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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 2nd day, *kaf-heb beMenachem Av, Parashas Re'eh, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 1st day, Sunday, 28 August 2016, webcasting from the tribal upland of the sons of Yehuda, whence came the Jews.

Well, the top story in Israel today was the threat of the government's toppling by the Haredim, misnamed in English the Ultra-Orthodox, which is a really stupid name. Like being ultra-pregnant. You are or you are not. The proper name for them here is Non-Zionist Orthodox.

Tel-Aviv is being redone by construction of its light rail network and a major installation requiring the choking off one of Israel's most important roadways was done yesterday and drove the Haredim to accuse Minister of Transportation Israel Katz of being a liar. It is possible to argue, as he did, that for the sake of life and limb, it was safest to do this on Shabbos.

Okay, the Haredi powers seemed to say, but then it turned out Katz was on the scene speaking to reporters. There was a drone taking photographs. It became a media event, which Shabbos-observant Jews have a right to understand as an insult to the Sabbath.

Three MKs said they were going to demand that the prime minister fire Katz or the government falls.

Well, something like this happened in 2000, if memory serves, the moving of a major electrical generator. Yesterday's supporters of the exemption allowing for the

construction said blocking off this artery on a weekday would lead to a massive traffic jam in this country the size of New Jersey, with half of it uninhabited desert.

No, we are not the size of Monaco but quite small nonetheless, and it was argued that such a mess could hinder emergency vehicles wanting to race to a fire or an accident and then to a hospital.

Well, as to the particulars of this incident and what may or not come of it, the government in 1988 did fall over a religious question and it could happen again.

In any case, it is not my bailiwick, though I will say, “G-d Bless the Haredim” for their over-the-top response that befits the gravity of Jews violating the Sabbath in this country. I would argue the Sabbath is the quintessential Jewish *mitzvah*.

It is No. 4 in the Ten Statements, which is a better translation than Ten Commandments, and arguably the first three do not command the doing of something in the material world. They are three statements of metaphysical belief and principles. No. 4 is the first to command doing something and even above No. 5, “Honor your father and mother,” without which the world would be in chaos.

What marks the Jews is this adherence to the Sabbath, to a different calendar. To borrow from the antisemitic American writer Ralph Waldo Emerson’s description of Henry David Thoreau, we “march to the beat of a different drummer,” and the metronome of time that keeps the beat for us cordons off the seventh day as a day of rest. The same three Hebrew letters we use to write the word Sabbath, we write the verb “to sit.” On the Sabbath, we sit and refrain from doing in order to step outside of time and observe G-d’s creation.

The Sabbath is the timepiece of the Jewish people as a religious community, as Passover is the anniversary of the people as a political entity in the world, the nation of Israel.

Minister of Transportation Israel Katz claimed he “respects Jewish tradition, religious values and Israel’s Jewish character” and what was done was not a breach of the law and status quo.

But the Haredim claim he also boasted of how he had not given in to pressure from them Haredim, which justly lights their fire for Katz’s obvious disrespect of the Sabbath so characteristic of too many Jews.

When a Jew like Katz says he “respects Jewish tradition,” I am reminded of the song of that name from *Fiddler on the Roof*, in which the portrait is painted of Jews who do things to respect tradition, even when they don’t know why they do them. This turns their Jewishness into a form of oriental ancestor worship. “We do it to honor our parents and grandparents and keep the tradition alive!” like mindless robots.

A Jew like Katz does not see the need to keep the Sabbath for himself and the Jewish people in his lifetime, apart from “honoring the past.” It is the founding spark

of the Jewish people, and when a Jewish community abandons the Sabbath, it disintegrates, which is what happened to the masses of Jews who fled to America.

Jewish identity detached from the religion does not survive, and this latest brouhaha has come at the time there is a drive by the post-Jews in Tel-Aviv to legalize commerce on the Sabbath.

Former Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Lau had an op-ed today. He is currently the chief rabbi of Tel-Aviv, and he too insists that the original Tel-Aviv arrangement for the Sabbath under Mayor Meir Dizengoff from the 1920s be adhered to. Dizengoff himself was not religious but truly respected the institution. And this business of licensing 160 businesses to conduct business on Shabbat as never before is a clear violation of the compact. The rabbi also rightly said – and this is most important – “This is a slippery slope. Who knows what the next concession will be?” An Israel that loses its true religious identity will fall as the American Jewish community is now dying off – the Orthodox not included.

Did you see how the Jews in Florida were polled showing that Hillary is their choice 2 to 1 over Trump? And I say these people are idolaters of their own imaginations. Hillary, like Bruce Jenner, is an icon, a symbol of the generation, this annoying woman in her speeches, annoying to the extent she keeps trying to sound like a tough guy, the tough kid on block.

Carly Fiorina, by contrast, when she spoke during the Republican primaries, was far more convincing, articulate and intelligent than Hillary but was never unfeminine.

More keeps coming out about this woman, Mrs. Clinton, her corruption, her racketeering. Today on FOX TV in the morning, Rudy Giuliani said that as a Federal prosecutor, he convicted people under the RICO/racketeering statute for far less than what is known about her now. He said that the Clinton Foundation is a racket.

Worse, this woman sold uranium to Russia that wound up in Iran. She is as much a menace to America as Obama without Obama's malice. He is an enemy of the United States and that is why he frees terrorist chieftains to bring back a traitor who like him sides with Muslims.

Hillary, on the other hand, I think, is just so over her head, she does not know what she is doing. There have been reports of aides of hers leaking her bouts of confusion about different things. I don't think she knows what she is doing. I can understand her corruption in installing her private server in order to conduct the Clinton Foundation racket, though I doubt it ever occurred to her that it could become a serious security threat to the United States. She never thought of it.

And here are the Jews in Florida, 5% of the population there, reported to be overwhelmingly in Hillary's camp and one can wonder, “What are they thinking?” Are they so enslaved to their self-images as liberals and progressives that they want the government

to spend more on the poor, etc., they are oblivious to this woman's total unfitness for the role of president?

These supporters of hers evidently do not take into consideration her performance as secretary of state, one mess after another; her public lying. It is as if they are blind and deaf to these instances of her failures. No matter. It is the image of a woman as president that matters to them.

My worst fear is that, as WikiLeaks put out more incriminating material, for too many voters it will have no impact. So much corruption as already spewed from this woman for decades and it still has had no effect on her supporters, or so it seems.

Liberals and leftists in our time do not vote on the basis of facts known about the candidates but what he or she himself or herself idolizes in the candidates. Like Obama.

Like Fidel Castro, he wanted free health care for everybody, that Communist, and never mind the mess Obama has made in trying to imitate Castro. His admirers continue to back him.

Likewise Hillary's. The support of these Jews in Florida are giving is more evidence of their own brain dead, dying community, and the more Israel heads towards a religion-less Israeli identity, the more Israel, in its current incarnation, is in danger of sinking into the memory banks of Jewish history too.

* * (Musical Interlude) * *

So G-d bless the Haredim for blowing their tops at Minister Katz, less for the actual work done on that Shabbat than his turning it into a chance for a press conference and doing public relations for himself, thereby exhibiting a dullard's ignorance of the importance of the Shabbat to the existence of the Jewish people.

And it is likely that their fury was heightened by that other initiative calling for licensed commerce in Tel-Aviv on Shabbat.

While I am not Haredi - I don't reject army service -- or share their rejection of studying math and science -- they serve a great purpose in their unrelenting insistence on preserving the Sabbath that is the spiritual counterpart to the material necessity of preserving the people with an army and a military establishment, especially in light of the military threat to this country by the 550 million Muslims surrounding us on three sides of our tiny, by comparison, country.

The following was on display in Memri.org posted on 19 August, Special Dispatch No. 6580. The topic was articles in the magazine of the Muslim Brotherhood franchise in Jordan by a Mr. Jamal al-Shawaheen. In one piece, he claimed the Jews call themselves the chosen people and are trying to eliminate members of other faiths and to convert the entire world.

Talk about psychological projection. This is Islam's global project.

In another article, he said that in the recent Euro soccer championship in Paris, the French increased their surveillance of Muslims when they should have been surveilling the Jews and Israelis who are behind all the terror attacks in Europe. You know, like the Charlie Hebdo and Hyper Cacher attacks, and the Bataclan attack, the Brussels Airport attack, that truck driver in Nice who alone murdered 80 people. In this Muslim writer's mind, the Jews have been behind all these.

In the first article published in mid-June, he wrote that, "The Jews believe there is no room in the world for more than one religion – their own – and if they can eliminate Islam, they will do so and will then put an end to Christianity. Their campaign of oppression will then bring them to East Asia to eliminate Buddhism, Hinduism and all non-Jewish faiths. Furthermore, if they are able to decisively end the matter in Palestine, then they will spread eastwards and in all directions to conquer additional territory and destroy peoples. They believe in the ultimate motto that the entire world belongs to the Jews alone, and that others should leave it, either willingly or by force – it doesn't matter where they go, so long as they leave the world. With this defective thinking, the Jews would even declare Judaism the official faith of any planet where life is discovered. They believe they are the chosen people and that all others were created merely to be hewers of wood and drawers of water and to serve them in every humiliating capacity. The Jews' opinion of themselves is held not only by the religiously observant and the rabbis but is wide-spread and inclusive. We cannot call any Jew secular or moderate. They all equally permit the shedding of the blood of anyone who is not a Jew. Nothing in the Jewish lexicon or in the Torah on which they rely indicates love, peace, eternal rest, or even Paradise or the hereafter. They focus only on how the Jewish soul is reincarnated from Jew to Jew. They have believed this since the dawn of Islam and even before, when they urged the Roman prefect to crucify Jesus. Throughout history, as it is known, they have used and still use the most depraved methods to achieve their ends. This caused their isolation in Europe and their persecution by the Germans..."

Enough already. There is more. Clearly, this is all projective material. The charge of believing they have the right to overrun the world and convert everybody. This is Islamic doctrine.

Hitler too made the same charge. He believed the Jews were out to kill all Germans, take over the country and use it as base to overrun the whole world, but he, Adolf, would stop them. Hitler projected onto the Jews his own worst self, as do these Arabs.

This is who our neighbors are, but Israelis have never been able to see this. They think they want their own state and believe they have a right to it. They have a right to their anger because they are the victims of our Zionist movement and we have to make it up to them as best we can.

No. The Arabs here were offered a state in 1937 by the Peel Commission, a state larger than Judea and Samaria, but they turned it down. Ten years later, the UN offered then a similar state and turned that down too. The entirety of the Oslo abomination was offering them a state and look at how that turned out.

Hello? Israelis? You have to wake up. These are not “Palestinians” pining for statehood. They are Arabs and they are Muslims, both sufficient identities to stimulate their desire as Muslims and Arabs to destroy and loot our state. Arab and Muslim are two venerable group identities, and the Arabs here don’t need a third called one called “Balestinian,” especially when this identity is nothing but a variety of intellectual property theft, the theft of the Jewish people’s connection to this land over thousands of years, when there is no record of a similar “Palestinian” connection to this land.

Their claim of peoplehood and the right to a state here is completely bogus, but post-Jewish Israelis have never had the “right stuff,” to borrow from Tom Wolfe, to stand up and denounce the lies of “Palestinian” nationalism which are as fanciful as anything any Christian or Nazi Jew-hater ever came up with as an example of the Jews alleged evil deeds.

As a Jewish community without Shabbos like the American Reform and Conservatives who are in demographic Chapter 11, cannot survive, so Israel without its religion is helpless before the propagandistic lies of our Arab and Muslim enemy neighbors.

* * (Musical Interlude) * *

And that was Psalm 130: 1, 2, 8.

In the good news department, a court in Malaga, Spain put a preliminary restraining order on the city council’s vote to support of BDS.

A pro-Israel organization there brought the case. This is ACOM, led by Angel Mas, who has successfully forced other municipalities voting for BDS to rescind their orders, though he is not sanguine about the future. His group has had its successes but other, new municipalities keep joining the list. Since last week -- this is from Friday’s JPost -- seven new cities have joined the BDS movement. Collectively, they comprise over 400,000 people. Angel Mas says, “The aggressive boycott campaign continues with new antisemitic declarations being approved almost every week.”

Also, ACOM’s lawyer, Ignacio Palacios, says the boycott is “thinly disguised under a veil of deceiving human rights narrative. It is an antisemitic initiative.”

Well, that’s encouraging; that there are others who see through the deception. As I’ve said of the so-called human rights NGOs here, they are not human rights NGOs because the greatest violation of human rights here (or anywhere) is to be murdered, and the number of Jews here murdered by Arabs far surpasses the number of Arabs unjustly killed by Israelis, civilians or in uniform in self-defense. The No. 1 human rights crime in Judea

and Samaria is the murder of Jews by Arabs, and that is why these so-called human rights groups are front organizations for the enemy.

But it is encouraging that in Spain, still a notoriously antisemitic culture, there are individuals who see through the lies of BDS, people pretending to support Balestinians in Judea and Samaria and nothing more.

Not that it is so difficult to see through the BDS deception. The text commonly voted on in these city councils, one after the other, calls for a boycott of Israeli products so that people will know they are in “a space free of Israeli apartheid.” You have a product from Judea and Samaria on a shelf in some supermarket and that makes it an “apartheid area.”

And that is the tipoff. All antiJew delusions contain fantasies of Jewish evil that have no basis, and using the word “apartheid” is the tipoff here. It is a way of the unconscious communicating its own pathology. It is a charge based on a delusion, and indeed the entirety of the war against Israel is based on a delusion: the existence of this ancient nation whose entire country was stolen by the Jews.

So, in Spain it was good news and bad. And even worse out of France. JTA on Friday reported that Jewish children in that country are disappearing rapidly from the public school system where the harassment by other pupils has become *insupportable*.

So they are all registering in all Jewish schools, and of course their parents now have the added financial burden of tuition. These French citizens, these Jews, are paying taxes to support the public schools but now their children cannot attend them.

The JTA report said that 30 years ago the majority of Jewish children in France went to the local public school; now only a third do. And one suspects that financial straits is a principle reason the percentage is not even lower.

Things are getting serious for Jews in France and Belgium, where the same phenomenon seems to be at work, Jews flocking to all-Jewish schools.

The newly elected head of the CRIF, the national Jewish organization in France, Francis Kalifat – an interesting name, half French, half Arab -- said that “in the Paris region, there are virtually no more Jewish pupils attending public schools due to the bad atmosphere of harassment, insults and assaults against them.”

He said that the first noticeable uptick in violence against Jewish children in schools was noted in 2004, and I add, this was during the demonic second intifada. Before then, the number of reported attacks *per annum* in French schools was a few dozen. Now, he says, *per annum*, they are in the hundreds.

* * (Musical Interlude) *

Last note: If it is any consolation to the rise tiding of violent attacks against Jews in Europe by mostly Muslims, the Europeans themselves are taking a beating. Last week,

Germany's Minister of the Interior Thomas de Maiziere called on Germans to prepare for a catastrophic breakdown in daily life in the event of a major terrorist strike. He said the people of Germany should stock up on bottled water to last for five days and ten days worth of food.

Citizens should also be prepared to help the military in directing traffic and finding accommodations for the suddenly homeless.

My goodness. It sounds like Germany's domestic intelligence agency is expecting a major attack by Islam on German infrastructure providing basic services.

I long for the day when the West ceases the use of "radical Islam" and "Muslim extremists" and all the words and phrases that are deceptive. The enemy is Islam, plain and simple, old-time, old-fashioned, Islam hungry to overrun the world, steal all its wealth and kill all non-Muslims. Hence, the delusional accusations at us Jews.

Leila tov miEretz Yisrael.