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*Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim.* It is the evening of the 6th day, *kaf-tes beMenachem Av, Parashas Re'eh, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 1 September 2016, webcasting from Israel, seen through a glass darkly.

That was ,my favorite Ingmar Bergman movie, the title taken from Christian Scripture, which was taken from Jewish Scripture, I think.

Israel is seen through a glass darkly and that term might apply to seeing it through modern media. Every image that we see of Israel in newspaper photos, online photos, videos on TV, is seen through the lens of a camera that by its very narrow image displays only a video byte of reality, of the true situation.

In any case, no less important than the eye of the cameraman and what he focuses on is the mechanism of interpretation in the brain of the observer.

Take, for example, yesterday's front page in the International New York Times, and there front and center at the top, above the fold, a large photograph of Mitzpeh Danny, a so-called outpost in the Shomron/Samaria which outpost is seen to be, in the background, a few caravans, like semi-trailers without their tractors, on a high point of ground whose foreground and background displays scrub land and stones in all directions. There are no other structures in sight besides these caravans as we call them, and the article tells us these are homes to forty families.

There is no agriculture in sight. It is a landscape of virtually no trees. The photo is 8 1/2" and 5 and 3/4", and on page 3, the continuation of the article likewise sports another photo of the same size showing the line of caravans from another angle. In this one, too, there is not another building or field, orchard, anything, in sight.

And what the title the editors put on this piece written by the Israeli antiJewess, the Times' permanent stringer here, Isabel Kershner, was "Israel quietly allowing pirate settlements." And in the caption directly under the front page photograph, it says, "Such outposts are giving Israel an ever greater foothold in the territory."

We also learn that the name of this outpost commemorates a Jew who was stabbed to death on the other side of the two-lane blacktop that appears running past the caravans, obviously a country road.

Kershner reports there are some 100 of these places established after the Oslo Abomination terrified many sober Jews, my words not hers, and she said that these outposts went up at the behest of Ariel Sharon in 1998 – a half-decade after the Oslo Abomination kicked in, who called out to Israelis to take the hilltops because he saw the lunacy in his friend Shimon Peres's crackpot scheme and that the Oslo cultists were going to destroy the country if things went ahead with the Oslo nonsense.

Kershner says that today a third of these outposts have been declared legal by Israel.

She focuses at one point on Shimon Riklin, 53, who in 1998 answered Sharon's call to action and was a leader in creating this particular outpost. Kershner quote him saying, "I felt there were not enough settlers in Judea and Samaria to ensure the future of the settlements. She called him "a strident, pro-settler voice in the Israeli news media, referring to the West Bank by its biblical name."

And what you just heard was functionally a template of words in the New York Times over the decades. Reporters have inserted these words in articles, or the copy editor in New York inserts these words, every time a Jew in Israel uses the terms "Judea and Samaria." I wonder if the reporters are literally instructed by their editors to do that, or the copy editor in New York inserts that language. When a Jew refers to what Isabel Kershner the antiJew Jewess calls the "West Bank," she must interpret for the reader and say that he is using biblical names and that makes of him, by implication, a religious fanatic who does not want peace with the Balestinian victims of Zionism.

In the second picture on page 3, there is Shimon Riklin himself standing in the middle of that obviously little trafficked road overlooking the string of caravans. And there the two-sentence caption below that second photo reads, "Shimon Riklin, one of the 'outpost entrepreneurs,' who settled in Mitzpeh Danny. Pirate settlements like this are blocking the path to peace between Israel and the Palestinians."

This is amazing. This is a caption under a photograph that is language fit for an editorial. "Pirate settlements," yes, because these people are "pirates" – who "are blocking the path to peace between Israel and the Palestinians."

And I ask, "Says who?" Who is this caption-writer to make such a decisive judgment that these handful of Jewish families on this barren hilltop are blocking the path to peace"?

This is not serious, responsible journalism. But this is what has happened to the New York Times and lots of other once-serious newspapers in the West when it comes to Israel.

Isabel Kershner refers to Judea, origin of the word Jew, as the “West Bank” and wants her readers to know that this settler uses these biblical names which is evidence he is a believing Jew and that is a no-no in the modern world. Religion was pronounced by Karl Marx to be a narcotic to lull the masses exploited by the capitalists led by Jew-bankers.

And this is not the first time I have seen such photographs in the New York Times of these barren hilltops in Judea and Samaria with not an Arab dwelling, Arab village, Arab vineyard, anything in sight.

I am reminded of Herman Melville, author of *Moby Dick* who was here in 1857 and said the Holy Land had become “A caked, depopulated Hell,” and much of the land today still looks exactly as it did in 1857, pretty much as is shown in these photographs.

A decade later, his fellow great American 19<sup>th</sup> century novelist Mark Twain paid a visit and had the same reaction to this bleak landscape. Neither said anything about any Ancient Balestinians living in Balestine. Not a word about meeting even one of them and learning of this allegedly ancient people’s unique, ancient culture and society.

So here are two more pictures in the New York Times over the decades bearing evidence of the desolation these outposts have sprung up in, dispossessing no Ancient Palestinian family from its ancestral lands allegedly in their hands since the beginning of time.

And what is the thrust of the article and certainly of the caption, this most tendentious caption I think I have ever seen? The presence of these infant Jewish communities like Mitzpeh Danny are the obstacle to peace in the Middle East for their encroachment upon Balestinian land that the Balestinian have loved so much they chose, I guess, not to develop but let it lay fallow for all time.

The Times once had a picture of an old Arab in sandals, jeans, *keffiyeh* and *aqal*, the rope around the head to hold the *shmateh* in place, standing on ground identical to what is seen in these photographs, this scrub, stones and no trees, and the article explained that this was Mr. Ahmad So and So who claimed this land was his father’s and his grandfather’s and his great-grandfather’s, and the Israelis want to steal it from him.

Another case of beloved Balestinian soil -- in reality dead soil that no one paid any attention to.

I’ve seen Arabs like him on TV numerous times barking, “They are stealing our land!” And here is Isabel Kershner, a New York Times Jewess, backing the fantasy of “Palestinians” desirous of peace but the settlers won’t give it to them.

Here is an antiJew Jewess in our time for whom the name of the landscape in these pictures is “West Bank.” Such anti-Jews wouldn’t dream of using biblical names, would they.

Why not? When someone complains that using Biblical names is to reframe the conflict into a religious conflict that cannot be solved, so let’s not use Biblical names, like these religious fanatics, so let’s call them by their modern, political names, and I say, “Okay, no more biblical names. Let’s no longer use the names Jaffa and Gaza, Jericho, Hebron, Golan, Beersheva, Bethlehem, Nazareth and of course let us not called Jerusalem Jerusalem.

Sometimes think post-Jewish Israelis like Isabel Kershner, for whom their religion is being anti-religious, will not be content until Jerusalem itself is re-divided, the Old City handed back to the Arabs for their capital, that Israelis like her will be happy to call it Al-Quds.

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Speaking before about Jerusalem, a name world antiJewry uses if not Judea and Samaria, the otherwise sophisticated Czechs bowed down to the demand of the ambassador from Balestine that they unfortunately recognize as a worthy interlocutor, to redo a text used throughout the Czech Republic by middle and high schools students showing and calling Jerusalem the capital of Israel. The barbarian representing ultimately the PLO terror syndicate got the Czechs to agree to label Tel-Aviv as the capital of Israel.

And so it will be in the next edition of this atlas. The Arab terrorist posing as a civilized diplomat insisted that, “The current map not only presents something which is unacceptable to Palestinians, but also shows something which goes against international law and is against the official position of the European Union which includes the Czech Republic.”

The Czech Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying, “The Foreign Ministry’s position on the issue of Jerusalem is clear and coincides with the position of the European Union. The Czech Republic does not recognize east Jerusalem as part of Israel. The European Union views Jerusalem as the future capital of two countries – Israel and the future Palestinian state.”

And never mind the contradiction between speaking of a future “Palestinian” state when the protest was made by the ambassador from Palestine in residence in Prague. Which is it? Is there or is there not a “Palestinian” state?

In any case, it is just another piece of evidence that contrary to the Leftists everywhere, which in our time most certainly connotes anti-religionists, believe there is a conflict here between Israelis and “Palestinians,” who want their own state, when the crux of the matter, at heart, is religion.

Jerusalem, unlike other famous cities in history that became famous for their success and prominence, sits on no important waterway. It has no important natural resources. It has historically been, before the age of the automobile, hard to get to.

It sits astride no caravan route for international trade. Its importance historically as a political capital ended before the exile to Babylon in the sixth century before the Common Era.

No, its importance has always been exclusively religious and that is what is behind this current news item from Prague. For Muslims, not only are they the sovereign owners and masters of the holy cities of Mecca and Medina in the Arabian Peninsula, Jerusalem too is theirs. And so is Hebron, which means the Jews have ownership over none of their holy cities. Islam took them away from al-Yahud, and now the new Muslim dispensation even claims the Jews never had them.

Today's morning papers reported on former Central Command Commander in Chief responsible for Judea and Samaria Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Gadi Shamni who spoke at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzlia and said bitterly, "We are world champions in occupation and have brought it the level of art. I was the commander-in-chief of Central Command, general of the occupation, and I ask ourselves, is this what we want to be? Israel will never agree to an arrangement that does not answer to Israel's security needs and the Palestinians will not accept any continuation of the endless occupation. The only acceptable solution is an agreed separation. The states in the region are ripe and interested in creating full relations with Israel but will not do this so long as the Palestinian issue is not solved. Israel has to influence the regional framework via connections with different states and its relationship to the United States."

This is typical of an IDF general whose career was in an institution founded by the post-Jewish Left here. He is incapable of understanding our neighbors who are anything but post-religious, as he is.

Clearly, this Israeli general is not a strategic thinker. I don't doubt he knows how to tactically deploy armed forces to fight our violent enemies and is probably very good at it, but he makes no sense here when says, rightly, that Israel will agree to nothing less than preserving its military needs, which means no retreat from the high ground, but then he calls for separation from the Palestinians and an end to the occupation. And what is that if not a retreat from Judea and Samaria?

That is when yours truly virtually overnight switched politics, but also after some years of study when I understood that with the hostility of these Arab Muslims as dangerous, Israel cannot retreat to the 1949 ceasefire line even if there were no half-million Jews living in Judea and Samaria these days. In this way, the settlements have never been anything but a distraction from the true obstacle to peace, which is this Arab Muslim hostility to Jews recorded in every century of Islam.

And since Israel cannot retreat from Judea and Samaria, it has no choice but to settle and claim these hills for Israel, rightfully, legally, morally and religiously.

Gadi Shamni is so typical of Israel's ruling class of post-religious people. He is just insensate to the cosmic hatred of the world of Islam and the Arab appetite for stealing what does not belong to them. Gad Shamni and his ruling class desire peace but they live inside a cocoon of dreams of peace based on the handing back of the spoils of war that Israel captured in righteous self-defense in 1967. They inhabit a world in which the Arab Muslims care only for this real estate, Judea and Samaria, and, of course, the Temple Mount, so if Israel gives them what they want, Israelis will be paid back with their gift of peace. Give them what they demand, and they will become our friends and end their murderous hostility.

This was the thinking of some of the shallowest, most uneducated, provincial Jews in Jewish history: Rabin, Peres, Beilin, Pundak, Savir, Hirschfeld, etc. and etc. These uneducated in the world of Islam and the history of the Jewish people in it thought that Arafat, this Egypt-born and raised Muslim Brotherhood devotee until he started claiming to be a Palestinian in his 30s, really cared for his suffering people, the Balestinians, and all Israel had to do was turn over Yesha -- Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip -- to him and peace would descend on Israel like the morning dew.

What arrogant, uneducated fools these Leftists have been.

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Yes, the great divide in Israel is between the religious and the aggressively secular, which plays out in the domestic sphere in the matter of work on Shabbat, as we saw last Shabbat, and in foreign policy in one's attitudes toward the Arabs in Judea and Samaria.

Last segment, the focus was on Gadi Shamni in Herzlia yesterday, and the day before that a soul mate of his, former head of the Mossad, Tamir Pardo, opined during a speech that he gave in the north during a yearly commemoration for Druse soldiers who died fighting for Israel, that the great threat to Israel is not from Iran; Israel's greatest threat is civil war. "Internal division can lead us to civil and we are already on that path. If a society passes a certain line in division and hatred, it is a real possibility to see a phenomenon like a civil war. Society at large bears responsibility to prevent these divisions, not just the leadership."

And as for the Palestinian issue: "Without a diplomatic solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, we will never be able to achieve normalization with our Arab neighbors."

There are two whopping misconceptions/mistakes here. This too is classic, post-religious Israeli thinking. First of all, he sees an "Israeli-Palestinian" conflict, when my book shows how that language was invented to camouflage the Arab/Israeli conflict. And as for

aspiring to normalization with our Arab neighbors, he seems unaware that this too is a major fantasy, for what is the flavor of normal relations with the Arabs? Between themselves, there is constant friction, but with us they want a nice, friendly relationship? During the Iran-Iraq War of 1980-1989, Sunni Arab Iraq claiming to be a Baathist regime invaded Shia Iran to steal its oil fields, during which war Arab Syria, also claiming to be Baathist, sided with Iran against fellow next door Arab neighbor Iraq. As a result, the border between Iraq and Syria, both Arab Baathist regimes, was closed for like 17 years, for even after the war ended there was still bad blood.

During that war, because the Yemenis sided with Iran, nextdoor neighbor Saudi Arabia punished Yemen by expelling from Saudi Arabia its million Yemenis foreign workers. Suddenly, a million Yemenis in Saudi Arabia had to pile into cars with whatever movables they could take and flee back to Yemen where a typical Middle Eastern tent city of refugees was set up.

Here is the former head of Mossad who imagines normal relations with our neighbors after we solve the Israel-Palestinian conflict, providing we ourselves do not erupt into civil war.

What you are listening to here is the same mind at work that we heard from Yair Golan when he addressed soldiers on Holocaust Remembrance Day and intimated that Israel was on the way to Nazism if it does not change its treatment of the Ancient Ones.

I think what we are hearing here is secular Israel fearful of losing its dominance to the rising community of religious Jews, who have more children than they do. The pioneers who led Israel into independence thought they were creating a post-Jewish, non-religious state, and now that community sees its grasp on the country slipping away.

Tamir Pardo's fear of a civil war is a reflection of his fear of seeing the Israel that he grew up in changing. Gadi Shamni too.

What they and their community almost cannot understand is the religious fire that burns not only in the savage breasts of the Arabs here, like the one who in the dead of last night in Nablus fired on a visit by Jews to the Tomb of Joseph and wounded a soldier; the fire that burns as well in the hearts of Western antiJews who back them, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.

In another month, there will be elections among the Arabs in Judea and Samaria and as in 2006, the Hamas is expected to win handily.

Last night, security forces in Hevron arrested six Hamas terrorists. And Hamas, remember, is the local Muslim Brotherhood franchise. For them -- if not for Gadi Shamni and Deputy Chief of Staff Yair Golan and Tamir Pardo -- their war has nothing to do with the absence of a Western-style nation-state and has everything to do with their religion.

Only when Israelis understand that, and understand the true resistance to them must also be religious, will Israel set itself back on the right track.

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