has no awareness that Sunday School among the Reform was a conscious imitation of Christian children going to Sunday school on that morning when parents were in chapel praying. I'll bet she has no knowledge of this and surely no awareness that her "confirmation ceremony" in her Reform temple in her mid-teens was likewise a shameless ripoff of Christian behavior instituted because the Reform did not want their daughters to envy Christina girls having a confirmation in church. She also said she ended her relationship to organized Judaism when her mother died in 2003 but she says she feels "very much culturally Jewish" but is not actively practicing Jew.

Dear me. There are millions of Jews right now in the US who feel just like her. They feel "culturally" Jewish but of course don't ask them to be specific. What it is about Jewish culture that they nurture and cultivate and perpetuate they cannot tell you.

And not surprisingly, to return to my own turn toward Orthodoxy because the non-Orthodox had become fashionably anti-Israel, this Jill Stein wants to end all foreign aid to Israel. She supports the BDS movement against Israel. She says Israel is no different a dictatorship than Egypt or Saudi Arabia. She says Israel has "pillaged Palestine" and written that "Israel's war crimes and human rights violations are off the charts." Israel pursues policies of "occupation, apartheid, assassination, illegal settlements, demolitions, blockades, building of nuclear bombs, indefinite detention, collective punishment, and defiance of international law."

Whew!

This is what happens to some Jews who, as we say, "fall off the *derech*," fall off the way, the time-tested, proven way, the only way to perpetuate this people through time which is the religious way prescribed in the Book of Books, what poor, Judaically-deprived Jill Stein calls the Old Testament.

I know how she feels, actually, because I used to be one of her co-religionists, so to speak, because in truth Reform Judaism is not a religion but a social organization of people of Jewish descent who want to maintain that connection to the Jewish people but don't understand that a person has to work at it.

And it is not at all surprising that American Jews like Jill Stein wind up where they do politically identified not just with gentiles but antisemitic gentiles for whom Israel is guilty of all of Jill's list of sins and crimes.

Poor thing. I don't think she has any awareness of what she has turned into: an antisemite who like all of them in history cast spurious accusations of Jewish skullduggery, criminality and cruelty.

This is what can happen to those who "fall off the *derech*," who think they can be good Jews by being good people and it is not necessary to live a life of *mitzvot*. Reform Jews believe it is possible to be a good Jew without having to honor the Sabbath, the fourth commandment, the first one to truly command behavior.

Reform Judaism has so reformed Judaism it is no longer recognizable as such. And there is some kind connection these days between the demise of this movement in the US, that is shrinking quickly, and the constant attacks in Israel by Reform Jews and other Israelis these days who likewise think one can be a good Jew by following one's own moral code, such the constant pressure these days by sodomites and their supporters demanding not only approval of their behavior but rebuke and even oppression of those faithful to the Jewish view of their behavior over thousands of years.

But first, some more music.

\* \* (Musical Interlude) \* \*

Well, the latest eruption of the need of sodomites to penetrate decent society is the reaction of the Enlightened to remarks at a conference last Monday on education in the IDF by Rabbi Yigal Levinstein, head of a prestigious pre-army yeshiva at Eli who last Monday protested what has happened to the IDF in infusing training with propaganda, my word, on sodomy, my word. He referred to the *soteh min* which YNETnews.com translated "pervert" but "deviant" is better. In other words, his word sounded harsher in English than in the original Hebrew

In any case, he was critical of this behavior and his criticism lit the fuse of the Enlightened who began shrieking for his dismissal. One of the clues to my way of thinking that the thinking of the Enlightened in this matter of so-called homosexuality is so out of whack is the hysteria of their reaction to those who disagree with them. If you don't like gay people, you are a bigot and a fascist! And I find this reaction indicative of the loose screws in their heads. Rabbi Levinstein in his presentation complained that "there's a crazy movement here of people who have just lost the normalcy of life, and this group is driving an entire country crazy. It is going into the army at full strength and nobody dares open his mouth to speak up."

Rabbi Levinstein, a man after my own Orwellian heart, also complained that the IDF's education officer uses the term "proud" -- the Modern Hebrew punning translation

of the English word “gay.” In Hebrew, *ge-eh*, a two-syllable word, coincidentally means “proud,” as in “gay pride” and all that. Rabbi Levinstein objects to the use of this term by the army’s chief education officer. Levinstein said that he calls them “*soteh min*,” translated by YNET as “pervert” but again it means deviant, off the *derech*. He complained that at the Officers Training School there are lectures on these “deviants.” There were movies shown which caused religious soldiers to get up and walk out in protest and then be subjected to a disciplinary hearing.

He repeatedly criticized the chief education officer for disseminating his worldview, and there is also an attempt in the army to target religious soldiers for their objection to this trend. Senior religious officers say they can’t open their mouths for the political correctness.

Predictably, the Enlightened politicians like Labor MK Shelli Yechimovich squawked that the rabbi was “inciting people to murder.”

Also outraged was radical left Meretz MK Ilan Gilon who spoke of the rabbi’s “dark views.” He said it is a shame that he has any contract with the IDF at all and to anything connected to – now get this – “Jewish identity.” For this radical Leftist, Jewish identity salutes with respect with respect sodomy.

Unfortunately, Naftali Bennett also joined the chorus of opponents of Rabbi Levinstein’s classical Jewish view of this behavior, tweeting some pabulum about every man is made in God’s image and it has nothing to do with his sexual inclinations, color of skin or religious beliefs. We should have leaders who bring people closer together and not the opposite.”

Puh-leeze.

I find this whole gay revolution of the last half century simply amazing. There are those who see nothing wrong, and those like yours truly who see deviant behavior, behavior that deviates from what nature intends. I mean, among the mammals, there is nothing more natural than the desire of the male of the species to unite with a female of the species at the end of which activity he sends seed into the female body that is programmed to seek out an egg to mate with and create another exemplar of the species.

But a man who is driven to engage in an imitation of this behavior with another male winds up depositing his seed in another’s man lower intestine where the seed will never find an egg to mate with. Is one not entitled to judge this behavior as deviant, off the *derech*?

Yet there are others, the Enlightened, who consider disapproval of this behavior to reflect a fascistic, irrational fear and hatred. It is not enough for the pro-gay community if society lets those addicted to this behavior engage in it in private. No, they demand that society bless the behavior and shut the mouths of those opposed to it. In the mind of the Enlightened, those opposed to male-to-make sodomy are no better than the racist bigots

perpetuating genocide on African-Americans and the eternally crucified Ancient Palestinians.

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So last week police in Beersheva cited a security threat to keep the “gay pride” parade off a main thoroughfare, and their decision was backed by the High Court, which brought out the Enlightened who said it was shameful to make the gay pride parade hide itself by being forced to use another route or was cancelled altogether. I don’t care.

I frankly don’t know what is going on with this split in the people, really, in the West too, between those who see something not right and those determined to trash the Bible’s antipathy to it.

Like Jill Stein who obviously knows nothing of Jewishness, here were Enlightened Israelis protesting at City Hall in Beersheva the next day, MK Zahava Galon, MK Tamar Zandberg, MK Ilan Gilon, etc., the cancellation or rerouting of the “gay pride” parade, who are oblivious to the reality that a mere, few score kilometers from Beersheva as the crow flies to the east is the historic, ancient site of Sodom and Gomorrah, a story unique to the Jewish people, who uniquely have survived all these thousands of years because unlike the Greeks and the Romans, Jews never bought into the claim there is nothing wrong with this behavior.

*Leila tov miEretz Yisrael.*