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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 6th day, *kaf-zion beElul, Parashas Nitzavim, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 29 September 2016, webcasting from the hills of Judea.

Well, there was only one story today in all the media in Israel, the passing of Shimon Peres. In Yediot and Israel Hayom -- I only see Haaretz twice a week but I imagine it was the same -- one eulogy after another.

The best one, leastwise the best headline, came from Michael Freund in JPost. The headline was "Choosing Which Shimon Peres to Remember."

Indeed. Peres 1.0 was a security hawk, an acolyte of David ben-Gurion that he served in the 1950s and 60s. It is long forgotten that following the virtually miraculous Six-Day War -- that the atheists of the Israeli Left could not see -- they nonetheless looked upon Judea and Samaria with clear eyes as far more of the heart of the Land of Israel, Biblically-speaking, of course, than the coastal plain, which was the heart of Israel till '67, and still and many ways is.

In any case, they experienced no pangs of guilty for driving the Arab Legion out and taking over. No guilt, and like other nations victorious in war felt no obligation to give back what they took.

On the contrary, the reigning Israeli Left (!) at the time adopted the Allon Plan that called for annexing a serious portion of the land taken, mostly for security considerations but not all. This is long forgotten: they were also in tune with the heritage of the Jewish people. Even Moshe Dayan supported the idea of keeping

Hevron for the Cave of Patriarchs/the Machpelah. None of the ruling political elite in Shimon Peres's camp thought Israel had to return all of it.

All also saw the strategic necessity of maintaining Israel's presence along the Jordan River. Over time too, radar installations would be erected on the ridgelines of Judea and Samaria to see as never before into Arab skies east of Israel.

And those of you who read my book know that not for three years after the Six-Day War was the topic of the "Palestinians" raised in a United Nations resolution, so post-war in 1967, nobody in Peres's party was pleading for Israel to hand over Judea and Samaria to the ancient nation of "Palestinians."

Many Israelis thought after the astounding victory, as Moshe Dayan thought and he was the reigning defense minister, and he predicted, that the phone would soon ring and on the other end would be the Arab states saying, "Okay. Fair and square. You won. So just return what you took and we will love you and make peace. Land for peace."

But things did not work out that way. And if memory serves -- although my research turned up nothing to confirm this, in late 1968 -- a year and a half after the war, when no telephone had ever rung, Golda Meir said, "We are not going to wait for you forever."

And following the terror atrocities that ramped up in 1968 and 1969, and in 1970 with the War of Attrition; with the '72 Munich massacre at the Olympics and '73's Yom Kippur War; '74's horror at Maalot, nearly two dozen children murdered, many Israelis were coming to the conclusion that the phone had not yet rung and would not ring, so let's start thinking about keeping Judea and Samaria.

Right after the war, the Labor government allowed the old Gush Etzion settlements destroyed and the people massacred in 1948 to rebuild, thanks to pressure from Rabbi Hanan Porat ז"ל, and the government also commissioned the building of the new community of Kiryat Arba next to Hevron. But other than that, there was nothing after 7 bloody years in the way of building that was launched.

Hence, the National Religious movement arose as never before and pressed for more new Jewish communities, and one of their supporters was Defense Minister Shimon Peres. The first of the settlements was Ofra, and there is a famous photograph of a smiling Peres planting a tree in classical, Zionist, *chalutz* fashion. Ofra was the first Jewish community between Afula and Jerusalem, and today it is home to more than 3,000 Jews.

Then came like a sit-in at Sebastia that turned into another, new Jewish community, and Shimon Peres the security hawk, if not religiously motivated, was on behind that project too.

In 1976, Shimon Peres became godfather to Ariel, today home to 20,000.

So much for Shimon Peres 1.0.

Shimon Peres 2.0 emerged in my purview with the SCUD War of 1991 when Tel-Aviv was showered with more than three dozen missiles that had every evening tens of thousands, maybe scores of thousands, of people jumping into their cars and driving out of the city in rivers of vehicles carrying truly terrified people.

One SCUD landed about 50 meters from the apartment of friends of mine, and the impact scared the hell out of them. They knew that if it had landed on their three-story apartment house, they and their two little boys would not have survived.

Saddam Hussein's satanic missile teams kept trying to hit downtown Tel-Aviv. By one account, they wanted to hit the Kirya, as we call it, which is Israel's Pentagon located in Tel-Aviv. They kept missing and missiles fell short into Ramat Gan, populated ironically by Iraqi Jews who had fled that country years before.

And for sure, not far from my friends' apartment was the apartment lived in by Shimon and Sonya Peres. And there is no reason to think that their apartment was any more fortified than that of my friends, so it is fair to think Peres was scared to death too, and that I think this brought on the birth in this hysterical man's personality of Shimon Peres 2.0. I think he was severely traumatized.

For sure, he did not fight in 1948 when all of his friends were in Haganah. He was at the time head of the youth division of the Labor Movement and would tell historians he was asked not to fight by the leaders who wanted for him diplomatic duties.

But I wonder. I once saw a photograph of him and others in the leadership in the 1950s welcoming back from a counter-terror operation against the *fedayeen*, led by Arik Sharon. In the picture was a smiling Arik Sharon and other fighters. It was at night, and the illumination of the flash of the camera's bulb lit things up. The photographer caught them unawares, or so it appeared, and Peres stood out among them for the fear in his eyes.

In any case, it is known, historians will note, that following the SCUD War, Shimon Peres believed that holding territory no longer meant anything. If the enemy can fire missiles at us from hundreds of miles away, what matter our presence on the hills of Judea and Samaria? For him, it was a new world and the only way to survive was to deprive the enemy of his excuse for firing missiles at us, so he told himself, and that was our presence in Judea and Samaria. I think he had some kind of nervous breakdown.

Chronologically, this explanation fits, because the SCUD War ended on the last day in February of 1991. Then, 15 months later, Rabin became prime minister for the second time, Peres his foreign minister, and by December 1992 the famous scientist of politics Dr. Beilin had been given the go-ahead by his mentor Peres to send Israeli academics to meet -- illegally -- with the PLO in Oslo and start the ball rolling toward

the famous Oslo Abomination on the White House Lawn of September 13, 1993. And the rest is history.

Because it is unseemly to say bad things about the deceased so soon after his passing, I have mentioned some of the good he was a party to. And at this point, I will just repeat, “and the rest is history” following the handshake on the White House Lawn, *e.g.* the hundreds and hundreds of Jews murdered, maimed, mutilated and crippled for life.

I’ll also just recall the moment in 1998 when Shimon was photographed kissing Yasir Arafat on the cheek, that poisonous snake of a man. Like Ishmael that *pereh adam*, Arafat was a *tsefa adam*, in my view, a viper of a man.

So I do not mourn the passing of Shimon ben Yitzhak. He was blessed by Hashem with a long life and a healthy one until just recently. We should all be so healthy, surely a gift from Hashem to him for the good he did.

But I can talk about his admirers and I will after some music.

* * (Musical Interlude) * *

I think the news said this evening that 90 dignitaries will be here tomorrow for the funeral, including the Muslim Brotherhood Agent in the Oval Office and legions of Peresites who so loved and admired him. I heard the pope is coming and King Billy the Kinky and Lady Macbeth Clinton and who knows who else because Peres was the ultimate, secular antagonist of Israel’s religious Jews in the eyes of the world. When he lost the elections in 1996 to Netanyahu, he told a Haaretz journalist not that he lost but “We lost.” And when asked, “Who is we?” he answered “The Israelis.” But if so, Haaretz asked, who did win? And Shimon said, “The Jews.”

And in my book, I also report what, ironically, a veteran Haaretz leftist journalist once reported about Rabin as IDF Chief of Staff who used to make jokes about the political leadership whom he called “the Jews,” because many still spoke Hebrew with a Yiddish accent and even fondly remembered life in the Yiddish diaspora.

And for symbolizing this variety of Israeli -- what the Left called the New Jew -- Peres was loved abroad for his willingness to hand Judea and Samaria back to the murderous Arabs because the desire to stay is associated with religious Jews, and every enlightened, modern person knows that religion is superstition, old wives tales, myths, legends and folklore that no enlightened modern person takes seriously.

That is why this who’s who of VIPS are coming tomorrow. Shimon, like Alan Dershowitz, believed peace was more important than Jewish rights to live in Judea and Samaria. Such post-religious centrist Jews say that more important than Jewish rights is peace with the poor poor Palestinians who have rights too to this land too, you know, just like the Jews.

And never mind the Jews' Bible says nothing like that. There is no mention of any other nation with sovereign ownership rights to this tiny country.

For this, the Jews are hooted at for being "greedy," for not wanting to share Balestine with the Balestinians who have as much right to a state here as the Jews, so the Enlightened believe.

This is the thinking of contemporary antiJews, from big time haters to spineless narcissists like LTF Little Tommy Freidman or Martin Indyk and Danny Kurtzer.

This is why tomorrow, the main road in this little state from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem will periodically be shut down to allow the dignitaries landing at Ben Gurion to rise to the Holy City. There is likely to be a colossal mess but no matter. All the who's who of the world who loved Shimon for this support of the "victims of Zionism" want to exercise their support for this, arguably the most politically correct opinion on the planet.

For sure, the lion's share of those in attendance tomorrow will be Two-State Solution devotees, meaning opponents of the Bible, especially those of Jewish extraction. I mean, it is well known that the first words spoken by the Creator of the Universe to the first Jew ever, Abraham, is "Get thee to a country I will show you."

And Five Books later, among the last verses we read of Abraham's great-grandson's great-grandson Moshe, just before his passing from this life, standing on the east bank of the Jordan River looking over at the Land promised to his great-grandfather's great-grandfather 500 years earlier. That is how intimately connected are Jewish belief and the promise of this Land.

In this sense, Judaism is, in a nutshell, all about taking possession of this land to live in it by the 613 commandments dictated by G-d that are found in the Five Books written down by His scribe Moshe.

And those who think this Land also belongs to the Ancient Ones is an opponent of the Five Books and all that came from them.

And this includes Christians and Muslims who think it is wrong for the Jews to have exclusive rule over this land. It is the Holy Land, "holy to the three great monotheistic religions" and the Jews have no right to a monopoly ownership. Greedy Jews think that way. Greedy, greedy Jews.

Along came Christendom and declared that in fact they, that is, the original Roman Catholic Church, are the real Jews. Then along came Islam and said the Jews not only killed Jesus, who was a prophet if not Allah Himself, they re-wrote their Five Books and stole the role of the son that Ibrahim tied up. Muslims -- just read the Hamas Covenant -- are the real bearers of Ibrahim's religion. They are Allah's favorite (chosen) people. They too believe they are, more or less, the real Jews.

Then along came the phantom Palestinians in our time who claim to be the real owners of Balestine that the Jews stole from them. The Jews had their Holocaust that gave them a claim on the world's conscience to recognize their right to a state in Balestine, and

so too the Balestinians suffered their holocaust, the Nakba, when the Jews acted like Nazis and treated Balestinians like Jews.

And now we read of a senior activist this week in the Labour Party in the UK, one Jackie Walker, who is close to party leader Jeremy Corbyn, who says the national day honoring the victims of the Holocaust should not be solely about Jews. She asked, “Wouldn’t it be wonderful if Holocaust Remembrance Day was open to all people who’ve experienced holocaust.”

Whatever that means.

Not that this should surprise any of us. Every January 25, the UN’s Holocaust Remembrance Day, yours truly takes note of how speeches by VIPs include lots of groups besides the Jews. There are even antiJew Jews here in Israel who think it is greedy of us to hog piggishly the Holocaust.

When the Jordanians ruled here, no one complained that they were hogging the Holy City. Israel today, by contrast, is accused of that. Jerusalem is “holy to the three great monotheistic faiths and it is wrong for Israel to have exclusive control.”

In a word, I love behavior like this. I like to listen to a Jackie Walker who flaunts her ignorance and stupidity but above all her irrational hostility to Jews because our presence, our religion, our immortality bothers people like her, big time.

And this is why tomorrow the beautiful people will be here to honor Peres 2.0, leader of the camp in Israel pining to hand over the heart of the heart of the Promised Land to the “victims of Zionism.”

* * (Musical Interlude) * *

Yes, this chronic envy by the sons of Enosh, humanity, of the Jews, of our religious ideas and beliefs and claims, is part of the chronic war against this people whose very immortal existence and achievements discomfit man because it makes him think, “Maybe they are right; maybe there is a G-d who in the Garden of Eden, as soon as He created Adam and Eve, saw to it that there first download of information about being human was that there is good and there is evil and man should choose good over evil, and that man has that challenge as a problem. Evil is commonly unbridled appetite for pleasure in the short term with no regard for the long.

The Jews have been mocked and abused and horribly treated throughout history and it continues to this very day and even among the Jews themselves. We had only the latest episode of Jewish antiJewism a week ago this evening when during the Israeli imitation of the Oscar Awards, the Ophir Awards, took place and Ministress of Culture Miri Regev at a certain point stormed out when some performer was reading from an infamous poem written by a infamous Arab hater of Israel born here calling for the horrific destruction of Israel.

She stormed out but then came back and berated the organizers for allowing this – with some of the audience applauding, with others booing and making catcalls against her. At one point, some attention-craving actor known for his leftist views jumped on the stage as if to attack her and was restrained by others.

She was protesting the fact that the Israeli government, like governments elsewhere subsidizes, the arts and entertainment, and she said there is no place for featuring the hateful words of this Arab poet calling for the destruction of Israel in such an evening.

There were boos from devotees of poetic license and freedom of speech and against her presumed desire to limit free speech and creativity, which in practice means respecting the right of people to call for the destruction of Israel, and to do so with financial support from the government of Israel.

Yes, this infamous poem by Mahmoud Darwish, written, I think, during the first intifada in the late 80s, was the latest example of mankind sneering and snarling at the existence of the Jewish nation. And I find it somewhere between fascinating and bizarre the blindness of such people as Mahmoud Darwish and their own inconsistent irrationality.

Like my late professor Edward Said who railed against Israel for creating an exclusively Jewish state in which all non-Jews would of course feel less than equal, at the same time he called for a Balestinian state that would be completely Jew-free.

When Jews want their own state, that's racism. When the Balestinians do, that's admirable freedom-fighting against the racist Jews.

It is this evil impulse against the existence of a Jewish nation and a Jewish independent state that propels the truly delusional Israeli Apartheid Weeks – when there is no apartheid in Israel -- now in fashion in colleges and universities. Israeli nationalism was judged by the UN in 1975 as uniquely racist when compared to all the over 100 states that like Israel after World War II that came into being. Zionism was unique for its nationalist movement was judged in that resolution to be “a form of racism.”

And so last week the Enlightened professionals in the entertainment business here likewise support the idea of destroying Israel. I don't think for a second they want to see mass violence but they do believe that superior to Jewish nationalism is international multiculturalism. So calling for the destruction of Israel is not wholly unacceptable. It is even an enlightened idea.

Jewish nationalism is inherently exclusionary in their minds but Palestinian nationalism is not.

I fear the war against the Jewish nation, destined to become a kingdom of priests, will continue until Moshiach arrives.

* * (Musical Interlude) * *

Last item: Check out the current piece by the great Andrew McCarthy on the National Review website entitled, “Obama’s Conflict Tanked the Clinton E-Mail Investigation – as Predicted.”

McCarthy predicted this last February and opined again this time that the reason the Clinton email investigation has gone nowhere is that proving her guilt necessarily incriminates one of her correspondents in her illicit emails, namely, Barack Hussein Obama who we know now also avoided scrutiny by using an alias on an unsecure system. They both belong in prison.

It is also now believed that the reason for the attack in Benghazi was that Hillary’s email had been hacked, and the terrorists knew of Ambassador’s Stevens itinerary, namely, Hillary is complicit in that attack and the death of those four patriotic American contract security guards.

This woman and this president are corrupt beyond words. He is truly, I believe, an MBA, meaning not a Master of Business Administration but a Muslim Brotherhood Agent as is Huma Abedin Hilary’s Gal Friday.

I don’t believe Hillary is. I think she is just so over her head, she never had any sense of being a stooge for Obama’s and Abedin’s anti-American beliefs and behaviors.

I hope to see Trump in the next debate reduce her to tears for her unsuitability as commander-in-chief, for her lying, or her influence peddling, her destruction of records, and so on and forth. Judge Andrew Napolitano’s latest post has a list about a dozen of her felonies. What a story.

Anyway, this has been the last webcast of 5776. May you all have a good and sweet New Year. I’ll be back next Thursday, G-d willing. *Shabbat Shalom* and *Shana Tovah miEretz Yisrael*.