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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 6th day, *erev r"b beMenachem Av, Parashas Masei, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 4 August, 2016, webcasting from the hills of Judea, site of the worst violations of human rights on Planet Earth according to the United Nations Human Rights Council or Commission.

It used to be one and then they changed it, and one wonders how many hours were spent by UN staffers and foreign diplomats posted at the UN on raising the idea of changing the name, discussing it, voting on it, changing the stationary, the webpage, things like that?

Alma Dishikra. We live in a world of lies, and I think one of them is what goes on at the UN. That these bureaucrats are paid decent salaries and spend their time on such weighty matters as what to call their body of 47 member-states a council or a commission.

This outfit, the UNHRC, that meets every month, I think, in Geneva, Switzerland, and there is always an agenda of subjects to discuss. They come and go, issues of human rights concerns around the globe, except for one issue that is permanent in every meeting. It is always on the agenda, and that this the persecution of the Ancient Palestinians by the Jews who stole their country and won't return even a piece of it so that Palestinians can live free of the 24-7 hostility, persecution and criminality of the Jews.

So the news items today included one about one David Blomstrom -- sounds like a Jewish name -- a fringe candidate for governor in the State of Washington, who

did not surprise with his anti-Jewism, and the more one hears of such people, the less angry I become each time that someone like him pops up about us wicked Jews. It only confirms my view that we Jews must cease to be angry and bitter and just take note that this kind of off-the-wall Jew-hatred is nothing more than a mental disorder. This poor man's mind is flooded with ideas about Jews that are simply delusional. He wants to be governor, this former wildlife biologist, to inform the public of what he calls the Jewarchy, that's rule by Jews, who rule Hollywood and the global economy. That's what bin Ladin thought when he attacked the World Trade Center. This man brags that among the 11 candidates running, he is the only one "taking on the Jewish Mafia." He blames the Jews for the murder of 49 in that Orlando nightclub. He believes the Jews are "masters of conspiracy and terrorism. After all, they've been profiting from war for centuries."

He calls the Holocaust the Holohoax, because it never happened. He calls the late Elie Wiesel the poster boy for the Holohoax camp who never set foot in a concentration camp, according to him.

His accusation that Jews are "masters of conspiracy and terrorism" calls to mind the common Arab response to 9-11 as a Mossad trick, in which all the approximately 5,000 Jews who worked at the World Trade Center did not go to work that day because the night before, on 9-10, the Mossad called each one on the phone and ordered him or her not to go to work the next because they were planning an operation. And of course all the Jews complied, good, obedient soldiers and partners in this Jewish conspiracy.

What's going here is the utter lunacy of Jew-hatred like his, but we can also learn a lesson that while such men's minds are so obviously off the rails, antiJew feeling affects others, if not in such obvious behavior. Men like Louis Farrakhan are close to this lunatic in public, Jeremiah Wright too. But Barack Obama cloaks his antiJew madness better than these others.

This David Blomstrom out there in Washington State is not a man to make me angry. No good purpose can be served by arguing with him or throwing back his brickbats. He is so obviously insane with a mind percolating with outlandish delusions about the Jews that there is no point.

It is like arguing with Hitler who was also delusional. Like Arafat and Abbas. Like just about everybody in the Arabian Peninsula and those in North Africa too. In the West, David Blomstrom is dismissed as a nutcase but in Araby and Islam, he is perfectly normal thinking such thoughts.

Go to Palestine Media Review or Memri.org or YouTube, I guess too, and one can see video of Muslim preachers and politicians ranting like this, spouting this very common perception of Jews as cooperating with one another almost like ants in an anthill, or drones in a beehive, all working together with single-mindedness toward the

task at hand. Each ant, each bee, is less an individual creature than a cell in a much large organism that has the ability to function together, but also independently, make a decision either to go left or right, but the ultimate goal of the activity is one for the entire colony or hive.

Star Trek, the second series, came up with The Borg, a truly frightening idea of half-man half machine, really the ultimate communist fantasy of all individuals collaborating without friction in total equality and harmony toward the same goal. The ultimate communist fantasy is of a society of perfect equality so that no one would have a reason to envy his neighbor.

This is how the demented antiJew sees the Jews, as an amazing community of people all working together and for the common goal of ruling and oppressing all non-Jews. This was the theory too of capitalism according to that demented antisemite Karl Marx. The Jews were out to monopolize all capital, all wealth, and once they had all the world's money in their banks, everyone would be impoverished and enslaved to them.

Now, this kind of delusion is sustainable because it is not possible to disapprove. The antiJew complains the Jews run Hollywood -- that is so wrong - but how to disprove it? It is right to say "Jews run Hollywood" but not "The Jews." "The Jews" implies some kind of cooperative effort that excludes non-Jews., and this is just delusional; to believe that all Jews are working together against non-Jews.

No doubt Jews predominate in Hollywood, like Blacks on a basketball court in the NBA. But so what? Thomas Sowell has written intelligently how differ social groups and nationalities dominate in different walks of life. But there is a world of difference between Jewish excellence in the entertainment business and some kind of exclusionary system.

This David Blomstrom presents these common features of the lunatic antiJew not only in delusions about Hollywood but more substantially in his Holocaust Denial. About that there can be no doubt. Here we don't need proof. And in this denial of the ocean of facts in history of the Holocaust, we see how clinically demented he is. A man like this is clearly insane and not to be taken seriously.

But what needs to be taken seriously are the far trickier anti-Jews like Obama and J Street's cult of antiJew Jews. They are wily enough not to engage in Holocaust Denial. They mimic the Arabs who murder us here by accusing us of acting like Nazis toward the victims of our Zionism gone wild. It seems we were graced this week in Israel with a visit by a delegation of Black Lives Matter activists who spent most of their time in Arab Judea and Samaria still believing that Israel is an apartheid state and perpetrating genocide against the Balestinians, leastwise according to their party platform just published.

Cornel West, a professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York on Morningside Heights, used to be employed as a philosopher at Harvard and Princeton, where he was awarded a PhD as a philosopher. Now, he is at UTS and does not deny the Holocaust, but affirms that Israel is an apartheid society and committing genocide.

Another *meshugener*. And it is shameful that UTS that used to have some distinguished people teaching there now employs this race hustling antisemite who is off the rails in his hostility to the Jewish people.

On the other hand, this evening there was light out of Europe from the Czech Republic where a member of the European Parliament, one Petr Mach, is setting up a caucus in the Euro-Parliament – get this -- in support of the resurrection of Jewish civilization in Judea and Samaria a.k.a. the settlements. He sees the caucus working against the BDS activists and for the settlements.

This is something new in Europe, just taking baby steps, and it is likely a product of the current wave of Muslim atrocities in Europe, the series of massacres of innocent people, the rape and molestation *en masse* of women and girls.

As some Europeans, I think, are stiffening their backbones and being honest about the menace of Islam that no amount of dreaming by Angela Merkel of acculturating these people to Western ways will change them, so there will be Europeans who side with Israel in our resistance to handing Judea and Samaria back to the Muslims. Ergo, the settlements will stay and the army will remain to protect us, and the right thing to do is not work to uproot the settlements but defend them as an allied front against the global jihad that the Muslims are waging against the entire world.

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In a news item separate from the foregoing one about a Euro-Parliamentarian in Strasbourg who is going to fight for us, this one concerns the settlements too. This one is about Gali Atari, a veteran singer in Israel, been around about 30 years, who has been attacked online for agreeing to perform in Shilo, the Jewish community around a 20-minute drive north of Jerusalem built where the Ark of the Covenant rested for over four hundred years.

The Left looks on Shilo, according to the Leftist Yediot this morning, as being located “in the heart of the heart of Palestinian territory.” For the Left, there is no tribal land of Ephraim, son of Joseph, where Shilo is located in Samaria. No, for Yediot and its post-Jewish readers, Shio is located in “Palestinian” territory.

But Gali Atari says she is not going to cancel. She says that music builds bridges and she is going, hinting are some kind of support for the settlements.

I am glad she is doing it, if not the Jews abroad. Don't expect, speaking before of Hollywood, a Hollywood liberal like Steven Spielberg to pitch in in support of Shilo where

the Ark of the Covenant rested. He could make a movie called *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, a children's adventure film, but you won't catch him making any movies about Shilo today and the resurrection of Jewish life there.

This past couple of weeks I taught a class of young women in an *ulpana* in Judea, most of them returning to Jewishness, learning about it, and I was a bit unnerved by their ignorance of Israeli history. I am used to, unfortunately, speaking to audiences mostly of my own generation who remember the events of our history, versus these young women who were flabbergasted to hear from yours truly of the invention of the "Palestinians." They have never given a thought, I imagine, to the Palestinian Narrative that they grew up with according to which Israel came into being by pushing aside, to put it gently, the Palestinians who suffered from the Zionist movement. And when I told them the true history of Israel in a nutshell, and how there never were any "Palestinians" and how in Judea and Samaria most of the Arabs are offspring of Arabs who entered the country in the wake of the Zionist movement looking for work, and that the "Palestinian national liberation movement" is one of the artifacts of our *alma dishikera*, our world of lies, they were amazed.

Mind you, these are not young Jewesses who doubt Israel's right to exist or right to be in Judea and Samaria. They are just not that political and don't know the history. They just also take for granted that there is "Palestinian nation" that does not have a state. When I told them this has no more validity than the age-old belief that Jews murder gentiles for their blood to make matza, some of them had never even heard of that fantasy.

It is a fact, though, of our lives that hardcore hostility to the Jewish people today is overwhelmingly, as it has always been, a product of delusional minds who do not see Jews as fellow human beings. Think of this poor David Blomstrom who, like David Irving, sees a "vast conspiracy of Jews" worldwide, which is in a category with the fantasy of a "Palestinian" nation whose entire country was taken from them by the Jews.

And this is why all Israeli attempts to make peace with the Arabs, with these Muslims, via concrete, material steps, must fail, as Oslo failed. For example, today JPost reported that the cabinet will soon vote on a plan by Transportation Minister Israel Katz to build an artificial island off Gaza to function as a kind of a modern port that will go a long way to improving the lives of the inhabitants. Katz told the newspaper in an interview, "The world perceives Israel as having responsibility for Gaza. Building a port will both help ordinary Gazans to make a living and improve Israel's international diplomatic standing."

This is the post-religious Israeli mind at work. Raise their standard of living, and they will be less attracted to HAMAS and the world will think better of us.

First of all, when he says, "The world perceives Israel as having responsibility for Gaza" that is a big mistake. We should not accept responsibility but deny it. The Gaza rectangle is a wholly artificial strip in which 70% of the people are idle. They live off

handouts, from UNRWA. They have no jobs, and one reason for that is that there is nothing there to produce and to sell to the world. Katz says Israel should not pay for the construction of this artificial island but encourage others to fund the project in order to improve the lives of the “Palestinian” Arabs in Gaza.

But how? The size of the population there is way beyond the capacity of the land mass to support it economically. I don’t think this man has ever been in business. There is nothing there but some agriculture and fishing. How will this mass of people be uplifted economically and cease to be so hostile to us?

No, Israel must work in the opposite direction toward the decommissioning and dismantling of Gaza, emptying it out, whose existence since 1949 has been solely for the purpose of giving us a hard time. In the 1950s and 60s, there were the *fedayeen* raids that led to the war in 1956. The Gaza Strip has never been anything but a thorn, a burning brand in Israel’s side. Back then, it was cross fence terror strikes; today it is rockets and tunnels.

Because Israel foolishly accepts, as Katz does, the lie that Gaza is our responsibility. The problem is, because Israel does choose to sustain Gaza, it every day allows hundreds of semi-trailers to enter the strip bearing all the commodities to sustain life there, and Israel persists in this behavior because there is a lot of money in it, for the suppliers and the truckers coming from Israel into the Strip.

It is typical. There is very little long-range planning here. We live from day to day.

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Speaking as I often do of this *alma shikra*, this world of lies, I was struck this week by the lies told buy a non-observant American Jewess. For a person like her, being Jewish is like a garment one wears to display one’s identification with the Jews, but like a garment, it is an item one can take off and put on at will. It is something that one lives in but does not live by.

For example, in the formerly Zionist publication Haaretz, now funded by German gentiles, which is now a forum for Israel- and Jew-bashing, on Monday they ran an op-ed by this American Jewess, a historian of American Jewry, which is not the same as writing things that are truly Jewish.

This one is the director of NYU’s Goldstein-Goran Center for American Jewish History, Hasia Diner, who says she stopped being a Zionist in 2010 and now “feels uncomfortable visiting many American Jewish institutions because of their support for Israel. She “blames Israel for the disappearance of vast numbers of Jewish communities.” Presumably, she means Israel’s behavior drives Jews away from their communities in America. It is Israel’s fault.

She condemns Israeli’s “occupation of the West Bank,” as well as the growth of the Haredi and rightwing sectors. Israel is a place that “I abhor visiting and to which I will

contribute no money, whose products I will not buy, nor will I expend my limited but still to me, meaningful political clout to support it.”

She described herself in the JTA story about her as “a product of the Habonim Zionist Youth movement.” She told the JTA that “Zionism was once one of the most important parts of my existence and that her “shift away from Zionism has been painful.”

Habonim was one of secular leftist Zionist youth movements that today, I guess, is pretty moribund, a shell of its former self. And for sure, its demise is reflected in her life. She says that Zionism was “once one of the most of the most important parts of my existence,” which is another lie, for obviously it was never important enough for her to make Aliyah, which is what Zionism was all about. She is so typical of American Jews who flatter themselves, on the good days when Israel is loved, but never decide to come live here. And so typical of such types, she blames Israel for her own disaffection. It is Israel’s fault Zionism is no longer so important to her. She now says, “The Law of Return can no longer to me as anything other than racism.”

And there you have it. She, and no one else, replaced the Zionism in her heart with the UN’s 1975 resolution that Zionism is a form of racism. The Law of Return is one of the most humane laws in any society for its purpose is to inform Jews worldwide that the next time they have to run for their lives, they have a place of refuge, unlike in the 1930s and in every generation in which we have had to run for our lives.

Yet for this non-observant woman, who preened in her youth of her “Zionism,” Israel has now disappointed her by its “occupation of the West Bank.”

Alma dishikera. Everything is a lie in this world. This shallow woman has no idea how deeply she has assimilated the lexicon and the antisemitic lies of the age when she speaks this way.

What is going in the Diaspora for people like her is the experience of a life empty of classical Jewish beliefs, ideas and behaviors that renders them incapable of seeing through this generation’s version of Jew-hatred a.k.a. Palestinian nationalism. How deeply she has assimilated this generation’s antiJew imagery and lies about Jews. If I believed Israel was in occupation of the West Bank as she does, I might despise Israel too.

But for me there is no occupation and this is not the West Bank. This is home base for the Jewish people. It is not Greenwich Village, home of NYU, where she is paid to teach the history of people of Jewish extraction and their assimilation into American society, that has swallowed them up as surely as she has been swallowed up.

I feel sorry for her and Americans of Jewish extraction like her who have “converted” if not to Christianity or Islam or Buddhism than to the conventional gentile wisdom about the commonwealth of Jews reborn, which she, a “product of a Zionist movement,” chose never to become part of.

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Last item. Although Jewish tradition says the expulsion from Spain took place on the 9th of Av, the same day both Temples were destroyed, that is not quite right.

The expulsion date in 1492 was August 2nd, which was *rosh kebodesh Av*, the first day of the month of Av, this evening and tomorrow. That was the last day an observant Jew could live in Spain in public. Afterwards, any observant Jew could be killed. Tisha b'Av was on August 11th that year.

But close enough. The expulsion day was the first of the 9 days leading up to Tish b'Av.

And here we have Diaspora Jews like Hasia Diner and the Israeli Left whose dream is driving more Jews from their homes in Judea and Samaria we have every legal and moral right to remain in, than were driven from Spain on this day over five hundred years ago. Twice as many.

It is one thing for Jews to drift from this people as most in the Diaspora do. It is quite another when some of those leaving, perhaps in their guilt, like Hasia Diner or Peter Beinart, feel compelled to attack the Jews who remain faithful to the people and the Land and accuse us, these noble souls, of driving them away due to our “racist” behavior.

Those who call Jews “racists” like this woman are the real antisemites.

Leila tov veshabbat shalom ve-rosh kebodesh tov. I'll be back, G-d willing, on Sunday.