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*Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim.* It is the evening of the 4th day, *yud-gimmel beMenachem Av*, Parashas *Vaeskhanan*, *tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 3rd day, Tuesday, 16 August, 2016, webcasting from Israel, home of the Israelis, still uncomfortable in their Jewish skins.

It took yours truly years to understand them. The Zionists in their heyday advertised themselves as “proud Jews” who do not kowtow to gentile oppressors but fight back!

In the age of the *sabras*, the native-born children of the atheist Zionist pioneers, who as children were taught that the Diaspora Jews “went like sheep into the chambers” and were, therefore, contemptible. They also made a face of disgust whenever they heard Yiddish, the language of those “sheep who did not fight back.”

Of course, the unspoken accusation of the sabra was that they could have fought back but chose not to. Sure. Imagine a young father and mother with three children, say, under the age of five, who hear a pounding on the door after midnight, and it is five Nazi thugs who ordered them out. What were they supposed to do.? The Jews were not organized to raise and equip and coordinate an army to fight these Storm Troopers. The demand by the sabra was wholly ignorant of the circumstances. His contempt was baseless, a sign of his desire to cut himself off from those Jews.

His self-regard as a “proud Jew” was basically dishonest. Such types insisted they were not Jews but Israelis whose Zionism was not to rescue Jews but reform them, like Reform Jews, into something unrecognizably Jewish. These commonly hard left sabras claimed to be “proud Jews” but that was not true.

Search the speeches of Benjamin Netanyahu and you will find repeating pride in Israelis as a people that can now defend itself. For Bibi, being Israeli is above all being a Jew who fights back. As an aspiration, though, it is a common one among the peoples of the planet. Lots of nations have armed forces, so the desire to have an army as the core of Zionism is not intrinsically a Jewish aspiration but a generally human one.

And to this day in their flight from Jewishness, Israelis remain oblivious to the old-fashioned, maniacal hatred against us on display daily among our neighbors. It does not occur to them to look upon the Arabs here as the *goyim* – that is a taboo word in secular Israel – and is a most distinguishing mark of this most unusual community of Jews in history for not using that term. It just means, in context, “alien,” not belonging to our people. It is not an inherently bad word, on the contrary. And as a result, they do not look upon our neighbors as their grandparents looked upon, say, semi-literate Ukrainian peasants in the vicinity whose hatred for Jews was stoked daily in their culture.

It does not occur to Israelis to see that our neighbors here are basically as sick in their heads about Jews as any Ukrainian peasant ever was, as any lunatic Nazi ever was. I go even further and say the Arabs are worse than the Germans were as a whole in the 1930s. You know, in the elections of 1932, Adolf Hitler did not win a majority of the votes but only a plurality. Many Germans thought he was coarse. It was only due to the defective engineering of the German political system that led to his selection as *Kanzler*.

In addition, if we set aside for the moment the monstrosity of our mass murder at German hands, the German people have also shone as a remarkable people whose contributions to society are many in the sciences, engineering, music. What is Western music without generations of Bach and sons, without Mozart, without Handel, and so on and so forth?

There were Germans in the beginning who looked on Hitler as a thug. And when it got really bad, there were those who could flee the country and went into exile, like actress Marlene Dietrich and actor Conrad Veidt.

But the Arabs? Hitler had his haters in Germany, however too few, but Arab society is across the board simply delusional with fantasies of Jewish devilry as if little has changed there since the darkest days of the medieval persecution of Jews. The religious iconography of the time portrayed Jews as half-animal, with fangs and claws dripping with blood. And those are the political cartoons seen in the Arab countries to this day.

And that kind of imagery can be seen this every day in the conduct of the Fatah gang, you know, those moderate, peace-lovers, unlike those bad religious types in Hamas. This was the thinking of Rabin and Peres and that is why they made Oslo. The good, secular Jew-killers v. the bad religious Jew-killers. PMW reported on Monday, as

it does every summer, on the summer camps that are run by Fatah and Hamas for Arab children where the reigning atmosphere is hatred of Jews for their evil treatment of Muslims.

A few days ago, we learned that as part of the closing ceremony in a Fatah-run camp — you know, Mahmoud Abbas remains the head of Fatah -- children acted out a skit showing the “cruel attitude of the Zionist jailers towards our heroic prisoners.”

Some of the children play-acted at being these prisoners by kneeling and being blindfolded and handcuffed, while other children played at being Israeli guards who shoot them dead and then they fall over.

The name of this camp was that of an Arab who stabbed an Israeli soldier last November and was killed in the act.

On other occasions, children in these camps have acted out how Israeli soldiers plant knives on Arabs, then kill them in cold blood, and then claim they were attacked by the Arab with the knife.

And I ask you, is there any difference between this behavior and the passion play in Germany in the Middle Ages at Oberammergau in which the Jews are Evil Incarnate in calling for and gloating over the torturing to death of Jesus of Nazareth?

There is no difference, with the difference that Europeans are no longer conceiving of Jews as inhuman creatures of evil. We may be racistfascistimperialist aggressors, but that is not a uniquely Jewish way to misbehave. Kinda normal, actually, when you think about it. It is still a far cry from being superhuman devils.

Versus the Arabs and Muslims who continue to conceive of Jews as monsters of sadism and cruelty, which is clearly psychologically projective material. Theirs is the culture of sadism and cruelty, not ours. These children are being taught to externalize their own aggression and paint the Jews with it.

Only, absent are the Israeli politicians and others who point the finger of guilt at the Arabs and declare that these people are as bonkers and arguably even more so than the Germans were. At the very least, we can say from top to bottom in Arab society they are collectively perverted in their thinking about Jews. Even the otherwise seemingly civilized king in Amman, Abdallah II, felt the need this week to go public after Sunday's Tisha b'Av visits to the Temple Mount, about 400 hundred Jews went up, protesting this “aggression” against this Muslim holy site. Never expect the king in Jordan to speak the truth that there was no aggression on Sunday. To tell his people the accusations are false would be to mark himself for assassination. To defend the Jews when they are accused? Forget that.

And it is not only this man but a whole culture. There are no Arab Marlene Dietrichs to protest the antisemitism in their society and go into exile. There is not one public figure in Araby who defends little Israel like the legions of antiJew Jews here and around the world who wave the flag of “Balestine” and chastise their own people as the goy enemy does.

But then again, *goy* is not used in secular, modern Israeli life. How they pride themselves in making Tel-Aviv a haven for the sexually outré. The last thing Israelis like this want is to see a wall of separation between Israelis and other nations. They want to be, in Hebrew, *kekhol hagoyim*/like all the nations. Their “religion” is the vision of Israel as a normal country, and religion should have nothing to do with it.

And so they remain insensate to the reality of secular Zionism’s failure to escape antisemitic neighbors. In a way, the Zionist enterprise was a jumping from the frying pan into the fire. Here we are on this little patch of a state, 6 million Jews and 2 million others, surrounded on three sides by 550 million Muslim Arabs, Muslim Iranians, Muslim Turks who look at us and see demons and devils.

Of course, Israelis without religion can’t deal with that and act as if it wasn’t true that these Muslims are crazier in their heads about Jews than the Europeans we left behind.

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Yes, today’s Israelis are products of anti-religious pioneers who believed that if they shed their identity as Jews, as the Chosen People, and stopped setting themselves apart, the gentiles would stop hating them and murdering us all the time.

The problem with that, we now know, is that it did not take into account the possibility that while these post-Jews wanted to metamorphose into another kind of nation, the goyim might not go along; they might not let us. The pioneers may have wanted to shed their Jewish identity like an old suit, but the goyim did not agree.

First of all, trashing Judaism as they did means trashing Christianity and Islam. If Judaism is the “opiate of the masses” according to Karl Marx the lunatic antisemite, or an “illusion” according to Sigmund Freud, then both stepdaughter religions claiming authority via their connection to Judaism are kaput as well.

Put another way, a man like Ehud Barak, who grew up a Mapai commune, the dominant Israeli community in the beginning where religion was a joke, would have a hard time understanding the role of religion among the Muslims who surround us. In a word, I don’t think he gets it or ever did get it.

And it is this same flight from their own people’s founding and sustaining ideology called Judaism that cripples Israel in other ways when dealing with Muslims. For example, the IDF the other night destroyed the home of that mad dog 17 year-old named Muhammad who murdered sweet Hallel Yaffa Ariel, *b”y*, when this is not enough and really quite wrong in destroying inert property. In most cases, the home in question that gets destroyed is less than then the ancestral manse. More commonly, it is a nothing of a place, so now the family has to find another place to live which it will and all returns to normal.

The Ariel family, though, has made known its desire to see that family of the murderer expelled from the country, and that Israel does not do that these days when it used to, is symptomatic of Israel's defective identity as post-Jewish Jews.

We also had news of the release of the Arab living in Jerusalem who worked as a cook at Café Rimon in Jerusalem during the heyday of the last intifada, in 2002, who was planning on poisoning the food of the customers at that famous café.

Well, he spent the last 14 years in prison, and was just released and returned to his home in Jabel Mukaber, an Arab section of greater Jerusalem, and when he arrived, neighbors greeted him with smiles and shouts against the State of Israel.

This is just intolerable. Israelis are slaves to acting like all the nations and their view is that international law would not permit sending him out of the country.

And I say, "Nonsense." I remember when the Soviets exiled anti-communist novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn and nothing happened to Russia.

And last Thursday in Germany, new anti-terror measures kicked in announced by Interior Minister Thomas de Maziere. He said German citizens who go abroad -- there have been about a thousand of them -- to fight with ISIS, if they have another national identity, they should lose their German one.

Predictably, a Green Party parliamentarian condemned the idea as "desperate activism." For sure, the Leftists howl at such an idea, and they would howl at Israel if it were to return to expelling the worst of these barbarians.

But so what? It would be a time to exercise and illustrate to the world that this is our country, our state, and we decide who has the right to live in it and who forfeits that right, regardless of place of birth.

I think it is simply outrageous that Israel has liberated this man to return to his home in Jerusalem. By all means, free him from prison so we don't have to pay for his food and lodging anymore, but send him out of the country. This monster in training was plotting - - stopped in time, thank G-d -- to put poison in the food of diners at that famous restaurant that would not kick in for 15 hours, so that, having dispersed to the four winds, these strangers, when they sickened and died, who should no connection to Café Rimon.

A man like this, to my mind, has lost his right to live in our country. I want him out. Him and every other terrorist whose guilt does not demand the death penalty. And that is something else Israelis don't want because it has become out of fashion among the enlightened, which is, I think, a huge social mistake. Those who advocate no death penalty because "killing is always wrong in all circumstances" are wrong. Had it been possible to assassinate Hitler the day he took power, that would have been a blessed killing. Nothing wrong with that. So the postulate "Killing people is wrong in all circumstances" is just not true. It posits an inhuman and unnatural ethic.

Israel needs a death penalty and needs to expel others and each time we must proclaim to the world this is our country and we expel whomever we want to.

For sure, the common international ethic is that one born into a country regardless of circumstances is entitled to citizenship, but that position need not be universal. After all, we just read last Shabbos, the start of *Sefer Dvarim*/Deuteronomy, of the succession of different peoples who lived east of the Jordan River, one replacing the other. And then it was the people of Israel who would to replace the current inhabitants, the Canaanites, which was the will of HaShem Whose History is a record of wars between peoples, victors taking spoils, and there is no shame in Israelis proclaiming that all the land west of the River belongs to the State of Israel by law and Israel has the right to expel enemies who are themselves shameless in saying Israel must be destroyed.

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So, I think so much defective Israeli behavior stems from its imperfect relationship to its Jewish identity, leastwise among the chattering classes in journalism and politics here. The villainous Dr. Martin Indyk advised John Kerry to threaten Israel with being branded an apartheid state because Indyk knows how much Israelis crave being told they are normal and not alone in the world.

Israelis are determined not to be denied “a place among the nations,” the title of Netanyahu’s book, and not surprisingly, one Israeli ambassador to the UN was almost in tears in relating how alone she felt in that organization.

Versus yours truly, a proud citizen of the State of Israel, but by upbringing not an Israeli but a Jew and an American, who delights in such tales for they confirm the Biblical prophecy of a gentile prophet who said we will be “a people that dwells alone.” And in case, so many of the countries represented at the UN who give us the cold shoulder are peoples whose affection I do not crave.

Take the case of what’s going on at Sussiya in the southern Hebron hills. Last Shabbat, some 300 antiJews went to the squatter encampment of Arabs there outside the Jewish settlement and the preserved-restored ancient synagogue. These enemies of the Jewish people believe the land under their squatters’ camp has been theirs from time immemorial that the Jews now want to steal from them.

There is not one scrap of evidence for this. On the contrary, all the evidence such as aerial photos of the site from years ago shows a barren patch of ground. No Ancient Palestinians living on it.

But Sussiya has now become a *cause celebre* driving foreign governments to demand that Israel refrain from what? For example, doing what the French government did to gypsies squatting on land they had no legal right to; doing what any owner of land has the right to do to illegal squatters.

Only in this case, enemy NGOs funded by antisemitic Jews and goyim abroad have stormed to the rescue in defense and foreign governments too, all of them declaring that

Israel will be a criminal state if it dislodges these Ancient Palestinians from “their” ancient, ancestral sod.

Again, Israel is torn between being loved and respected abroad and exercising its sovereign rights to this land. I mean, Israel does not dictate to the UK or France or Spain how to govern inside their borders in such common land disputes and they must be told to butt out.

What is going on here is the gentile inability to respect the right of the Jewish people to be sovereign in our own ancient homeland that we brought back to life with our money, our blood, our tears, our sweat. The world cannot accept that we have returned to our ancient Promised Land, brought it back to life and it is ours. In the exile, gentiles told us where we could and could not live. In France, before the Revolution, a Jew traveling from one town to another had to on arrival report to the police and ask for permission to be there.

My own grandmother of blessed memory, like all other Jews in the Pale of Settlement, could not travel to Moscow without a special police visa.

Israel has to respond firmly to its critics and say that it believes they are less concerned for the phantom “Palestinians” invented last century than to exploiting the opportunity to continue bashing Jews and tell us where we can and cannot live.

I’m afraid too many goyim have yet to accept that we are the owners of the Holy Land once again, rightfully and morally. And in the matter of land rights in Judea at Sussiya, we are the law and our highest court has ruled, even those Leftists, that the case is clear. These are squatters that have no right to camp where they are and must go.

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