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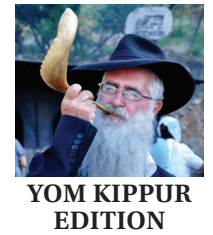
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Kaine, Pence Spar Over Israel, Iran Deal in Vice Presidential Debate



Vice presidential candidates Tim Kaine, left, and Mike Pence. Photo: Screenshot.

BY JNS.ORG

Vice presidential nominees Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) and Gov. Mike Pence (R-IN) both invoked Israel during a lively discussion over the merits of the Iranian nuclear deal in the first and only vice presidential debate at Virginia's Longwood University Tuesday night.

Kaine, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's running

mate, repeatedly praised the Iran nuclear deal throughout the debate as having "stopped" the nuclear program "without firing a shot."

However, Pence, billionaire businessman Donald Trump's vice presidential candidate, shot back at one point, saying, "You didn't stop the nuclear weapons program. You essentially guaranteed that Iran will someday become a nuclear power because there's no limitations once the period time of the

treaty comes off."

Invoking Israel, Kaine said that "even the Israeli military says it stopped."

Later in the debate, when the issue of the Iran nuclear program came up again, Pence criticized Kaine for "boycotting" Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address to a joint session of Congress in March 2015 over the dangers of the nuclear deal.

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Arab Israelis Defy Knesset Reps, Pay Condolence Call to Family of Late Elder Statesman Shimon Peres

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A group of some 150 Arab Israelis paid a condolence call on Tuesday to the family of the late former President Shimon Peres, just days after Arab Knesset members boycotted the elder statesman's funeral, the Hebrew news site Walla reported.



The late former Israeli President Shimon Peres, Photo: David Shankbone via Wikimedia Commons.

According to the report, Hisham Zoabi — deputy chief of the Gilboa Regional Council in northern Israel — was among those who traveled to the Peres Center for Peace in Jaffa, where the family was sitting shiva, the traditional seven-day mourning period in Judaism.

"He did a lot for his people, his country and all the country's citizens," Zoabi was quoted by Walla as saying. "He viewed all people as human beings. He was a role model for leadership in Israel and the Middle East. I wish there were more such leaders both here and in the region as a whole."

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Opinion.

Full Transcript of Bernard-Henri Lévy Address at Commemoration of Babi Yar Massacre in Kiev



BERNARD-HENRI LÉVY
FRANCE

Below is the full transcript of remarks delivered by Bernard-Henri Lévy, special representative of French President François Hollande, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Babi Yar massacre, in Kiev on September 29, 2016.

President Petro Poroshenko, Presidents, Ambassadors, Chief Rabbis and religious dignitaries, Ladies and Gentlemen.

There is always a moment in the destiny of a great nation when the darkest pages of the book of the dead and the living come into the light of knowledge and remorse.

That moment, for Ukraine, is today.

75 years after the massacre, in Babi Yar, of so many Jews in Ukraine, three-quarters of a century after the destruction, in this ravine now forever cursed and forever sacred, of 34,000 men, women and children who were guilty only of being born, time has come for contrition, for repentance and for the entry of the crime into the great memorial of the universal consciousness.

And it is, of course, not insignificant that this moment should come just on the eve of

the very special days that the Jews, all over the world, call “the awful days;” it cannot be a coincidence that it occurs just before a Jewish celebration (Rosh Hashanah) that is the celebration of judgment — when every nation must appear before the throne of God.

I am not unaware, ladies and gentlemen, of how difficult, even painful, this duty to appear and remember may be.

I am well aware of the high price it may seem to carry for the Ukrainian national narrative and for Ukrainian pride.

And I have the honor to speak, today, in the name of a nation — France — that went through the same sort of holy but sorrowful duty of memory.

Because, ultimately, breaking a silence paved over by decades of censorship (and, here, in Ukraine, by totalitarianism, Stalinism...) is essentially what President Jacques Chirac did when he acknowledged the responsibility of the French state for the deportation of the French Jews.

It is what German chancellor Willy Brandt did when he knelt in the Warsaw ghetto.

It is what Pope Jean Paul the Second proclaimed when he prayed in Auschwitz.

And this is what President Poroshenko is doing, today, when he encourages his nation to remember the genocidal mass murder of the Holodomor, to celebrate that member of the righteous among nations, Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky, and to pay tribute to

those Ukrainians Jews who were killed and buried without a grave, without a trace, without even being properly counted.

But we all know that this moment of reckoning is also the path of justice and of truth.

We know that nothing solid has ever been built by a country that did not come to terms with his own shadows and ghosts.

And we are well aware that the decent and righteous recording of history was the true ground on which the new Europe was built.

Know, Mr. President, rabbis and dignitaries, ambassadors, that all the deeds done here today, every word spoken, every name whispered, are like a veil of mourning, forgiveness and redemption laid over an earth stained by the blood of innocents.

But know, too, that the very fact that this ceremony is taking place, that the communion, on this afflicted ground, of so many Ukrainians from so many different faiths (Jews, Christians, Muslims, nonbelievers),



The Babi Yar massacre. Photo: Pinterest.

this encounter of the highest authorities of the new Ukraine and of the states (Israel, Germany) who, with Ukraine and, from now on, with the rest of the world, share the heritage of the dead of Babi Yar — know that all of this, for this country, is a new step out of the age of totalitarianism and darkness — and a new step toward Europe.

Bret Stephens' Brilliant — Unwitting — Defense of Donald Trump



RUTHIE BLUM
TEL AVIV

The *Wall Street Journal's* Bret Stephens is such an adept wordsmith that he has inadvertently succeeded in defending the presidential candidate he vehemently opposes and has warned others against supporting.

In his “Global View” column on Monday, Stephens — a prominent conservative, who announced in May that he was backing Hillary Clinton, because, “The stain of a Trump administration would cripple the conservative cause for a generation” — turned a parody of a speech that The Donald supposedly would be delivering in Arizona into a powerful argument in favor of the candidate.

Either because of — or despite — his genuine brilliance as a writer, Stephens perplexed readers on all sides of the Republican spectrum. Those who were angry with him for spitting in the tent were shocked by what amounted to a stunning celebration of the nominee; others, who had been pleased with him for having taken a moral stand against Trump, were confused by Stephens' apparent about-face; and the rest — those who never comprehend intellectual subtlety — filled the comments section below the article with statements indicating that they hadn't been paying attention to Stephens' previous explanations and have no clue what he's on about now.

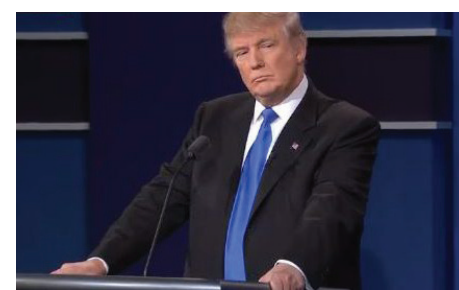
Stephens prefaced the Twitter post of his column as follows: “To Trumpkins who accuse me of not getting it, I get it. (I just don't buy it.)”

Stephens can be believed when he says he “gets it.” There is little he doesn't grasp, as anyone who knows and reads him can bear witness. In addition, his artful ability to craft and sustain an argument is pretty nigh unparalleled. Indeed, like a masterful debating champion, Stephens has always been capable of articulating any side of an issue, even those he does not personally hold.

Ironically, then, in an attempt to illustrate his keen awareness of why “Clinton isn't ahead by 50 points,” he spelled out a clear and sensible justification for voting for Trump — no matter how much of a clown one considers him to be. In fact, Stephens did a great job of making Trump sound like anything but a buffoon.

He accomplished this by knocking down each policy of the Obama administration with a clever stroke, in “Trump's” voice.

First, Stephens-as-Trump said that “pollsters have no clue...who the electorate



Donald Trump at the presidential debate.
Photo: Screenshot.

is...[or] of what's going on in America.” To back up this assertion, he pointed to the referendum in Colombia on the “terrible deal” made by Santos with the “terrorists of the FARC... [who have] killed tens of thousands of people... [and have] been terrorizing Colombians for 50 years.”

The polls, he said, predicted a landslide victory for the deal. But, he wrote, “The Colombians... weren't going to let killers get away with their crimes. The only deal they want with the FARC is the same deal Reagan got from Russia: We win, they lose.”

Then, Stephens — as Trump — moved on to Brexit: “All the polls said the Brits wouldn't vote to leave the European Union. They did. All the experts said the sky would fall if the Brits voted to go. It didn't. These geniuses said that Britain was too small to be the master of its own destiny. The British people believe otherwise, and I'm with them!”

He continued: “We're sick of hearing ObamaCare is working... We're sick of hearing how great the economy is when it's floating on a big wave of cheap credit that benefits Wall Street at the expense of savers. We're sick of hearing how great the Iran deal is, then watching our sailors being humiliated while we secretly fork over pallets of cash.”

Excellent point.

“You know what we're also sick of? Liberal hypocrites.”

True.

“I'm not supposed to say the name I'm about to say. Well, two words: Alicia Machado. Who is this Alicia Machado, other than a

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Druze IDF Commander: 'Only Matter of Time Before Next War in Lebanon'

BY RUTHIE BLUM

It is only a matter of time before the next war in Lebanon breaks out, a top IDF officer told Israel's Channel 2 on Wednesday.

Brigadier General Rassan Alian, newly appointed to serve as chief of infantry and paratroopers, said that such a war "won't necessarily begin in Israel; events on other fronts are liable to spur it."

According to Channel 2, Alian is the highest-ranking Druze officer in the Israeli military, with perhaps the exception of others whose names and ranks have not been disclosed. Previously commander of the Golani Brigade, Alian led battles during Operation Protective Edge, Israel's war against Hamas in the summer of 2014.

As *The Algemeiner* reported at the time, he lost 13 of his fighters and sustained light to moderate wounds in fierce fighting in northern Gaza's Shuja'iya neighborhood, a Hamas stronghold and the source of no less than 10 tunnels and some 140 rocket attacks against Israel.

As a result of his injuries, his command was given to someone else and he now serves along Israel's northern border.

Alian said on Wednesday that "many aspects of the Gaza arena are relevant to that of Lebanon," and the lessons he learned from the southern front — such as the need to "understand the enemy's tactics and honed



Col. Rassan Alian Photo: IDF Spokesperson

skills" — are crucial in the north, as well.

Another issue he raised was his concern for the Druze community in Syria, which has been caught in the crosshairs of the civil war that has been raging there for more than five years.

"I expect Israel to do whatever it can on their behalf," he said. "I think that the state will know what to do and how to do it."

As was reported in *The Algemeiner* in August, in a televised address marking the 10th anniversary of the Second Lebanon War, Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah said his organization had rockets that could "strike anywhere in Israel."

Nasrallah also claimed that the Shiite terrorist group's persistence during the 34-day conflict in 2006 had undermined the Israeli defense establishment and "the Israeli public has lost faith in the military and political leadership of the Zionist entity."

The first war in Lebanon took place in 1982.

responded naming the IDF's chief of staff.

Earlier this year, Eisenkot said in a speech that the deal was a "historic turning point" and that it marked "a big change in terms of the direction that Iran was headed, and in the way that we saw things." However, the IDF chief stopped short of ever endorsing the deal.

should be given to Peres for his peace-seeking efforts and support for the Arab public during the 1990s, the same populace opposed "the hawk of the occupation and settlement construction, who nuclearized the Middle East, and unfortunately, also chose to support [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu and his policies."

In 1994, Peres, who was foreign minister at the time, won the Nobel Peace Prize — along with then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat — for the role he played in the signing of the Oslo Accords the year before.

His funeral on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem last Friday was attended by dignitaries from 70 countries worldwide — including US President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton.

Times published? The ones that showed I once lost nearly a billion dollars and used every legal trick in the book to stage a comeback? All of you here understand this is how business is done in America. Some years you make money. Some years you lose. You take advantage of every tax break you can because the government is trying to screw you every other way.

Yes.

"That's the real world. It's only in the unreal world that Hillary lives in that you can make a fortune by being a failed secretary of state

Report: Terrorized Israeli Children Cowered Under Desks, Recited Psalms, as Qassam Rocket Struck Near Sderot School



The aftermath of the rocket-landing in Sderot on Wednesday, Oct. 5. Photo: Israel Police.

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Hundreds of terrorized Israeli children recited psalms as they cowered under their desks on Wednesday morning, when a rocket fired from Gaza landed near their school, the Hebrew news site nrg reported.

According to the report, the rocket exploded in a residential neighborhood in the southern city of Sderot — and the only lucky thing about the otherwise traumatic incident was that it occurred just after the kids had returned to their classrooms following their 10 am snack break. In addition, nrg said, the children were well-versed in what to do in the event of such an attack, as they had undergone regular drills in their school, whose walls are fortified.

In the immediate aftermath of the rocket attack — which caused damage to buildings and cars in the vicinity, and sent a number of people to the nearby hospital to be treated for shock — educational psychologists went from room to room and spoke to the children about what had just happened. Some parents came to take their kids home before the end of the school day, the first after the Rosh Hashanah holiday.

One fourth-grader said, "Everyone was nervous. We all said the Shema prayer ['Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one']."

A mother whose three children all attend the school said, "It's a routine that repeats itself, and each time it is difficult. I work outside of the city, and I immediately phoned to make sure everyone was all right."

Her daughter, in sixth grade, recounted the terrifying moments of the attack. "I didn't hear the siren," she said. "Only a loud boom. I was really worried about my younger siblings. After that, we went outside and smelled burning. We were told that a Qassam had fallen next to the school."

and then cash in on obscene speaking fees, or arrange for Bill to get an \$18 million salary to be 'honorary chancellor' at a for-profit college while the Obama administration destroys every other for-profit. That's called corruption, no matter whether it's legal or not."

Neither the real Trump nor his speech-

Another parent told nrg that her two kids called her up and were crying hysterically, but she had trouble getting to the school quickly, due to the traffic and many security vehicles.

One adult resident of Sderot, whose window exploded from the impact of the explosion, said he had been asleep at the time of the attack and therefore didn't make it to the bomb shelter in time. "I lay on the floor, and then heard the very loud whistle of the rocket flying, and then it struck."

The neighborhood is now attempting to return to its daily routine, nrg said, but residents — who have been through this many times before — are under no illusions about life going on in a normal fashion as long as attacks from Gaza loom.

In response to the rocket attack — in which a Qassam hit approximately 100 meters (329 feet) from the school and close to the home of Sderot Mayor Alon Davidi, the IDF retaliated by attacking targets in Gaza.

According to Reuters, a previously unknown group, "The Grandchildren of the Followers of the Prophet" — which nrg said is affiliated with ISIS — claimed responsibility for the attack.

The head of Israel's office of the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories said the terrorist group claimed the fire from Gaza was part of the ongoing jihad against the Jews, as well as a response to Thursday's arrest by Hamas of four Salafist operatives in Rafah and another one in Gaza a few days later.

This was the latest rocket attack in what has become sporadic fire from the Gaza Strip since the end of Operation Protective Edge, Israel's war against Hamas in the summer of 2014. The previous incident of this nature occurred on August 21.

writers could have illuminated any of this better. But then, unlike Stephens, the one thing they are never accused of is being too clever by half.

Ruthie Blum is the managing editor of *The Algemeiner*.

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Pence also again disputed Kaine's claim that the deal prevented Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, saying, "Well, that's not what Israel thinks."

"Gadi Eisenkot, you can go check it," Kaine

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Condolence

Zoabi also criticized Joint Arab List MKs for not attending Peres' funeral, saying, "That is not our path. Coexistence is the only way to live in this country."

On Sunday, a delegation of more than a dozen Arab mayors also visited the mourning Peres family.

Last week, as *The Algemeiner* reported, MK Ayman Odeh, chairman of the Joint Arab List, explained his decision to boycott Peres' funeral by saying, "The memory of Peres in the [Israeli] Arab public is different from that of the narrative that has been recounted over the past few days, and I understand that such complex messages are hard to hear after someone's death."

Odeh went on to state that while credit

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Brilliant

political prop for Hillary? She was a beauty queen for a business I helped run called 'Miss Universe.' The business of beauty queens is to be beautiful, just like it's the business of athletes to be fit. Duh! And when she gained some weight, I insisted she lose it. Did I call her 'Miss Piggy?' Boo hoo. Get over it."

Right on.

"...So spare me the sensitivity lectures. Spare me the business lectures, too. Those tax returns someone stole and the *New York*

World News.



ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda. Photo: Max Koot Studio via Wikimedia Commons.

International Criminal Court Delegation Visits Israel for 'Outreach' Not War Probe

BY JNS.ORG

A delegation from the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague arrived in Israel Wednesday for a five-day educational and outreach visit, which it said was not an attempt to gather material for suits against the Jewish state.

According to a statement by the organization, the delegation "will not engage in evidence-collection in relation to any alleged crimes; neither will the delegation undertake site visits, or assess the adequacy of the respective legal systems to deal with crimes that fall within ICC jurisdiction."

Its purpose in visiting is to raise aware-

ness and "address any misconceptions about the ICC."

The delegation will travel throughout the country and hold meetings with Israeli and Palestinian officials. Its members will also meet with United Nations agencies and participate in two events at academic institutions.

ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda opened an investigation into alleged war crimes by both Israel and the Palestinians during Operation Protective Edge in Gaza in the summer of 2014.

Bensouda's office said that the "preliminary examination of the situation is on-going and is following its normal course," but the visit to Israel "is not linked to any findings regarding any issue, nor will any announcement be made in that regard."

Middle East Expert: Democratic VP Candidate Tim Kaine 'Grossly Distorted' Israeli Military Chief's View of Iran Deal

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Democratic candidate Tim Kaine "grossly misrepresented and distorted" the IDF chief of staff's view of the Iran nuclear agreement during the vice presidential debate on Tuesday night, a Middle East expert told The Algemeiner.

Speaking with The Algemeiner on Wednesday, Dr. Emily B. Landau, a senior research fellow at Israel's Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), expressed dismay over Kaine's assertion — made during a back-and-forth with his Republican counterpart Mike Pence — that the head of the Israeli military, Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot, had said the Iran nuclear deal had kept the Islamic Republic from getting a nuclear weapon.

In fact, Landau said, the Eisenkot statement in question — which was made during a speech at an INSS conference in January (which Landau herself attended) — was far more nuanced.

"While General Eisenkot's message was different from things we've heard from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, with less of a focus on worst case scenarios, what Eisenkot said was nowhere near a conclusion that the Iran deal prevented Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons," Landau noted. "That's just absolutely not what he said."

Eisenkot, Landau emphasized, did not call the nuclear deal a historic turning point, despite media reports to the contrary.

"He instead described it as a strategic turning point and that's a very different thing," Landau said. "While he acknowledged that the deal gave Israel five years of strategic breathing space, as Iran wants to get the full benefits of sanctions relief, he also said Israel remained concerned about the 15-year timeline, due to the fact that Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions — which are closely tied to its regional interests — have not changed."

Furthermore, Landau said, Eisenkot is only the latest Israeli defense official to have had his words "misconstrued" by US proponents of the Iran deal.

"Many statements by Israeli officials have been detached from their context and brought directly into the US debate by the administration as if they are just clear-cut statements in support of the deal — when, in fact, they were more ambiguous and meant for internal Israeli consumption," Landau said. "I don't think it's innocent. It's politically motivated. It's a message we keep hearing from the Obama administration — they are trying to bring the Israeli defense establishment into the fold of the supporters of the Iran deal, as if to say to the

Iranian Official: We Have Warehouses Full of Missiles That Can 'Flatten' Tel Aviv

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

If Israel ever were to bomb Iran, the Islamic Republic would "flatten Tel Aviv," an Iranian official recently declared, the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) reported.

Mohsen Rafiqhdoost — a former minister of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) who now heads the Noor Foundation — reportedly told a Tehran political gathering, "We have warehouses full [of missiles] in Tehran, Zanjan [in northwest Iran] and Oshnavieh [in Western Azerbaijan Province in northwest Iran] that can strike Tel Aviv."

The Jewish state's commercial capital would be destroyed, Rafiqhdoost threatened, "if only a single [Israeli] shell would strike anywhere in this country."

Last month, as reported by *The Algemeiner*, a banner on the side of a truck carrying a new long-range Iranian ballistic missile — the Zolfaghar — in a military parade in Tehran issued a direct threat to the Jewish state. "If the leaders of the Zionist regime make a mistake then the Islamic Republic will turn Tel Aviv and Haifa into dust," it said.

According to MEMRI, in his Sept. 25 speech, Rafiqhdoost claimed that the IRGC's ground troops were "perhaps five times better than the American army."

"Despite all the enemy media and cultural propaganda against us, if America



The launch of an Iranian Emad intermediate-range ballistic missile. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

wants to try its luck against us, [it should know that] we are completely capable of mobilizing nine million fighters [against it]... on the [battle]front in under 10 days," he stated.

Iran's foes, Rafiqhdoost asserted, were deterred from getting involved in a war with the Islamic Republic.

"In recent years, the enemies have spoken of the option [of a military strike against Iran] as being on the table, but that was a lie," he said, in an apparent reference to past Israeli and US vows to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons by any means necessary.

Referring to Iran's Lebanon-based terrorist proxy, Rafiqhdoost said Hezbollah had been created by the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to "Islamize" other countries in the region. "Today, in the era of the [Supreme] Leader [Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Hezbollah] has become a supreme force in the region," he stated.

IDF Hits Terror Targets After Gaza Rocket Strikes Residential Street in Southern Israel

BY JNS.ORG

IDF tanks struck targets in the northern Gaza Strip Wednesday, after a Gazan rocket landed on a residential street in the southern city of Sderot. No injuries were reported in the rocket attack, though paramedics treated bystanders for shock and a nearby house and car suffered damage.

The rocket attack came after a calm Rosh Hashanah holiday. Following the IDF's retaliatory strike, Hamas ordered its operatives to leave their posts in western Gaza City. Hamas leaders have been unreachable on their cellular phones.

The Islamic State-affiliated Ahfad al-Sahaba-Aknaf Bayt al-Maqdis terrorist

group has claimed responsibility for the rocket attack, though Israel holds Hamas responsible for all attacks launched from the Gaza Strip, which it controls.

The Ahfad al-Sahaba-Aknaf Bayt al-Maqdis terrorist group launched the rocket as part of an ongoing jihad campaign and due to recent arrests by Hamas of Salafist activists.

Magen David Adom emergency services paramedics were among the first to arrive at the scene of the rocket attack in Sderot. They reported glass shards from car windows scattered near the impact site. A 15-year-old girl and a 60-year-old man were treated for panic attacks they suffered as a result of the rocket strike and were evacuated to Barzilai Medical Center.

American public, 'Look, if the Israeli defense establishment is behind this deal, then how can anyone be critical of it?' And this has been going on for a very long time."

In a conversation with The Algemeiner on Wednesday, a senior official at an American Jewish organization echoed Landau's sentiment.

"People who defend the Iran deal have nothing factual to say, so instead they push talking points that are half-true and untrue," the official said. "It speaks volumes. The actual deal as it really exists can't be defended, so people who try end up having to mislead about what it does and who supports it."

Just last month, former Israeli Defense

Minister Moshe Yaalon told a Washington Institute for Near East Policy forum that he was not aware of any Israeli security officials who supported the Iran deal.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, an ABC News fact-check of the vice presidential debate determined that Kaine lied when he claimed that Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton had, during her time as secretary of state, helped "eliminate the Iranian nuclear weapons program without firing a shot."

"The nuclear agreement reached between six world powers and Iran last year does not completely eliminate the Iranian nuclear program," the fact-check said.

U.S. News.

Oberlin Prof Suspended for Antisemitic Posts Accuses College of Scapegoating Her for Being a 'Black Woman'

BY LEA SPEYER

An academic under investigation for antisemitic social media postings claimed she is being scapegoated due to her color and gender, the student newspaper The Oberlin Review reported.

Breaking nearly two months of silence, Oberlin assistant professor Joy Karega — who was placed on paid leave in August following an outcry from the Oberlin chapter of Alums for Campus Fairness (ACF) — said at a campus gathering last week, “I cannot accept being subjected to arbitrary standards and differential treatment. I cannot accept the way that I have been treated as a black woman on Oberlin’s faculty.”

Karega, a teacher of composition and rhetoric, accused Oberlin ACF of pushing its own agenda and singling her out for scrutiny.

“The review process has stalled because many within and beyond the Oberlin community will not be satisfied with anything less than disciplinary action against me that involves my dismissal,” she told the Review. “I am objecting to the way that I have been treated through the avenues that I have available to me.”

Karega told the Review it is “unfortunate” that she has been subject to investigation for her social media postings. These — which included claims that Israel and the Jews were

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GOP Senators Introduce ‘Taylor Force Act’ Against Palestinian Monetary Rewards to Terrorists

BY JNS.ORG

A group of leading Republican senators proposed legislation that would cut off funding to the Palestinian Authority (PA) if it continues its policy of dispensing monetary rewards for terrorism.

US Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Dan Coats (R-IN) and Roy Blunt (R-MO) introduced the Taylor Force Act, which would require the secretary of state to certify that the PA has stopped paying a stipend to terrorists’ surviving family members. The bill also calls on the PA to publicly condemn terror attacks and take steps to bring perpetrators to justice.



Republican Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

The legislation is named for the American veteran who was stabbed to death in March by a Palestinian terrorist in an attack that left 10 others wounded in Jaffa. Force, 29, was a graduate of West Point Academy, who served tours of duty with the US Army in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was in Israel as part of a Vanderbilt University school trip.

“This legislation shines a light on a very real problem,” Graham said. “Why is the Palestinian Authority paying young Palestinians to commit acts of terror against innocent Americans like Taylor Force or Israelis? The Palestinians need to decide: do they condemn these horrible acts or do they reward them? You can’t be a partner in peace when you are paying people to commit terrorist acts. The choice the Palestinians make will determine the type of relationship they have with the United States in the years to come.”

The Republican Jewish Coalition released a statement saying that “ending the PA’s funding of terrorism shouldn’t be a partisan issue, and we urge everyone — Republicans, Democrats and Independents — to stand with this important legislation.”

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behind the 9/11 attacks — were discovered in March and condemned by Oberlin’s Board of Trustees as “antisemitic” and “abhorrent.”

The college, said Karega, has “made it clear to me that I am not a valued and respected member of Oberlin’s faculty.”

Responding to Karega’s claims, Melissa Landa, president of Oberlin ACF, told the Review that the posts “speak for themselves,” and that any professional repercussions Karega experiences will be due to decisions made by Oberlin, not its alumni.

As reported by The Algemeiner in August, Oberlin ACF — part of a national network engaged in combating antisemitism and anti-Israel bias on campus — sent a letter to the Board of Trustees asking for clarification on Karega’s continued employment and the school’s drawn-


out investigation into her behavior.

The alumni group’s move came five months after it was revealed by The Tower in March, and reported on by The Algemeiner, that Karega’s Facebook page was riddled with years’ worth of posts — all of which have subsequently been deleted — invoking traditional antisemitic tropes and conspiracy theories found in the notorious hoax, The Protocols of the Elder of Zion.

In March 2015, for example, she accused Israelis and Jews of being behind ISIS, the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 — and of controlling the world.

Two days after The Algemeiner’s reporting on the outrage surrounding Karega’s continued employment, Oberlin announced it had placed the assistant professor on paid leave until further notice.


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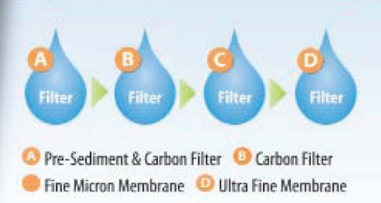
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Shimon Peres (1923-1985;1986-2016): Which Do We Mourn?



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"Ambition drove many men to become false; to have one thought locked in the breast, another ready on the tongue." — Gaius Sallustius Crispus, Roman historian and politician, (86 BCE – c. 35 BCE)

"It is our experience that political leaders do not always mean the opposite of what they say." — Abba Eban, Israeli diplomat and politician (1919-2002)

On Wednesday, September 28, Shimon Peres, the 9th and arguably the most high-profile president of Israel, passed away. For all the glare of the public spotlight and scrutiny to which he has been exposed, he remains in many ways, an enigmatic figure, comprised of seemingly impossible contradictions for historians to attempt to decipher.

Sweeping international acclaim: Well-merited or unwarranted?

Peres was laid to rest on Friday with all the pomp and ceremony that befits the funeral of a former head of state and public figure of international stature.

The expected attendees included world leaders and renowned celebrities from dozens of countries around the globe. US President Barack Obama, and former President Bill Clinton, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Francois Hollande, former British PM Tony Blair, and Prince Charles are but a few names on the star-studded list of reported dignitaries, who planned to attend the ceremony. Tributes flowed in from far and wide, from Hollywood stars to the British royal family, mourning the passing of the man seen as Israel's elder statesman.

Of course, all this international attention was not unexpected. After all, during his lifetime, Peres had virtually every major international honor bestowed on him – from the Légion d'Honneur through the Congressional Gold Medal and Presidential Medal of Freedom, to the Nobel Peace Prize.

Yet, to some, all this acclaim and acknowledgment may seem somewhat incongruous in light of the almost unbroken succession of failures and fiascoes that have dogged much of his career since the late 1970s – both in terms of his personal electoral defeats and of his policy debacles – particularly the disastrous implosion of his flagship endeavor to resolve the conflict with the Palestinian-Arabs, and the evaporation of his vision of a peaceful and prosperous "New Middle East."

The enigmatic conundrum

As mentioned earlier, despite the fact that Peres was exposed to public scrutiny for almost seven decades, there is still much about him that remains a puzzling conundrum, comprising a tangled web of seemingly irreconcilable paradoxes. For many, his passing may well appear to be an appropriate juncture to begin addressing the intriguing challenge of unraveling the enigmatic kaleidoscope of events he traversed on his route to the pinnacle of international esteem.

To be sure, Peres's extraordinary ability, passion and energy are beyond dispute. But so, it would seem, was his unbridled ambition, making the caveats in the introduc-

tory excerpts highly relevant in evaluating the breathtaking *volte face* in his professed political credo.

There can also be little dispute that, as president, he managed to restore an aura of dignity to the office, so severely tarnished by the unfortunate scandals that plagued the incumbency of his predecessor.

Even his fiercest critics cannot deny Peres's huge contribution to the nation's security, particularly in the first decade-and-a-half after independence.

As a young protégé of David Ben-Gurion's, Peres is credited with playing a leading role in setting up much of the foundations for the nascent nation's military infrastructure that has been so crucial in ensuring its survival and its technological edge – including Israel Aircraft Industries (today Israel Aerospace Industries), acquisition of advanced combat aircraft from France and the establishment of the nuclear facility in Dimona.

As defense minister at the time of the Entebbe raid in 1976, he is identified by many as providing the political will to push through the decision to carry out the now legendary operation.

The fruits of failure?

However, perversely, it has not been Peres's successes – but his failures – that have catapulted him to international stardom. It was not his impressive accomplishments in the service of his nation that brought him global celebrity status, but the disastrous fiascoes in the pursuit of his wildly unrealistic illusions.

Thus, it was the disastrous Oslo Accords – which have long since imploded into bloody ruin – that brought him the 1994 Nobel Peace prize.

Likewise, it was his lofty vision of a "New Middle East" – with peace and prosperity stretching from the Maghreb to the Persian Gulf – that caught the imagination of so many, but now, with the descent of today's Middle East into carnage and chaos, appears nothing but a ludicrous delusion.

Accordingly, it was not his considerable contributions to Israeli security that made him such a sought-after figure on the global stage, but rather his adoption of the role of supranational statesman on a noble quest for regional peace, a quest that precipitated nothing but death and devastation.

Moreover, since the late 1970s, by most accepted standards, Peres would have been considered a failed politician. Yet repeated electoral defeats, even at times when victory seemed almost certain, appear to have left his stature undiminished.

Snatching defeat from jaws of almost certain victory

Indeed, Peres never won a national election and lost numerous internal elections for party leadership.

Between 1977-96, he led the Labor party unsuccessfully in five general elections, losing four of them and tying in one of them (1984) resulting in a 2 year rotation arrangement, with Likud's Yitzhak Shamir.

The razor-edge loss of the 1996 election to Benjamin Netanyahu, which he was widely expected to win, was particularly humiliating, given the waves of public sympathy his party enjoyed following the assassination of his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin.

No less humiliating was the failure of his first bid to win the presidency in 2000, in which he was surprisingly defeated by the unimpressive and un-presidential Moshe Katsav.

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Peres was also regularly defeated in elections for the leadership of the Labor party, by Yitzhak Rabin, Ehud Barak, and even lackluster Amir Peretz. It was shortly after his defeat by Peretz, that Peres abandoned the Labor party and joined Ariel Sharon's newly formed Kadima faction. In 2007, Kadima, which today no longer exists, appointed Peres as its candidate for president – after considerable hesitation due to doubts as to whether he could win. This time, however, Peres won the vote, thus becoming president...on behalf of a party soon to disappear.

It was from this inauspicious start the Peres managed to choreograph his presidency into an international "hit" on a global scale.

Metamorphosis from hawk to dove

Peres was always obsessed with "tomorrow." In many ways he appropriated it as his professional trademark, in an endeavor to brand himself as a future-oriented statesman. And while there was much to substantiate that image in his earlier hawkish era, his predictive acumen seems to have deserted him in his later dovish years.

Peres's transformation from hawk to dove seems to have taken place around the mid-80s, when one Peres morphed into an almost diametric opposite Peres (hence the dichotomy in the title). Indeed, as Anshel Pfeffer wrote this week (Guardian, September 28): "If Peres had resigned from frontline politics at the age of 54, as many of his colleagues were demanding, after having lost the 1977 general election...he would be remembered as one of Israel's most legendary security 'hawks.'"

It was around then that Peres, as foreign minister, began to embrace the land-for-peace doctrine and, largely behind Prime Minister Shamir's back, attempted to secure a deal with Jordan's King Hussein over the fate of Judea-Samaria. Given the precarious plight of the Hashemite regime today, and the growing ascendancy of radical Islamist elements in the monarchy, it is difficult to be charitable as to the foresight such a proposal entailed.

Calculated cynicism or well-informed confidence

Referring to this puzzling transformation, Pfeffer observes: "Peres never explained the transformation he underwent in the wilderness of opposition."

He offers two possible explanations, one of calculated cynicism, the other of well-informed confidence: His many detractors said that Peres simply had no choice. With Begin and Egyptian president Anwar Sadat ... signing the Camp David peace agreement, he had no choice but to move leftwards and try to present himself as a better peacemaker than his Likud rivals [while] [h]is supporters explained [referring to Israel's alleged nuclear capabilities] that Peres knew more than anyone else just how strong and secure Israel had become, and could therefore make concessions and take risks for peace in its dangerous neighbourhood.

While some may balk at the former, the latter is entirely unconvincing.

For as we shall see, and as hawkish Peres himself warned, the most immediate threats to Israel's security today are those of enhanced and ongoing attrition rather than cataclysmic invasion by Arab armies. Accordingly, because of the diffuse nature and close proximity of the sources of these threats to Israeli population centers, the country's



Shimon Peres. Photo: Mark Neiman / GPO.

alleged nuclear capabilities are largely irrelevant in dealing with them.

Yesterday's view of 'tomorrow'

As mentioned previously, Peres was always enamored with the "tomorrow" theme. One of his first forays in to "tomorrow-territory" was a programmatic book entitled Tomorrow is Now, which he authored as chairman of the Labor Party, just after it had lost power to Menachem Begin's Likud. Published in 1978, it laid out Peres's prescriptive vision for the future conduct of the affairs of the nation.

In many ways, the book – available only in Hebrew – is an astonishing document.

For those who are only familiar with the post-Osloian dovish version of Peres, it offers some staggering surprises.

For the citizens of Israel – indeed, for anyone concerned with the fate of the Jewish state – it raises deeply disturbing questions regarding the judgment, credibility and integrity of those who have served in positions of senior leadership, and serious doubts as to the credence that can be placed in their pronouncements to the nation.

For, in virtually every aspect, the book negates precepts underlying the rationale of the Oslo Accords – including the validity of the land-for-peace doctrine, the desirability of a Palestinian state and the value of any agreements with the Arab world – particularly concerning demilitarization. Likewise, it strongly endorses Jewish settlements across the pre-1967 Green Line, including Judea-Samaria, the Jordan Valley and the Golan. Indeed, it would not be far from the truth to say that Peres was in fact the founding father (or at least, godfather) of today's much maligned settlement project.

Peres's past prescriptions; precise predictions

I have written extensively elsewhere of the incisive insights of Peres's past prescriptions and the precision of his past predictions of the perils that would befall Israel were it to adopt the kind of policies that he later advocated. (see here and here). I pointed out how hawkish Peres forewarned of the very realities the dovish Peres endorsed, and how these were precisely the realities that precipitated the IDF's Operation Defensive Shield in Judea-Samaria (2002) – and later operations in Gaza: Cast Lead (2008/9); Pillar of Defense (2012); Protective Edge (2014).

He warned of the dangers of relinquishing the highlands of Judea-Samaria to Arab control and how that would allow "the most extreme terrorist forces...equipped with anti-tank and anti-aircraft shoulder-launched rockets, [to] endanger not only random passers-by, but also every airplane and helicopter taking off in the skies of Israel and every vehicle traveling along the major traffic routes in the coastal plain."

He argued that the greater range, mobility and firepower of modern weaponry only enhance the strategic importance of territorial depth and that relinquishing Judea-Samaria would "create compulsive temptation to attack Israel..." (p.255).

He cautioned against placing trust in agreements with the Arabs, since: "The number



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Impressions.

Hebrew Prayers Are Lost in Translation

BY JEREMY ROSEN

We will spend more time than usual in synagogues these coming weeks, and with that, a problem arises. One of the biggest challenges for most Jews is the language of prayer — particularly if we only understand the English translations, which are really very poor and uninspiring. So much of the language, even in translation, is obscure, if not confusing. There are words used to describe God — like big, great, powerful and awesome — that in English we tend to apply to the most trivial of things. And, we also ask, why the constant repetition?

Take opera, for example. Most opera lovers do not understand Italian. But opera lovers like me listen to the sounds and rhythms — to the music. We relax and go with the flow. But if we translated the words into English, they would sound stupid. “Yes, I will. Yes, I will. Yes, it’s done. It is done. No, you will not! You cannot.” Or “She’s my mother. She’s my mother. She’s his mother. She’s His mother. His mother, my mother, his mother, my mother.” It sounds so silly in English, but can be elevating in Italian as an aria or duet.

Much of the Hebrew prayer book is filled with poetic language that does not translate well, that does not have the sense of the nobility or rhythm of the original language. Given that the major Jewish texts began in a pre-rational, pre-philosophical world and were sang, read and understood in many different cultures, it isn’t surprising that today we understand words very differently. The text of the prayers are preserved for valid historical and social reasons, but the result is that they do not speak to most of us today. Words that once resonated with glory and nobility, like “king,” are now considered by many to be quite offensive, sexist, and politically regressive. Whereas once elegantly uniformed soldiers and household guards wearing fur busbies were objects of pride, dignity, and fear, today they are amusing tourist curiosities.

The Bible is full of anthropomorphisms. God

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and responsibility*

speaks to Moses, mouth to mouth or face to face. He smells things; He stretches out his finger or His arm; He blows. No one seriously thinks God’s blood pressure rises when He is angry. Indeed, few think God is a “he” the way we use “he or she or it.” We understand that we have to use human language and that that language is designed for human activity and emotions, not intangible, nonphysical, mystical forces. So we who are both rationally and mystically animated find ways of understanding many biblical words as metaphors, and the same

goes for the prayer book. I am constantly faced with words that either upset me or sound archaic.

There are a couple of words that offend me, and I think translation gets them wrong. And they recur in the services this time of year. One is the idea of “fearing God” (or one’s parents). Why fear? It sounds awful. What parent nowadays wants to be

and use the softer expression of “caring.” It matters very much what happens, and what words humans choose to do. The Hebrew word kana, the one the Bible uses and that we translate as jealous or zealous, is indeed used to describe a man being suspicious of his wife who has committed adultery. So one can see how it would be applied



Prayers Photo: Wikipedia.

feared? But in fact “fear” in Biblical Hebrew is the word *pahad*. The Hebrew word *yirah*, which is used of the commands relating to God and our parents, really means what we now call “respect.” But sadly when we read the English text, we get this very negative term, which really puts us off.

The other word I don’t like is “zealous” or “jealous” — which is used to describe God, depending on the translation. As if God can be a petty human. The Ten Commandments include the phrase, “I am a jealous, avenging God, paying back the sins of fathers on their children.” After the Golden Calf debacle and towards the end of the book, God says that he is a jealous God. This idea is repeated in the Torah.

To describe God as jealous offends my sensibilities. Jealous is not a nice word or a positive emotion. We understand that humans are jealous and sometimes rightly so, but why would one want to ascribe such a feeling to God? Others prefer an archaic word we rarely use nowadays: “zealous.” Zealotry is used for narrow-minded extremism. It is used to describe Elijah’s or Samuel’s, or indeed God’s battle against idolatry, or Pinchas’ acts to defend Moses’ authority. But to apply it to God is metaphorical, not literal. What is more, the Torah in Deuteronomy also says, “Sons should not be punished for the sins of their fathers, nor fathers for the sins of their children.”

So why can’t we find a more appropriate metaphor in regard to God that does not offend modern thinking? We could take some of the negativity out of a word like zealous or jealous

to someone who has betrayed God and been seduced by other gods.

But the common root *kana*, can also apply to something straight and firm like a staff. Therefore it could equally be translated as “consistent or consequent.” This is precisely what the Torah means when it says, “...visiting the sins of the fathers on the sons.” It is not a judicial statement. It means that actions have consequences and that the consequences can affect the next generation, for bad as well as good. The text is therefore warning us to act with foresight and responsibility, otherwise the results could be disastrous if we make the wrong decisions.

Suggesting a different translation or meaning than we are used to suggests that there are other ways of translating and understanding, while remaining loyal to the original intent.

So as you sit in the synagogue in front of a prayer book that does not resonate with you, try to find specific words that interest you or strike a chord and reflect on them. Take them out of context and wonder what they could mean to you. Reflect on the text. Don’t be a slave to it. But don’t dismiss the text as pointless, meaningless, and archaic verbiage.

The prayer book was intended to be a menu, not a fixed meal. We inevitably face the challenge of making our ancient tradition relevant and appealing in a new age. We love the old and ancient, but we need to present it to ourselves in a language that appeals to our modern minds.

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificate holders of Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-WCW3, Plaintiff AGAINST Karen Black, Margaret Carroll, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 7/29/2016 and entered on 8/23/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 27, 2016 at 02:30 PM premises known as 733 East 102nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8190, LOT: 22. Approximate amount of judgment is \$585,101.53 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 502049/2012. Sean R. Smith, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
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1131 BEDFORD AVENUE LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/07/16. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 421 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2014-2459/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Unknown Distributees, Attorney General of the State of New York, Gladys Gruenwald, Abraham Gruenwald. And to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees, of Israel Speisman, a/k/a Israel Szpajzman, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and

places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained by the petitioner herein; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Israel Speisman, a/k/a Israel Szpajzman, deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of 383 Grand Street, New York, New York 10002, New York, New York. A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on November 15, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 509, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the distributees at which time proof pursuant to SCPA Section 2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that the balance of the funds be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees; (iii) that the claims of Gladys Gruenwald for partial payment of decedent's funeral expenses, partial payment of decedent's headstone and for payment of decedent's apartment maintenance for the period covering September 2010 to August 2010, in the total amount of \$15,977.07, be allowed and paid; (iv) that the claim of Abraham Gruenwald for partial payment of decedent's funeral expenses, partial payment of decedent's headstone and for payment of decedent's apartment maintenance for the period covering October 2013 to July 2014, in the total amount of \$8,984.12, be allowed and paid; (v) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings to the attorney for the petitioner for legal services rendered to the petitioner herein; (vi) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (vii) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA Section 307 where required or directed; and (viii) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed. September 28, 2016. (Seal) Hon. Nora S. Anderson, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York County 11 Park Place, Suite 615 New York, New York 10007 (212) 896-3310 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.
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Opinion.

Israeli Education Key to Country's Innovation Success

ELI ANA RUDEE/
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Education ministers, senior delegations and high-ranking officials from some 30 countries arrived in Israel this week for a three-day summit on "innovation in education and educating for innovation."

Sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the first day featured a tour of Jerusalem and educational institutions, followed by two days of learning about Israeli innovation, focusing on the country's formal and informal education systems.

The summit, hosted by Israel's Ministry of Education and the heads of the OECD, discussed how technology and social innovation could be incorporated into education systems around the world.

According to Israeli Minister of Education Naftali Bennett, "The summit, held in Jerusalem, is the proper response to the delegitimization campaign. Israel is known as the 'start-up nation,' and the conference allows us to show the world's leading professionals the expansive educational work done here. By participating, senior officials from dozens of countries will be voting against BDS [Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions] and for Israel."

Delegates heard from Bennett and Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, followed by Andreas Schleicher, director of education and skills for OECD, Martine Reicherts, director general for education and culture for the European Commission and Anthony Mackay, CEO of Australia's Centre for Strategic Education.

President Rivlin stressed the importance of an education focused on diversity and dialogue, arguing, "We all ask ourselves about the influences of the global world on local and global identities. The answer is education for partnership, increasing a sense of positive identity for each community, and at the same time, insisting on teaching understanding about the different people and groups." He continued, "We need to provide skills to debate, yet respect different outlooks, create bridges and train teachers to be partnership leaders." As proof of the success of Israel's model, Rivlin cited the Jewish state boasting the highest achievements in tertiary education among OECD countries and its being the third-most educated country in terms of high school and higher education graduates.

Bennett explained that Israel's model of innovation could provide a solution for struggling economies. "I cannot imagine a more relevant and timely topic than innovation and entrepreneurship," he said. "We are all facing similar challenges of economies that are sometimes stagnant, problems that need new solutions, and I think at the epicenter of all of this is innovation and entrepreneurship. In Israel we have over 6,400 start ups. The amount of money invested this year and last year in the Israeli start-up environment is roughly equivalent to that spent by the entirety of Western Europe combined."

The education minister then recounted the recipe for what he believes is Israel's secret sauce to innovation.

First and foremost, Bennett named the

Jewish people's 2,000-year history education in which "every child learned to read and write" and participated in chevruta study, a type of education that challenges educational norms of the teacher imparting knowledge to the students. This yeshiva-style learning uses debate for the sake of exploration and fosters a culture of questioning authority that is embedded in Israeli culture. This norm is also nurtured in the Israel Defense Forces, where army soldiers call their commanders by their first names, even using nicknames for their leaders, like Bibi (Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu) and Ruvy (President Reuven Rivlin). Through army service and youth movements that encourage leadership, young people assume extraordinary responsibility that, Bennett said, gives them a sense they can do anything, get things done, and never take "no" for an answer. Trying to govern a country in which the prominent question is "why" makes for hard governing, Bennett added.

But with these challenges comes growth



Israel's Minister of Education Naftali Bennett addresses the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development summit in Jerusalem. Photo: Eliana Rudee.

and traits that make Israel a natural innovator in education and a lighthouse in a dark region. He compared Israel's success and do-good attitude to the "storm" that is descending in the Middle East and expanding to the rest of the world.

"Surrounded by ISIS, Hezbollah, Hamas and Al-Qaeda on our borders, our small-size but big-hearted country is a beacon of doing good," Bennett said, concluding with a rundown of some of Israel's accomplishments:

We do good by generating water in the deserts across Africa. We do good multiplying cucumber and tomato growth tenfold in India. We do good by saving millions of lives with our surgical stents. We do good by securing the 70 percent of internet banking transactions against cyber fraudsters. We do good by treating our Arab minority with dignity and respect. We do good by keeping our heads up in this very difficult region. We do good because that's our mission, that's our destiny. In Hebrew it's called tikkun olam, repairing the world. We've been here, in the land of Israel, for the past 3,800 years doing good for the world, and we will continue. My friends, in this room we have the world's real security council - the education security council. The leaders in this room have the power to transform the world. To make people more tolerant, more mindful, more creative, and to provide a real opportunity for the children of the world.

Middle East Reporting Through the Eyes of an Evangelical Christian

SEAN SAVAGE/
JNS.ORG

Despite the increasing number of terror attacks in the United States, for most Americans, the various conflicts in the Middle East remain distant and misunderstood.

Chris Mitchell, a Massachusetts native and the Middle East bureau chief for the *Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN)*, tries to shed light on these issues from his perspective as an Evangelical Christian reporter.

Mitchell covers a wide range of topics, from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, to the Islamic State and the threat posed by Iran. On September 27, he spoke about his experiences to an intimate audience at the Ahavath Torah synagogue in suburban Boston. The lecture was part of the Hausman Memorial Speaker Series, held in memory of the parents of the congregation's Rabbi, Jonathan Hausman.

"Chris Mitchell and *CBN* reflect an honesty in journalistic integrity," Rabbi Hausman told *JNS.org*. "*CBN's* position is simple: one cannot report from a region unless one has a background in the area and an ability to learn daily from a non-jaundiced view without [bias]."

Speaking for the first time at a synagogue, Mitchell described how he first arrived in Israel as *CBN's* new bureau chief only a month before the breakout of the Second Intifada in 2000.

Mitchell noted that while many other tourists refrained from going to Israel during this time, Evangelical Christians continued to visit.

"The one group that really did continue to come was Evangelical Christians," he said. "I think that was a real signal to Israelis that the Evangelicals are their friends."

Standing together

Mitchell spoke of the importance of continuing to grow relationships between Christians and Jews. and shared his perspective of how Middle East events are unfolding.

Mitchell is also the author of several books, including his most recent published earlier this year: *ISIS, Iran and Israel: What You Need to Know about the Current Mideast Crisis and the Coming Mideast War*.

"The growing relationship between Jews and Christians is invaluable [in the face of] growing threats to both faiths from virulent radical Islam," Mitchell told *JNS.org*. "Whether it is the growing antisemitism in Europe that forces Jews to conceal their identity in public or the ... genocide of Christians in the Middle East, Judaism and Christianity share a common enemy committed to their destruction. It's one reason why I was privileged to share my perspective on the Middle East in the Ahavath Torah Congregation synagogue and stand with my Jewish friends."

While many major networks and news agencies have reporters in the Middle East, Mitchell stands out due to his longevity in the region and his openness to continually learn about the complex issues and conflicts that the region is known for.

"I'm constantly trying to keep an open mind and learn as much as I can," Mitchell said during the Q&A session.

Throughout his 16 years living and reporting in Israel, Mitchell has become more impressed with the Israeli people and their ability to thrive in such a troubled region.

"Israel is becoming more and more a light unto the nations," he said. "The resilience of the Jewish people is an inspiration to me. I pinch myself when I walk down the streets in Jerusalem or look out the window from where I sit at work. I can see the Mount of Olives, Mount Zion...it's been an extraordinary experience being on the front lines in witnessing Israel's history."

As a Middle East bureau chief, Mitchell also spent significant time covering stories outside of Israel, including the persecution of Middle East Christians in Iraq and Syria, a saga often overlooked by the mainstream media.

Mitchell, who had recently returned from an assignment in Iraqi Kurdistan, discussed visiting Christian refugee camps, touring the front lines with Kurdish Peshmerga fighters, and even the sobering feeling of visiting a mass grave dug and filled by the Islamic State.

"We had a chance to sit down with many of the Christians to get a sense of where they are now living in their third year away from their homes," he said. "It's a very discouraging time for many of the Christians there."

Mitchell described the almost surreal experience of visiting the front lines with the Kurdish Peshmerga fighters, while only being a few hundred yards away from the Islamic State fighters.

"There was freedom where we were, but darkness and tyranny just yards ahead of us," he said.

Mitchell said many Americans need to realize that the war has come to the US, adding that the front lines in the war on terror "could be on 23rd street in New York City, the finish line at the Boston Marathon or Orlando and San Bernardino."

Meanwhile, many of our Kurdish allies, Mitchell lamented, have not gotten the necessary weapons and support after three years of fighting, largely due to a complex geopolitical reality in that region. Nevertheless, he said, the Kurds remain confident they will defeat the Islamic State.

"The day we were visiting there [the front lines], I had the chance to see a fourth century Christian monastery on a mountain," he said. "From that perspective you could see... the front lines of the Kurdish military, their flood lights in order to prevent ISIS from penetrating their lines at night, and you could even see Mosul in the distance."

Mitchell noted that the Kurds and Iraqi government forces, with the support of the US and other allies, are preparing to retake Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, from the Islamic State. While retaking the city would be a huge victory, it could also transform the terror group and the fight against it.

"It may signify the beginning of the end of ISIS as we have known them over the last few years," Mitchell explained. "Their territory is being whittled away by the US and coalition forces. However, they will morph into an Al Qaeda-style guerrilla force, like we are seeing here already in the US."

He added, "We might be going into a situation that is worse or even more potentially explosive."

Social.



Malawi MP David Bisnowaty. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Israeli-Born Malawi Parliament Member: Actions, Not Words, Will Change Africa for the Better

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

How does the Israeli-born son of an eastern European Holocaust survivor end up as a parliament member in one of Africa's poorest nations? Just ask 50-year-old businessman David Bisnowaty, who in May 2014 was elected to the Malawi National Assembly.

Bisnowaty sat down with *The Algemeiner* last week while he was in New York City for the United Nations General Assembly.

"My father worked as a mechanical engineer for a big multinational company, so we used to travel a lot in Africa," Bisnowaty said. "So I basically grew up as a child in Africa and when you grow up in Africa, you become an African."

He later returned to Israel for schooling and served in the Israeli military. But, Bisnowaty explained, "Africa was calling me. I needed to go back there."

He moved to South Africa and started working there in the medical supplies industry in the late 1980s. One of the nearby countries his business took him to, Bisnowaty said, was Malawi.

After getting a contract with a hospital in Malawi, Bisnowaty told his wife, "Let's just move there for a year."

"At the time, in 1994, Nelson Mandela had been elected president and we weren't sure what was going to be in South Africa," Bisnowaty said. "We said to ourselves, 'We were not part of the apartheid government, why should we be the victims?' So we went to Malawi for one year and here I still am many years later."

Bisnowaty said he never thought he would end up in politics, but a December 2013 incident changed his life.

"I was rushing to the airport and on my way there I saw this little kid licking the road with his tongue because he spilled his food and it broke my heart," Bisnowaty said. "I said to myself, 'There is no way this can happen in the 21st century.'"

Bisnowaty continued: "I told my kids, 'I think I'm going to join politics and I'm going to prove that I can be a peaceful freedom fighter and bring change.' My kids said, 'Dad, you're crazy. You're a Jewish white person in an African country, you will never be elected.'"

In the May 2014 elections, Bisnowaty ran as an independent candidate for a spot in parliament against 11 opponents. He campaigned in English, and a trans-

lator helped him communicate with Chichewa speakers in rural villages.

"I got a landslide victory," Bisnowaty said. "The people loved me."

Bisnowaty, who represents the Lilongwe City Center constituency, said he believes he is the only Jewish citizen of the country of more than 16 million people. More than 80 percent of Malawians are Christians, while close to 15 percent are Muslim.

"Malawians love Jews and Israel," Bisnowaty said. "Malawi has always had very strong ties with Israel, even during the dictator's era (a reference to the late Hastings Kamuzu Banda's time in power between 1966 and 1994). Israel was the first country to send doctors and agricultural people to Malawi unconditionally."

Bisnowaty did, however, face antisemitism in an incident in parliament late last year. He described what happened: "I spoke something against the opposition and one of their MPs said to me, 'You Jew, go back to where you came from.' He ended up having to retract it and the leader of the opposition had to apologize. I gave a speech in which I said I was ashamed that so many years after the Second World War, somebody would say such a thing to me. My mother is a Holocaust survivor. I won't accept this antisemitism."

That incident, however, stands out as an outlier for Bisnowaty.

He went on to say, "We have a purpose in life. I believe in God and I believe I didn't end up in Malawi for nothing. My purpose was to help."

One of the reasons for Bisnowaty's trip to the US last week was to seek assistance for Malawi from American Jews.

"Jews believe that saving one person is like saving the whole world," he said. "We need schools and clinics and water...I want people to come and see, if they can afford to come and see, and if not, be in touch with me. We'll take whatever help we can get, we really need it."

Bisnowaty said he will probably run for a second five-year term in parliament in 2019.

"History is the politics of the past and politics is the history of the future," Bisnowaty said. "Africans need to live and die with dignity and at the moment they don't. Let's change Africa, not by talk, but by action. At the UN, there is lots of talk about this initiative and that initiative, but how much really gets done on the ground? I don't want to talk, I want to do things."

Manager of Israel's National Baseball Team Says 'Mensch on Bench' Mascot Will Accompany Players to Korea

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

The manager of Israel's national baseball team told *The Algemeiner* on Monday that he has approved the inclusion of a popular Hanukkah toy on the team's trip to South Korea for the 2017 World Baseball Classic (WBC) — as long as the doll doesn't require its own seat on the plane.

Jerry Weinstein was referring to a claim made by star player Cory Decker on Sunday at a post-game press conference that he intends to bring his "Mensch on a Bench" doll to the WBC, slated to take place in March in Seoul.

"Decker is the man," Weinstein said. "He leads this team. Whatever he wants, he gets. [But] hopefully we won't have to buy a seat on the plane next to Decker for the Mensch."

The toy, a Jewish take on the legendary "Elf on



Cody Decker with his 'Mensch on a Bench.' Photo: Twitter.

a Shelf" Christmas doll, sat in front of Decker at the press conference, held after Team Israel won a qualifying match against Great Britain, earning it a spot in the WBC. The Jewish state was the final national team to qualify for the WBC, along with Australia, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the United States and Venezuela.

The WBC qualifiers took place in Brooklyn, and Decker, an American Jew, said he rush-ordered the "Mensch on a Bench" from Amazon, so that it would be with the team in New York for the games, *SportingNews.com* reported. The doll was also included in a post-game celebration on the field after the team's win on Sunday night.

When asked at the Sunday press conference about the toy's backstory, Decker — who also has one at his home in California — offered to lend the questioner the book that accompanies all "Mensch on the Bench" purchases.

"But I want it back," he said of the hardcover title that tells the story of Hanukkah and features "Moshe the Mensch" guarding the lights of the menorah candelabra in the ancient Jewish Temple.

Tradition.

To Renew our Days



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

The moment had come. Moses was about to die. He had seen his sister Miriam and brother Aaron pre-decease him. He had prayed to God – not to live forever, not even to live longer, but simply, “Let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan,” (Deut. 3:25). Let me complete the journey. Let me reach the destination. But God said No: “That is enough,” the Lord said. “Do not speak to me anymore about this matter.” (Deut. 3:26). God, who had acceded to almost every other prayer Moses prayed, refused him this.



What then did Moses do on these last days of his life? He issued two instructions, the last of the 613 commands, that were to have significant consequences for the future of Judaism and the Jewish people. The first is known as *Hakhel*, the command that the king summon the people to gather during Sukkot following the seventh, shemittah year:

“At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Festival of Tabernacles, when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God at the place He will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”

There is no specific reference to this command in the later books of Tanakh, but there are accounts of very similar gatherings: covenant renewal ceremonies, in which the king or his equivalent assembled the nation, reading from the Torah or reminding the people of their history, and calling on them to reaffirm the terms of their destiny as a people in covenant with God.

That, in fact, is what Moses had been doing for the last month of his life. The book of Deuteronomy as a whole is a restatement of the covenant, almost forty years and one generation after the original covenant at Mount Sinai. There is another example in the last chapter of the book of Joshua (Josh. 24). Joshua had fulfilled his mandate as Moses’ successor, bringing the people across the Jordan, leading them in their battles and settling the land.

Another occurred many centuries later in the reign of King Josiah. His grandfather, Menasseh, who reigned for 55 years, was one of the worst of Judah’s kings, introducing various forms of idolatry, including child sacrifice. Josiah sought to return the nation to its faith, ordering among other things the

cleansing and repair of the Temple. It was in the course of this restoration that a copy of the Torah was discovered, sealed in a hiding place, to prevent it being destroyed during the many decades in which idolatry flourished and the Torah was almost forgotten. The king, deeply affected by this discovery, convened a *Hakhel*-type national assembly:

“Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the Lord with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord. The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.” (2 Kings 23:1-3)

The most famous *Hakhel*-type ceremony was the national gathering convened by Ezra and Nehemiah after the second wave of returnees from Babylon (Neh. 8-10). Standing on a platform by one of the gates to the Temple, Ezra read the Torah to the assembly, having

positioned Levites throughout the crowd so that they could explain to the people what was being said. The ceremony that began on Rosh Hashanah, culminated after Sukkot when the people collectively “bound themselves with a curse and an oath to follow the Law of God given through Moses the servant of God and to obey carefully all the commands, regulations and decrees of the Lord our Lord” (Neh. 10:29)

The other command – the last Moses gave the people – was contained in the words: “Now write down this song and teach it to the Israelites,” understood by rabbinic tradition to be the command to write, or at least take part in writing, a Sefer torah. Why specifically these two commands, at this time?

Something profound was being transacted here. Recall that God had seemed brusque in His dismissal of Moses’ request to be allowed to cross the Jordan. “That is enough ... Do not speak to me anymore about this matter.” Is this the Torah and this its reward? Is this how God repaid the greatest of the prophets? Surely not.

In these last two commands God was teaching Moses, and through him Jews throughout the ages, what immortality is – on earth, not just in heaven. We are mortal because we are physical, and no physical organism lives forever. We grow up, we grow old, we grow frail, we die. But we are not only physical. We are also spiritual. In these last two commands, we are taught what it is to be part of a spirit that has not died in four thousand years and will not die so long as there is a sun, moon and stars.

God showed Moses, and through him us, how to become part of a civilisation that never grows old. It stays young because it repeatedly renews itself. The last two commands of the Torah are about renewal, first collective, then individual, the covenant renewal ceremony every seven years, ensured that the nation would regularly rededicate itself to its mission. I have often argued that there is one place in the world where this covenant renewal ceremony still takes place: the United States of America.

The concept of covenant played a decisive role in European politics in the sixteenth and seventeenth century, especially in Calvin’s Geneva and in Scotland, Holland and England. Its longest-lasting impact, though, was on America, where it was taken by the early Puritan settlers and remains part of its political culture even today. Almost every Presidential Inaugural Address – every four years since 1789 – has been, explicitly or implicitly, a covenant renewal ceremony, a contemporary form of *Hakhel*. In 1987, speaking at the bicentennial celebration of the American Constitution, President Ronald Reagan described the constitution as a kind of “covenant we’ve made not only with ourselves but with all of mankind ... It’s a human covenant; yes, and beyond that, a covenant with the Supreme

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Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Lucille J. Caputo, as Executrix of the Estate of Christine Ferreri a/k/a Christine M. Ferreri; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 22, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 10, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2313 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8490 Lot 19. Approximate amount of judgment \$438,915.10 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 8393/2013. Aron S. Wolf, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: August 31, 2016
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where we came from, where we are going, and why. To what ideals are we committed? What journey are we called on to continue? Of what story are we a part?

How precisely timed, therefore, and how beautiful, that at the very moment when the greatest of prophets faced his own mortality, that God should give him, and us, the secret of immortality – not just in heaven but down here on earth. For when we keep to the terms of the covenant, and making it new again in our lives, we live on in those who come after us, whether through our children or our disciples or those we have helped or influenced. We “renew our days as of old.” Moses died, but what he taught and what he sought lives on.

Being to whom our founding fathers did constantly appeal for assistance.” America’s duty, he said, is “to constantly renew their covenant with humanity...to complete the work begun 200 years ago, that grand noble work that is America’s particular calling – the triumph of human freedom, the triumph of human freedom under God.”

If *Hakhel* is national renewal, the command that we should each take part in the writing of a new Sefer Torah is personal renewal. It was Moses’ way of saying to all future generations: It is not enough for you to say, I received the Torah from my parents (or grandparents or great-grandparents). You have to take it and make it new in every generation.

One of the most striking features of Jewish life is that from Israel to Palo Alto, Jews are among the world’s most enthusiastic users of information technology and have contributed disproportionately to its development (Google, Facebook, Waze). But we still write the Torah exactly as it was done thousands of years ago – by hand, with a quill, on a parchment scroll. This is not a paradox; it is a profound truth. People who carry their past with them, can build the future without fear.

Renewal is one of the hardest of human undertakings. Some years ago I sat with the man who was about to become Prime Minister of Britain. In the course of our conversation he said, “What I most pray for is that when we get there (he meant, 10 Downing Street), I never forget why I wanted to get there.” I suspect he had in mind the famous words of Harold Macmillan, British Prime Minister between 1957 and 1963, who, when asked what he most feared in politics, replied, “Events, dear boy, events.”

Things happen. We are blown by passing winds, caught up in problems not of our making, and we drift. When that happens, whether to individuals, institutions or nations, we grow old. We forget who we are and why. Eventually we are overtaken by people (or organisations or cultures) that are younger, hungrier or more driven than us.

The only way to stay young, hungry and driven is through periodic renewal, reminding ourselves of

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of agreements which the Arabs have violated is no less than the number which they have kept” (p.255).

Which Peres do we mourn?

But perhaps most significant was his endorsement of the settlement project and his call to create a continuous stretch of new settlements; to bolster Jerusalem and the surrounding hills...by the establishment of townships, suburbs and villages – Ma’ale Edumin, Ofra, Gilo, Bet-El, Givon...to ensure that the capital and its flanks are secured... the settlements along the Jordan River are intended to establish the Jordan River as [Israel’s] de facto

security border; however, it is the settlements on the western slopes of the hills of Samaria and Judea which will deliver us from the curse of Israel’s “narrow waist”; the purpose of the settlements in the Golan is to ensure that this territorial platform will no longer constitute a danger, but a barrier against a surprise attack... (p.48)

So which Peres do we mourn? The dour hawkish Peres, who got it right? Or the internationally-acclaimed dovish Peres, who got it disastrously wrong?

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