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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 5th day, *yud-zion beMar Heshvan, Parashas Vayeira, tav-shin-ayin-zion*, the evening of the 4th day, Thursday, 17 November 2016, webcasting from the hills of Judea.

Well, the first reading of four of a bill to legalize all the outposts was voted on in the Knesset yesterday – I think that's what it does. It passed, 58 to 55, because head of the Kulanu Party, Moshe Kahlon, said "Yes" to the prime minister's request that he not oppose the bill, and Kahlon agreed on condition that the bill would not, in the end, disrespect the High Court, whatever that means. In any case, the procedure requires discussion and three more votes.

The good news was the decision of the Mayor of Jerusalem Nir Barkat who said, more or less, if the High Court's ruling to destroy Amona is kosher, that is, the uprooting of forty Jewish families, his government, the Jerusalem Municipality, will demolish fourteen Arab homes, and it was also reported that there are hundreds of such illegal homes in the Arab side of the city, but, for whatever reasons, Israel has left them alone. Now it no longer will do that, that was the implication. The Mayor said, "There will not be one law for Jews and another one for Arabs."

Bravo.

But overshadowing the surprise reversal by Moshe Kahlon in the Knesset vote who had rigorously opposed the bill, the top story was Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman's "edict" yesterday, as if he were the captain of the ship of state, "There should no building in small settlements, only in the settlement blocs. That is what we should ask permission for from the incoming Trump administration."

What did I tell you in both webcasts this week? I said, “What is so pathetic in the anti-settler camp is their clinging to the fantasy, analyzed in the last webcast and the one before, that the Two-State Solution, as they envision it, will result in Israel keeping Jerusalem and what the Israelis call the large settlement blocs, and the Arabs will be content. That is the fantasy of the two-state solution in Israeli minds, if not Jewish minds, and Lieberman belongs to the former.

His big idea for years now is ridding Israel of Um Al-Fahm, a huge Israeli Arab town on the road from the coast to the Jezreel Valley. Avigdor Lieberman impresses yours truly as a nationalist, like a Russian nationalist, coming from Moldova, albeit of Jewish extraction, but a nationalist nonetheless. The idea of ceding any more land to the Arabs under any circumstances is anathema to religious Jews and a handful of secular ones, to be truthful, of the old school of secular Zionism. Just the other day I saw some video of two old *halutzim* of the Left, kibbutzniks, who seemed to have stepped right out of Leon Uris’s *Exodus*, who were like living fossils, shameless in their undying belief of the Left in those days that all of historic Eretz Yisrael was legitimately Jewish property. Not one tear for any injustice to the “Palestinians” was shed by them in 1948, because there weren’t any “Palestinians” at the time except themselves. They were the Palestinians.

These were two kibbutzniks, as secular as could be, who support us settlers in Judea and Samaria for, in all intellectual honesty on their part, the religious claim is identical to that of the Labor Zionist claim, the generation of Ben Gurion and Golda Meir, a claim based on the Bible.

Today, though, the reason the Left does not support us is because we are religious, which irritates them no end. Religion went out of fashion in the 17th, 18th, 19th centuries, the Age of the Enlightenment, which is one reason to this very day Israel’s High Court expresses its enlightened opinions using the word “enlightened.” It’s their gospel. Not Jewish opinion, not Zionist opinion, but Enlightened opinion.

Lieberman is a nationalist like Vladimir Putin, only Lieberman is over his head in his judgment of the incoming US administration and out-of-line dictating government policy when that belongs to, arguably, the Cabinet and really the prime minister.

It was also, I felt, embarrassing when he expressed his view that Israel had to get permission from the US to build in the established settlement blocs. Now, that may be true in a way, tactically and practically, but it should not be expressed like that. The United States does not have the authority to issue permission to the Jewish people to live anywhere in Judea and Samaria. We don’t need anyone’s permission.

But of course that is not brought up too often because Israelis do not know how to demand their rights.

Protesting Lieberman's pronouncement from the Right, the two heads of the Knesset's Land of Israel group, MKs Yoav Kisch and Betzalel Smotrich not only said such a policy is made in the Cabinet, not via one minister, and most perceptively and sharply added, "There is no reason why a right-wing government has to adopt the diplomatic plans of the Left," which is what Lieberman was doing when he talked like that.

At some point, hopefully, when Donald Trump becomes president, Israel will tell the world that after two dozen years of the Oslo scheme, one has right to declare it a failure, and as Monty Python used to say, "And now for something completely different."

We also heard from Princess of Peace Tsipora Livni who said Lieberman, who in his statement cited the Bush-Sharon understandings of a dozen years ago, is correct. The idea then and obviously still is for Tsipi Livni and Lieberman, is the plan of keeping the "settlement blocs" but not the isolated settlements. And never mind that the Arabs see no difference between them that Israelis do. The Israelis' rationale, whether they know it or not, is that the big communities are just too big to move and evacuate and resettle hundreds of thousands of Israeli Jews. Their position is not rooted in what is right. It is sheer practicality and misses the core poison in the hearts and minds of our mortal enemies that is directed at our right to live free in the Holy Land anywhere. Israelis have never understood that by tolerating and even fostering from the Left the movement of so-called Palestinian Nationalism, they sabotage their own nationalism.

World antiJewry says, just as Rashi described it in his first comment to the Torah miSinai almost a thousand years ago, that our enemies will say that we stole this land, and by tolerating and catering to, as in the Oslo Abomination, the validity of this claim made by these Latter-Day Saints of Palestine, we cut off the branch we are sitting on. You cannot have your cake and eat it too. You cannot demand your right by respecting alleged "Palestinian" rights.

The correct riposte to the charge of stealing another people's country from them is not, as Israelis think, "Let's make a deal. Let's share it together." The proper response is that we stole nothing. The accusation is no more worthy than the charge of treason against Captain Alfred Dreyfus.

The Arutz Sheva site reported on Lieberman's statement, "Is He moving Left?" And the answer is no, he is not moving left. He has always been a secular nationalist who now wants American support even at the expense of self-abasement. Israel does not need anyone's permission. Israel needs support and has an obligation to respect American interests and desires, which may differ from those of Israel, but it is not permission to build only in the large towns. As an Israeli, Lieberman also avoids the question of Jewish rights to live anywhere in Judea and Samaria.

Today JPost ran a front page, panoramic photographic of Amona shot from a distance and as we have seen before in settlement after settlement, there were no Ishmaelites in the vicinity. All we saw is barren, rocky, treeless hills in the middle of which are a few structures where the Jews are living. That contemporary, enlightened opinion rules that Jews cannot settle on this empty upland terrain is nothing less than age-old anti-Jew aggression. It is kind of a “There goes the neighborhood,” but that, unlike Jews elsewhere moving into a neighborhood that can upset gentiles who recoil at their presence, here there is no neighborhood. There is not an Ancient Palestinian in sight. Not a building built by an Ancient One in view.

The High Court backs the claim made by some hostile NGO in the name of some nameless Arab claiming ownership, and the question is never asked, what is on your property? These hills in this photograph are the same barren hills seen by Mark Twain in 1867, by Herman Melville in 1857, by Edward Lane whose painting of Jerusalem in 1859 is on the cover of my book.

There is something fishy going on here. The secular Zionists who built this state produced, evidently, offspring that do not know how to stake their claim to this land, as their grandparents did, who were no more religious than they are.

Israelis like these live in a bubble of a fantasy. That the Arab goy here and the Muslim goy abroad and other antiJews will accept a solution in which Israel gets to keep the big communities but hands over everything else in order to respect the Ancient Palestinian right to a state here which they have had since the beginning of time.

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Now, speaking of the future of Judea and Samaria, Yediot’s Orly Azoulay on YNETnews.com reported last night that the Muslim enemy in the Oval Office is mulling over a UN Security Council resolution against the settlements in one form or another. Leastwise on Tuesday, a White House official spoke to American Jewish reporters and said Obama’s National Security Council advisors were presenting different options to him. Two of them we know are devout antiJews. Ben Rhodes, who called the prime minister, you may remember, chicken (droppings), and Robert Malley, the son of a Radical Left New York Jewess and a Marxist Egyptian Jew, likewise both pious anti-Israelites as is he.

In the news report, “The anonymous official who briefed the reporters said the Obama administration is concerned with the situation on the ground here. The two-state solution is dying, this trend is not good. There’s a de facto annexation. We the Americans can only rebuke the sides. We’ve searched in the dictionary for a thousand different ways to condemn the settlement construction and it’s not helping. A

condemnation has no bite and Israelis know this. It was actually the Palestinians who listened to us on incitement and hatred.”

Had I been in the room, I would have had to restrain myself to keep myself from punching this guy's lights out. First of all, there is no settlement building, as his words imply, meaning new ones. And when someone lies about Jews, he is an antisemite. Is there building inside communities that were on the ground 23 years ago? For sure there is, which was okay by the Oslo documents.

And as for stating that at least the Jew-killers listened to American entreaties and reduced their incitement and hatred, this is another antisemitic lie. Anyone who subscribes to Palestinian Media Watch as I do and gets their posts, which are translations from the Arab media, all of them under the thumb of Mahmoud Abbas, knows that Arab hatred and lies had never ceased. Just this week the PA revived the charge that Israel murdered Arafat. The PA also continues to give names to public spaces of monstrous terrorists who massacred Jews. What is this White House flunky talking about? The Jew-killers are praised for something they did not do, and Israel is accused of something that is not true.

Yes, these are Obama's National Security advisers. And there's a connection between the way they think and the behavior in the States of these post-election rioters and those mayors declaring their cities to be “sanctuary cities.” It is a phenomenon, these rioters, resulting from Obama's drive to fundamentally change America, and boy has he ever. He has fanned the flames of virtual sedition in this case, and this “sanctuary cities” business is of a piece with his refusal over eight years to close the border with Mexico. In his remarks in this week in Greece, he spoke of tribalism and excessive nationalism. He was again fanning the flames of the desire to destroy America by destroying the definition of America as a society and a culture. Hillary too during the campaign was reported to have told South Americans in private of her belief in “open borders.”

Remember when Trump during the primaries was asked to commit to accepting the results of the election, when he kept claiming everything was rigged? But now, look at who is disrespecting the results? The Hillary-ites, the Obama-ites, and hysterically so.

This is unprecedented. Obama in his first run for office virtually sneered at the idea of America as an exceptional society. How could he accept that, and by implication diminish and demean the countries of his beloved Islam? This is the multi-culti technique. All cultures are of equal worth. And when it comes to immigration, Americans are greedy if they do not share their country with whomever wants to come in. Who needs immigration laws and man-power and infrastructure to enforce these laws? Just throw open the doors to the whole world.

This is the culture of political correctness and multi-culti egalitarianism. It is all an aggression against traditional, Judeo-Christian society. No one, not even on the right,

has the fortitude to pronounce Islam incompatible with the American way, which is one reason why the borders should be closed. Muslims are polygamous and not coincidentally chronic abusers and oppressors of women. They preach hatred of non-Muslims. They hate dogs.

Obama has opened the doors to America to a million-plus Muslim so-called refugees and a statistically insignificant trickle of Christian refugees. He says not a word about the chronic persecution of Christians in Egypt and Pakistan. And in this news item, he praises the so-called Palestinians but not the Jews. He never has a good word for the Jews.

It is a part of this assault on Western civilization, including the legitimization of sodomy and other perversions that diminish the birthrate.

It was Hillary Clinton who famously or rather infamously called Trump supporters Islamophobes and homophobes. I tell you, Western culture is under attack by this man, and assisted by the corrupt remnants of the Democratic Party that supported this criminal woman and her competitor Bernie Sanders, the Israel-hating Communist of Jewish extraction. And now it is not surprising to read that Keith Ellison, the only Muslim in Congress, is a candidate for Democratic Party head, this unabashed convert to Islamic barbarism, this antisemite. That he is a candidate to head the Democratic Party is another indication of just how low the liberals and Left in the West have sunk, how decadent, meaning decaying. Like Obama, he has been connected to the Farrakhan-Jeremiah Wright community of hateful blacks, antisemitic blacks to see in America an evil nation for supporting Israel, a nation that needs an infusion of Muslims to convert the nation to the one true faith.

It is not good that one wing of Western culture has so rotted through it has become a cancerous limb on the body politic.

On the other hand, the other side of society, there is a silver lining, the incoming Trump administration, which promises to be an embarrassment of riches in talent in the government that he is forming.

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So in the aftershock of the Trump victory, the MSM, populated by degenerate liberals, continues its hysteria about Donald Trump. From the New York Times to the Jerusalem Post, the in-crowd has already judged Trump an incompetent failure, when it comes to organizing his team. There is chaos in the Trump camp, they say, this herd of independent minds.

On the contrary, if Donald Trump brings on board Rudy Giuliani, John Bolton, Newt Gingrich, Michael Flynn, Frank Gaffney, Ben Carson, Clare Lopez, this could be

a dream team, for Trump has trumpeted making American great again after the enemy agent in the White House denies that and has worked to destroy America.

Gov. Mike Pence too, now Vice President-elect Pence, seems to be a great asset in a variety of ways. As a senator and governor, he knows the corridors and machinery of power in politics to advise and guide Trump who surely does not have his knowledge and experience.

A friend of mine here is from Indianapolis and knows Pence personally. He says he is a terrific guy, and there is no better friend of Israel. In fact, all of these men are known supporters of Israel as an ally in Western civilization's war of self-defense against the same enemy, basically the Empire of Islam, Muslims, Iran and all the terror cults, including Fatah and Hamas and Hezbollah, the Taliban and Isis.

Domestically, the Trump Administration, one hopes, sees the connection between the riots in Ferguson, Missouri and Baltimore, Maryland and the nightly bloodshed in the streets of Chicago and the ridiculous and annoying defiance of Federal law in these "sanctuary cities" as all part of the same subversion fostered and nurtured by Obama.

What Trump may be remembered for by historians, let's hope, is being the one who turned America around and halted its degenerate collapse by reinstalling a healthy self-love.

Obama, as we saw in Greece this week, stands for the opposite, for self-loathing. That is why when he first took office he launched himself on his Apology Tour. America is no longer the home of the brave and the land of the free but the land of deplorables, of racists and homophobes and Islamophobes.

Sealing off the southern border is necessary in a material sense but also in a symbolic sense. It makes the statement that America cannot be all things to all peoples. It cannot stand for the idea that all cultures and religions are of equal worth. The word definition comes from the Latin *finis*, the end, as in the words final and finale. A definition sets boundaries and what America needs, what's left of Western civilization needs, is a restatement of its values and principles and an exclusion of values and principles that don't belong in Western civilization.

Like Obama's half-baked communist fantasy of free health care for everybody, Cuba-style, or free health care for the poor paid for by the rich.

It is another wonderful moment in the when a judge is instructed not to favor the rich man over the poor man, for whatever reason -- to ingratiate oneself, to expect future favors from the rich and the powerful. That's an easy one for people to understand.

But also, the judge may not favor the poor man against the rich as a kind of freelance pity and compassion for him. All free men and woman are equally responsible for their acts and it is perfectly possible that a poor man will aggress against a rich man.

To excuse the poor man because he is poor deprives him of his human obligations regardless of his station in life.

Versus Obama and the communists who wave the flag of a false equality, when people are not equal. The injustice of racism is the treating of all blacks as one, when like every community on earth, there are among them the great, the above average, the average, the below average and the lowest of low life like those blacks who rioted in Ferguson and Baltimore and shoot each other in the streets of Chicago.

Racism is so unfair when it denies individuals like a Ben Carson the opportunity to excel, or a Sheriff David Clark who may also be in the Trump Administration.

The abyss in Western culture between its two sides these days is no longer between Left and Right, those categories invented during the French Revolution. It is between the sane and the principled versus, the insane, the decadent and the corrupt.

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