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## Leave and Lose

Herbert Zweibon

Israel's current behavior in Gaza brings to mind Albert Einstein's much quoted aphorism: "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

Prior to Israel's "disengagement" from Gaza in 2005, there was a broad public belief, fed by media, academics and politicians, that the Jewish communities there were a huge security burden upon the state. In 2003 then Prime Minister Ariel Sharon promised disengagement would "relieve the pressure on the IDF" as well as "increase security for the residents of Israel." Politicians like Kadima's Meir Sheerit (then of Likud) airily dismissed predictions that the Negev communities would come under threat: "I have never before heard such a ridiculous argument."

It turns out of course that it was the expectations of Israeli politicians and pundits that were "ridiculous." Far from being a security burden, the reviled "settlers" had safeguarded southern Israel. Now many have been returning to their destroyed communities as soldiers. "It's a stab in the heart" said one of them. "Today it is clear that when I lived in Netzarim I was the country's flak jacket."

Yet Israel's leaders have learned nothing. Two days into the campaign Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni announced Israel had no plans to occupy Gaza and Defense Minister Barak reiterated this.

Yes, the military operation in Gaza was handled better than the disastrous Lebanon incursion of 2006 (when units even lacked maps of the area). But lacking firm goals or the persistence to achieve its declared objectives, Israel will lose, Hamas win the war. Israel states that its purpose is to stop the rocket assaults on its territory and to seal off the smuggling of arms and terrorists from Egypt. The only way to secure those goals is for Israel to control the territory from which the threat comes. As the always incisive Thomas Sowell puts it: "The Israelis traded land for peace, but they have never gotten the peace, so they should take back the land." Or as Steven Plaut says: "There are worse things in the world than occupation

and the experiences of the past few years have demonstrated how much worse are the consequences that follow the removal of Israeli occupation."

But the Israeli government does not even envision such limited steps as taking control of the Philadelphi corridor between Gaza and Egypt through which weapons have been pouring both above ground and through an elaborate system of tunnels. Israel gave up its control of the corridor after 48 hours of nonstop pressure from Condoleezza Rice in November 2005. EU observers were supposed to monitor the passage to Egypt to prevent smuggling of arms. Never of any use, they prudently fled when Hamas took over Gaza. Now there is again talk of international monitors (under their aegis Hezbollah—whose disarming they were supposed to oversee—has tripled its armaments and taken over southern Lebanon).

There is talk of reliance on Egypt—hello? Hasn't Egypt been in control of the Egyptian-Gaza border since 2005? This time, we are told it will be different. There is talk of erecting a "moat" and/or a barrier with two fences and bringing in several thousand Egyptian soldiers to "guarantee" smuggling will stop. (This undercuts one of the few achievements of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty--setting troop limits on Egyptian forces in the Sinai while it will do next to nothing to stop arms smuggling).

At the end of the day Hamas may well emerge as the clear victor. Its short-term goal is to end the blockade and other restrictions on movement of men and goods imposed by Israel. Israeli concessions on these issues may well be an end product of the "negotiations."

Insanity? The insane are not responsible for their actions. Rather, what we have here is government by the criminally negligent.

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## From the Editor

### Retreat Stokes Hatred

In his editorial, Herbert Zweibon talks of the false view that Israel's Gaza communities were a security burden. Now another myth associated with the infamous "disengagement" has been exploded—namely that Israel would have the sympathy of the world if the inhabitants of Gaza should abuse its generosity by acts of war or terror and Israel react in turn. In the real world, which Israeli elites have long failed to inhabit, the more Israel retreats, the more hatred of her escalates.

Thus as Israel finally took action against the rocketeers of Hamas, there is an explosion of condemnation (politicians, NGOs, media, with the BBC leading the pack, church leaders) and outright hatred. In Amsterdam, at a pro- *jihad*  rally, Dutch Socialist Party MP Harry van Bommel was caught on video chanting "Intifada, intifada" while behind him they shouted "Hamas, Hamas, *Joden aan het gas* (Jews to the gas)." In France, 20,000 anti-Israel demonstrators turned out in what became an Islamist urban riot, with cars burned and policemen injured. In another of many outright anti-Jewish demonstrations rioters invaded the Jewish section of Paris crying "death to the Jews" as "youths" (that favorite media term for Moslem gangsters) threw stones at police.

Across the channel, Melanie Phillips reports in *The Spectator*, "there is a terrifying increase in bigotry and quite hallucinatory hatred of Israel and the Jews now coursing through Britain." In Turkey a member of the rapidly dwindling Jewish community reports: "We have previously faced some strong reaction regarding previous operations in Gaza and the West Bank but this time is really different...I feel open anti-Semitism and hatred from all these people...I know one thing: that the world should know about the widespread and openly anti-Semitic propaganda which far exceeds anything happening in Europe."

As for the "it can't happen here," "our Moslems are different," school of thought, columnist and attorney Debbie Schlusel points out that in Chicago synagogues have been vandalized and fire-bombed; in North Carolina a Chabad synagogue was attacked, and in Broward County (home to a quarter of a million Jews), Florida representatives of the religion of peace turned out in full cry to shriek "Nuke, Israel" "Israel go to hell" and "Go back to the oven."

The more Israel retreats in the face of such "world opinion" the more respect—the only emotion Israel should seek to foster—it forfeits.

### Pinter's Gone

While media worldwide paid tribute to the supposed genius of playwright Harold Pinter, Haifa university professor Steven Plaut has it right. He notes that Pinter was a long-term enemy of Israel and Jews; sup-

ported international boycotts of Israel; is infamous for saying 9/11 was an "inevitable" retaliation "against constant and systematic manifestations of state terrorism on the part of the United States" (which he described as "a country run by a bunch of criminal lunatics"); and that "it was without a doubt his hatred of America that entitled him to his Nobel Prize" rather than his "unspeakably boring" plays.

Critic Roger Kimball put it more elegantly but no less sharply. Quoting an English wit who described Pinter's plays as those of "a man of few words, most of them silly," Kimball concludes: "If nothing else, Harold Pinter has done us the service of demonstrating that the silly is by no means at odds with the malevolently deranged."

### Peresism of the Month

Shimon Peres (quoted in *Haaretz*) on Hamas: "Nobody in this world understands what are Hamas' goals and why it continues to fire missiles."

In truth, almost everyone in the world understands why Hamas lobs missiles at Israel except its Presidential Fool. As the Hamas charter states, as its spokesmen repeat daily, the goal of Hamas is to eliminate Israel. It fires missiles in the hopes of killing men, women and children and if the missiles do not hit these preferred targets (as most don't) to intimidate and make life hellish for the communities in which they fall.

### Holland Awakes

In choosing a government in 2006, only 4% of Dutchmen thought the problem of Moslem integration was central; only 24% considered it of importance; and the ruling elites shoved the issue under the electoral rug. What a difference two years makes. The Dutch may actually be adopting the revolutionary notion that it is up to Moslem immigrants to adapt to Dutch ways, not the duty of the Dutch to become *dhimmi*s to Moslems.

*The International Herald Tribune* writes that the Labor Party, the country's largest left-wing political grouping, which carries responsibility for "integration" (continued on page 11)

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# A View From The Target Zone

Haim Harari

These words are written a short distance away from the most northern hit, so far, of the Hamas missiles, which are methodically aimed *only* at civilian population in Israel. You may refer to this message as "A View from the Target Zone."

For eight years, approximately 5000 rockets have been sent deliberately into Israeli population centers by the Hamas terrorists. The rockets are extremely inaccurate. The good news is that they often hit an empty field. The bad news is that, when they do hit buildings and people, they kill, maim and destroy. It is a very ugly game of *Iranian Roulette*.

But the most significant fact is that *the undisputed purpose of the rockets is to kill civilians in a random manner*. Since they miss entire towns, they could not possibly be aimed at military or strategic targets. No claim is made by Hamas of anything other than a deliberate attempt to kill civilians within Israel. The world knows about the rockets but rarely mentions that they are aimed only at the civilian population and at nothing else.

Hamas consistently refers to Israel itself as "the occupied territory." It refers to any town in Israel as an "illegal settlement." Its declared aim is to destroy Israel. It has proudly endorsed, initiated and sent numerous suicide murderers into Israeli buses, supermarkets, shopping malls, weddings and other crowded places. It explicitly states that it will continue to do so. Since Israel succeeded in preventing the suicide murders by a combination of the protective wall, other defensive measures and good intelligence penetration, the missiles became the preferred way of killing Israeli civilians.

Hamas is declared to be a terrorist organization, not only by Israel, not only by the US, but also by the European Union, which is not suspected of being pro-Israeli. This is the same European Union that refuses to label the Hizbullah as a terror organization, but repeatedly and officially declares Hamas as such. Hamas is fully funded and largely controlled by Iran, a country openly and totally committed to the destruction of Israel, while continuing to enjoy trade with much of the western world.

The Hamas media, and especially its independent TV station, carry daily children programs (including programs for kindergarten age) depicting the Jews (and not only the Israelis) as pigs, dogs, scum of the earth and creatures that must be killed. One of these programs features a rabbit which eats Jews. There is plenty of documentation of these programs, including animations and programs with child

presenters. Major western news media never report on this phenomenon, while some of them publish op-ed pieces by declared Hamas leaders.

*The favorite hour of launching the daily Hamas rockets during the last eight years was 7:45 in the morning, but only on weekdays. Why? Because this is the time in which the streets are full of Israeli children, on their way to school. No one wants to waste rockets when no children are in the streets, during the weekend.*

Eight year old children in the Israeli town of Sderot, a few miles from the Gaza border, live, since they were born, with these rockets. They know no other life. *When the alarm sounds, they have exactly*

*15 seconds to reach an improvised cover.* Eighth grade children, age 13, have never gone to school, since kindergarten, without the real threat of having a rocket hit them on the way. Their parents have never felt safe about sending their child to school. It is very difficult for anyone living in a normal safe place, to imagine what it means to send your child to school, every single day, for eight years, with the fear that he or she may never reach school

because of a missile attack, aimed at killing the children. The world seems to accept this.

Israel withdrew from the Gaza strip in 2005. Not one Israeli soldier or civilian remained there. Everything was ready for the people of Gaza to start a new life and economic development. There was no blockade, border crossings were open. Instead came increased shooting of rockets into Israel, a Hamas coup, throwing Fatah Palestinians from roofs of buildings to their death and torturing their own people in their prisons. It is regrettable that Israel did not react with full force to the very first rockets after its withdrawal from Gaza, but there was always the naïve illusion that perhaps talks, discussions, verbal threats and temporary closings of the border crossings might do the job. What Israel did not take into account was that *Iran, directly or through Hizbullah, was paying the Hamas operatives, per rocket launch.*

Through the elaborate system of tunnels dug by Hamas under the Gaza-Egypt border, thousands of tons of explosives and larger and better Iranian missiles have been continuously smuggled into Gaza. The Israeli Government stupidly agreed in mid 2008 to a six-month cease fire. During the "mock cease fire," many rockets were launched into Israel by a variety of real and fictitious Palestinian organizations, with a clear Hamas sub-license, so as to pretend that Hamas itself was observing the cease fire.

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In the meantime, Hamas could successfully prepare for the next round. It acquired Iranian rockets that were equally inaccurate but carried larger warheads, had a longer range and contained numerous tiny steel balls, in order to increase the civilian casualties over a larger radius. Again, the inaccuracy of the rockets guaranteed that they could only be sent into random civilian targets. But now the rocket range covered a population of close to one million Israelis and the damage is much more significant.

Larger and better rockets were now stored in mosques, schools, hospitals and normal apartment buildings. Mortars were added to the menu of shooting at Israeli civilians. Schools financed by the UN were used in order to launch mortar shells and missiles. The greenhouses left intact by the withdrawing Israelis were destroyed, their metal parts were converted to primitive rockets and their locations became favorite launching areas. Launching rockets at the Israeli population brings a much better income than growing strawberries and flowers in greenhouses.

Whenever Israel opened the border crossings to supply Gaza with basic food and fuel, Hamas attempted to blow up the crossing points. Providing too much food and fuel would disturb the flourishing black market totally controlled by the Hamas chiefs and their allies. It would also spoil their propaganda machine. Most supplies were transported through the tunnels from Egypt, under Hamas auspices, creating a lucrative business for the Hamas "families."

The absurd notion that Israel must supply fuel, electricity, food and medication to an outlaw region controlled by a terror organization became a permanent mantra in the western media. Israel was supposed to provide Hamas with raw materials for the rockets launched at its citizens, with electricity for the machinery used to produce these rockets, with food for its designers and manufacturers, and with building materials in order to construct safe bunkers for the Hamas leadership under schools and hospitals. *On one hand Hamas was claimed to have been the legitimate democratically elected government of the majority of the population and on the other hand the population, that allegedly elected these thugs, was declared innocent and suffering. The inconsistency was never pointed out.*

Once the border crossing was closed, as a result of the repeated Hamas attacks, the international game of a "humanitarian crisis" was successfully played, with full cooperation of the western media. Famous incidents included photographs of poor Gaza residents with candles and (allegedly) no electricity, staged behind black curtains in full outside daylight (visible through cracks between the curtains). Most western media happily used these fake pictures and, when the lie was exposed, never mentioned it. Hamas

leaders were never lacking food, fuel, electricity, luxurious private vehicles and all amenities of well to do black market profiteers.

Very few western journalists remained in Gaza, after several were kidnapped by Hamas. Almost all reports to western media come from Palestinians, who are either sympathetic to Hamas, or afraid of it, or openly active in its ranks, or all of the above. The reader of the *New York Times*, or the viewer of a European TV network, never notices who provides him or her with the news. All photographs, both stills and videos, are provided by Palestinian operatives, who would stop at nothing in order to support the propaganda machine. On western TV, Hamas rockets are launched only from empty fields, never from a school or a crowded neighborhood, as it is in real life.

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United Nation sources in Gaza are often quoted, condemning Israel for the "Humanitarian Crisis". But these sources are normally employees of UNRWA, the UN agency that, since 1948,

makes every effort to perpetuate the "refugee" status of the great-grandchildren of the 1948 refugees. The grandparents of these "refugees" were *displaced 60 years ago by a distance of a 20 minute drive* and were never resettled because they were receiving free food from the UN. The UN objected vehemently to any attempt at settling the refugees, their children and grandchildren. The few real refugees, who remain alive today, and are 80 years old, were 18 years old when they were displaced. All the terrorists are third or fourth generation "refugees" held as such, courtesy of UNRWA.

These UN organizations employ, by their own admission, numerous active Hamas members. When the latter make statements on behalf of "UN sources in Gaza," the Palestinian journalists never mention to us who these "UN sources" are. The public gets the impression that these are truthful objective sources, while being fed with standard Hamas lies. Western media never disclose to us that the jobs of these people depend on perpetuating the misery of the so-called "refugees."

A headmaster and science teacher of one of the UNRWA schools in Gaza was a leader in the rocket industry of the Islamic Jihad, a satellite terror organization in Gaza, collaborating with Hamas. The UN strongly denied the Israeli accusations that they are employing such a person—until the man was killed by Israel and was eulogized by his friends as a leader of the Islamic Jihad and a designer of rockets.

When Israeli truck drivers were bringing humanitarian supplies to Gaza, during the period of Hamas rocket fire, they were frequently attacked by Hamas. At least one Israeli truck driver, supplying the Palestinians, was deliberately murdered. No protest

was launched by the UN. But, when during the current fighting, an Arab truck driver, employed by the UN, was accidentally killed, the UN became indignant and stopped all its "humanitarian" activity in protest, to the tune of loud denunciations from all "UN sources."

The Israeli defense forces monitor every detail of this fantasyland by using airborne drones and by a very successful intelligence penetration of the Hamas ranks. They know which apartment building serves as a missile storage place, the addresses and phone numbers of Hamas leaders, which school serves as an ammunition depot, etc.

When the six-month "ceasefire" ended, in mid December, Hamas refused to continue it, launching 90 rockets into Israeli towns and villages in one day. *In retrospect, this has prevented a much more dangerous future situation.* Had there been an additional "ceasefire," Hamas would have acquired rockets covering all of Israel and possibly much more accurate Iranian missiles. The Iranian supply line of explosives and weapons, together with the flourishing business of smuggled goods, went through the tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt border with efficiency and regularity. Had such efficiency been attempted in improving the lives of the Palestinians in Gaza, the entire Middle East would have been an entirely different place. But, coupled with the weapon smuggling, it was essential to create the charade of the "Humanitarian Crisis."

During the current operation, when the Israeli Air Force wants to blow up a house which serves as a missile storage, Israel phones every family in the house and gives them 15 minutes to evacuate. The Hamas is then sending the women and children to the roof of the building in order to prevent the Israeli aircraft from making the kill. Israel has now developed a tiny arrow-like missile which can be sent to the corner of the roof, making a loud noise and harming no one, in order to scare away the women and children on the roof, before the real bomb destroys the missile collection or the explosive storage place. Often, the women and children used by Hamas as human shields escape and the house is then blown up, with a spectacular secondary explosion of the stored missiles or other war materials. On other occasions, a Hamas person gets to the roof and prevents the women and children from leaving. In those cases, the operation is not completed by the Israeli Air Force, in order to spare civilian lives, at the risk of having the rockets launched into Israel on the following day.

*Never in history has any country made such an enormous effort to avoid civilian casualties in fighting against murderers who target only civilians and*

never anything else. No one in Kosovo, Serbia, Georgia or Iraq was offered such a courtesy by the bombing and attacking powers. This fact is never mentioned by the western media.

Many of the heroic commanders of the Hamas are hiding in the central hospital of Gaza, in an elaborate network of bunkers, trusting that Israel will not attack the hospital. Hamas spokesmen issue proclamations from the maternity ward of the same hospital, knowing that Israel will not hit them there. *Ironically, of all non-Israelis, the Hamas leaders are the only ones who know for sure that Israel never deliberately hurts civilians. They exploit this fact. The rest of the world buys the Hamas lies and blames Israel for hurting civilians.*

Repeated claims of "humanitarian crisis" are made from the same hospital. The doctors in charge never tell us that the hiding leaders of Hamas are using them and the patients as human shields. Whether the doctors are only scared or are deliberate accomplices, we do not know. Probably some are active Hamas members and others are justifiably scared to speak up. We never hear a word from the International Red Cross regarding the use of the hospitals as the headquarters of terror leaders.

One of the most horrible "impartial" testimonies on the humanitarian situation in the hospital is delivered repeatedly to the western media by a "Norwegian Doctor" serving there. *The man is well known from his 2001 interviews with Norwegian TV, in which he explicitly supported and justified the 9/11 attacks.* Needless to say, none of the networks who bring us the righteous doctor mention this. He is just "A Norwegian Doctor" attending to the wounded.

Palestinian ambulances are routinely used to move terrorists around. This had also been the Palestinian practice in the West Bank during the terror wave in 2001-2002. An ambulance is an ideal method of transporting a suicide murderer across check points. In the unlucky case that the criminal is caught, there is at least a good press photograph of the ugly Israelis attacking or stopping an ambulance. It is a win-win situation. If an ambulance full of healthy Hamas terrorists and explosives is hit from the air, the pictures are even better for the western media and for Al Jazeera.

Several Hamas leaders are moving around Gaza surrounded by children, and often holding a child in their arms. There are well documented cases in which Hamas terrorists were pulling reluctant children by their ears to accompany them when they move from one building to another. None of this is mentioned by the western media.

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Several mosques, which were used as ammunition dumps, were destroyed by Israel. In every one of these cases, the air photographs showed a primary explosion, from the air missile or bomb, and a much bigger secondary explosion, from the stored missiles or other explosives in the mosque. The secondary explosion is an absolute clear proof of what was hidden at the mosque. *The normal beautiful carpets in a mosque would not create a secondary explosion.* Western media have these videos but rarely show them or mention their existence.

But the same western media repeatedly show the pictures of injured or dead children, some of whom were indeed accidentally injured or killed by the Israeli attacks on military and terror targets, and some are obviously fake pictures with red paint smeared on children faces. At least in one case, the same child, obviously painted and not injured, has been paraded in front of various TV cameras by several different men, each declared to be his father by a different network.

Children and innocent civilians are, indeed, killed and injured, in spite of all the enormous precautions and efforts of the Israeli forces. This is truly tragic. But the only alternative for Israel is to sit still, absorb the thousands of missiles on its civilian population and wait for bigger, deadlier and longer range missiles to start destroying everything in Israel. *Israel is offered a choice between a complete national suicide, on one hand, and an attack on the terrorists, with extraordinary measures to avoid civilian casualties, but with the knowledge that such casualties must occur when the other side is using children as human shields, storing explosives in mosques, shooting mortars from schools and hiding the perpetrators in hospitals.*

Most Hamas terrorists hide in safe bunkers, leaving their families in the war zone. They are happy to fight to the last Palestinian civilian, not to the last Hamas terrorist. Women and children are moving within the battlegrounds, with Hamas snipers shooting, using them as cover. The women and children are not allowed into the limited space of the Hamas bunkers. More than once, a woman is observed carrying a suicide belt. Israeli soldiers, who are trying to help these women to move safely away from the fighting area, are at a very serious risk of a suicide murder.

When the Hamas terrorists are killed, they are counted by the "UN Sources" as civilians. That is how the "UN sources" reach the huge numbers of dead civilians they are reporting. Interestingly, Al Jazeera

*almost never shows dead bodies of young males, and the western media, being fed by Palestinian stringers, follow suit.*

The Hamas TV ("Al Aksa TV") and Al Jazeera show, 24 hours a day, repeated video clips with loud music, showing injured bloody children, including some body parts. Some injuries are real, some are not, but the videos are shown nonstop between every two news items. The news items themselves are often lies, but that really does not matter. What do matter are the video clips, edited like commercials, brainwashing a worldwide audience and a new generation of future terror sympathizers.

A video taken several years ago in Gaza has surfaced. The video documents an accidental explosion of a Hamas truck, carrying a large number of missiles, among celebrating Palestinians somewhere in Gaza. Many were killed and injured in this accident, and the pictures were devastating. There is no Israeli involvement whatsoever, and the event happened a few years ago. European networks, including France 2, are showing it now as evidence for the current "criminal" behavior of Israel.

The French channel apologized later, but the number of people who heard the apology is significantly fewer than those who saw the horrible pictures and believed the lies. In this case, at least, the hoax was delivered by Hamas and France 2 was apparently the victim, not the perpetrator, as it definitely was in well known previous cases.

Israel opens the border crossings daily, during the fighting, in order to provide basic food ingredients and medication to the civilian population. No one can remember such a gesture in any other war in history, certainly not toward the side that attacks only civilians and repeatedly announces that its only aim is to totally annihilate its opponent. Most of the supplies are captured by the Hamas terrorists and used for their own troops and their flourishing black market, never providing them in an organized way to the population. "UN sources" claim that not enough food is transmitted.

*That the Hamas murderers use these tactics, lies and methods, is not at all surprising. That the international community, with all its investigative reporters, swallows these lies so eagerly, without exposing them, is something which demands an explanation.*

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Rocket Fired From Gaza

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# Gaza Strategy: “The Time-out”

David Isaac

“War is hell,” said General William Tecumseh Sherman, famous for ravaging the South and burning Atlanta during the Civil War. Sherman’s statement seemed an inescapable reality until recently, with Israel’s foray into the Gaza Strip. Israelis are nothing if not inventive, and the people who discovered a blood test for diagnosing anxiety were bound to devise a way to make war less hellish. Their new method is called “Hafsakah,” or “Time-out.”

After conducting months of simulations with the IDF, where whole brigades would immediately stop what they were doing and sit down to play shesh besh, the army’s General Staff decided to go live with its time-out strategy during its Gaza campaign.

Last week, a special citation was pinned to the breast of Maj. Aaron Shish-Kebabofsky, the man responsible for the new stratagem. Major Shish-Kebabofsky, our readers may recall, became known as a military innovator early in his career while serving with distinction in the Duvdevon, a unit which conducts undercover operations against Arab terrorists.

In 2000, as his men jumped up to arrest a terrorist bridegroom during a wedding, it suddenly occurred to Shish-Kebabofsky that what they were doing wasn’t very nice and that they were, in fact, ruining the man’s wedding. Shish-Kebabofsky immediately released the terrorist, wished him a hearty Mazel Tov and ordered his men back to base.

The terrorist in question went on to murder 30 Israeli schoolchildren but Shish-Kebabofsky still proudly displays in his office the framed Hawaiian honeymoon postcard the bridegroom sent him in appreciation. “I would have stayed for the whole wedding,” said Maj. Shish-Kebabofsky, “but his family started shooting at us.”

Maj. Shish-Kebabofsky recently sat down with *Outpost* to discuss his new strategy:

**Outpost:** *Could you tell us a little bit about the origins of your idea?*

**Shish-Kebabofsky:** Growing up on a kibbutz in Northern Israel I used to play soccer with my friends all the time, every chance I got. And I remember this one day when my friend stubbed his toe on a rock and he yelled, “Time-out!” Everyone stopped while he nursed his toe. When he was better we started playing again. I didn’t realize it at the time but I think that’s where the kernel of the idea first came from.

**Outpost:** *Fascinating. But how does a soccer time-out translate to a military setting?*

**Shish-Kebabofsky:** As you know, war is more serious than soccer. In war, people are trying to kill you. For example, a couple of years ago in Lebanon we were storming a terrorist bunker and one of my men slipped and fell into a ditch. Before he could climb out a Hezbollah terrorist lobbed a grenade at him. The grenade

didn’t go off but it hit him right in the forehead leaving a nasty bump.

**Outpost:** *How awful.*

**Shish-Kebabofsky:** We almost had to medivac him to Ichilov hospital but he said he was okay. The whole episode was very upsetting. It’s still hard to talk about.

**Outpost:** *And this is what led you to devote your energies to time-outs?*

**Shish-Kebabofsky:** Exactly. I wanted to make war less war-ish. Right now we’re starting slow. You can’t expect things to change all at once. We bomb in the morning. Then we break around noon. It’s mainly for humanitarian relief but people can go shopping, get hair cuts, take a stroll, visit relatives, that sort of thing. It’s almost like there isn’t a war going on at all. Then we start up again at 3 p.m. and bomb right up until noon the next day.

**Outpost:** *That’s still a lot of bombing.*

**Shish-Kebabofsky:** Yes, that’s what I thought. So before we drop a bomb we distribute leaflets telling them we’re coming. We explain to the civilians that the big satellite dish on their roof isn’t a satellite dish at all, but an anti-aircraft gun and so unfortunately we have to blow it up. That gives them time to move out of the building and into the one next door. Many are happy to move because they were getting terrible satellite reception.

**Outpost:** *Such a wonderfully humane way to fight a war! Are there any disadvantages?*

**Shish-Kebabofsky:** No plan is perfect. For instance, when we drop the leaflets we are surprised to discover that the terrorists read them, too. So they also move into the building next door. That means we have to drop more leaflets and everyone moves out into still another building. It’s a vicious cycle and has led to overcrowding because in many of these buildings people are already living.

**Outpost:** *Otherwise, the time-outs are working?*

**Shish-Kebabofsky:** Well, yes and no. We’ve found that during the 3-hour time-outs people aren’t really going shopping, getting hair cuts, strolling about, and visiting relatives so much as booby trapping their homes, smuggling weapons, digging new tunnels and launching rockets. It’s almost as if they think the war is still on. What we really want is for them to understand it’s a time-out for both sides. I mean, they can do what they want with their time-out. We’re not dictating to them. If they want to use their time-out to attack us they can, it’s just not what we originally had in mind.

**Outpost:** *So there are still some kinks to work out.*

**Shish-Kebabofsky:** Yes, but we have time. We’ve reached a standoff since the terrorists moved into the hospital. We don’t bomb hospitals. Someone might get hurt.

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# Can Hillary Be Impartial in the Middle East? Big Question

Diana West

Nearly a decade ago, the kiss Hillary Clinton gave Suha Arafat after the wife of then-PLO leader Yasir Arafat finished publicly slandering Israel in front of the then-First Lady of the United States made many people seriously doubt Mrs. Clinton's support for Israel. So what about the millions and millions of dollars husband-Bill has since pocketed from some of Israel's—and America's—most virulent enemies?

That is just one of the urgent questions that the late-December release of the long-awaited list of nations, organizations and people who have ponied up nearly \$500 million for The William J. Clinton Foundation should have prompted the Senate to raise with Mrs. Clinton during her confirmation hearing to become Secretary of State. After all, Clinton & Clinton remain the power couple Hillary once described as a blue-plate special—two for the price of one. We, the people, however, had no advocate regarding our fundamental interest in the propriety and independence of the new Secretary of State. The US Senate chose to ignore the deep and disturbing and disqualifying conflicts of interest for Mrs. Clinton due to her husband's monetary ties to some of the worst despots in the world.

That won't stop us here. For example: One major conflict the Clinton foundation creates for Hillary is in regard to Saudi Arabia, among the Clinton foundation's largest donors. "The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" dropped \$10 million to \$25 million into the foundation's kitty, while the pro-Saudi advocacy group Friends of Saudi Arabia threw in another \$1 to \$5 million. (I won't even mention the assortment of Saudi individuals showering the foundation with moolah.)

How does Madame Secretary Clinton talk tough, clean and independent to "the Kingdom" with all that Saudi cash in her husband's foundational pockets? Whether she could in fact rise above the money flowing into the Clinton foundation coffers, she could not rise above it in appearance. And it is appearance here that counts for the good offices of the USA.

The problem is hardly limited to Saudi money. Many millions of dollars have come sloshing into the Clinton foundation from Oman, Kuwait, Qatar and other Persian Gulf nations, including as much as \$5 million from the Zayed family of the U.A.E. The Zayeds, as Jacob Laksin writing at *Frontpagemag.com* pointed out, have made headlines for past philanthropic acts related to a family think tank for anti-Semites, Holocaust deniers and *jihadists*.

Money pouring in from the Dubai Foundation—between \$1 and \$5 million—is at least as disquieting. Remember the furor when, in 2005, the Bush administration wanted to transfer security and manage-

ment of U.S. ports to Dubai Ports? That's a business owned by the Dubai Foundation, essentially a business owned by Dubai's ruler, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Bill Clinton still has non-foundation business dealings with Mohammed, along with supermarket magnate Ron Burkle, as the *Wall Street Journal* noted. This doesn't look good for Hillary—or for our country.

Naturally, there's more. For digging up somewhere between \$1 and \$5 million for Bill's foundation, Issam M. Fares presents another unfortunate association for the wife who will be secretary of state. Fares, a former Lebanese Deputy prime minister, is hot for Hezbollah and tight with Syria. The fact that he has ties to Republicans, donating \$100,000 to George W. Bush's 2000 inauguration and paying \$100,000 apiece for speeches by George Bush (the father) and James Baker, as reported by *Worldnetdaily.com*, doesn't help Mrs. C. Again, whether these are ties that would actually bind her, they would certainly trip her up in question marks.

I could go on. For instance, there's Clinton foundation donor Alibaba.com, a Chinese Internet company that the *Los Angeles Times* described as being "accused of collaborating with China's censorship of the Web." How's that for complicating a secretary of state's Chinese portfolio?

And then there's the Alavi Foundation. Writing at *Forbes.com*, Rachel Ehrenfeld reported that this group, which supports Iranian causes, gave the Clinton foundation between \$25,000 and \$50,000 on Dec. 19, 2008—the very day the Alavi Foundation's president, Farshid Jahedi, was indicted on federal charges related to a probe of the foundation's relationship with Iran's Bank Melli. (The donation, according to Ehrenfeld's report, also came two days after the U.S. Treasury Department designated Alavi's partner, the New York-based ASSA Corp., as a terrorist entity.) Both the Alavi Foundation and Bank Melli, Ehrenfeld reported, have been "recognized as procurement fronts for Iran's nuclear program," with Bank Melli being designated in 2007 as a terrorist entity.

The point is not to argue that Hillary Clinton is beholden to those among her husband's donors who run the gamut from unseemly to indicted. The point is that as Secretary of State, she would appear to be, and that appearance would lower her standing—and our country's—throughout the world. This is an extremely urgent and grave matter. Unfortunately—tragically—for the United States, the Senate saw fit to approach it with a rubber stamp.

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# Macmillan's Libelous Encyclopedia

(Editor's Note: Below are two items concerning the Encyclopedia of Race and Racism published—shockingly—by venerable publisher Macmillan. The first, somewhat abbreviated here, appeared on Canadian writer-editor Brian Henry's blog and invites readers to send letters of protest to the encyclopedia's editors. The second is one such letter—we hope readers will send more—sent by Professor Edward Alexander and writer Paul Bogdanor.)

## Macmillan Recycles Old Lies

Brian Henry

Next time your kids look up 'Zionism' in an encyclopedia, they may read that Israel is a racist state based on an ideology akin to Nazism. This article, recycling the old lie that Zionism is racism, appears in the new *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism* published by Macmillan Reference U.S.A.

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) notes that Noel Ignatiev, the author of the article, "has no track record of scholarship in Middle Eastern or Jewish studies." Earlier versions of Ignatiev's Zionism article appear in an obscure rag called *Race Traitor* and in *Counterpunch*, a self-described "muckraking" magazine notorious not just for Israel-bashing but for anti-Semitism.

The Macmillan Zionism entry shows none of the objectivity and scholarship you usually find in an encyclopedia, but it does have everything you'd expect from an article in *Counterpunch*: it's tendentious, offensive and wrong. Perhaps worst of all, the entry conflates Zionism and Nazism. Ignatiev claims that Zionism "shared the [Nazi] belief that the Jews were a racial community based on blood." Beyond the obvious falsehood here (i.e., that Zionists see Jews as a race), Ignatiev is implying that Zionists used the same language of race and blood as the Nazis and shared the same outlook as the Nazis. Indeed, he goes on to claim that Zionists "collaborated" with the Nazis. Why in the world did the editors choose Ignatiev to author this encyclopedia entry?

Worse, the AJC reports that John Hartwell Moore, the encyclopedia's editor-in-chief, defended the Zionism entry by suggesting that Zionism is racist because it embodies an idea of racial superiority based on the idea of Jews as a chosen people. That is, Moore defended the modern slander that Zionism is racism by reaching for an older anti-Jewish slander that Jews think of themselves as superior.

But although these notions of 'chosen-ness' as meaning superior and of Jews as a race have been widely spread by anti-Semites, they have no basis in Jewish reality.

The lies Ignatiev peddles in his Macmillan entry aren't new. They originated during the Cold War when the Soviets decided to use anti-Semitism in their efforts to orient the Third World against the West. Soviet propagandists manufactured the notion that Jewish nationalism is inherently racist and that Jews are the new Nazis, then spread this manure to Communists around the world and taught it to a generation of

potential Third World leaders. Mahmoud Abbas, for example, the current president of the Palestinian Authority, received his doctorate at a Soviet institution by writing a pseudo-academic thesis on supposed Zionist collaboration with the Nazis. For good measure, he added some Holocaust denial to his thesis, claiming the numbers killed were grossly exaggerated.

Macmillan has announced it will add alternative perspectives on Zionism to the on-line version of the encyclopedia alongside Ignatiev's propaganda piece. But treating lies and truth as equals subverts the very idea of knowledge. An encyclopedia is supposed to be a compendium of knowledge—not a hodgepodge of knowledge and nonsense.

Academics especially, but ordinary people too, need to insist to Macmillan Reference and its parent company, Gale Cengage Learning, that an entry on Zionism simply has no place in an encyclopedia of racism. Your concerns on this matter might be addressed to: Hélène Potter, director new product development for Macmillan Reference USA, [Helene.potter@cengage.com](mailto:Helene.potter@cengage.com), or to Frank Menchaca, executive vice president of Macmillan Reference USA, [frank.menchaca@cengage.com](mailto:frank.menchaca@cengage.com).

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## Dear Helene Potter and Frank Menchaca,

When one recalls that, over the centuries, such eminent thinkers as Denis Diderot, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and John Henry Newman devoted much time and labor to the ideal of integrity in encyclopedias, the heart sinks in reading the desperate apologia of John Moore for the propagandistic screed on Zionism that he commissioned for your *Encyclopedia of Racism*.

Since Ignatiev's outrageous polemic has already been torn to shreds by a number of scholars, I shall comment only on the exculpatory remarks of the party ultimately responsible for the outrage: Mr. Moore. (If an editor of *The Natural History of Iceland* is ready to pay for a chapter on "Snakes," he will eventually find a busy virtuoso to volunteer for the job.) Mr. Moore shifts the perspective of his appointed expert on Zionism from present to past by saying that Ignatiev "explains" how "the Zionists emphasized the chosen people theme" to gain political support. Now Moore, unlike Ignatiev, does at least know that the claim to chosenness is by no means peculiar to the Jews. (Indeed, he makes a great show of foolish erudition to indicate this.) But since, by his own admission, he does his abstruse research into what Jewish people believe by browsing "orthodox websites," he

remains entirely ignorant of the fact that most Zionists vigorously and persistently rejected the Jewish idea of "chosenness" in favor of "normalization" and becoming "a nation like other nations." That is precisely why a great many orthodox Jews condemned Zionism as a thinly-veiled form of assimilation.

What makes the Jewish version of chosenness, like the Jewish version of nationalism, uniquely abhorrent in Moore's view is that, via Zionism, it has "influenced the State of Israel to divide its citizens into racial categories and grant privileges to Jews while discriminating against others."

One feels very much like the patient schoolmaster in a school of idiots in responding to this calumny. Mapmakers must find it boring to place the Mississippi River always in the same location, flowing south from Lake Itasca in Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico; alas, boring or not, it must be done. All citizens of Israel, regardless of religion or ethnic origin, are equal before the law. That law accords full political, civil, and human rights to all its people, including the more than one million Arab citizens, some of whom serve in the Israeli parliament and cabinet. Israel also happens to be the only country in the world to have sought out and brought to its shores, entirely on its own initiative, tens of thousands of black Africans for purposes other than slavery, granting them full citizenship. There have never been apartheid laws in Israel. Jews and Arabs use the same buses, clinics, government offices, universities, theatres, restaurants, soccer fields, and beaches.

If the charge of racism (without which people like Moore would be rendered virtually speechless) is directed specifically against Israel's Law of Return, here are relevant aids to reflection and comparison.

The Armenian constitution seeks "the protection of Armenian historical and cultural values located in other countries" and permits individuals "of Armenian origin" to acquire citizenship through "a simplified procedure."

The Lithuanian constitution proclaims: "Everyone who is ethnically Lithuanian has the right to settle in Lithuania."

The Polish constitution stipulates: "Anyone whose Polish origin has been confirmed in accordance with statute may settle permanently in Poland."

And the Ukrainian constitution promotes "the consolidation and development of the Ukrainian nation" and provides for "the satisfaction of national and cultural and linguistic needs of Ukrainians residing beyond the borders of the State."

If the ire of Moore is aroused by Israel's being a Jewish state, why does he not direct it also against Britain, a Christian state, with an official Protestant church, a Protestant monarch, a Protestant state education system? Other Christian states with numerous non-Christian citizens are Denmark, Finland, Greece, and Norway. And let us not speak of all the states

whose names begin with "Islamic Republic of..." or "United Arab..."

If the blackening of Israel's name by the Ignatievs and Moores were merely another instance of what Hazlitt called "the ignorance of the learned," we could dismiss it with a sigh of disgust. Unfortunately, in the present climate of opinion, such defamations are something worse, and their authors are potential accessories to murder.

In the aftermath of the Mumbai barbarities, the Indian police have conjectured that probably none of the killers had ever seen a Jew or an Israeli before they took pains to find them (in a city of almost twenty million souls), torture them, and murder them. But they may well have heard or read declarations, even in encyclopedias, that Jews are racists and Israel the devil's own experiment station.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Alexander, Professor emeritus, University of Washington

Paul Bogdanor, writer

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## West Bank Story

(To The Tune Of Officer Krupke)

Ruth King

Dear Secretary Ban Ki  
You gotta understand,  
It's just the occupation

That gets us out of hand.  
Israel stole the money  
that we had in our pockets  
Golly Allah, natcherly we sent rockets.

Gee, President Sarko we're very upset;  
We never had the foie gras  
That ev'ry child aughta get.

We ain't no terrorists  
We're misunderstood.  
Deep down inside us there is good!

There is good, there is good,  
There is untapped good!  
Like inside, the worst of us is good!

Dear kindly Blair your Honor,  
Israel treats me rough.

They took away my Ipod  
That's why I'm so tough

I know you read the Koran  
And know that we want peace  
It's Israel that's the culprit

They're an infidel disease.

# Abbas = Hamas Redux

Ruth King

I haven't read von Clausewitz or Bismarck, but my hunch is that they would guffaw at the "(un)real politick" of some supporters of Israel who urge a victory against Hamas in order to prop up Fatah and re-structure alliances with "moderate" Arab nations like Jordan and Egypt.

Here is a perfect example from Jeffrey Goldberg, national correspondent for *The Atlantic*:

"The only small chance for peace today is the same chance that existed before the Gaza invasion: The moderate Arab states, Europe, the United States and, mainly, Israel, must help Hamas's enemy, Fatah, prepare the West Bank for real freedom, and then hope that the people of Gaza, vast numbers of whom are unsympathetic to Hamas, see the West Bank as an alternative to the squalid vision of Hassan Nasrallah and Nizar Rayyan...."

Why would any friend of Israel counsel her to expend blood and treasure in a war against terrorists in order to restore power to other terrorists whose goal remains Israel's destruction?

Why? Because Bernard Lewis, the great scholar of Islam, has contributed to this groupthink by asserting that anti-Semitism was exported by Europe to the Middle East and that there existed a golden era of comity between Jews and Arabs. Moshe Sharon, Mordechai Nissan, Raphael Israeli, Moshe Gil, Gisele Bat'Ye'or, Andrew Bostom and Saul S. Friedman have meticulously documented centuries of Arab/Islamic hatred of Jews and the stated Arab goal of removing every Jew from Palestine from the time of the Arab conquests.

Why? Because Max Boot, Michael Oren, Charles Krauthammer, Bernard Lewis and others cling to the delusion that there is anything left to salvage in the Oslo agreements or the "road map" with so called "peace partners." Especially astonishing, Charles Krauthammer recommends placement of "international monitors" until Fatah gains control of Gaza.

Only two years ago such international monitors were placed in Lebanon to monitor the disarming of Hezbollah. They have "monitored" its massive re-arming and takeover of much (some say all) of Lebanon.

If one follows the Osloist road map, the outcome is another Gaza in Judea, Samaria and the Go-

lan. Giving the enemy high ground where a telescope has all Israel's cities and towns in target range is nuts. The tunnels that brought advanced arms to Gaza would be burrowed in the outlying hills of the so-called West Bank under the noses of "observers" and a supine and terrified Kinglet of Jordan.

Robert Spencer, the author of numerous books on Islam, lays out the machinations of the "political" arm of Jihad: faux secularism, western garb, moderate talk, double talk (in Arab the truth, in English the deception), lots of hand wringing and bonhomie to disarm Western leaders. Enter Mahmoud/Abbas/AbuMazen/terrorist, holocaust denier/Arafat in a suit.

Gentlemen and scholars! Stop nurturing the hallucination that one set of Arab jihadists is more moderate than the previous set, or the one before that—all the way back to the seventh century. Stop flogging the notion that Arab/Islamic ideology can be made democratic and moderate and tolerant of a "Zionist entity" in the Middle East. And, finally, please acknowledge the real enemy of the Jews and all non Moslems. It is *Jihad*.

Take a sober look at Turkey, long the poster nation for Moslem moderation and democracy, where *Sharia* (and the most vicious anti-Semitism) has reared its ugly head. Read V.S. Naipaul on Iran to learn how a secular and progressive nation became Ayatollahland.

There is an old saw that says: "If you want to know what a person is thinking, listen to him."

Here is what the *New York Times* reports on what was said at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, the locus of Islamic law and faith on January 9, 2009:

"Muslim brothers" said the government appointed preacher, sheik Eid Abdel Hamid Youssef:

"God has inflicted the Muslim nation with a people whom God has become angry at and whom he cursed so he made monkeys and pigs out of them. They killed prophets and messengers and sowed corruption on Earth. They are the most evil on Earth."

This genocidal hatred inflames Moslems in the Middle East, in Europe, in Asia and Africa and within our own country. That is what scholars and pundits and journalists should be writing about and not some theory that is to strategy and politics what leeches and poultices are to an epidemic.

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as a member of the coalition government led by the Christian Democrats, has issued a position paper calling for an end to the "failed model of Dutch 'tolerance.'" In the words of the Labor position paper: "The mistake we can never repeat is stifling criticism of cultures and religions for reasons of tolerance."

Lilianne Ploumen, Labor's chairperson, de-

clared forthrightly that instead of offering tolerance, the government strategy should be "bringing our values into confrontation with people who think otherwise" and real punishment for troublemakers so that they do not emerge as big shots when they emerge from jail. Instead of adopting the tired multi-culti line, Ploumen puts the onus squarely on immigrants to transform

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themselves if they want to live in Holland. "Integration calls on the greatest effort from the new Dutch. Let go of where you come from; choose the Netherlands unconditionally." Ploumen is blunt: "The success of the integration process is hindered by the disproportionate number of non-natives involved in criminality and trouble-making, by men who refuse to shake hands with women, by burqas and separate courses for women on citizenship."

In the ultimate offense against Political Correctness, Ploumen adds: "Hurting feelings is allowed, and criticism of religion, too."

## Our Dhimmi Textbooks

If Holland shows signs of cultural self-assertion, the opposite is true here. Columnist Tony Blankley reports on an important new book *The Trouble with Textbooks—Distorting History and Religion* by Gary Tobin and Dennis Ybarra. The Moslem lobby has shown itself especially adept in shaping textbook publishing. Indeed the founder of the Council on Islamic Education, the chief Moslem vetter of U.S. textbooks, calls his work a "bloodless revolution—inside American junior high and high school classrooms."

The end result? Islamic traditions are treated as undisputed historical facts while Christian and Jewish religious traditions are stories attributed to a source. The authors cite the textbook *Holt World History* which says that Moses "claimed to receive the Ten Commandments from God," while "Mohammed received the Koran from God." *Pearson's World Civilizations* says that Jesus is "believed by Christians to be the Messiah" while Mohammed "received revela-

tions from Allah." McDougal Littell *World Cultures and Geography* says that "Christians believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah" but the Quran "is the collection of God's revelations to Muhammad." Over and over Christianity and Judaism are described as mere notions of their believers, Islam as historical truth.

And Blankley notes, these same textbooks describe recent Israeli/Palestinian history in a manner consistent with Yasser Arafat's version of events, not with anything approaching historical accuracy.

The triumph of Islam over the interests and traditions of 275 million non-Muslims is only one especially troubling aspect of the systematic distortions in our textbooks. *The Trouble with Textbooks*, Blankley says, is a wake-up call to the parents of America to fight back to reinsert the truth of our history in our children's textbooks and classrooms.

## The Chief Target in Mumbai

As the Mumbai tragedy unfolded, *The New York Times*, in an especially flagrant demonstration of asininity (even for the *Times*) questioned if the terrorists had stumbled on the Chabad Center by accident.

Interrogation of the sole surviving terrorist has revealed that "Nariman House [the Chabad Center], not the Taj [Mahal hotel] was the prime target." A senior police official reported that Mohammed Amir Ajmal, the surviving terrorist, told police that the terrorists' team leader, Ismail Khan, emphasized that Nariman House was the most important target and that even if the others failed in their operation "The Nariman House operation has to be a success." Asked why this was the case, Ajmal told the police "they wanted to send a message to Jews across the world."

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