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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 6th day, *yud beMar Heshvan*, *Parashas Lech Lecha*, *tav-shin-ayin-zion*, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 10 November 2016, webcasting from the homeland of the Jews. 70% of whom yesterday in the United States voted for Hillary Clinton.

That makes sense. There are precedents for this. Came time for the Children of Israel after two centuries and counting gestating in Egypt to be born, to flee slavery for freedom, 80% of them did not want to go. And they perished in the plague of darkness.

Then, of the 20% who did run out of Egypt to become a nation at Mt. Sinai, 10 of the 12 of their most important citizens came back from investigating the Holy Land and did not want to leave Sinai, so their whole generation of men died there.

Five hundred years later, 10 of the 12 tribes were taken into captivity by Assyria and never returned. They assimilated out completely.

A century and half later, the remaining southern two tribes with a sprinkling of Levys and Cohens among them, went into captivity in Babylon and when offered the opportunity by Cyrus to return 70 years later, only a small percentage did. The remainder, enchanted by Babylon over and against their memories of the far more modest Jerusalem, they not only stayed but succeeded there and became close to the ruling elite, even attending a banquet in which vessels from the Temple were used as ordinary eating utensils, and they did not object! One thing led to another, and before you knew it, the king of the Persians at this time in control plotted to murder all the Jews in his kingdom. The story of Purim is the story of Jews who preferred to assimilate

rather than return to the Land that the G-d of the World gave to them and wanted them to live in according to His laws, to set an example for mankind of what man can accomplish by living a disciplined and righteous life. Purim is about a community of failed Zionists who should have left when Cyrus allowed them to but did not.

I also can point to the direct line of assimilation in Germany starting in the Age of Reason -- the 18th century and the Emancipation of Jews during the Napoleonic Wars at the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th, and this led directly, I believe, right to the gas chambers in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The giving of citizenship with full rights to Jews at that time took them out of their ghettos, Napoleon did that, and that stemmed from the intellectuals of the age who had abandoned Christianity. One of them was Thomas Jefferson, not responsible for Napoleon but like others, Jefferson was an enlightened thinker. He edited the New Testament, I have a copy, removing all miracles. For him the New Testament was a book of ethics. All the rest was myth, legend, folklore, magic and superstition.

And one unintended consequence of that was the realization among thinkers in the West that the persecution of Jews no longer made any sense. They were no longer believed to have killed the Messiah and really God Himself.

The intellectuals, then, may have jettisoned their faith in Jesus but the common man did not, and the common man was uncomfortable in their presence in the public square. Think of the American South in the days of the Jim Crow laws when Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of the bus. White people didn't want to sit next to a black person, and two centuries ago lots of goyim in Germany did not want to sit next to Jews either in the public square.

And the Jews, so many of them in this antireligious environment, chose to convert to Christianity, not because they believed in it, no more than their gentile post-Christian neighbors did, but because citizenship, notwithstanding, the free professions commonly required a profession of the Christian faith in order to join. In my lifetime, in tolerant America, getting into topflight universities, medical schools and law schools for Jews was still difficult. Legally in the States, there were similar requirements reserving membership in public service for Christians as late as the early 19th century. New Hampshire, I think, was the last state with laws like that.

So the Jews in great numbers in Germany converted to Christianity and what ensued was an unholy mess that led to Jews intermarrying in great numbers. Two centuries ago, some of Germany's best writers were converts, starting with Heinrich Heine, all of whom wrote on their conflicted identities.

In England, Benjamin Disraeli was a young convert who became prime minister. This was the age of Mendelsohn the composer convert, a grandson of Moses Mendelsohn, soulmate of Immanuel Kant, while remaining a Jew. He himself died 25

years before the rise of the Reform Movement and always lived an Orthodox life but his spirit led to the slippery slope of Reform Judaism and ultimate conversion.

In 1819, in German universities, there were protest riots against the presence of Jews in the classrooms. And it did not help that one reason the Jews were hated was, in this situation, their superior intellectual skills of a people studying the Bible and Talmud for thousands of years. These riots were called the Hep Hep Riots, likely the origin of “Hip Hip Hooray,” only Hep is believed to have been an acronym for the three-word Latin cheer that the Crusaders chanted in their savagery against Jews, *Hierusalima Est Perdita*/Jerusalem is lost. It was a gloating over the Jews as homeless losers.

In 1848, Europe experienced one political upheaval after another and the maelstrom in Germany was such, with its attendant Jew-hatred, within a decade, 250,000 Jews fled Germany for the United States and surely, tens of thousands of others went to other countries.

Then came the 1870s when the term *Anti-Semitism* was finally coined. It was the talk of the intellectual salons at the time as an explanation for a timeless Jew-hatred that this time was not religious. The term was invented to take the place of the decide charge. At then in 1889 Adolf Hitler *i”m* was born into a culture of antisemitic chatter all over Europe, and he too recoiled from the intermarriage of the Jews who were, in his mind, polluting the German *Volke* with their corrupt blood. They were like an infestation of a plague that had to be gassed and burned out of Germany, out of the Continent and the World.

And now we have here 70% of American Jewry voting with the Enlightened and for Hillary Clinton who in 2010 squawked for 45 minutes into the ear of our prime minister, this woman who appears to be a criminal grafter, an accomplice to a serial rapist, a compulsive and chronic liar, who opens a charity for the poor and dips into it to pay for her daughter’s wedding to an assimilating Jew.

I don’t what bothers me more. The loss of these Jews’ Jewish identity or their cowardly denial of reality which makes them stupid Jews, as stupid as all of her supporters, stupid for voting for an image and not the real Hillary Rodham Clinton, this monstrosity of a feminist who in secret is a rapist’s assistant, this junkie addicted to the fallacy of “doing anything a man can do” in order to assuage her neurotic sense of inferiority as a woman; she who lacked all self-respect when she discovered she had married a sexual predator and betrayer of her. A healthy woman walks out in that situation. Hillary, by contrast, stayed because if she left, then she would be a nobody and the path to the Oval Office be cut off. So obsessed with becoming the first woman president, she abased herself as a woman by sticking around and becoming his accomplice.

So this week's presidential election was a bag of mixed emotions. Like other sober people, I think, when I heard the news of Trump's triumph yesterday morning, I felt such relief and couldn't stop smiling. With the time difference, ten hours between Israel and when the polls closed in California, I was not going to stay up to wait for the results. And in the morning, fearful of a Hillary victory, I deliberately did not turn on the news until after not only *shakbris* prayers but after breakfast which I wanted to enjoy, dreading the news that Hilary had triumphed, as all polls kept saying she would. And indeed, as it turned out, she did get a majority of the votes. Apparently, the pollsters did not factor in or could not factor in, the influence of the Electoral College system, thank G-d for that.

But then, as the reactions to his victory and her defeat came in, well, talk about mixed emotions. Trump's victory is surely a wonderful short-turn pleasure, but the future does not bode well.

* * (Musical Interlude) * *

And that was Psalm 126.

So, *Baruch HaShem*, Donald Trump won. He is no great prize, but in terms of suitability for the position, the choice of him over her was a no-brainer. He has had a lifetime of leadership. He will have the brains to delegate to authority intelligent people who he recognizes will know much more about certain important topics than he does is.

He was never my cup of tea with his building casinos and golf courses for the rich, and his serial marriages, and his cheesecake beauty contest of women in bikinis and high heels on parade. In the age of the Founding Fathers, of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, gambling was illegal and women parading around like that was unheard of.

But again, compared to Hillary Rodham Clinton, well, this woman I think internally is a volcano of rage and instability, virtually a pathological liar, no inhibitions about lying in order to get whatever she wants.

As secretary of state, she basically flung the door open to America's security secrets to the world for which she deserves life in prison; for destroying evidence too, for everything the FBI found out about her. And all this being completely separate from being Bill Clinton's accomplice in rape and menacing his victims.

What has amazed me over the last day is the response of her supporters who see in Trump's supporters women-haters. They did not vote for her because they hate women, the Clintonites say, and don't want them to aspire to anything a man aspires to. This was in some of the comments today in the media here, like elsewhere.

I am simply dumbfounded by the hysterical blindness to what became known of this woman's crimes. JPost's News Editor, no less, opined on the front page today, Noa

Amouyal, that this was, here's the headline, "A defeat for feminism." She wrote that while she "did not agree with Hillary 100%," she "admired her strength and fortitude and her poise under adversity."

Apparently, this news editor never saw Hillary testifying before Congress over the death of four men that she could have prevented, saying, "What does it matter?" This is being poised? This is the behavior of a would-be Commander in Chief of the United States Armed Forces?

For Ms. Amouyal, Hillary did not "break the glass ceiling," which in her mind is a tragedy, a defeat for feminism. I read her opinion, which was widespread among Hillary's supporters, the majority of the electorate at the polls, and I thought, "Lord have mercy on us." These are American voters who come off as not only ignorant of what has been learned of this woman, they have no room in their judging for searching for her accomplishments, her failures, her record. This woman as a secretary of state threw open the State Department to the world to ransack it for information, but this apparently made no impression on News Editor Noa Amouyal and so many of Hillary's idolaters. Her performance in politics to them is immaterial. People voted against her, they believe, not because of her own character, merits and demerits but how they feel about women in general and nastily object to them rising to the top, breaking through the glass ceiling.

Another female journalist at the Jerusalem Post interviewed a couple of American women living in Israel and one also said, "America is a very male chauvinist country to be honest, even more than Israel. She said she "worked on Wall Street, which was a very male world. And precisely because of this experience of discrimination, Clinton could bring a different perspective, just as president Obama did as the country's first black president."

I find this way of thinking isolated from reality. It does not occur to such Hillary supporters that maybe because she is a grafter, a reckless lawbreaker, guilty even if unintentionally of treason, this sexual predator's helper, people voted for Trump as the lesser of two admittedly less than palatable people.

And not only that. The Hillary-ites believe Trump is a racist and a propagator of antisemitism, a hater of Latinos and women and immigrants. This list, by the way, came out of the mouth of Daniel Kurtzer former Dean of Students at Yeshiva University who chose to worship not at the altar of the Jewish people but James Baker and thus be rewarded with the role of ambassador to Israel, just like his soulmate Martin Indyk.

I found myself today slack-jawed at the squawking demonstrators last night across America rejecting Trump's legal victory and putting on display their ignorance of the American electoral system, which in the past has known such victories by the candidate who did not win the popular vote. It is not the first time. Like the Chicana journalist in the last webcast who thought illegal aliens have the moral if not the legal right to vote and should vote because it was the moral thing to do. Not to allow them the right to vote when they live here and contribute is racism in her mind.

Mixed emotions today therefore, because despite the relief of the defeat of that poor, tormented creature Hillary Clinton, I am amazed and frightened by the tens of millions of Americans who did vote for her. Apparently, all the WikiLeaks info and books by insiders in the governor's mansion in Little Rock and the White House meant nothing to these people. This woman is a criminal and a proven threat to the security of the United States, and yet they voted for her!

I don't know about you, but this scares the hell out of me. Trump may or may not be a good president, but even so, that is for only 4 or even 8 years. Then what?

I truly believe there is some evil spirit in the air, in the atmosphere, not only in the States but here in Israel and certainly in Europe, where Geert Wilders is on trial for saying he did not want any more Moroccans coming into his country; where women and girls are afraid to go at night. He is on trial for saying that.

And then there was Christiane Amanpour on TV, married to another State Department Jewboy, who expressed her distress at Geert Wilders because "He wants the Dutch to have their country back." She actually said that. She is upset by that.

This is madness.

* * (Musical Interlude) * *

Yes, Christiane Amanpour and the Western Left are like a spinning gyroscope, a *dreidel*, a spinning top losing speed and starting to wobble. They are wobbling in their judgment.

This is beyond political differences, beyond legitimate debate over social policy, one policy versus another, which will benefit the country and the one that will not. This is something else.

Amanpour and her community of otherwise -- like Hillary -- intelligent and highly educated people look upon a Geert Wilders, upon Trump supporters, as haters. JPost today reported on one young woman at an election eve shindig Tuesday night in New York for nubile Hillary supporters who broke into tears at the news of her defeat, saying, and "I don't understand how this could happen. I don't know how people could have so much hatred." They is why they voted the way they did, she believed.

This reminds yours truly of a debate I had twenty years ago in a packed Conservative synagogue in Westchester County, against the head of the American branch of Peace Now. This was in the run-up to the Israeli elections at that time in the Netanyahu-Peres contest for the prime ministership, already three years into the Oslo Abomination, and I made clear right off the bat there was no "Palestinian" people and every time the next speaker used the term, I told the audience, he would be using an antisemitic concept and I explained why that was so.

When it was Mr. Peace Now's turn, he was speechless for the longest time, then blurted out his rejection of such "hatred" coming from me. I spoke facts, used logic,

expressed no hatred for anything or anyone, but this is what the Leftists hear and experience. Disagree with them, and they claim you are full of hatred. In Israel, they shriek they are inciting against the Left the way Netanyahu incited against Rabin, which led to his murder.

Well, that evening in Westchester, I was not full of hatred but love for the Jewish people and spoke out against the fashionable, pro-Palestinian taurine excreta polluting the conversation about this phantom nationality being persecuted by Israelis.

So, I am seriously worried for the future of the United States and no less the West when in truth most of the voters yesterday voted for that woman, that criminal, and did so apparently in a state of mental confusion or error. The Trump voters voted against Hillary, they believe, because they are bigots who don't a woman to become president.

Well, on a lighter note, to return to what made us all smile yesterday, the triumph of a candidate who wants to end Obamacare, thank G-d; cancel every one of Obama's fatwa-like executive orders, thank G-d; those orders trashing the American political system as surely as that Chicana journalist wanted to trash immigration law, as Obama trashed the barrier with Mexico instead of stopping the invasion; the candidate who wants to cancel the Iran deal that is so injurious to Israel.

He is a pro-Israelite who makes no pretense at siding with the allegedly Ancient Ones. Newt Gingrich, a historian before becoming politician with the sensibility of an historian, is being considered, I understand, for secretary of state I think, he who has said the "Palestinians" are an artificial identity, bless you, Newt. He did not say a phantom nation but that's good enough.

Last webcast, before the elections, I said that if Trump wins, it will be time to junk all the ideas and values and policies of the Oslo Abomination, and yesterday Education Minister and head of the Jewish Home Party Naftali Benefit said more or less the same thing. He said, "Trump's victory is an opportunity to immediately retract the notion of a Palestinian state in the center of the country, which would hurt our security and our just cause."

In the same JPost piece, by the way, Zionist Union MK Leftist Meirav Michaeli was reported to have complained that Trump ran on a "banner of harming and humiliating women" and she expressed "disappointment that Hillary Clinton was not allowed to break the glass ceiling to become the first female US president."

I find this all rather amazing. Trump has made clear that when it comes to Israeli security, wonder of wonders, Israel will decide what is best for Israel, and that he accepts Netanyahu's view and my view and your view that the settlements in Judea and Samaria are not the cause of the absence of peace. Trump speaks like that, and here we have an Israeli feminist MK who prefers Hillary who faithfully carried out the antiJew policies of her boss Obama.

Naftali Bennett is right. The Two-State Solution is the fruit of the Oslo mindset of Peres and Rabin that failed big time, and it is functionally dehumanizing of the world to demand that Israel carry out that vision that Bennett rightly observes would harm Israel. And, I add, even cripple and destroy Israel, G-d forbid.

The Two-State Solution, I've long observed, is a call for an expulsion of twice the number of Jews expelled from Spain, and the stripping for Israel of the natural defense wall of the hills of Judea and Samaria. It is an inhuman demand of the people of Israel that no people in their right minds in our situation would agree to. It is a demand for this massive expulsion and the ultimate suicide of the State of Israel.

And if that isn't antisemitism, what is?

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