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Report From Israel

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My wife and I were in Israel from mid-April to mid-May on our semi-annual monthly visit. In that time I was able to oversee the creation of AFSI's new website in Hebrew, entitled *Maspik Vedai*—"Enough, already!" While *Outpost* has long been distributed in Israel and we have had a chapter there chaired by William Mehlman (whose trenchant articles are familiar to readers of *Outpost*), this is the first time we have a program of outreach in Hebrew.

Through *Maspik Vedai* we hope to mobilize Israelis at the grassroots to demand better from their government. The website, which is highly professional and beautifully designed by former Member of the Knesset Michael Kleiner's staff, focuses on the need to combat corruption in government, broadly understood. It includes not just what the public means by corruption—elected officials with hands in the till—but an intertwined political corruption, where individuals are "bribed," by means other than money, for political purposes and where institutions—Israel's Supreme Court is a good example—seize power that belongs to other branches of government.

While non-Hebrew speakers will not be able to use most of the website, which offers news, relevant articles, lists of suggested reading material and videos, there is one segment I strongly recommend to everyone. Go to the site, www.maspikvedai.co.il, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the second link from the left ("kittei itonot" or press clippings) and then click on the picture of the projector. You will see video of a parade of Israeli politicians on the Knesset floor, explaining why they are voting for the Gaza "disengagement," with English translations at the bottom of the screen. That includes Benjamin Netanyahu saying "Let there be no mistake, I will support the disengagement plan" and then actually voting for it. (He has since tried to rewrite history to cast himself as someone who always warned against and opposed the plan.) The Likud's Yuval Steinitz (then head of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee!) says "I think this plan is trustworthy—it has a good chance of im-

proving our geo-strategic position." The Likud's Meir Shitreet scoffs: "Some argue that there will be a threat to Negev communities. I have never heard such a ridiculous claim." Shaul Mofaz, who as Defense Minister and former chief of staff should have known better, says: "I am convinced the process is necessary and correct. It will give more security to citizens."

How wrong they all were. In any rational country that replaced rather than recycled failed politicians, these men would all be in private life now, embarrassed to be seen in public. Instead they continue in leadership roles. As for their victims, I visited Nitzanim where land has finally been allocated for 800 families who have been without permanent housing since they were evicted by the Sharon government from their homes in Gush Katif. Despite the government promises of restitution at the time, I was informed by their spokesman Dror Vanunu that residents will have to pay for their housing without government help.

I made my regular trip to Hebron where Beit Hashalom (see the December 2008 *Outpost* for the full background) remains empty as a result of a court order evicting the families who lived there. I was told the legal cost of fighting the government's efforts to prevent the community's use of the building were high.

Finally I met with Minister of Infrastructure Uzi Landau, Minister for Strategic Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister Moshe Yaalon and Arie' Eldad, Member of the Knesset for the National Union (which is not in the government coalition). They all felt that there were countervailing pressures (to those exerted by Obama and Labor, from within the coalition) exercised by elements in the Likud that might stiffen Prime Minister Netanyahu's spine. That Netanyahu did not cave in his meeting with Obama suggests they are right. •

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From the Editor

AIPAC Against Israel

In this issue Dan Greenfield says all that needs to be said about the (third) state President Obama (like Bush before him) is intent on creating within the territory of Mandatory Palestine. It is, simply put, a weapon for Israel's destruction. Prime Minister Netanyahu, fully aware of this, has (so far) resisted pressures to endorse the phony "two state solution." Yet AIPAC, which ends its annual conference with a mass lobbying effort in which thousands of participants spread out across Capitol Hill to meet their Congressional representatives, this year sent forth its masses to urge Congress to press Obama (as if he needed pressing) for a "viable Palestinian state." If this is AIPAC's idea of "advancing American-Israeli interests" (supposedly its *raison d'être*) both Israel and the U.S. would be better off without AIPAC.

Unrequited Love

Caroline Glick provides another example of the pervasive unreality in which so many Israelis live (making them fantasize that all that stands between them and peace with the Arab world is "the settlements.") She reports that Israelis "are wild about Europe" with 76% of the country's Jews wishing to join the EU. Needless to say, the love is unrequited. As Glick points out, a 2003 Pew survey of 15 EU countries showed that 59% of Europeans considered Israel the greatest threat to world peace and a poll taken in Germany a year later found 68% of Germans believed Israel is pursuing a war of extermination against the Palestinians and 51% found no significant difference between Israel's treatment of the Palestinians and German treatment of Jews during the Holocaust.

What Israelis also fail to appreciate is just how disastrous membership in the EU would be. Presently EU courts lack power to enforce their rulings against Israelis (as long as they don't go to Europe they won't be arrested). But were Israel to join the EU, EU laws would supersede Israeli laws. Glick writes: "European courts could compel Israeli courts to enforce their rulings. Israel, in short, would find itself subsumed in a hostile political entity that could simply adjudicate and legislate it out of existence."

From Feith to Brooks

When the ghost of his father first appears to Hamlet, he laments "O Hamlet, what a falling-off was there!" referring to his wife's replacing him with his evil brother. The words seem apposite, now that the intellectually formidable Douglas Feith, undersecretary of defense for policy under Bush, has been replaced by Michelle Flournoy and her light-weight adviser, Rosa Brooks, a crude anti-Bush polemicist who has called Bush "our torturer in chief," described Bush and Cheney as "psychotics who need treatment" and has

urged "direct government support for public media" and government licensing of news outlets. L. Brent Bozell, president of the Media Research Center, responded to that last hideous proposal: "The day that the government gets involved in the news media you see the end of the democratic process, because an independent news media is absolutely essential to the success of a democracy."

Ayres at Brandeis

In the October 2008 *Outpost* we published H. Peter Metzger's "Brandeis: School for Terrorists?" which detailed how Brandeis has provided a sanctuary for more extreme radicals than any other university in America. Brandeis is at it again, having invited unrepentant terrorist Bill Ayres to speak on campus. Responding to protests, Brandeis spokesman Dennis Nealon self-righteously announced: "This is about freedom of educational opportunity."

Not surprisingly, Israel falls victim to Brandeis's "progressive" posturing. In 2006 the university gave playwright Tony Kushner an honorary doctorate. As writer Marilyn Penn points out, he's the fellow "who called Israel's founding a 'mistake,' referred to the country as a 'disgrace' and to its American Jewish supporters as 'repulsive.' It was an odd choice of honoree for a university founded by Jews and named after a great American Zionist and Supreme Court Justice." A year earlier, Penn reports, Brandeis picked up a Ford grant of \$500,000 to develop a formal relationship with Al Quds University in Jerusalem—Al Quds, on its website, denies any historical connection of Jews to Jerusalem.

Jewish parents would do a great deal better sending their children to Hillsdale College than to Brandeis.

UNESCO Honors Book Banning

In the *Wall Street Journal* (May 1), writing from Beirut where he is a visiting professor at the American University, William Marling notes the irony that Beirut has been named UNESCO's 2009 "World Book Capital City" (with the occasion kicked off with a variety of *(continued on page 11)*)

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Who Needs A Palestinian State?

Daniel Greenfield

Everyone, and by "everyone" I mean the denizens of Washington D.C.'s and Brussels' government buildings, agrees that we need a Palestinian state. Chiming in with their "Yes" votes are the dictators of a dozen Arab states who agree that the only thing that will fix the region is adding another Arab dictatorship and subtracting the region's one democracy.

But who actually needs a Palestinian state? Or rather a second Palestinian state. The first Palestinian state, commonly called Jordan, was carved out of the Palestine Mandate and equipped with a refugee ruler from the Hashemite royal family in what is now Saudi Arabia. Today Jordan exists mainly under the protection of the U.S. and Israel, and its population of Palestinian Arabs is a seething mass of Muslim extremists currently enjoying a 30 percent unemployment rate, where the majority of the population supports Osama Bin Laden at a higher rate than even Pakistan.

But Jordan is heaven on earth compared to the Second Palestinian State that the Obama Administration is determined to inflict on Israel. Ruled by mutually hostile armed gangs loyal to either the Fatah or Hamas terrorist groups, Palestine 2.0 has been a failed state for over a decade. Every attempt at foreign investment has failed. The ruins of industrial zones, greenhouses and even a casino dot the landscape. Palestinian Arab Christians from overseas who returned to build up the economy fled quickly in the face of relentless shakedowns, kidnappings and militia gangs masquerading as law enforcement.

The vast majority of Palestinian Arabs work for two employers, UNRWA and the Palestinian Authority, which in turn is funded by foreign donors. Work for the Palestinian Authority usually means belonging to a militia gang which is loyal to a particular figure in the PA leadership, who in turn passes that loyalty on to the current "government." With little to do, the gangs spend their free time dealing drugs, carrying out terrorist attacks and collecting protection money from their town's remaining stores.

For 17 years, Israel, America and just about every interested party has tried to build a Palestinian state. They provided weapons and training to build a modern Palestinian police force. They sent advisers and fortunes in economic aid, thousands per Palestinian Arab. Billions in funds from the EU, America and various do-gooders were swallowed up to fund the lavish lifestyles of Arafat and his henchmen.

Year after year, the proposed Palestinian state has become a worse place. Given its own military, political, legal and economic system, "Palestine" has made the region more unstable than ever. Proposing

that more of this will stabilize the region is akin to a man setting fire to one piece of furniture after another in his living room, and claiming that when the entire room is on fire, it will be a safe place to live.

So I ask again, who needs a Palestinian state? If the Palestinian Arabs really wanted a state (a second state) in Gaza, the West Bank and Eastern Jerusalem, they could have had it before 1967, when those territories were in Arab hands. Instead the PLO back then called for no Palestinian state and the destruction of Israel. As Clinton discovered to his chagrin at the end of his term, Arafat did not want a state and was not interested in an Israeli offer that gave him 99 percent of what he said he wanted. Is it any surprise that Hamas today follows the same party line?

And really why would they want a Palestinian state? If a state was actually created, the UNRWA would have to close up shop. A Palestinian state could no longer rely on foreign donors to fund the hundred thousand or so armed gangsters who form its "government" and its only real form of employment. And the same Muslim states who pass along "charity" to help fund the "martyr operations" that are behind much of the local terrorism would turn elsewhere.

Instead for 17 years the same tired opera has been playing in the region's one theater. First the world's statesmen and diplomats descend on Israel, crying that the only hope for regional stability is a Palestinian state. Israeli diplomats arrive with a generous territorial offer, counterbalanced by a second clause that asks for an end to terrorism.. That second clause is immediately ignored by everyone in the room.

Next the Palestinian Authority diplomats arrive demanding twice as much land, no more border security preventing terrorists from entering Israel, half of Israel's capital, contiguous borders that would cut Israel in half, the ethnic cleansing of all Jews from territories claimed by them—and finally the return of the "refugees," which is code for unlimited immigration from their proposed Palestinian State into Israel.

The Israelis make a counteroffer. The statesmen and diplomats accuse Israel of rejecting peace. The Palestinian Arabs begin carrying out terrorist attacks again (assuming they even bothered to stop during the negotiations). Israel bombs the terrorists. The statesmen and diplomats accuse Israel of perpetuating the cycle of violence, and urge everyone to go back to the negotiating table and the whole "Cycle of Peacemaking" repeats itself all over again.

The Palestinian ruling powers derive their authority from two forces:

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1. The Muslim desire to destroy Israel as an infidel state whose existence contradicts Islam. This keeps the money and arms flowing in to the different factions, as well as provides popular support by Arabs.

2. Western and Israel diplomats who keep trying to create a Palestinian state out of the bizarre notion that such a state would bring the terrorism to an end. Like all *Dhimmi* behaviors in regard to Islam, they ignore the fact that the short term goal of terrorism is terrorism. The long term goal of terrorism is to conquer and hold the territory of the terrorized. Palestinian nationalism has always been a crock, a transparently phony justification for terrorism that has always come before nationalism. Palestine was never a country or a state. It was the name given by the Roman occupation forces to a region they were administering, a region far larger than modern day Israel. There was never an Arab Palestinian king or ruler until Arafat.

Nearly two decades of terrorism have turned the endless rounds of peace negotiations into a joke. Half the Palestinian Authority is now ruled by the Iranian backed Hamas terrorist group, which insists it will never recognize or accept permanent peace with Israel—a state of affairs that never would have come into being had Israel not completely withdrawn from Gaza in the first place.

So once again, who wants or needs a Palestinian state?

Israel did not come into being out of pity for the millions of Jews killed in the Holocaust. Nor did it come into being thanks to U.S. aid or support. Both of these are common myths.

The State of Israel was in place well before the Holocaust, in the form of an embryonic country of farmers who drained the swamps, businessmen who set up shops, journalists who printed newspapers, and soldiers who trained to protect and defend their homeland. When the UN recognized Israel, it simply accepted the *fait accompli* that Israel existed and was capable of taking care of itself, which it proved by fighting the armies of the surrounding Arab nations to a standstill. It did it without U.S. military aid, which only came into the picture much later with the Kennedy administration. It did it, because the people of Israel genuinely wanted their own state and worked to make it happen.

By 1942, 17 years after the Palestine Mandate, the Jews of Israel had built a thriving country, from power generators to vast stretches of farmland, from a revived language to the Technion, created in 1924 and considered one of the leading electrical engineering and computer science schools in the world.

Seventeen years after Oslo, the Palestinian Arabs have built nothing but death and destruction. Worse yet they've taken everything that was given to them and turned it into either a weapon or a bribe. Not

even the most liberally minded thinker can point to anything in the Palestinian Authority leadership that suggests that they're capable of running a functional state. Which is why that same species will naturally duck the question and begin blaming Israel instead.

The two state solution is not a formula for any kind of stability or end to the violence. It's meant to take the violence to a whole new level. It is a formula for the destruction of Israel. Seventeen years of peacemaking by Israelis has produced 17 years of terrorism by the Palestinian Arabs. Everything sowed on the Palestinian Authority, from money to guns, from autonomy to infrastructure, have come up as dragon's teeth.

Palestine is not a state. Palestine is a gun aimed at the head of Israel with one goal, its destruction. Palestine is a gun aimed at the head of every Jew in the world, legitimizing the worst and ugliest kinds of bigotry. Palestine is an imaginary place given form as a vicious myth, brainwashing generation after generation of Jordanian and

Egyptian Arabs to call themselves Palestinians and kill and die in the name of perpetuating a second Holocaust, all for the glory of Allah, Mohammed, Marx, not to mention Saddam Hussein, Ahmadinejad, the House of Saud, and every cause and ruler with an interest in toppling Israel into the dust.

Palestine is death. It exists as a form of living death by people taught to see themselves as willing martyrs to the bomb belt from birth. It breathes death, celebrates death, teaches death and preaches death. It is the final ugly end of the hatred and cruelty bottled up in the Arab and Islamic dictatorships of the region. It is the true face of Islam and its shining reflection in the mirror of the Western press and diplomats is the true measure of their *Dhimmitude*.

The cult of death in Palestine and the war against Israel is only a preview for the West of things to come. Palestine is not a place; it is hate and homicide boiled down into myth. Palestine is not only in Israel. It is in Paris and London. It is in Madrid and Detroit. It is in Sydney and Moscow. It is everywhere that the toxic brew of Muslim fanaticism and Arab nationalism flows. Its flag is the flag of death. Its constitution is a death warrant for every free nation. Its legislature is a smug coven of obese terrorist chieftains sending their followers off to death with the promise of virgin demons fornicating with them in Paradise.

Palestine 2.0 is a monster with only one purpose, to create Holocaust 2.0. That is who needs a Palestinian state. That is why the far left and the far right are both hell-bent on bringing one into being. Accepting the two state solution means accepting death. Rejecting it means embracing life.

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Geyser of Peace Erupts!

David Isaac

"My experiences have taught me that peace is not necessarily the result of detailed negotiations or map-design. Peace bursts from the soil like a geyser. It is beautiful to behold and impossible to contain."

—Shimon Peres, President of Israel in May 4, 2009 speech to AIPAC conference

JENIN - This morning on Mount Gilboa overlooking the sleepy suicide bomber capital of the world, a miracle has occurred. A geyser of peace has erupted. The geyser announced itself at 6:04 am local time with a rumbling that knocked local goat herder Ali Wali Mufti Tufti off his donkey.

"First I was on the donkey, then I was off the donkey," recalled Ali Wali Mufti Tufti at a press conference.

The geyser, now known as Peace Geyser, shoots a boiling jet stream to a height of 500 feet every 92 minutes, instantly making it one of the largest geysers on the planet.

World leaders did not know how to respond to the eruption. Environmentalist Al Gore was the first to try and explain the phenomenon, labeling it "a dangerous harbinger of climate change." But his remarks lost much of their steam when it was pointed out that the climate is above ground and the geyser was below ground.

Until 10 a.m., no one could explain the geyser. "It was inexplicable," said Israeli MK Benny Begin, former Director of the Israel Geological Survey. "Geysers only exist in a few places on earth. You need water, heat, air vents. There was nothing like that on Mount Gilboa. I was stumped. Then I read the speech and it all made sense."

The speech to which Begin referred was given by Israeli President Shimon Peres to The American-Israel Public Affairs Committee two weeks earlier. Peres, already lauded for his visionary rhetoric, foretold, "Peace bursts forth from the soil like a geyser. It is beautiful to behold and impossible to contain."

"The geyser is no longer just a geyser. It's Biblical prophecy," said Allison Lotus Sutra Gupta Cohen, a popular Buddhist nun in the San Francisco area who credits the geyser for her split-second decision to reconvert back to Judaism. "Moses brought forth water from a rock. Peres brought forth a geyser from a hill. It's basically the same thing if you think about it."

Former nun, soon-to-be rabbi Cohen's reaction was typical of all who heard about the Peace Geyser and its foretelling by the Israeli president. The news, which has dominated the conversation on social networking sites, twitters and blogs, as well as discussions around water coolers, gym treadmills and sidewalk cafes, has sparked an almost messianic fervor.

People who had never heard of Shimon Peres claim kinship. "Hey, his name's Perez. My name's Perez. Of course, we're related," said Cookie Perez, as he served a fish taco to Cohen across from The Fisherman's Wharf.

Indeed, it seems the only person to have nothing nice to say about Shimon Peres is Rael Jean Isaac, editor of *Outpost*, the monthly periodical of Americans for A Safe Israel, a reactionary anti-geyser group. "I don't care if two geysers came out of that mountain. That man is an idiot," she said, hanging up during a phone interview.

Asked to comment on her response, the only one of its kind, former Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Sallie Meridor said, "Listen, you'll always have some hold-outs. I mean, there's still a Flat Earth Society. The point is that 99.99% of the world thinks Shimon Peres is a great man with divine powers. Why focus on some kook?"

It is still too early to tell what, if any, will be the lasting effects of the geyser. But early indicators seem to bear out Shimon Peres's vision as laid out in his 1994 book, *The New Middle East*, which Henry Holt & Co. now expects to outsell all the Harry Potter books put together. In his book, Peres foretells of a regional superstructure, providing security and economic prosperity "for all people and all nations of the Middle East."

"The people of Jenin are superstitious by nature," complained Abdul Rub A Dub Dub, chief of the Islamic Jihad terror squad in Jenin. "Since that waterspout came out of the ground, they all stay in their homes. We had a big bombing planned today and we had to cancel. Everyone starts to think maybe the next geyser comes right through their living room. They start to think maybe the Jews are right."

In a hastily called meeting of the Arab League, the mood was grim. "It really looks like peace," said Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian National Authority. "I suggested we put a giant rock over the geyser in the League Council today. I was laughed out of the hall. Nobody wants to take on the geyser. Nobody. It's too big," he said, admitting that the Holocaust happened.

One topic of concern was a second comment Peres made during the same speech to AIPAC, in which he said, "A tsunami of hope is rolling across the globe." The members of the Arab League, many of whom reside in coastal cities, wanted to know if this meant they were going to be washed out to sea. "Why are we even holding this meeting in Cairo?" shouted Saudi King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz, referring to the city's proximity to the Mediterranean. "This is madness!"

Events in Israel were no less dramatic with



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu immediately stepping down in favor of President Shimon Peres, a move that is actually illegal according to Israeli law. The prime minister waved off concerns. "In this country, the PM does whatever he wants. And right now I don't want to be PM," he said, packing his suitcase.

On his first day in office, Prime Minister Shimon Peres was full of grace and humility, 'I've

reached a stage where I'm really an independent political figure. Nobody can take away from what I've done, and nobody can add to what I need." Asked for another prophecy, he intoned, "Peace will burst forth like a volcano." The remark has caused widespread panic in Hawaii.

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Obama's Latest Calculated Move Against The Jewish State

Anne Bayefsky

In advance of Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to the United States, President Obama unveiled a new strategy for throwing Israel to the wolves. It takes the form of enthusiasm for the United Nations and international interlopers of all kinds. Instead of ensuring strong American control over the course of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations or the Arab-Israeli peace process, the Obama administration is busy inserting an international mob between the U.S. and Israel. The thinking goes: If Israel doesn't fall into an American line, Obama will step out of the way, claim his hands are tied, and let the U.N. and other international gangsters have at their prey.

It began May 11 with the adoption of a so-called presidential statement by the U.N. Security Council. Such statements are not law, but they must be adopted unanimously—meaning that U.S. approval was essential and at any time Obama could have stopped its adoption. Instead, he agreed to this: "The Security Council supports the proposal of the Russian Federation to convene, in consultation with the Quartet and the parties, an international conference on the Middle East peace process in Moscow in 2009."

This move is several steps beyond what the Bush administration did in approving Security Council resolutions in December and January—which said only that "The Security Council welcomes the Quartet's consideration, in consultation with the parties, of an international meeting in Moscow in 2009." Apparently Obama prefers a playing field with 57 members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, 22 members of the Arab League—most of whom don't recognize the right of Israel to exist—and one Jewish state. A great idea—if the purpose is to ensure Israel comes begging for American protection.

The U.N. presidential statement also makes laudatory references to another third-party venture, the 2002 Arab "Peace" Initiative. That's a Saudi plan to force Israel to retreat to indefensible borders in advance of what most Arab states still believe will be a

final *putsch* down the road. America's U.N. ambassador, Susan Rice, announced to the Security Council that "we intend to integrate the Arab Peace Initiative into our own approach."

Make no mistake: This U.N. move, made with U.S. approval, sets America on a well-calculated collision course with Israel. U.S. collusion on this presidential statement was directly at odds with Israel's wishes and well-founded concerns about the U.N.'s bona fides on anything related to Israel. Israeli U.N. ambassador Gabriella Shalev issued a statement of

Israel's position: "Israel does not believe that the involvement of the Security Council contributes to the political process in the Middle East. This process should be bilateral and left to the parties themselves. Furthermore, the timing of this Security Council meeting is inappropriate as the Israeli government is in the midst of conducting a policy review,

prior to next week's visit by Prime Minister Netanyahu to the United States...Israel shared its position with members of the Security Council."

By contrast, Rice told reporters: "We had a very useful and constructive meeting thus far of the Council. We welcome Foreign Minister Lavrov's initiative to convene the Council, and we're very pleased with the constructive and comprehensive statement that will be issued by the president of the Council on the Council's behalf. This was a product of really collaborative, good-faith efforts by all members of the Council, and we're pleased with the outcome."

The Obama administration's total disregard of Israel's obvious interest in keeping the U.N. on the sidelines was striking. Instead of reiterating the obvious—that peace will not come if bigots and autocrats are permitted to ram an international "solution" down the throat of the only democracy at the table—Rice told the Council: "The United States cannot be left to do all the heavy lifting by itself, and other countries... must do all that they can to shore up our common efforts." In a break with decades of U.S. policy, the Obama strategy is to energize a U.N. bad cop so that the U.S. might assume the role of good cop—for a price.

On May 12 the Obama administration did it again: It ran for a seat on the U.N. Human Rights Council. As expected, the administration won election

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to represent the Council's Western European and Others Group—it was a three-state contest for three spaces.

The Council is most famous, not for protecting human rights, but for its obsession with Israel. In its three-year history it has:

- adopted more resolutions and decisions condemning Israel than condemning the 191 other U.N. members combined;
- entrenched an agenda with only ten items, one permanently reserved for condemning Israel and another for condemning any other U.N. state that might "require the Council's attention";
- held ten regular sessions on human rights, and five special sessions to condemn only Israel;
- insisted on an investigator with an open-ended mandate to condemn Israel, while all other investigators must be regularly renewed;
- spawned constant investigations on Israel and abolished human-rights investigations (launched by its predecessor, the Commission on Human Rights) into Belarus, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

Moreover, every morning before the Human Rights Council starts, all states—and even observers like the Palestinians—get together in their regional blocs for an hour to negotiate, share information, and

determine positions. All, that is, except Israel. The Western European and Others Group refuses to give Israel full membership. Now the U.S. will be complicit in this injustice.

Joining the Council has one immediate effect on U.S.-Israel relations: It gives the Obama administration a new stick to use against Israel. Having legitimized the forum through its membership and participation, the U.S. can now attempt to extract concessions from Israel in return for American objections to the Council's constant anti-Israel barrage.

Obama administration officials may believe they can put the lid back on Pandora's box after having invited the U.N., Russia, the Arab League, and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to jump into the process of manufacturing a Palestinian state while Israel is literally under fire. If so, they have badly miscalculated. By making his bed with countries that have no serious interest in democratic values, the president has made our world a much more dangerous place.

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Footprints

Norman Landerman-Moore

I saw the flash and began the count, one-one thousand, two-one thousand, then heard the sharp report of the adversaries' rifle. About 750 yards, I calculated. We need to move closer! I signaled Arista to move out to our left. It was a slow crawl through the Lebanese scrub brush. The flash and crackle of another shot came, from the same location. A few more yards, I thought, then, we would be in position.

Crawling flat on our bellies, Arista and I slowly approached a small rise and then waited. I signaled Arista that we would fire on the next flash. After a few seconds the flash came. I adjusted slightly lower, sight on the spot, and squeezed the trigger. Arista followed by letting go with a full clip of eight rounds in less than five seconds. We waited for counter fire but none came.

After about ten minutes we carefully made our way toward the enemy position. Sooner than anticipated, we were on the sniper's nest and confirmed the kill...one less enemy of freedom. His buddies, if there were any, had departed.

We were part of a U.S. Marine expedition sent to Lebanon by President Eisenhower in 1958. Joe

Arista and I had been partners for some time, having first met when we volunteered for Marine Recon training. The schooling was rigorous. We were introduced to tactics and fighting methods that were not the norm, at least not what we had experienced when we served in a regular Marine Rifle Company. Our tasking ranged from guerilla tactics, mapping, spotting for artillery, and calling in air strikes on selected targets to insertion behind enemy lines to engage in sabotage, gain intelligence on infrastructure, enemy strength, positions and movements. Then there was sniper work, still in its infancy as a legitimate role for fighting Marines. The theme of one shot, one kill was instilled in us.

What I did not know was that Arista and I, and many like us, were beneficiaries of the pioneering efforts of a unique man by the name of Orde Charles Wingate, who had been dedicated to assisting Jews living in and settling Palestine during the 1930's and 40's. He taught Moshe Dayan tactics to defeat marauding Arabs with stealth and resolve. Wingate's fighting and tactical skills were the foundation for the effectiveness of the Haganah and the military doctrines adopted by the Israeli Defense Forces. His fighting prose and doctrines would eventually cascade to the United States Marine Corps, Army and Navy. Through Wingate, Israeli and American warriors were learning how to carry the fight to the enemy and de-



Orde Wingate

stroy him in unconventional ways.

In a general sense, little is known of this man, whose Hebrew nickname is "*Hayedid*," meaning, "the friend." Oh yes, one may Google the name, and surf reference material that pops up on the screen. But relatively few know of the life and dedication of this man, a British subject, who devoted his creative warrior talents to the defense of Zionism and the restoration of Jews to their ancient and sacred homeland.

Orde Charles Wingate, a Scot, was born on February 26, 1903, the son of a British officer and a religious Christian mother, in Naini Tal, India. His youthful exposure to religious teachings included a strong belief in the restoration of Jews to their homeland. As part of this belief, he was taught that British peoples and many who had immigrated to America were descendents of the lost tribes, carrying the blood of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

In 1921, when Wingate was 18, he was accepted to the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, England. He began a serious study of Arabic and Semitics and in 1923 became a gunnery officer. A few years later, young Wingate received an assignment to the Sudan to patrol the Abyssinian border to interdict slave traders and ivory poachers. He introduced a system of ambushing in place of standard British patrolling with its regularity, exposure, and easy discovery by the enemy. This was the beginning of irregular, and at the time, controversial tactics that would give advantage to small fighting units pitted against a vastly larger military body.

As a Captain of military intelligence, Wingate was ordered to Palestine. His assignment was to gather intelligence on the Grand Mufti Hajj Amin Al Hussein who had initiated a bloody campaign of attacks against Jewish communities and British Mandate officials stationed in Palestine (no friends of the Jews, by the way). This Arab campaign against Jews, begun during the First World War, was to be dubbed the "Palestine Arab Revolt."

Wingate became friends with Zionist leaders Chaim Weizmann and Moshe Sharett (Shertok). He began to study Hebrew and soon found himself being accepted, albeit suspiciously, among Jews. His clear, unabashed statement to his new Jewish friends was "I am here to help you!" It was all too clear that military help was going to be needed, and soon.

With broken yet maturing Hebrew spilling off his Scottish/British tongue, a young Captain Wingate initiated plans to create small, mobile units of dedicated warriors from the elite among Israel's children. On June 25th 1938 Wingate submitted a report to British Military authorities titled "*Secret Appreciation of Possibilities of Night Movements by Armed Forces of the Crown—With Object of Putting an end to Terrorism in Northern Palestine*"

The report was initially ignored by British

brass. However, after intense coaxing by Wingate, the then Commander of British Forces, Archibald Wavell, approved the plan. Immediately, Captain Wingate won support from the Jewish Agency and the Haganah. The new British commander, General Haining, gave Wingate the green light to create what was to become known as the SNS or Special Night Squads. Making his primary base at Ein Harod, Wingate began training and carrying out limited covert operations.

Referring to his Biblical hero Gideon, Wingate would recite to his "special forces" the account of the destruction of a large enemy force allied against Israel by 300 hand picked men. It is said that Wingate kept a Hebrew Bible with him at all times. (After his death his wife Lorna inscribed his Hebrew Bible and it is now in a museum in Ein Harod.) Quickly the uneasiness about this young British warrior waned as the Zionists came to recognize a true friend. On the other hand, British officers would demean Captain Wingate, according to one account complaining of "his rebellious scorn, his arrogance, his paranoid touchiness, his reckless rudeness, his flouting of convention, his personal scruffiness, his leftish ideas, and (dare one suggest it?) his strange obsession with Zionism and the Jews."

Despite ridicule, Captain Wingate stayed the course. His plan was plain: "The units would carry the offensive to the enemy, take away his initiative and keep him off-balance, and...produce in their minds the belief government forces (SNS) will move at night and can and will surprise them in villages or across the country." The Jewish police and the Haganah had good intelligence and knew the land. The British had the equipment and under Wingate's advanced irregular training, the opportunity to become very effective. In many respects Wingate's plan fit well with what the Haganah, under Yitzhak Sadeh, was attempting to put into place. Sadeh would later comment that, "for some time we did the same things as Wingate, but on a smaller scale and with less skill. We followed parallel paths, until he came to us, and in him we found our leader."

Bases were established throughout the country. One was located at Hanita on the Lebanese border, another at Geva and another at Ayelet Hashachar. The training expanded in size and techniques. In addition to Moshe Dayan his students included many who were to become leaders in the Haganah, the Israel Defense Forces and the Israeli government. Wingate instilled traditions of commando warfare, night fighting and covert operations, as well as the tradition that officers lead from the front, a practice that became his trademark, along with eating raw onions.

Wingate took the long view. He foresaw a major war and in 1937, after only four months in Palestine, told Sir Reginald Wingate that the British Empire should ally itself with the Jews, that they would be



Jewish Sergeants of the Special Night Squads.

better soldiers and could be the key to preserving British interests in Palestine. Wingate insisted that Jewish fighters could help ensure the safety of a predicted one million Jewish immigrants fleeing Europe for Mandatory Palestine within the coming few years. Unfortunately, at that very time British politics were moving toward barring Jews from entering Palestine at all.

Having been away from home for some time, Wingate received leave to return to England for a brief visit with his wife, Lorna Moncrieff Paterson, whom he had married in England in 1935. In England Captain Wingate arranged a private meeting with Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald to lobby against the 1938 Woodhead Commission, which had rejected proposals to partition Palestine into Arab and Jewish states. When word of the meeting reached them, his commanding officers in Palestine stripped him of his command. In May 1939 he was transferred to England, his passport stamped with an entry prohibiting him from returning to Palestine. Wingate became a target for anti-Semitic innuendo and was accused of being “Jewish” by his military peers and members of Parliament. Personal harassment became so intense that Wingate made this public statement: “I am not ashamed to say that I am a real and devoted admirer of the Jews...Had more officers shared my views the [Arab] rebellion would have come to a speedy conclusion some years ago!”

By September 1939, as World War II was getting under way, Wingate was in command of an anti-aircraft unit guarding the homeland. However, Wavell, now Commander-in-Chief of Middle East Command based in Cairo, requested Wingate to lead covert operations against the Italian occupation forces in Abyssinia, today’s Ethiopia. Securing the aid of Avraham Akavia, his former Haganah interpreter, and assembling the Gideon Force, made up of British, Sudanese and Ethiopian soldiers, along with a group of Jewish doctors from Palestine, Wingate set out to deal with the Italians. Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, Wingate led his small Gideon Force against over 20,000 Italians, capturing about 14,000 of the enemy.

He returned to England with a severe case of malaria and convalesced for a short time before being called upon again by Wavell, now Commander of the South-East Asian Theater of War. Wingate formed a long-range penetration unit named the Chindits, a force of about 3,000 men. After initial successes, the Chindits suffered heavy losses and only about 2,200 men made it out of the Burma jungle in April and June of 1943. His success against the Japanese caught the attention of the press and Wingate was soon promoted to Major General. He and his wife Lorna accompanied Winston Churchill (a great admirer of Wingate) to the Quadrant Conference held in Quebec, Canada.

Returning to India, Major General Wingate planned Operation Thursday. Designed to penetrate 200 miles deep into Japanese held Burmese territory, the operation was launched March 5, 1944 using gliders and troop carriers. Three bases were set up and the Chindits, along with Merrill’s Marauders, under the command of American Brigadier General Frank Merrill, wrecked havoc upon the Imperial Japanese Army.

During a storm on March 24, 1944, Wingate and some Americans flew out of Camp Broadway, the primary encampment behind enemy lines, and hit a nearby mountain top killing all aboard. Wingate’s remains, along with those of the American soldiers, are interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Wingate never lost sight of his love of Zion and hoped to return to aid the Zionist enterprise after the war. Shortly before his death Wingate wrote to his wife: “Finally I am feeling very much at the moment *Im Eshkhokheykh Yerushalaim Tishkah Yamini* (if I forget Jerusalem let my right hand forget its cunning) and do you too pray that our lot takes us there together to the place and the work we love.”

There were many tributes to Wingate, from Winston Churchill to David Ben-Gurion to the men he led in battle. But the best epitaph for the man is the battle order he gave at the beginning of the Chindit campaign in Burma.

“...it is always a minority that occupies the front line. It is still smaller minority that accepts with good heart tasks like this that we have chosen to carry out...”

“Victory in war cannot be counted upon, but what can be counted is that we shall go forward, determined to do what we can to bring this war to the end we believe best for our friends and comrades in arms—without boastfulness or forgetting our duty, resolved to do the right, so far as we can see the right....”

A deeply religious man, Wingate concludes: “Finally, knowing the vanity of man’s effort and the confusion of his purpose, let us pray that God may accept our service and direct our endeavors, so that when we have done all, we shall see the fruit of our labors and be satisfied.”

He left footprints which only a warrior with skills that confound the enemy leaves, like those of Gideon who destroyed the altars of Baal and defeated the Midianite hordes. He left footprints for us all.

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Lorna Wingate with her son Orde Jonathan whom his father never saw, 1946

Dismantlement To Peaceful Non-Existence

Diana West



This is a photo of Moaz Esther, an Israeli outpost that was demolished by Israeli security forces at the behest, media say, of Barack Obama.

This, apparently, is only the first of many. As *Haaretz* (of May 22) reports: Ministers, including those from Likud, said Wednesday that Netanyahu probably promised United States President Barack Obama in their meeting that Israel would dismantle outposts soon. Evacuating illegal outposts in the West Bank is expected to be the Netanyahu government's first gesture toward Obama and the Palestinian Authority.

What next? Self-immolation?

This is part of the "price" Netanyahu paid Obama in exchange for the latter's statements about Iran's nuclearization, the sources said. Outposts for statements? Netanyahu was suckered.

Sources close to Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said Wednesday that the first outposts are expected to be evacuated within a few weeks—either with the settlers' agreement or by force. Gaza all over again—one of the stunning strategic and moral blunders of all time.

Before going to Washington, Netanyahu and chief of policy planning Ron Dermer drafted the new government's policy principles. The document, which Netanyahu issued for distribution only after meeting Obama, says Israel is ready to evacuate the illegal outposts. As for stopping construction in the settlements the document was more cagey, saying the settlements were not an obstacle to peace and that the evacuation of settlements in Gaza only led to the establishment of a Hamas terror base in the Gaza Strip. Confusion and weakness. Why evacuate more if recent history—as in day before yesterday—shows evacuation leads to massively more violence not

less?

During the meeting, held at the minister's bureau in Tel Aviv, Barak went on to say, "We can't compromise on law enforcement. A sovereign country that seeks life must enforce its laws and implement the state's authority over its citizens."

How deeply twisted. In Barak's eyes, sovereignty here is the legal right to destroy his country.

He said the new Israeli government would take action against the outposts, not because it was told to do so by the United States, but because Israel "is a state of law."

How do you say "denial" in Hebrew?

Barak added that the illegal outposts cause extensive damage to Israel in the international arena, and even weaken the settler movement. Therefore, he said, the problem of the unauthorized outposts should be addressed first and foremost. "Damage in the international arena"—sounds like Gitmo. Israelis living lives on historic homelands they reclaimed in Arab-jihadist wars of attempted extinguishment does "damage in the international arena" just as Americans attempting to thwart *jihadists* from attacking does "damage in the international arena." Hmm. Sounds like we should both forget about the "international arena" if we want to survive. Big, alas, if. Meanwhile, notice how rocketing civilians—as opposed to living on a mountain in a tin can—causes no damage in the same international arena to the Palestinians.

The meeting, called by the Yesha Council, included several settler demands. The council asked that the construction in the West Bank settlements be unfrozen, that Jewish communities in the West Bank be afforded conditions for a normal lifestyle and that certain security concerns be addressed.

Maaz Esther resident Avraham Sandak said 40 people had been living at the hilltop site northeast of Ramallah and they would start work immediately to replace the demolished buildings.

"We hope to sleep here tonight and we hope, with God's help, to rebuild it, not like before but bigger," he said.

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Reflections on the Normandy Invasion

Ruth King

On June 6th, 1944 Allied forces operating from Great Britain performed the largest single day invasion in history. Starting under cover of night, gliders and parachutes dropped fighters into occupied France, naval bombardments and air attacks gave

cover and by morning the amphibious vessels landed on the beaches along a fifty mile strip of coastline divided into five beaches—Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword. By nightfall 160,000 troops had landed. After Normandy, there were to be many more battles and thousands of casualties, but the invasion was the beginning of the end of the Nazi killing machine.

The war with Germany ended on May 8, 1945 with unconditional surrender and the subsequent Potsdam Conference stripped Germany of all occupied

territory. Furthermore, following Nazi Germany's surrender, millions of ethnic Germans were expelled from Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and Yugoslavia with Allied approval.

This summer as we commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Normandy invasion, Jews throughout the world have a special sense of gratitude to the thousands of heroes—American, British, Canadian, Australian for their valor and sacrifice—for they finally ended the Holocaust.

On the fiftieth anniversary of Normandy in 1994 world leaders and veterans gathered on the beach to commemorate the event. In *Outpost* of May 1994, I wrote: "This is not a time for ruminations on the failing of Roosevelt or Churchill, but rather a time to acknowledge the great leadership that countered and overturned national obsessions with pacifism and isolationism, and galvanized the vast military undertaking that liberated Europe and vanquished the Nazis. Today, there is a dreadful paucity of leaders with their vision, their energy, and their determination."

Fifteen years later time has claimed many more veterans of that war but it is still true that there are no Western leaders with the vision, energy and determination capable of overturning current obsessions with pacifism, "root causes" and quick fixes. Not in Europe, where the populations face *Jihad* (both direct and stealth via demography), not in America and, alas, not in Israel.

Where is there a leader today who could galvanize a nation by warning as Franklin Delano Roosevelt did on May 27, 1941? "Some people seem to think that we are not attacked until bombs actually drop in the streets of New York or San Francisco or New Orleans or Chicago. But they are simply shutting their eyes to the lesson that we must learn from the fate of every Nation that the Nazis have conquered. The attack on Czechoslovakia began with the conquest of Austria. The attack on Norway began with the occupation of Denmark. The attack on Greece began with occupation of Albania and Bulgaria. The attack on the

Suez Canal began with the invasion of the Balkans and North Africa, and the attack on the United States can begin with the domination of any base which menaces our security—north or south....We cannot bring about the downfall of Nazism by the use of long-range invective. But when you see a rattlesnake poised to strike, you do not wait until he has struck before you crush him."

Instead we get hollow rhetoric about clenched fists, extended hands, dialogue and living "side by side" with the rattlesnake poised to strike. Instead of decisive victory over aggressors, the desired outcome is victory for both sides, truces, ceasefires. No one wins except the tyrants who remain in place and grow stronger. In Israel, serial appeasers promote the chimeric of Moslem/Arab moderation. Brave soldiers stand ready to defend and fight and win, but their leaders lack the guts.

As the history of World War II and the Holocaust recede into distant memory it behooves us to heed Presiding Justice Francis T. Murphy's eloquent speech on Holocaust Memorial Day in 1994. It was printed in the April 28, 1994 issue of *Catholic New York*, the official publication of the Archdiocese of New York, and also included in the May 1994 *Outpost*.

"Do not think that the Holocaust is an historical event that stands as surety for your protection. When weighed against the self seeking interests of nations, the Holocaust will be as if it never were...You who are children of Abraham, you who are the people of the Covenant, keep, protect, and celebrate your identity. Be bold, swift and steadfast in answering attacks upon it. Cleave to the faith that sustains and unites you. You, descendants of a people driven across the pages of history from land to land, you...to whom the memory of the Holocaust has been entrusted, never turn away from Israel. Israel is your answer to and surety against the Holocaust."

One can only say "Amen."

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readings to honor "conformity to the principles of freedom of expression [and] freedom to publish" as stated by the UNESCO Constitution, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UNESCO's Florence Agreement.) A colleague at the university had recently ordered copies of *The Diary of Anne Frank* for his classes, to learn the book was banned along with all books that portray Jews or Zionism favorably.

Such is "conformity to the principles of freedom of expression," UNESCO style.

Down with Energy

That's the policy of this coercive utopian administration, from Obama on down. Yes, they babble about what expert on environmental policy Paul Dries-

sen calls "pixie dust energy from wind turbines and solar panels that now meet barely 1% of our total energy requirements." But when it comes to what Driessen terms "Real Energy," the hydrocarbons and nuclear that generate "93% of the energy that safeguards our jobs, health, living standards and national security"—they are being closed down.

Obama, says Driessen, "wants energy prices to 'skyrocket,' to coerce Americans to slash carbon dioxide emissions 80% below 1990 levels by 2050—to levels last seen in 1905! The National Economic Council and other analysts put the cap-and-trade tax hit designed to achieve this at \$1.3 to 3.0 trillion. Driessen observes that in addition to hitting poor households the hardest, cap-and-tax will clobber manufacturing and heavy industry jobs. "Twenty states

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get 60-98% of their electricity from coal. They form our manufacturing heartland and every increase in electricity prices will result in more businesses laying off workers or closing their doors.”

In the meantime, Driessen writes, “Whether it’s oil and natural gas (onshore or off), coal or coal-to-gas, shale oil or uranium, Congress and the White House are making America’s best prospects off limits. *Investors Business Daily* (best editorial page in the country) asserts that years from now people will scratch their heads in wonder at the foolishness of the U.S. in taking more than 31 billion barrels of oil, 154 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 11 billion tons of coal off the market through laws that make it difficult, if not impossible, to prospect and produce energy on federal lands.

IBD notes that we will be dependent on Canadian oil sands to provide us with the billions of barrels of oil we must have if our economy does not shudder to a halt. And the administration’s coercive utopians have already suggested we might not want Canada’s oil since it’s so ‘dirty’ and likely to increase our carbon footprint. Concludes IBD: “Here’s a little yellow Post-It for U.S. policymakers: Make nice with Canada. Given our ridiculous refusal to exploit our own vast energy resources, it’s going to be the best friend we can have.”

Impervious to mere reality, the Democrats in Congress have hired a speed reader to deal with the Republican threat to have the 946 page energy bill read in its entirety. A fitting way—reading the bill so that it sounds like gobbledygook—to jam through an intrinsically absurd bill.

Seymour Hersh, Again

Since 1992, in a series of articles, this writer has exposed the shoddy journalism of Hersh, now *The New Yorker’s* chief investigative reporter, who specializes in attacking Israel. (The first was “Seymour Hersh’s Obsessions” *Midstream* Feb./March 1992).

In “Investigating Seymour Hersh” (in *The Jewish Divide Over Israel*, 2006) I noted that as he gained celebrity and became a staple of the campus lecture circuit, he became ever more reckless, in his talks lobbing wild and incendiary charges that were quickly disseminated via the internet.

His most recent foray is documented by Ralph Alter on the *American Thinker* website. Hersh is quoted by the Pakistan paper *The Nation* as claiming “Former prime minister of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto was assassinated on the orders of the special death squad formed by former U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney, which had already killed the Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq al Hariri and the army chief of that country.”

Hersh now denies he said “anything remotely to that effect.” But Alter notes that on March 10 Hersh was caught on tape by *The Minnesota Post* at a “Great Conversations” event held at the University of Minnesota describing an executive assassination ring supposedly directed by Cheney: “Congress has no oversight of it. It’s an executive assassination ring essentially and it’s been going on and on and on.”

Hersh is what he is and by now may have genuine difficulty separating paranoid fantasy from fact. The real villain is David Remnick, editor of *The New Yorker*, who is not delusional, knows or should know that Hersh is untrustworthy, yet continues to foist him upon an unsuspecting public.

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