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Obama Plays Anti-Israel Fiddle While The West Burns

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President Obama has announced that by August 31 of this year our combat mission will be over and by the end of 2011 we will be out of Iraq. As for Afghanistan, Obama promises withdrawal will begin July 2011 although in this case he has not given a date for the endpoint. And what happens when we leave? Iran borders both Iraq and Afghanistan and is waiting its opportunity to pounce through its already entrenched proxies in these countries. The West continues to depend on Middle East energy, the more so as this administration refuses to develop America's abundant energy resources. On whom can we rely in time of crisis? Not on Egypt, Saudi Arabia or Turkey, which is turning its back on the secular tradition of Ataturk for an Islamic identity. Lebanon is in thrall to both Syria and Iran (via Hezbollah). Israel is the only country in the region with a powerful army firmly in the Western camp.

As a nuclear power, Iran will clearly be in a position to dominate not only its immediate neighbors but the entire region. Yet the Obama administration has given up on any effective effort to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

Obama's only serious initiative is to drastically weaken Israel by creating yet another Palestinian state (along with Jordan and Gaza's Hamastan) and now, final nail in the coffin, taking away her nuclear deterrent to leave her disarmed before her enemies..

The Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference is currently in progress at the UN (it is held every five years). The White House went into the conference announcing "This meeting is all about Iran." Secretary of State Clinton declared: "We're not going to permit Iran to try to change the story from their failure to comply." But lo and behold, thanks to Egypt, Israel, Iran's intended victim, was transmuted into the source of the problem. "Success in dealing with Iran will depend to a large extent on how successfully we deal with the establishment of a nuclear-free zone [in the Middle East]" said Egypt's

UN ambassador Maged Abdelaziz. And Obama is cooperating in this hoax. Along with the other four permanent members of the Security Council, the U.S. has issued a joint statement calling for a "weapons of mass destruction-free zone" in the Middle East.

While such a statement was issued in 1975, there is now talk of appointing a UN "special coordinator" and a special NPT conference focused solely on Israel. John Bolton, who served as ambassador to the UN under President Bush, says, "When I was in the Bush administration we refused to even talk about these kinds of ideas. I'd be quite worried about the possible outcome there."

Now suddenly it is all about Israel. In *The Weekly Standard*, Michael Anton, who served in national security positions in the Bush years, writes: "Changing the focus of the conference from one [Iran] to the other [Israel] was a diplomatic masterstroke on Cairo's part but a disaster for American interests."

All this is part of the Obama's administration policy of withdrawing from leadership of the free world, courting despots from Venezuela's Chavez to Syria's Assad, while throwing under the bus countries like Israel and Honduras that uphold democratic values. Russia and China are eager to step in and especially eager to edge the U.S. out of its position of primacy in the Middle East. As Barry Rubin has noted, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev recently visited Syria and Turkey, taking a large entourage to work on trade and military cooperation agreements—another step in the creation of an anti-American alliance in the region with Russian backing.

Rubin sums up: "The situation is very bad, heading towards worse, and made all the more worrisome by the failure of the current U.S. government even to realize what's occurring."

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From the Editor

A Mosque at Ground Zero

"Well it's official, we have all lost our minds." So writes Gadi Adelman of the (unanimous!) decision of the Community Board of Lower Manhattan to approve a planned \$100 million 13 story Islamic edifice, including a mosque, 600 feet from Ground Zero.

Faisal Abdul Rauf, the imam who paid for the land (the existing building was destroyed on 9/11) with a mysteriously raised \$4.85 million in cash, is a smooth talker with ties to CAIR, which is an unindicted co-conspirator in the Department of Justice funding case against Hamas. New York City writer Madeline Brooks, who acts as a mosque monitor, reports that in a recent Friday sermon Rauf strongly implied that Muslims were falsely accused of perpetrating 9/11. Rauf is also known for his "Sharia Index" measuring how closely countries follow Islamic law.

It's a safe bet Saudi Arabia will pick up much of the bill for the planned "Cordoba House" and that it will be a center distributing radical Islamic propaganda.

An outraged Diana West writes: "Maybe we deserve such a mosque at Ground Zero. It will serve as the perfect monument to post-9/11 America, a shining reproach to a nation that long ago capitulated through loss, or worse, absence of will...If Ground Zero, a focal point of Dar al-Harb (House of War) since 9/11, is reconstructed with a 'world class' Islamic center, the transformation to Dar al-Islam (House of Islam) becomes symbolically clear. And that's no way to treat our 9/11 dead."

J Call

You can't make this stuff up. J Street, the most recent kill-Israel-to-save-its soul outfit, has a new French counterpart called J Call, led by someone named Chelma. Chelm was of course the fictional town of harmless idiots created by famed Yiddish writer Sholom Aleichem. Alas, J Call may be replete with idiots, but they are scarcely harmless.

In fact, J Call is more like Breira, the 1970s antecedent of such groups, in that, like Breira, it has assembled a group of well-known Jewish intellectuals including Bernard Henri Levy and Alain Finkielkraut. This country's J Street collects Democratic hacks and ungrateful children: it is led by Jeremy Ben Ami, whose father Yitzhak Ben Ami, an activist on behalf of the Irgun who would have been horrified to see what his son has done.

Blaming Israel for the absence of peace, J Call obtained three thousand signatures to a petition to the European Parliament calling upon it to cease its "systematic support for Israeli government decisions." One wonders what delusional world these petitioners are living in. The European Parliament's last significant action regarding Israel (in March) was to endorse

the Goldstone Report accusing Israel of war crimes!

Fortunately Richard Prasquier, chairman of the committee representing French Jewish organizations, did not remain silent. The J Call petition, he said bluntly, "serves Israel's enemies."

Hats Off to Raanana

Steadfast and unremarked, for twenty years the town of Raanana has been sending busloads of residents to Hebron to express their solidarity with its courageous and beleaguered Jewish community. The buses came each month, regardless of weather or danger—even during the most difficult days of the "Oslo War" when shooting attacks were routine. This May Raanana celebrated 200 trips to Hebron by participating with Hebron Talmud Torah children chanting the scroll of Ruth at the Tomb of Jesse and Ruth and a festive meal outside the Cave of Machpelah.

Good and Bad from Hebron

First the good. David Wilder, a leader of Hebron's Jewish community, reports on a trip he made in company with two dozen IDF officers to Eshel Avraham, a well known site in Hebron which has been off-limits to Jews since the earlier Netanyahu government signed the Hebron accords. What made the trip special was that it was organized by Colonel Udi, the commander of the Hebron brigade, to mark the conclusion of his two year service in Hebron. Wilder writes: "A high ranking officer in the IDF, a man who does not walk around with a kippa on his head and is not outwardly religious, decides to bestow, in his words, a 'parting gift' to his staff, not by celebrating with wine and whiskey, rather by taking them on an educational jaunt to a site in Hebron....Very special."

The bad is outrageous. Israel has filed a damage suit against the Jewish community of Hebron for \$80,000 to cover the costs of something it should never have done in the first place—that is, expelling Jewish families from Beit HaShalom. Purchased for over a million dollars, Beit HaShalom was home to Jewish families for almost two years before they were forcibly expelled (by a ruse during a period of *(continued on page 12)*)

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Sowell On Israel

Rael Jean Isaac

A huge amount of ink and verbiage has been spilled on Israel's political situation but perhaps the best analysis thus far has come from Thomas Sowell. This is the more remarkable in that Sowell never once mentions Israel in the two books in which he provides this spot-on analysis: *The Vision of the Anointed* (1995) and the more recent *Intellectuals and Society* (Basic Books, 2009).

In the September 1995 *Outpost* I described how, in *The Vision of the Anointed*, Sowell threw light on the puzzling question of why Israel's leaders had embarked on the reckless course of signing the Oslo agreement with Arafat, then the world's terrorist-in-chief, and subsequently sealed themselves off from any discordant feedback as the agreement predictably imploded.

Sowell was describing domestic programs advanced by elites in this country, with counterproductive results, but his description of the mindset of these elites—"the anointed ones"—provided an insight into the ideas, assumptions and attitudes of Israel's leaders. I pointed out that Shimon Peres, who was the single individual with the greatest responsibility for launching Oslo, was an ideal type of the "anointed," operating on the basis of a vision of the world—in this case, a New Middle East—that offered something deeply satisfying, what Sowell calls "a special state of grace for those who believe in it."

Once conjured up and acted upon, Sowell observes, it is never the theory that must be brought in line with reality, but reality that must be brought into line with the vision. As the terrible consequences of Oslo quickly became manifest in a huge increase in terrorism, the reaction of Israel's "anointed" was to insist the policies must be pursued with even greater vigor, for only then would the promised benefits finally flow.

In *Intellectuals and Society* Sowell, again with nary a mention of Israel, throws light on the interplay of forces—both within and outside Israel—that act as a barrier to confronting reality. Sowell points out that intellectuals have never been as important as they are today in shaping opinion, even though Orwell's mordant comment remains as true as ever, namely, that some ideas are so foolish that only an intellectual could believe them.

It is remarkable that it does not occur to Sowell to use Israel as an illustration, for he explains better than anyone else what seems so remarkable: that the "two state solution" to the Arab-Israel conflict

should continue to be universally endorsed, sealed off from any feedback from reality. This was a "new idea" that developed post-1967; prior to that neither Arabs nor Jews conceived of a Palestinian state independent of Jordan. The Arab world makes it as clear as it possibly can that the price of Israel's acceptance is its disappearance—via implementing the "right of return" of the so-called Arab refugees and their descendants. The level of incitement of hatred of Israel is no less in Abbas-controlled territory than it is in that controlled by Hamas. Where Israel retreats, as in Gaza, the result is to make the territory a launching pad for terror against her.

But none of this has any effect in producing a reevaluation of the unshakable premise by elites that "the settlements" constitute the barrier to peace and a Palestinian state—never mind its destined territory has already split in two—is the "answer." Sowell talks of "mascots du jour," which, like adolescent fads, are not subject to logic or evidence. What "mascot du jour" can compare to the Palestinians? Their most egregious behavior is whitewashed while Israel, a decent country in an indecent neighborhood, has become the "scapegoat du jour."

Sowell notes that if an engineer designs a bridge that shortly thereafter collapses, he will not find others eager to commission his services. But that's not how it works in the world of intellectuals, even though the idea advanced may have great impact on the external world in which millions of human beings live their lives. Here the method of validation is circular. The visions of intellectuals need validation only by their peers. Sowell writes: "When the only external validation for the individual is what other individuals believe, everything depends on who those other individuals are. If they are simply people who are like-minded in general, then the consensus of the group about a particular new idea depends on what that group already believes in general—and says nothing about the empirical validity of that idea in the external world."

Sowell writes that disastrously false prophets reap as much honor as if they had been proved right. He mentions environmentalist doomsayer Paul Ehrlich (who confidently predicted that in the 1970s hundreds of millions of people were going to starve to death), philosopher Jean Paul Sartre, who announced in 1939 there was little to choose between Hitler's Germany and France, and Ralph Nader, whose false predictions are innumerable. The list of top-ranked intellectuals who made utterly irresponsible statements and advocated hopelessly unrealistic and recklessly



Thomas Sowell

dangerous things, writes Sowell, could be extended indefinitely.

In Israel no one has enjoyed more respect and honors than Shimon Peres despite his unalloyed record as a false prophet. As President of the State, he now basks in the greatest honor Israel can give. Yet Peres is a veritable geyser of false prophecies. To take only one example, in October 1993, when the “peace process” was launched, Peres, at the inauguration of the Winter Knesset, announced: “We are approaching the stage at which it will become clear that terror has no future and is fated to die.” In fact, of course, the next decade was to bring an unparalleled resurgence of terror, not confined to Israel. Peres has been such a fount of truly idiotic statements that AFSI has chronicled them in various editions of *Shimon Says*. More important, no one has done more concrete damage to the state through his irresponsible behavior than Shimon Peres.

Sowell emphasizes the enormous importance of the media in filtering out whatever does not fit the prevailing vision. What seems plausible to those who share the vision can become the criterion of both believability and newsworthiness. He writes: “It is not necessary for either individuals or a cabal to work out a plan of deliberate deception for filtering of information to produce a distorted picture that resembles the vision of the anointed rather than the reality of the world. All that is necessary is that those in a position to filter—whether as reporters, editors, teachers, scholars, or movie-makers—decide that there are certain aspects of reality that the masses would ‘misunderstand’ and which a sense of social responsibility requires those in a position to filter to leave out.” What does not fit the vision is exempt from the requirement of fitting the facts.

Again the applicability to Israel is striking. The media simply ignores the profundity of Arab/Islamic opposition to Israel’s existence as a Jewish state. This is out of bounds as a topic of discussion. What is crucial is not the information available—nothing could be more abundant than the evidence on this score—but the predisposition with which the intelligentsia approaches the available information. It is a testimony to the power of the prevailing vision that even *The Wall Street Journal* editorial page and Fox News, the “right-wing” alternatives, do not question its central premise, that a Palestinian state is the “solution.”

Even a supposed “convert” like Aaron David Miller, who worked at the State Department diligently forwarding the peace process for 25 years, and recently wrote a lengthy essay in *Foreign Policy* entitled “The False Religion of Middle East Peace: Why I’m No Longer a Believer” turns out to remain a believer after

all. The problem, Miller concludes, is the lack of leaders of the stature of Begin and Jordan’s former King Hussein to boldly implement the two state solution.

Empirical evidence, no matter how overwhelming, when it goes counter to the prevailing vision, is, as Sowell puts it, “much like the tree that falls in an empty forest, as far as such empirical evidence reaching a large part of the general public.”

It is only on a few blogs—and in this publication—that the obvious can be said at all, namely that the peace process is, and has been from the outset, a sham and a fraud. No one has put it better than William Mehlman in *Outpost* (November 2005): “In Israel, the land that gave birth to messianism, the most recent and durable in the long line of bright, glowing messianic frauds is something called the ‘peace process.’ Its relentless promotion by a fanatical elite fixed on the notion that peace with an Arab world openly dedicated to the termination of Jewish national existence will flow from the systematic surrender of Israel’s material and strategic assets and the creation of an enemy state within its border must surely rank as the chef-d’oeuvre of all Jewish messianic delusions.”

This brings us to another question on which Sowell, without referring to Israel, throws abundant light: Why do Israeli leaders, even those who, in opposition, made clear they did not share in this messianic delusion, once in power endorse and pursue the same fantasy ‘peace process?’ After all, as Prime Minister, Netanyahu has a bully pulpit through which he could pierce through the web of lies. He could force the media, in Israel and abroad, however hostile to the message, at least to broadcast it: the Arab-Israel conflict is not soluble at this period in history and Israel will only survive through deterrence, and if need be, victory over its enemies.

But Israel’s “right-wing” politicians have become captive to the prevailing vision of the conflict through a combination of external and internal pressures. The external pressures are obvious enough. Member of the Knesset Arie Elad reports that having served in the Israeli army Medical Corps for decades he can diagnose shell shock when he sees it and Netanyahu looked like a soldier suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder when he spoke to the Knesset Security Affairs Committee after his first meeting with Obama. But internally the pressures are equally potent. Those who would like to provide a realistic assessment, Netanyahu surely among them, are constrained by the same consensus of intellectuals in Israel and the broader intelligentsia which disseminates their views via domination of the media.

Everything that Sowell says about intellectuals

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in Western societies applies to those in Israel—with yet more dangerous consequences. Sowell observes that one of the things intellectuals have been doing for a long time is loosening the bonds that hold society together. Before there can be a national defense, there has to be a feeling the nation is worth defending but modern intellectuals seldom contribute to that feeling. To condemn their country's enemies would make them like the masses but to condemn their own society sets the anointed apart as moral exemplars and incisive minds—at least to their like-minded peers.

Sowell notes that intellectuals set up standards for their society that no society of human beings has ever met or is likely to meet. Calling these standards “social justice” enables intellectuals to engage in endless complaints about particular ways in which society fails to meet their arbitrary criteria. (Needless to say, Israel's hypercritical intelligentsia does not compare Israeli society to Egypt, Saudi Arabia or Syria but to abstract ideals of its devising.)

In the case of Israel there is something else. Israel is a small society whose intellectual elite hungers for recognition from intellectual peers abroad—and what better way to achieve it than to validate their narrative of Palestinians as victims, Israelis as villains, by testimony from within Israel? The situation has gotten so out-of-hand in some academic circles that even proponents of the “two state solution” like Harvard's Alan Dershowitz have sounded warnings. In just the last few months Israel's Academic Monitor reports that Israeli academics (including an especially rabid nucleus at Tel Aviv University) appealed to the University of California at Berkeley to divest from companies doing business in Israel, urged the Europeans to reject Israel's bid to join the European economic community, called on Germans to be more involved in pressuring Israel, called on an Irish company to boycott Israel and

denounced the Boston Science Museum's sponsorship of an Israeli exhibit, calling it “an attempt to distract from Israel's war crimes and human rights violations.”

In the face of all the pressures upon him (including a political opposition in tune with the prevailing vision, ready to pounce) Netanyahu chooses the path of what Sowell calls “day-at-a-time rationalism.” Sowell observes that Chamberlain operated on the basis of day-at-a-time rationalism when he declared: “We can remove the danger spots one by one” by “our willingness to face realities that we cannot change.” Ironically, while Israel is in the role of Czechoslovakia, thrown to the Islamic wolves by appeasement-minded Western leaders, Netanyahu himself behaves like Chamberlain. He accedes to the prevailing vision, proclaims himself an advocate of “the two state solution,” in practice caves in to Obama's demands for “freezes” on building for Jews, even in Jerusalem, engages in “proximity talks,” and hopes the pressures will relax when in fact they are far more likely to build. (They are already building as Obama turns his attention to a nuclear-free Israel now that a nuclear-free Iran is out of reach.) Forgotten is any conception of national honor, which, as Sowell notes, is a recognition that day-at-a-time rationalism is a delusion enabling politicians to escape the responsibilities of statesmanship.

In the end reality will have its way. The Islamic world continues on its relentless drive to destroy Israel regardless of territorial or other forms of appeasement. To quote Sowell: “However dramatic or attractive a particular vision may be, ultimately everyone must live in the world of reality. To the extent that reality has been filtered to fit a vision, this filtered information is a misleading guide to making decisions in an unforgiving reality, to which we must all adjust, because it is not going to adjust to us.”

Watchdog Media Bites Lapdog Media

Daniel Greenfield

Greenfield here expands his talk at the Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors event at the Skirball Center in Los Angeles on May 10. He was one of five bloggers representing the New Media.

When people ask me how I got into New Media, I tell them it began with *The New York Times*. The Sunday *New York Times*. For those of you who have never seen it the Sunday *New York Times* is a behemoth, a whale. Section after section of newsprint. World, Metro, Fashion, Style, Architecture, Wine, End Tables, Spring Hats and a pullout on Zimbabwe. Reading through the entire Sunday *New York Times* was a



challenge, a way to show your commitment to old media journalism.

For a lot of New York Jews, *The New York Times* is the new bible. And on Sunday, you can see why. The Sunday *New York Times* is bigger than the bible. It's more grandiose than the bible. Because we're the People of the Book and we love words. Sometimes even when they're hateful words directed at us.

Back when I was reading through the Sunday *New York Times*, including the section on end tables, I was a consumer of news. Which really meant that I was paying for and buying someone else's point of view. And when I thought those views were wrong, when I knew those views were wrong, when I could prove those views were wrong, what could I do about it?

What can a consumer do about a bad product? He can try to argue with the company that sold it to him. People who don't like the product that *The New York Times* tries to sell them about Israel or America, about Islamic terrorists and high taxes, can write a letter to the editor complaining about the point of view they're buying. And the letter may or may not be printed on page 19, somewhere between spring hats and the end tables. And the *Times* along with the rest of the same mainstream media will keep on selling the same product.

How do you argue with a megaphone? A megaphone is bigger and louder than you. So I stopped trying to argue with the megaphone. I dropped *The New York Times* and Dan Rather and News on the Hour, "you give us 22 minutes and we'll give you the world," and instead I began to talk to the people who were listening to the megaphone. I began commenting, reporting, analyzing and investigating. And suddenly I had my own megaphone. I stopped being a consumer of news, and became a producer of news.

I have always been interested in politics and world events, but I came to realize that I had been doing it as a consumer. I had been buying a product that the media corporations were selling me. And even when I disagreed with the product, I still kept buying it. And I suspect there are many people here who are still buying product that they disagree with. And that's what new media is about. It's about refusing to buy the expensive rotten products of mainstream media anymore.

Why is New Media important? It's as simple as the First Amendment to the Constitution. Freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Freedom of the press only matters when there is an actual free press. If there is no free press, then the Constitution becomes a piece of paper.

When the mainstream media gives you one point of view and one point of view only, there is no longer a free press. You can choose to get the same point of view from *The New York Times* or CBS News or CNN or any of a thousand of the tentacles of the same big media beast. But that is not freedom of speech or freedom of the press. Those only exist when there is diversity of ideas. When there is a marketplace of ideas. Not one man with a thousand faces telling the same thing, a thousand different ways.

Henry David Thoreau wrote that there's always injustice in government just as there's always friction in a machine. It's when injustice becomes dominant in government, then friction has its own machine. So too the media today is no longer biased. Bias has its own media. There is no telling the two apart anymore.

There's a point at which bias becomes propaganda. When the media stops thinking and stops investigating. When it just repeats one side's talking

points over and over again. Then it is no longer a free press, but a propaganda press.

And we can see that all around us today. A year ago hardly anyone called Jerusalem a settlement. Settlements were supposed to be small villages over in the West Bank. Then Obama called Jerusalem a settlement. And suddenly everyone in the media was calling Jerusalem a settlement.

You can see how destructive and pervasive this is, because when a Republican congressman got up to defend Israel, what did he say? He said that Israel has the right to build settlements in Jerusalem? He meant well but he couldn't help using biased language that the media had put into his head.

The media never questions the idea that one of the oldest cities in the world that is mentioned in three major religions is somehow a settlement. The New Media does that. The media never questions the implicit racism in describing a Jewish home as a settlement and an Arab home next to it as a building. On the same street in the same city. It's the New Media that challenges it over and over again. And I'm proud to say that I'm one of those people who refuses to let it go.

Jews are major consumers of the news. We like to be informed and educated. But too many Jews have embraced information coming from sources that are hostile to our interests and even our survival. And that has to change.

In the 2008 election, Jewish consumers of the mainstream media thought they were getting the facts. Instead they were getting the lies. Over and over the media assured us that Obama didn't have anti-Israel advisors around him. That he wasn't biased against Israel. That he wasn't a member of a church that hated Israel. And now a year later some of them are waking up.

Ed Koch, who actually campaigned for Obama, writes that he now weeps. But there was no need to weep, only a need to read. The information was out there in New Media. Thousands of blogs did the hard work, researching and presenting this material on Obama's ties to Rashid Khalidi. On Robert Malley's contacts with Hamas. On the influence that Ayers has on Obama. On Samantha Power's talk of invading Israel.

And instead too many Jews went on believing what *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times* and *The Washington Post* and NBC News was telling them. And we can see the consequences of that now.

I attended a pro-Israel rally last month where three of the speakers admitted that they regretted voting for Obama. But what they should have really regretted doing is getting their information from Old Media instead of New Media.

When Samantha Power talked about invading



Daniel Greenfield

Israel, the old media tried to ignore it. It was New Media that kept bringing it up. And when Old Media said that Power was gone and that Obama would have nothing more to do with her, we were the ones telling you that was a lie. Today she's a director at the National Security Council.

In 2007 I wrote about James L. Jones' anti-Israel bias. Today Jones is the second most powerful figure on foreign policy. And when he was caught making a joke about a greedy Jew, it was another blogger, Yid with Lid, who made the catch. New media. Not old media. Never old media.

During the election it was bloggers who looked deeper into Obama's ties to Rashid Khalidi, who demanded that *The Los Angeles Times* turn over their video of Obama at a dinner honoring Khalidi. Not the mainstream media. Never the mainstream media. During the election, I did extensive work exposing the ties of Obama's closest clergymen to Louis Farrakhan, including Father Pfleger, a story I broke well before the mainstream media picked it up.

Day after day, New Media was raising serious questions about Obama. We were putting the information out there. Most Jews refused to look or listen. They bought into the lie circulated by the media that it was just a few right wing emails smearing Obama. And now as Israel and America are at their worst crisis point in decades, it's clear that if anything we understated the seriousness of the problem.

Do you have to believe us? No you don't. But let me illustrate the difference between us and them. During the height of the Obamacare debate, *Time Magazine* ran a piece on allegations that Ezekiel Emanuel, Rahm's brother, supported distributing medical resources based on what the person does for a living and how much he can contribute to society. The *Time* piece used a single sentence from one of Emanuel's articles and filled up the rest with quotes from him arguing that he had been misunderstood. I debunked the piece by quoting and linking to the full text of all of Emanuel's articles. The *Time* piece only linked to their own stories about him.

That isn't something special that I did. Every single blogger sitting around this table does the same thing every day. You can see their work and their sources and you can decide for yourself. You can't do that with the mainstream media. That's the difference between us and them.

You don't have to accept our point of view. All you have to do is listen. Because you can't get the full story from only one source. And that's the problem with the media today.

When Biden came to Israel, the media shouted over and over again that Israel had insulted

him by approving one stage of a multi-stage construction project. When Russia recently told Biden not to bother coming because he wouldn't be allowed a place in the Red Square to observe the World War II Victory Parade, no major American paper covered it. Because it wasn't on the list of approved stories to run. New Media covered it. I covered it. Old Media was too busy smearing Arizona.

This is why it is vital that Jews embrace New Media. I began this by talking about *The New York Times*. About what it prints and what it doesn't print.

This is an event held by the Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. What was *The New York Times* doing while the Nazi killing machine was in full swing? The same thing it's doing now while Jews are being murdered by Islamic terrorists. While a madman in Iran is building nuclear weapons with genocide on his mind. They buried the story.

New Media is vital to Jewish survival, because it allows our interests to be heard, not just those of the same people who think the world would be a better

place without Israel in it. While the Holocaust was happening, newspapers like *The New York Times* buried the news in small paragraphs on Page 19. Three hundred thousand Jews killed here. Seventy thousand machine gunned there. Just numbers, statistics. Nothing anyone cared about.

Instead the *Times* warned about alarmists who would disrupt what FDR was trying to accomplish. And the Jewish leaders listened to them. And six million died.

There was no new media then. Just desperate ads taken out in major newspapers begging to help save the Jews of Hungary. The Jews of here and there who still had not been ground under. There is a New Media today. And there are those bloggers who will stand up not just when Jews are murdered, but long before it, so this time we have a fighting chance.

For me the vital issue can be summed up as, *Al Taamod al Dam Re'echa*. Do not stand by while your brother's blood is being spilled. I am a blogger because I refuse to stand by and watch. And if New Media means anything, it is the power to stand up and fight back against the lies and propaganda. To make sure 70,000 Jews being machine gunned to death will never be buried on Page 19 again.

If you believe this matters, then support New Media. Because real freedom of the press means being armed with the information to stand up to evil.

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Ed Koch—He should have read New Media.

International Mideast Summit Convenes Today

David Isaac

Dateline Munich (near future) – Today, in a city rich in history for the Jewish people, the members of the Mideast Quartet have gathered to determine the outcome of the final status talks between Israel and the nascent State of Palestine.

The international summit is a break from earlier U.S. policy, which sought direct talks between the PA and Israel. In a press conference just prior to his departure for the Munich summit, President Barack Obama explained the administration's new strategy. "The glacial pace of direct talks served no one and only decreased the likelihood of peace. Nevertheless, I had faith that this time would be different. All that was lacking was the will. Therefore, we—that is myself and the other members of the Quartet—decided to take matters into our own hands. We would force a breakthrough by making the tough decisions for the interested parties."

The summit includes leaders from the European Union, Russia, the United States and the United Nations, along with representatives from the Palestinian Authority, Hamas and Hezbollah. Notably absent from the proceedings will be Israel, whose invitation was withdrawn at the last minute after protests by the Arab League.

The leaders have a busy agenda ahead of them, including final borders, the orderly return of four million Palestinian refugees into Israel, and the recent Palestinian demand that Jerusalem be purged of any Jewish presence outside of a small band of anti-Zionist Orthodox Jews known as the Neturei Karta.

Asked why Israel's invitation was withdrawn, the president said, "Obviously, it was a difficult decision. Israel is a sovereign nation and has every right to participate in a summit that clearly is directly tied to its future. That is why this decision was made in full consultation and with the approval of Israel's government. We told them not to be there. And they agreed not to come."

Many pro-Israel groups raised their voices in protest when word first broke of the snub. But apart from a few fringe groups, those voices were quelled once Israel's government expressed satisfaction with the state of affairs. Israel's new Prime Minister, Tzipi Livni, who achieved an electoral victory thanks to an unprecedented ad campaign sponsored by the U.S. State Department, admitted she agreed to pull out of the international summit in order to improve the chances of peace.

"We welcome the opportunity to sit this one out, and have the utmost confidence that our close

friends in the UN, EU, Russia and the Obama administration will reach an arrangement that is fair to all the sides, whether they're there or not," Livni said at a Peace Now rally in Tel Aviv's Rabin Square, the north-west corner of which had been cordoned off and left empty in solidarity with Arab MK Ahmed Tibi, who claimed this corner was the center of his family's goat-herding operation until Jews closed it down in 1948.

"It's time to accept the truth. We are an obstacle to peace. By removing ourselves from negotiations, we remove that obstacle," Livni said to thousands of cheering Peace Now supporters, many of whom had been bused in from around the country thanks to a generous grant from the European Union. "Though I can't say for sure, since we've been left out of the process, I've been told that we have never been closer to a peaceful resolution

to the conflict," she said.

Perhaps the biggest ovation was reserved for 87-year-old Israeli President Shimon Peres, who despite his advanced years remained as lucid as ever. "I believe that participating in negotiations is contrary to the spirit of negotiations. The Middle East can be different if we stop demanding of the Palestinians and start demanding of ourselves. The stronger they will be, the better partners they will be."

If today's summit is any indication, the Arab-Israel partnership appears to be strengthening by the minute, with Quartet members promising the latest military technology to the Palestinian side, a move everyone agrees is necessary in order to stabilize the region. "There is an inherent imbalance in the equation if Israel has missiles, tanks, helicopters and jet planes and we do not," said Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal. He, together with the Turkish ambassador to the UN, called for all Israeli flags to be removed from the summit since the "Zionist entity" was not participating.

All rose when President and Nobel Peace Laureate Barack Obama addressed the attendees. "Today marks a historic moment in the history of the Middle East." Gesturing to the empty chairs where the Israeli delegation was to have sat, Obama intoned, "The last obstacles to peace have been removed. Now we can turn our attention to righting the wrongs that have befallen the Palestinian people, who have done so much to advance Western civilization, including invention of the wheel, the chariot, pottery, the compass, the telescope, the kaleidoscope, particle physics, the automobile and the light bulb."

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Dr. Israel Eldad: An Appreciation

Moshe Phillips

"He was a strong character, to be sure, a man of rigid determination. Zionism was his faith and he viewed its achievement not in any narrow party context..." Israel Eldad was describing David Ben-Gurion. He could just as easily have been writing about himself. Philosopher, writer, visionary, rebel, Dr. Eldad was all of these and much more. This year, the centennial of Eldad's birth, it is appropriate to examine his contributions to Zionism, the birth of Israel and Jewish thought.

For much of his long life (he died in 1996 at 86) Eldad was best described as a public intellectual. His ideas were accessible to the general public in that he wrote books, edited journals and wrote opinion columns for Israel's major newspapers. He was also comfortable in lecturing to university students.

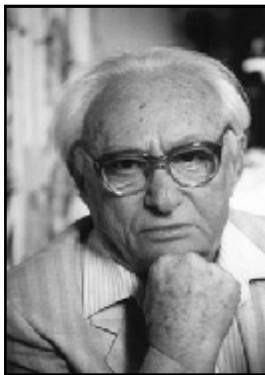
Eldad bridged the chasm between disparate worlds. A product of pre-World War II yeshivot, he had mastered Chumash, Tanach, Talmud, Midrash, Rabbinic thought and Jewish history. But he also had a modern education and was a leading scholar on the thought of Schopenhauer and Nietzsche. And throughout his life he was "in the arena" with the battle scars to prove it. No ivory tower intellectual, Eldad was one of three commanders of the underground organization known as LEHI (the Fighters for the Freedom of Israel) who shared the leadership after the 1942 assassination of Avraham "Yair" Stern by the British Mandate police. (Another was Yitzhak Shamir who would become Prime Minister of Israel.)

Born Israel Scheib in Poland, Eldad graduated from the Vienna Rabbinical Seminary and received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Vienna. He joined the Betar organization founded by Jabotinsky and worked as a teacher. At the Betar World Conference in Warsaw in 1938 Eldad publicly clashed with Jabotinsky during a debate following Menachem Begin's proposal to call for an armed revolt against the British Mandate. Jabotinsky opposed this at the time. Eldad later said of the episode, "Begin's speech made him what he became. Jabotinsky was a legend! A towering figure. Opposing Jabotinsky was not like opposing someone like Shimon Peres! Yet here was Begin, proving himself strong enough to get up and speak against Jabotinsky."

The confrontation with Jabotinsky also made Eldad "what he became." Yair Stern arranged to meet Eldad after he spoke at the conference. Gerold Frank wrote "From this time on, the rebellious Eldad was aligned with the rebellious Stern." After leaving Warsaw, Dr. Eldad and his wife shared an apartment with Begin and his wife in Vilna. In his autobiographical book *White Nights* Begin recalls playing chess with

Eldad when the Soviet NKVD came to arrest him.

In March 1941 Eldad arrived in Mandatory Palestine and promptly joined Stern's organization. In 1944, while attempting to escape arrest by the British, Eldad was badly injured and captured. After two years of imprisonment Eldad escaped and resumed his underground activities. Throughout LEHI's revolt against the British, Eldad was its ideological mentor, editor of its underground newspapers and its chief propagandist.



After the emergence of the State of Israel, Dr. Eldad continued to focus on ideology. In 1949 he began publication of the journal *Sulam* (Ladder), which for the next fifteen years (it ceased publication in 1964) provided a unique perspective on the destiny of the Jewish State and its cultural and social problems. Like William F. Buckley in *National Review*, Eldad provided those with an alternative vision to the Labor political

consensus with a distinctive publication to nurture their writing talents and share ideas.

In 1950, David Ben-Gurion, acting in his role as Minister of Defense, ordered that Eldad be banned from teaching in government schools. Even after having won a Supreme Court case he could not find a teaching position. He found work as an editor for the publishing arm of Mossad HaRav Kook in Jerusalem. Eventually he would hold positions on the faculties of the Technion and Beersheba University.

Eldad wrote in a variety of forums. He published a volume of memoirs about his experiences in the underground entitled *Maaser Rishon (The First Tithe)* in 1950. An English edition of *First Tithe* translated by Zev Golan was published in 2008 and is available through Amazon. (It was reviewed in the December 2009 *Outpost*.) Eldad wrote a well-regarded series of historical and philosophical studies on the Bible. He also produced *Jerusalem Chronicles: News of the Past* (known in Israel as *Divrei HaYamim*), a fascinating and innovative history of Israel and the Jewish People utilizing a daily newspaper format. His best known book remains *The Jewish Revolution* (1971, re-issued by Gefen in 2007 and also available through Amazon). Eldad became a frequent columnist for *Haaretz* and *Yediot Aharonot* and, in the aftermath of the Six Day War, for *The Times of Israel*. Many English translations of his essays can be found on www.Savelsrael.com.

The most concise statement of Eldad's philosophy by Eldad himself is in his 1961 booklet *Israel, The Road to Full Redemption*. Zev Golan wrote: My first encounter with Eldad was via a small booklet of his, *The Road to Full Redemption*. I'd had a Jewish education from kindergarten through university and never anywhere had I heard the ideas expressed by

Eldad. His inimitable prose put me on the Road of the booklet's title, and I have been on it ever since.

The quotes below are all from *Israel, The Road to Full Redemption*.

On the birth of the modern State of Israel, Eldad wrote: "There is a special prayer recited at Chanukah and Purim 'on account of the miracles.' In this prayer we thank God for putting many in the hands of the few. This refers, of course, to the victory of the few Jews over the vast gentile armies who exceeded us numerically. Yet it is equally possible to speak of the victory of the few, in the midst of the Jewish People itself, over the many unbelievers among us."

Explaining the uniqueness of Israel and the Jewish people Eldad wrote: "Only those, who, owing to a complex of self-hatred and superficial rationalism, have ceased to believe that the Jews are a chosen people, a people of a great origin, with a great purpose and tremendous forces within itself, only such people can regard the restoration [of the Jewish State] as a 'miracle.' If there is a miracle, it does not lie in the fact that we overcame the British and the Arabs. If there is a miracle, it is in the fact that we overcame the Jews..."

Writing about Israel's geostrategic position in 1961 Eldad stated: "In spite of the tremendous waste of national resources as a result of the regime and... the mass of electors, who exploit party competition in order to raise the standard of living above what is permissible in view of real income and defense needs; in spite of all this the nucleus of a State which we have here is a force which at this moment is stronger than the combined force of all the Arab states. Now there is no longer any doubt that if the money which streamed into this State had been efficiently and far-sightedly invested, instead of being used for momentary satisfactions, we would be closer to economic independence than we are today."

After Eldad's death in 1996 Benjamin Netanyahu issued an official statement in the name of Likud calling Eldad the "spiritual father of the Hebrew revolution, who prepared generations of fighters toward the realization of and dedication to the love of the people and the land." Official tributes to Eldad have included the issuance of an Israeli postal stamp in November 2002 and the renaming of a Jerusalem street in his honor. Perhaps most notably Kfar Eldad, a Judean town south of Jerusalem, now bears his name.

Today some know Eldad as the father of Member of Knesset Dr. Arieh Eldad, also a man of remarkable accomplishments. A physician who served in the Israel Defense Forces for 25 years, Arieh Eldad is a former Brigadier General and chief medical officer of the IDF. He taught plastic surgery at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Elected to the Knesset for the Moledet Party of the National Union bloc in the February 2003 elections Eldad is a member of the current Knesset. He has been active with Professors for a Strong Israel and has been a sharp critic of the current

U.S. administration, writing in May 2010 that President Obama was more antagonistic towards Israel than any president in generations.

Among the Zionist leaders that Eldad was most closely associated with in his life—Ze'ev Jabotinsky, Uri Tzvi Greenberg, Menachem Begin, Abba Achimieir and Avraham Stern—only Eldad does not yet have a research center in Israel dedicated to preserving his memory and advancing his ideas. This is surprising given that websites have been created to republish his articles and essays, several books by and about him have been released in Hebrew and English and many Zionist activists identify publicly with Eldad's ideas. An example of the continuing influence of his thought is the popularity of a Passover Haggadah based on Eldad's writings published in 2009. Entitled *Tonight We Leave Egypt*, it was the subject of a special Knesset ceremony where Knesset Speaker Rivlin said "This year I will conduct the Seder from this Haggadah."

Eldad died without seeing the State of Israel become the vehicle for sovereign Jewish Redemption ("Malchut Israel") that he longed for it to be. But he never abandoned his faith and his hope. After the failure to win the battle for the Old City in 1948, when few in Israel cared for it, Eldad saw the necessity to have the Temple Mount site as the focal point of the Jewish nation. In *Israel, The Road to Full Redemption*, Eldad wrote: "The road from the State of Israel to Malchut Israel with a Holy Temple is far shorter and easier than ever the road was from Hibbat Zion [the 1880s return-to-Zion movement that pre-dated the founding of the modern Zionist political movement] to the State of Israel." After the liberation of the Old City in 1967 and the Israeli government's abandonment of the Temple Mount to the forces of Islam, Eldad still did not lose hope.

On September 24, 2009 Prime Minister Netanyahu gave a speech at the UN General Assembly. He said: "Over seventy years ago, Winston Churchill lamented what he called the 'confirmed unteachability of mankind,' the unfortunate habit of civilized societies to sleep until danger nearly overtakes them. Churchill bemoaned what he called the 'want of foresight, the unwillingness to act when action will be simple and effective, the lack of clear thinking, the confusion of counsel until emergency comes, until self-preservation strikes its jarring gong.'"

Eldad was a man of foresight who perhaps more than any other Zionist leader taught the "willingness to act when action will be simple and effective." And he was preeminently a man of courage, which Churchill said "is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities...because it is the quality which guarantees all others."

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The Grand Jihad

Ruth King

Andrew C. McCarthy's remarkable new book *The Grand Jihad—How Islam and the Left Sabotage America* puts the Obama administration, U.S. agencies tasked with maintaining our security, Islamism and the hard left on trial.

McCarthy honed his prosecutorial skills as Assistant United States Attorney for the southern district of New York. From 1993 to 1996 he was in charge of the successful prosecution of Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman and other jihadists for plots to bomb the World Trade Center, the Lincoln and Holland tunnels, the United Nations complex, and possibly the FBI's downtown Manhattan headquarters.

Long before 9/11 focused our attention on Islamic terrorism, McCarthy connected the dots between the 1990 assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane--the first *jihad* murder committed on American soil--and the

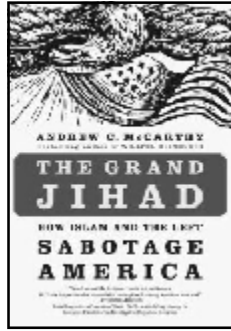
bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993. He described this in devastating detail in his first book *Willful Blindness: A Memoir of the Jihad* (Encounter, 2008). In his new book, McCarthy lays out his case with scrupulous care, backing his arguments with

solid research, including a comprehensive knowledge of radical Koranic doctrine and its guiding principles of *jihad*, *sharia* and conquest.

The book opens with a bang. "And so he bowed. Barack Hussein Obama swept into the royal reception hall. With the election won and power assumed, it was suddenly alright to hype 'Hussein' again, and the new President had adjusted accordingly."

The leader of the free world whose treatment of Great Britain bordered on rudeness bowed reverentially to a tyrant whose munificence has contributed to slavery, terror, *jihad* and a systematic weakening of America's institutions and values. Swiftly, McCarthy presents the accusation: "The subversion of those values is Obama's fondest wish: the work of his presidency, the Hope behind the Change: the President was bowing to a shared dream."

McCarthy rejects the notion that Obama is a crypto Moslem. Instead he describes Obama's real faith as neo-communism, "...feverishly spiritual in its zeal to tear down the existing order under the banner of its all purpose rally cry 'social justice.'" McCarthy argues that the hard left and the global Islamic project have shared purposes, and seemingly irreconcilable differences are shelved for the greater goal, namely, destroying the state, conveniently packaged as "fundamental change."



The left uses the word "progressive" and Islam uses the phrases "moderate" and "Religion of Peace" but McCarthy debunks both. Along the way he revisits the bloody legacy of the PLO's "nouveau pacifist" Abu Mazen/Abu Abbas in the murder of women and children and focuses on the Arab lionization of the "brave leaders and model warriors" who carried out the most brutal attacks. He is scornful of those who see the "root cause" of Moslem hostility to the United

States in the Israel/Arab conflict. McCarthy writes: "Israel serves as the commentariat's unified field theory for explaining all Islamic hostility." Along with the formidable Diana West, McCarthy was one of the few who took General Petraeus to task for his recent echoing of the "unified field theory" on Arab hostility.

Under the heading "The Sabotage Campaign in Action" the author outlines the saga of escalating defiance by Moslems and their representative organizations and the craven response by our institutions including the Transportation Security Administration, the Pentagon, Congress, and Homeland Security.

Chapter by chapter McCarthy indicts those who air brush the enemy; those in the academies, the courts and the media and our financial system who resolutely see no *jihad*; who ignore the sedition emanating from mosques, madrassas and Moslem charity and fraternal organizations; who seek "fundamental change" by destroying our institutions and values from within. He courageously takes the indictment right up to the White House and the administration's "lone isolated extremist" knee-jerk reaction to every terrorist outrage. He excoriates President Obama for his delay in making a public statement and the Justice Department for its rush to offer Miranda rights to the Christmas Day bomber Abdulmutallab who almost brought down an airliner over Detroit.

Since the book went to print we have had another episode with the Times Square terrorist. Even New York's mayor Bloomberg speculated that the terrorist was "a mentally deranged person or somebody with a political agenda that doesn't like the health-care bill or something." Something indeed!

McCarthy concludes: "No Yemen, no Britain, no Islam, no ideology. Most of all, no Grand Jihad. A lone 'isolated extremist.' Just like Nidal Hasan, the Christmas bomber had spontaneously combusted without rhyme or reason, impossible to predict, impossible to prevent. From this kind of threat America could not and would not defend itself." And, writes McCarthy, "A half a world away, King Abdullah smiled. He knew a bow when he heard one."

This is the best book on the subject I have read and I have read most of them.

Andrew McCarthy, take a bow! •

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negotiations with the government) on orders of Defense Minister Ehud Barak.

The Hebron community is up in arms. Its statement says: "This claim constitutes a gross violation of the principle of equality before the law...as long as the state does not require all citizens to pay the cost of enforcing the law against them it cannot take such a drastic step towards those who are fulfilling the right to protest..." The statement concludes that "this suit can only be defined as unfair, ugly, political, discriminatory and lopsided, which perfectly describes the state's conduct concerning Beit HaShalom all along."

Shmuel Katz Site

A new website seeks to continue the work of Shmuel Katz (December 9, 1914—May 9, 2008), the most clear-sighted political thinker Israel has ever produced and the man who inspired AFSI's creation. The site includes an archive of much of his writings and never before seen video interviews of Katz in the last years of his life. We urge you to visit the site www.shmuelkatz.com, and hope you will register to receive updates as well.

Arrest the Pope?

From England Robin Shepherd writes: "If I have said it once, I have said it a hundred times. The one great hope for those of us calling for sanity over the state of Israel in particular and the western world in general is that the group hysteria that inspires our opponents will ultimately render them so ridiculous that they will lose all credibility outside the lunatic fringe.

Well, vindication may be just around the corner."

Atheist writers Richard Dawkins (*The God Delusion*) and Christopher Hitchens have announced that they are consulting lawyers with a view to prosecuting the Pope when he comes to England in September (on charges related to the Pope's alleged cover up of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church). Shepherd points out the case will inevitably cause a rethinking of the entire notion of universal jurisdiction since the mere possibility of the Pope being hauled before a British court is something the British government would find appalling. And, says Shepherd, it's either universal or it's not. "You can't say: prosecute Tzipi Livni, but don't prosecute the Pope."

More Black Humor at the UN

Journalist Claudia Rosett writes that when Iran withdrew its candidacy for a seat on the UN Human Rights Council in April she received messages from people who were sorry. They felt seating Iran on the rotten Human Rights Council would have been helpful—much as Libya chairing the old Human Rights Commission in 2003 helped to discredit that body.

Not to worry. Rosett reports that the UN's Commission on the Status of Women, self-described as its principal policy body for "gender equality and advancement of women" has just given Iran a seat on the Commission.

Teheran's police chief recently contributed to female advancement with his April 28 decree that women with suntans would be arrested following a mullah's announcement that insufficiently covered-up women were responsible for Iran's earthquakes. •