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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 6th day, *kaf beElul*, *Parashas Ki Savo*, *tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 22 September 2016, webcasting from the Holy Land seen through a Hamitic glass darkly.

About the time I had to start doing this webcast -- this was toward the end of the bizarre speech, the bizarre description of reality at the UN today in the General Assembly delivered by the Holocaust Denying terrorist Mahmoud Abbas -- so I could not watch what came later, Prime Minister Netanyahu's speech. Not that I expect anything new. Bibi is always very good, but I do wish he would not keep saying how much he wants peace with the Balestinians and protests their refusal to talk. I hope he does not do that. Instead, just once I want to hear an Israeli prime minister on that podium say that peace talks with such people are not possible because they are so intellectually stunted by the fact they do not perceive reality as it is but as they want it to be.

Take, for example, the speech delivered today by Mahmoud Abbas, one of the men who deserves death for the Munich Olympic Games atrocity. In this speech, he accused Israel of "colonizing the occupied Palestinian territories" and of "violence against residents of our towns and villages and refugee camps. Israel is executing and attacking our people."

This should not surprise because it is in complete agreement with the content of his PA TV station and PA media and the words of other ministers in his cabinet -- that the world pretends is still in existence when it expired seven years ago. Yesterday, Palestinian

Media Watch posted a collection of quotes in recent days from these PA sources and they are nothing short of clinically delusional descriptions of reality.

No less than the PA Minister of Justice, Ali Abu Diyak, said that Israel's response to the recent spike in knife attacks is a "one-sided campaign" and the Israeli reports of stabbing attacks are "baseless excuses. Israel is intensifying the crimes of murder and aggression."

He is, of course, referring to the several Arabs shot dead during these recent knife attacks. "In less than a week, it has committed many crimes of summary executions. Most of the victims are youth and children and the occupation is using the excuse that they tried to stab or throw rocks at the occupation soldiers and other baseless excuses."

On PA TV, a newsreader last Friday reported on that Jordanian tourist who attacked at Damascus Gate and was killed. "Occupation soldiers this afternoon executed the 28-year-old Said al-Amru who holds Jordanian citizenship in the area of the Damascus Gate under the pretext that he tried to carry out a stabbing operation."

You can see what he did on a security camera video, and here he was denying that video.

The newsreader also reported on the attack at Tel Rumeida in Hebron the same day where "occupation forces executed 25-year-old Martyr Hatem al-Shaloudi by shooting him with automatic weapons under the pretext that he had stabbed a soldier, lightly injuring him."

The PA TV reported from the scene there that, "The chain of Israeli crimes against residents of the Hebron District has not ended. Especially not the summary executions there, as the occupation continues its intentional policy of killing Palestinian residents and using the same pretexts and excuses."

After a different, recent set of knife attacks, when Israeli soldiers and Border Police killed the assailants, PA Minister al-Diyak said this is "organized state terror and additional proof that Israel is continuing to commit war crimes and crimes against humanity."

The Fatah movement said, one of their big shots said, "Our Palestinian people has turned into a direct target for summary executions and cold-blooded murder by the occupation who carry out crimes before the eyes and ears of the entire world, without anyone acting to stop these racist crimes."

And in this PMW newsletter the list of such quotes went on for pages more of statements by these movers and shakers in the PA, the "moderate peace-minded opponents" of those radical Muslims in HAMAS.

I'll cite just two more. Regarding the killing of the Jordanian, the "moderate" PA said this was Israel's response to "all the calls [the PA] has made to their Arab brothers to visit Jerusalem. It is an attempt to reduce these visits and in a sense prevent them so that the Arabs will not defend Jerusalem and besieged Palestine and the people that live under the occupation."

At some point, I think, it would be most helpful for an Israeli prime minister to do what I just did in his annual speech to the UN General Assembly, to give his audience a flavor of what we are up against. Just read out the absolute unreality in the minds of these very intellectually, psychologically, emotionally backward Arabs. What Abbas did today was accuse Israel of doing what his PA has been doing over the last year. His Arabs strike to murder Jews. They get killed in the act, and then the PA reports the Jews murdered a Balestinian using a story of a stabbing as a pretext and excuse, these are executions that Israel tries to cover up by claiming it was a knife attack.

And I say, and an Israeli prime minister has to say, that with such people, serious, mature, rational discussion is simply not possible.

Today, Mahmoud Abbas spoke of “colonizing” the West Bank. This is Jimmy Carter-esque in its perverse abuse of language. There is no resemblance whatsoever between these Jewish bedroom communities a few minutes outside of Jerusalem or Tel-Aviv and the far-flung colonies of the British and the French and the Spanish and the Portuguese, the Dutch, the Italians and the Germans.

Israeli “colonization” is also in the title of the student-taught course at Berkeley you may have read about that was recently banned and then reinstated. “Colonialism” is in the course title that calls for the destruction of Israel. It is a symptom of antiJewitis a.k.a. antisemitism that is always the flinging of accusations of Jewish devilry with no basis in fact. And that is a fact that a prime minister of Israel has to speak about. The Arabs as whole must be identified with German Nazis for the unreality of their false beliefs about Jews.

Here’s another PMW citation. The Balestinian Deputy Governor of Jerusalem, sort of like a shadow government, I guess, because he does not govern in Jeruaslem, one Abdallah Siyam, who said in another context about recent events, “It is exactly like a hijacking of Jerusalem, an attempt to alter the nature of Jerusalem.”

And in my own research a quarter-century ago into UN resolutions, there were dozens I found that accused Israel of “Judaizing Jerusalem” with the implication that before 1967 Jerusalem was not Jewish. True, between 1949 and 1967 it was Judenrein, but otherwise the historical, demographic record is consistent in showing Jerusalem was throughout history to be primarily inhabited by a plurality or a majority of Jews in this Jewish town.

And that bit about the Arabs defending Palestine: I ask, “When in all of history did the Arabs even conceive of a country with that name, let alone defend it?” They fantasize an historic Jerusalem without Jews, and Arabs defending Jerusalem and Palestine in the past.

What is going on here is the age-old, tragic flaw of the Arabs, the sons of Ishmael who Rashi taught became a desert highwaymen with the Midrash more generally saying, “Ishmael is a thief.”

That is his essential character, and I say this reportage compiled by PMW is more evidence of that.

A few weeks back, you may remember, I posted a Memri.org video of a Jordanian parliamentarian out of control in his hatred of Israel, and what was more intriguing was the content of his protest. I pointed out his unconscious theft of Jewishness and Zionism; how much Palestine has always been in their prayers and hearts, yadda yadda yadda.

This was the behavior of the Jewish people for thousands of years and still is. Jerusalem is in our prayers multiple times daily.

What these Arabs do is steal not only your money and your livestock and your cars – the other day the Israeli police reported that an estimated 50,000 stolen Israeli cars are in use in Arab Judea and Samaria - they steal your intellectual property, your ideas, your religion, even your emotions. That Jordanian MP was simply hysterical in his protestations of eternal love for Palestine and Jerusalem. When had there ever been such “Palestinians” loving Palestine and Jerusalem?

Israel needs to be more aggressive in teaching the world about our neighbors here who are “not ready for prime time,” who are incapable of mutually respectful negotiations with us. They imagine this is their ancient homeland that has been stolen from them and that gives them a license to stab Jews in the back and in the neck, and run us over in their cars.

Anyone one imagines peace for Israel with such a community as a possibility is as delusional as the Arabs.

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Yes, the delusions of the Arabs here about us Jews are so detached from reality, they are people impossible to deal with.

And they are not alone. In JPost today, the estimable Manfred Gerstenfeld focused on first the Iranians and then others in the region who believe ISIS is a front for the Mossad. The Mossad created ISIS in their minds. At one point, Iran’s Islamic Republic News Agency cited a supposed interview with Edward Snowden the traitor in which the US, Israel and the UK were behind this plot to destabilize the Middle East, a plot called “Hornet’s Nest.”

Another claim floating around the region is that the leader of ISIS Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is really a Jewish Mossad agent named Eliot Simon.

And I ask, why does Israel continue with the charade that a civilized conversation with such people is a goal?

In Holland too, among the first to talk like this was a Dutch Muslim, an employee of the Dutch counter-terrorism agency the NCTV, one Yasmina Haifi who said, “ISIS has nothing to do with Islam. It is a plot of the Zionists who want to blacken Islam.”

Likewise in London, a Muslim Labour councilor for Kensington, one Beinazir Lashair, said, "Many people know about who was behind 9-11 and also who is behind ISIS."

How are Israel and Israel's friends supposed to respond to such talk? I'm afraid too many people -- like myself in the past -- believe that deep down, people who talk this way know the truth that what they are saying is not true, but is permissible as an outburst of emotion and even artistic license. A person just gets carried away with his rage about what the Jews do.

If you remember, in 2002, after the Battle of Jenin after the Passover massacre at the Park Hotel, an Israeli Arab filmmaker made a documentary on the fighting and showed an Israeli tank deliberately driving over and crushing to death an Arab, something that never happened.

The soldiers in the unit concerned protested to the government, threatened legal action, I forget all the details, but for the moment what was interesting was the director's response. He was buffaloes, if I remember correctly, into admitting this was a fabrication but he defended his artistic license in a documentary because his emotions were so great, his anger at Israel so great, it felt as if it really had happened and that is the emotion he wanted to convey to viewers.

There is no fidelity to the truth in this culture. Rather, to rephrase, truth is subjective, it is all emotional, and not objective. The filmmaker was so passionate, he licensed himself to portray such an event.

In a word, these Arabs are very different from the civilized Judeo-Christian tradition of science and objectivity.

It was after the battle of Jenin that Saeb Erekat, one of Tsipi Livni's favorite interlocutors, said the IDF had massacred 500 Balestinians, after which, if I were an Israeli minister, I would say that I would never talk to this man again because it would be pointless. This is the same Erekat who was with Arafat at Camp David in July 2000 who told Bill Clinton and Ehud Barak that, "the Jews never had any temples on the Temple Mount. The Jews just say that because they want to keep it from the Arabs" -- obviously another monstrous example of their psychological projection. They are the ones who stole our Temple Mount that had been the Temple Mount for roughly 1,500 years before the first Muslim set foot on it the year 638.

Why are we negotiating with such people who are so obviously, intellectually, psychologically, juvenile in their thinking? They are like five-year olds for whom the line between reality and fantasy is fluid. One of my jobs in life was working in Manhattan in a theater for school kids where it was discovered that below that age of five, theater is impossible, for the children don't yet know the boundary between what is real and what is pretend.

And I believe that thanks to the menace that the Muslims constitute, they have been able to impose their view of reality on the rest of mankind. For about a dozen years after the Six-Day War, when the PLO cells were metastasizing and carrying out their monstrous acts of terror not only in Israel but in Europe, in 1980, after a decade of this, the Europeans capitulated and agreed, saying, yes, the PLO is not a syndicate of terror gangs but a legitimate organization of nationalist, patriotic freedom fighters representing a venerable nationality with rights.

My book also records the private deals the European states in that period made with the PLO allowing them to base themselves in and operate from a country in exchange for the promise of not carrying terror in said country.

This was a kissing cousin of Europe's peoples in 17th-19th centuries when individual countries, the maritime states, made individual deals with the Muslim city-states on the other side of the Mediterranean. It was called the tribute. It was protection money.

It is the conscienceless, barbaric violence the Arabs and Muslims are capable of which may account for the behavior this week at the UN in its annual jamboree. Yesterday's headline in JPost was, "As PM arrives, UN speeches ignore Palestinian violence." What Herb Keinon and Danielle Ziri in New York reported concerned the speech delivered by the Chief UN flunky Ban Ki Moon who in his speech attacking the "madness" of Israeli settlement activity said not a word about the last year of dozens of Jews being murdered and others grievously wounded.

Obama likewise said nothing of this murder spree by these Muslim assassins. All he did was speak against Balestinian incitement, without spelling out what the incitement led do: Jew-killing.

Think of that. I'd bet that in the first year of Hitler's rule, after he took office in January of 1933, fewer Jews were murdered in Germany than here over the last 12 months.

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Yes, between Obama and Ban Ki Moon in their jabs at Israel said not a word of the past year's homicidal violence here against us Jews, and it will be interesting to see tomorrow what was in Netanyahu's speech today in this regard. Herb Keinon reported that just before the prime minister took off for New York on Tuesday, I think, he said that he would "speak Israel's truth there. I will speak about Israel's justice and heroism, the heroism of our soldiers, police officer and citizens who wage an uncompromising struggle against cruel terrorism."

And I say, "No good." Speaking about Israel's struggle against cruel "terrorism" is almost in a class with Obama refusing to say "radical Islamic terrorism," for the truth is that our struggle is not with terrorism. It is with people, Muslims, Arabs, Iranians, Turks, who are as bonkers about Jews as the Nazis ever were.

Terrorism is not even, when you think about it, an ism. It is a stupid word in that regard. An ism is a matrix of ideas, and in this case what it refers to is not ideas but a behavior, a tactic, toward some end that the terrorist wants to achieve. And since all the terror of late committed by terrorists is committed in the name of Islam, it is Islam that we are at war with.

Admittedly, the prime minister would likely hesitate to talk that way because of the recent de facto alliance in the region between Israel and Egypt and the Gulf Arabs against Iran, then he should call it “Belligerent Islam” or “Violent Against Non-Combatants Islam,” something like that.

In a similar vein, in a news story from last week about a speech at the UN the week before, the head of the ZOA Mort Klein took US ambassadress Samantha Power to task for her speech on Sept. 7th at a UN conference on antisemitism when she too never spoke the words Muslim or Islamic anti-Semitism, which, as he rightly pointed out, happens to constitute a major portion of the physical and verbal attacks against Jews these days. He said that throughout her speech, whenever she described attacks on Jews, she never mentioned that the perpetrators were Muslims.

He cited her reference to an antisemitic attack in Argentina, in Santa Fe, where a bottle loaded with cement was thrown through the window of a local Jewish center with the message attached: “This is a warning. The next one will explode.” Klein said that she left out the fact that the note also bore the logo of ISIS and the words “Allahu Akbar.”

She omitted altogether a worse incident in Uruguay, in March, when a Muslim shouting “Allahu Akbar” stabbed a Jewish man to death and wounded his son.

She did reference those murders in a “kosher market” in Paris in January 2015, but again left out the fact that murderer there, a Somali, also was shouting, “Allahu Akbar.”

Indeed, Mort Klein pointed out, the only time she did mention Muslims was when she complained that, “rising antisemitism goes hand-in-hand with xenophobic efforts to bar Muslim immigration.”

Sound familiar? This is what goes at the UN and globally on the UN’s designated Holocaust Remembrance Day when alongside the Holocaust a half-dozen other crimes against groups are dragged in. Focusing exclusively on the Holocaust is so difficult for world antiJewry. Here was Powers, a native of Ireland, and most probably Roman Catholic, equating rising antisemitism, which results in ghastly murders of Jews, with the “xenophobic” opposition to Muslim immigration. In her Obama-esque world, opponents of Muslim immigration are xenophobic; they are afflicted with an irrational fear of foreigners. Their opposition is therefore baseless and bigoted.

Powers evidently referenced a recent, minor victory against antisemitism in Hungary when an attempt was made, but blocked, to erect a statue of a Nazi collaborator. But about the constant naming of parks and schools in Arab Judea and Samaria after murderers of innocent Jews, she said nothing.

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