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The Schalit Dilemma

William Mehlman

“The Israeli consensus is clear,” notes Mc Gill University history professor Gil Troy from his current perch at Jerusalem’s Shalom Hartman Research Center, “the deal to free Sergeant Gilad Schalit is bewildering, absurd, lopsided, heartbreaking, terrifying, as well as inspirational, humane, necessary and ultimately rational.”

Former World Jewish Congress senior vice president Isi Leibler has his own take on the denouement to the Schalit drama. Irony aside, he suggested in a recent *Jerusalem Post* column that a 75 percent solidly secular Israeli public may have been in hot pursuit of *pidyon shevuim*, the unmitigated halachic obligation to ransom Jewish captives in condoning the release of 1,027 Arab prisoners, many with copious amounts of Jewish blood on their hands, in exchange for the frail young “tankist” from Mitzpe Hila.

In fact, the only thing conclusive about the ending of Schalit’s 1,940-day ordeal is that in approving by margins of 75-80 percent in every poll taken the “absurd...heartbreaking...inspirational” 1,000 for 1 exchange that ended it, the Israeli public laid bare what it perceived to be its most overriding self-interest. However badly many may feel that interest was served, it stands as the democratic decision of a democratic society, among whose inalienable rights is the right to be wrong.

Dreadfully wrong is what that society may have been in dispatching to freedom the likes of Nasser Yataima, co-star of the 2002 Passover bombing of Netanya’s Park Hotel that killed 15 and wounded 140; Taimini Ahlon, the female planner and chauffer for the terrorists who blew up the Sbarro Pizzeria in the heart of Jerusalem in 2003, killing and wounding scores of children among the mid-day diners; Fadi Muhammed al-Jaber, who was serving 18 life sentences for a 2002 Haifa bus bombing that killed 17 and Musab Hashlemon, doing 17 life sentences for his role in a suicide bombing in Beersheba that resulted in 16 fatalities. All this and much more to secure the release of one slim little soldier who couldn’t scramble out of his tank fast enough to avoid being taken prisoner by Hamas in a 2006 border incident.

Gilad Schalit per se, however, was only incidental to the Israeli public’s perception of its self-interest. Over the five years and four months of his burial alive in a Gaza hole, the subject of a relentless and admittedly brilliant PR campaign waged by his parents and their global support network, he was transformed into the adopted child of hundreds of thousands of Israeli mothers and fathers with a son in IDF uniform or within a hands-breath of embarking on that 36-month adventure. Esther Wachsman, who lost her son Nachshon eight years earlier in an attempted prisoner exchange that went wrong epitomized that proxy relationship in confiding to a reporter that “somewhere in my mind Gilad Schalit became my son.”

Its integrity is embodied in the phrase “No soldier left behind.” More than a slogan, it is the promissory note that has been deposited with every Israeli family by every Israel government over the past 63 years. Faith in its redemption has cemented the willingness of two generations of Israeli parents to commit their sons into the hands of the IDF. The graves on Mount Herzl are as much witness to that commitment as Israel’s victories in three wars of intended annihilation. Its breach could have had a potentially devastating impact not only on national morale but on the very essence of the IDF as a fighting force. It needs being borne in mind that while military service in Israel is compulsory for all but the Arab and ultra-Orthodox sectors, service in the IDF’s combat units is largely voluntary. To ignore the pressure against volunteering for those units Israeli parents might exert on their 18 year-olds, absent the assurance of “no soldier left behind,” is to turn a blind eye to the IDF’s war fighting ability and ultimately the security of the nation. One can choose to believe or disbelieve Benjamin Netanyahu’s

assertion that “in the current diplomatic circumstances, this was the best agreement we could achieve,” but Israel’s abandonment of Gilad Schalit was never really a viable option.

Where does Israel go from here? Nearly 5,000 Arab prisoners remain in its jails, including Tanzim commander Marwan Barghouti, directly and indirectly responsible for the murder of 26 Israelis. The cries of “give us more Schalits” reverberating from Ramallah to Gaza City as the Fatah-Hamas PA combine greeted its “heroes” will not be stilled with a shrug of Israel’s shoulders. The ground rules Israel has followed in dealing with terrorist extortion need a drastic overhaul. Some of those changes have undoubtedly been incorporated in the findings of a blue-ribbon committee headed by former Israeli Supreme Court president Meir Shamgar. Its 2009 report, shelved in the midst of the Schalit turmoil, needs to be dusted off and made public.

One would certainly hope that it would stipulate the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers as an act of aggression to be met with immediate and unlimited hot pursuit of the aggressor and draconian economic measures, including, in the case of the Palestinian Authority, Israel’s termination of excise tax collection services and a concerted campaign by the Jewish State against any further U.S. PA funding. The country club structure of Israel’s penal system also calls for serious revamping. The Jewish State is under no obligation to provide convicted killers with television entertainment, air conditioning, exercise facilities, Tel Aviv University extension courses or conjugal visits. Israel’s prisons are for punishment not rehabilitation. Moreover, any fresh attempt to kidnap an Israel soldier should result in complete lockdown. Count on the families of the incarcerated to make sure that Messrs Abbas and Haniyeh get the message.

Finally, in exercising its ultimate weapon against a Schalit reprise, Israel should make it crystal clear that any such effort – successful or not -- will result in the permanent reoccupation of the entire former Gush Katif area in Gaza by the IDF. If nothing else gets the attention of Haniyeh and his thugs, that certainly should. There are no iron-clad guarantees against another soldier or civilian kidnapping, but Israel has the tools to make such an event far less likely. It must stand ready to use them.

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From the Editor

ADL, UJA Federation--Scrap Them

JCC Watch, whose stated purpose is "Holding Jewish Communal Groups Accountable," recently exposed the outlandish salary--and actions--of John Ruskay, CEO of UJA Federation. Ruskay allocated over \$1 million of UJA Federation funds to Funders for Jewish Justice, a George Soros front group that among other nefarious activities spent \$100,000 on an ad attacking Glenn Beck, Israel's foremost champion. (This and other equally objectionable behavior by Ruskay should come as no surprise: his history of anti-Israel activism goes all the way back to CONAME. Founded in 1970 as a front group for the Socialist Workers Party, CONAME became a source of anti-Israel speakers on American platforms and, during the Yom Kippur War, sought to prevent the U.S. from sending arms to Israel.) Ruskay's salary for doing mischief? A whopping \$675,000 a year in both 2008 and 2009.

JCC Watch does excellent work, but one has to ask, "What is the value to the Jewish community of an organization like UJA Federation that behaves so outrageously that it requires a watchdog?"

At least UJA Federation also does charitable work, but what can possibly be said in favor of the ADL? This outfit ignores defamation of Jews (supposedly its *raison d'etre*), while defaming Christian supporters of Israel on the "wrong" side of the political spectrum. Most recently, as Joel Pollak points out on Andrew Breitbart's *biggovernment.com*, the ADL has been helping the Occupy Wall Street demonstrators, where anti-Jewish hatred is on alarming display, do damage control by pretending it

does not exist or is so minor as to be unworthy of notice. Pollak notes that Lisa Fithian, who is coordinating Occupy Wall Street protests around the country, is an anti-Israel activist who at a 2010 protest meeting accused Israel of murder while fellow demonstrators called for Palestine to be "free, from the river to the sea." And as the American Nazi Party came out in support of the Occupy movement, the ADL shut its eyes tighter than ever.

Foxman's salary at ADL may not be quite up to Ruskay's but at last count, several years ago, it was well over \$500,000. In both cases, it's money that can be well saved. Let's shut these outfits down and start over. And let's begin with people truly dedicated to the welfare of Israel and the Jewish people--people in the mold of Foxman's predecessor at ADL, Nathan Perlmutter.

Abbas: Peace Never

Outpost contributor Roger Gerber draws our attention to an interview in Beirut's *Daily Star* on September 15 given by "Palestine's" ambassador to the UN Abdullah Abdullah. In it, Gerber points out, Abdullah states a) that Palestinian Arabs living in refugee camps--even those within the borders of a putative Palestinian Arab state--will be granted neither citizenship nor passports b) statehood will not affect the so-called 'right of return' to Israel, thus preserving the 'right' to destroy Israel as a Jewish state and c) a state 'is not the end of the conflict' but only a 'new framework that will change the rules of the game.' Gerber asks how any sentient rational being can honestly believe that there is a peace process underway. If statehood would not end the conflict, then what is the point of negotiating statehood; to enable the Arabs to perpetuate the conflict from a more advantageous position?

None of this prevents Netanyahu from continuing the senseless babble. Here he is a month after the Abdullah interview: "We welcome the Quartet's efforts for direct negotiations without preconditions....Only direct negotiations without preconditions will facilitate a peace process."

But it does explain why Barry Rubin confidently predicts: "Nothing will change. There will be no peace process; no Palestinian state. No 'progress' will happen...There will be thousands of emails, hundreds of expensive conferences, dozens of foundation grants and tens of peace initiatives that are all meaningless because they are based on false premises."

Is Islam Fragile?

We tend to think of Islam as supremely self-confident and, if we read Mark Steyn, likely to soon replace a weakened and largely abandoned Christianity in Europe. Steyn points to the negligible European birth rate and the surge of baby Mohammeds.

But Fr. James Schall emphasizes the fragility of Islam and he may have a point. Islam is intensely opposed to critical analysis of its founding document, the Koran, and any such analysis, revealing the ambiguities and outright contradictions in the portrayal of Mohammed's life and thought, could blow holes into the entire brittle Islamic edifice. For Fr. Schall that makes Islam as potentially vulnerable as Communism. Critics of Schall's analogy have pointed out that religions are sturdier than political ideologies.

There are, however, other indications of current Islamic fragility. David Goldman (who used to blog as Spengler) in *How Civilizations Die (and Why Islam is Dying Too)* points to the unprecedented collapse of fertility in some Muslim countries. Iran, which we think of as a prime example of Islamic fervor, is anything but, once you get below the level of the ruling mullahs. According to a BBC report Iran has the lowest mosque attendance of any Muslim country, at just 2%. The average Iranian has six siblings but will have 1.5 children. There are currently seven working age Iranians to care for each set of parents; in the next generation there will be one and a half. Goldman points out this is an unimaginable problem for a country with a per capita GDP of only \$6,000. And then there's Turkey, ostensibly full of new found Islamic enthusiasm. The fertility of Turkish speakers is just 1.5, the same as Iran. The Kurds

of Turkey, despite their second-class status, are demographically optimistic. With a fertility rate three times that of the dominant Turks, they could be half the country's population in a generation (they are now 20%). The fertility rate of Palestinian Arabs has dropped markedly while that of Israelis, even secular Israelis, has risen.

The rise of Islamism, the insistence that Islam is the answer to every problem, the xenophobic hatred and oppression of minorities, may hide an intensely vulnerable belief system.

Islamization by Emigration

Islam specialist Raymond Ibrahim writes that Islam now adds a fourth alternative to the three traditionally offered non-Muslims in jihad-seized territories: besides conversion, *dhimmitude* or death there is now emigration (for those who can afford it and get visas). In Egypt, according to the Egyptian Union of Human Rights Organizations (EUHRO), nearly 100,000 Christians have fled since the March "Arab spring." They flee because they are intimidated, threatened, in some places killed by ever more emboldened radical Islamists and receive no protection from the government.

Far from making Islamic countries more tolerant of minorities, Ibrahim points out, "the deplorable fact is, the Christians who have it worst are precisely those living in Muslim nations where the U.S. has intervened and is spending billions to create 'democracies.'" In Iraq, where Christian persecution has increased exponentially under U.S. occupation, over half the country's Christians have fled abroad or become internal exiles. As for Afghanistan, the State Department's report concedes there is not a single, public Christian church left in Afghanistan (the last was razed in March 2010). Such is the state of religious freedom ten years after the U.S. overthrew the Taliban regime.

Ibrahim notes that the State Department report, while acknowledging all this, concludes with the meaningless boilerplate, "the United States continues to promote religious freedom in Afghanistan."

Kiryat Arba Cover-Up

Jerold S. Auerbach

In July 1983 Aharon Gross walked through the crowded Arab market in Hebron. An eighteen-year-old yeshiva student, he had joined Rabbi Moshe Levinger, the leader of the restored Jewish community in Hebron after the Six-Day war, for morning prayers. Rabbi Levinger was holding a one-man sit-down strike in a tent near the Israeli military government building to protest the lack of security for Hebron Jews.

Seven Jews had been murdered there within three years, six while returning from Ma'arat haMachpelah to Beit Hadassah to celebrate Shabbat with the women and children who had reestablished a Jewish presence in Hebron for the first time since the Arab massacre in 1929. That morning three Arabs suddenly attacked Aharon Gross and slit his throat. Israeli soldiers nearby, who witnessed the brutal assault, were reluctant to intervene. Explaining their reticence, a local military commander told Levinger's son-in-law: "Better one of your people than one of ours."

I was reminded of this double tragedy--a murdered Jew and indifferent Israeli security forces--when it was repeated a week before Rosh HaShanah. Two residents of Kiryat Arba, the Jewish community overlooking Hebron, died in a car crash. Twenty-five-year old Asher Palmer and his infant son Yonatan were killed when a rock thrown from a passing vehicle smashed through the windshield, hitting Asher in the face. He lost control of his car, which tumbled over into a rock bed.

Drivers to and from Kiryat Arba and throughout Judea and Samaria are familiar with the hazard of frequent Palestinian stone-throwing attacks from the side of the road. Recently they have confronted

a more severe danger: sizeable rocks, thrown from passing cars heading in the opposite direction. The increased velocity, of course, poses a lethal danger. So it was on September 23rd.

The car murders occurred on the day when Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas would address the United Nations General Assembly to demand recognition of the State of Palestine. Israeli security forces were on high alert throughout Judea and Samaria in anticipation of Palestinian violence should they be frustrated in New York.

Police and military investigators quickly concluded that the deaths resulted from Asher's reckless driving. According to their investigation, father and son died when Asher lost control of his speeding car. The bloody stone found inside the car, they explained, had entered after his Subaru flipped over into an adjacent rock-bed.

The IDF Spokesman's Unit intentionally misinformed reporters. Autopsy findings and a CT scan revealed damage to Asher's face, and a fractured skull, that could only have come from impact prior to the crash – from, that is, a rock thrown through the windshield by another car coming from the opposite direction at high speed.

Kiryat Arba residents, who know from bitter experience the road dangers of driving to and from their community, were understandably enraged. Denouncing the official lies, one local Council member declared: "It's shocking" that police "covered up the murder of a baby and his father."

Knesset members were appalled by the official dissembling. Aryeh Eldad filed a request for information from the Minister of Internal Security, asking "Why did the police hurry to determine that this was a traffic accident and not the result of a terrorist rock-throwing attack?" Yaakov Katz wondered: "How did it happen that a father and his baby son were murdered and . . . IDF and police spokesmen hurried to say it was a traffic accident...in order to deceive the people and...not to disturb the UN Assembly?"

On the day of the Palmer funerals a senior IDF officer in Judea admitted that the IDF intentionally concealed evidence lest infuriated settlers "inflamm" an already tense Palestinian community awaiting Abbas's UN speech. Additional evidence indicated collusion between the IDF and Israeli police.

Hearing this news Boaz Haetzni, Kiryat Arba Council head (and a reserve lieutenant colonel) spoke for the community: "We feel betrayed and deceived." IDF Command policy, he claimed, demands "zero casualties among the Arab marauders" by preventing soldiers from responding "with determination" to attacks on Israeli civilians. Facts were concealed, Hebron Regional Council sources alleged, to stifle any settler response to Palestinian terror attacks lest Israel be even more demonized than usual by the international community while Prime Minister Netanyahu was at the UN.

Hebron spokesman David Wilder asserted that "the police/security establishment has one fear, and one fear alone. It is not dead Jews. It is dead Arabs." That, of course, would trigger a familiar scenario: Jews would be blamed for responding to Arab attacks, placing Israel under renewed foreign pressure to relinquish settlements for "peace."

It was, Wilder insisted, "unthinkable that Israeli security sources would lie about a terror attack in order to prevent 'Jewish responses.'" But IDF officers believe that mere stone throwing at settlers is "sufferable," thereby absolving the army or police of any responsibility for responding to it.

Not far from the old Jewish cemetery in Hebron where Asher and Yonatan Palmer were buried is Gross Square, commemorating the memory of Aharon Gross. The Palmer and Gross deaths, nearly thirty years apart, are linked by the enduring reluctance of the IDF command (and the government of Israel) to protect Jews, living where they have every right to live, lest Palestinians be offended or provoked.

During a shiva visit to the Palmer family, IDF officers were drawn into a discussion about the failure of the government to provide adequate protection against potentially lethal road stonings. Their actions, they indicated, are constrained by "political decisions." That, course, means Defense Minister

Ehud Barak, whose animosity toward Hebron Jews was already evident from his authorization of their expulsion from Jewish-owned property and his persistent indifference to their safety.

Kiryat Arba was the prior name for biblical Hebron, the most ancient Jewish city in the Land of Israel, where the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Jewish people are buried. If Jews have the right to live anywhere, it is here. Like Israelis in Tel Aviv, they are entitled to protection, whether in their homes and neighborhoods or on streets and highways. At the very least, they deserve not to be blamed for the lethal harm that Palestinian attackers inflict upon them.

To be sure, not every terrorist attack can be prevented. But it is dismaying, to say the least, to witness the Israel Defense Forces and Israeli police collaborating to conceal the murder of Jews while blaming them for their own deaths. When Israel is demonstrably fearful of protecting its citizens and punishing its enemies it displays the *galut* mentality that Zionists once were determined to overcome.

Postscript: just before Yom Kippur it was revealed that the Israel Security Agency and the IDF had arrested two Arabs from the Halhoul area, north of Hebron. They admitted to having thrown the rock that killed Asher and Yonatan Palmer.

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A Matter of Honor

David Isaac

October 31st marks the anniversary of the official end of the Sinai and Palestine Campaigns in the Middle Eastern Theatre during World War I. The British Egyptian Expeditionary Force was led by Field Marshal Edmund Allenby. He is rightly regarded as a hero of the British Empire. However, he is not a hero of the Jewish people. Far from it. Yet a major thoroughfare in Tel Aviv, Allenby Street, is named in his honor. This is an error long overdue for correction.



Field Marshal Allenby stood at the head of the British military administration that governed Palestine for roughly two years. Unfortunately, that first administration set the precedent and the tone for all subsequent administrations, which is why, in 1923, three years after Allenby had been replaced, Moshe Glickson, freshly minted editor of *Ha'aretz*, protested against “the insult and the deprivation of rights to which we are exposed in our historic homeland, against the crude contempt towards our vital interests, which have become the established system of the Palestine government.”

Anti-Semitism pervaded Allenby’s General Headquarters. This expressed itself in the denigration of members of the Jewish Legion, who were persecuted whenever they left the camp. The commander of the Legion, Lt.-Colonel John Henry Patterson, described the situation in 1919:

“Certain areas were placed out of bounds to ‘Jewish soldiers’ but not to men in other battalions. Jewish soldiers were so molested by the military police that the only way they could enjoy a peaceful walk outside camp limits was by removing their Fusilier badges and substituting others which they kept conveniently in their pockets for the purpose. They found that by adopting this method they were never interfered with by the Military Police.”

Orders to harass and demoralize Jewish Legionnaires came from General Headquarters. “Anti-Semitic behavior filtered down from the heights of G.H.Q. into the rank and file,” writes Shmuel Katz,

author of *Lone Wolf: A Biography of Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky*. "Patterson records the case of a British officer who, after spending a year at G.H.Q., was seconded to his staff in the Thirty-eighth. There he made insulting remarks to a Jewish officer. When he was forced by the brigadier to apologize to his victim he burst out: 'I don't like Jews. The Jews are not liked at G.H.Q. and you know it, sir.'"

Katz writes, "Allenby--contrary to the widespread view--knew of the charges [of anti-Semitism], which were specific. Second, his failure to investigate them compels the conclusion that he was not appalled at the idea of anti-Semitism in his administration and under his army command. This implication is considerably strengthened by his reaction to Jabotinsky's letter [concerning anti-Semitic acts by the administration]. That letter was couched in language that could leave no doubt as to the severity of the charge and the strong feelings of those who voiced it. He then simply used his military authority to ignore the accusations--and to punish the accuser. It is not unfair to suggest that this revelation should be taken into account in assessing Allenby's personal role in the unhappy events of his period of office."

It's important to note that if Allenby was not himself anti-Semitic, his complaisance in the face of anti-Semitism was ungrateful to say the least. Not only did the Jewish Legion perform exemplary service, but Allenby received critical help from the NILI organization, an underground intelligence network set up by the Jewish agronomist Aaron Aaronsohn. It was Aaronsohn who came up with the plan to break the deadlock before Gaza by outflanking the city and attacking Beersheba, and made the plan possible by providing indispensable intelligence, saving an estimated 40,000 British lives.

The behavior of the British administration eventually led to bloodshed. British officials actively encouraged Arab violence, believing violence would convince Whitehall to revise its pro-Jewish policy. When Vladimir Jabotinsky and his band of defenders repulsed Arab rioters in 1920, they were blamed, promptly arrested and tried by a kangaroo court. Jabotinsky was sentenced to 15 years penal servitude and the others to three years imprisonment for possession of firearms and for taking action to protect the Jews of Jerusalem. These sentences were later commuted.

At the time, however, Allenby upheld the charges and helped to whitewash his administration's outrageous behavior both during the attacks and during the trial of Jabotinsky and his men. One may rightly ask why the name of Allenby Street was not changed then. Well, there was an attempt. As Katz relates, "One of the leaders of Hapoel Hatzair, Yosef Aharonovitz, proposed to the Tel Aviv municipality that the name of Allenby Road be changed to Jabotinsky Road. The municipality refused. Aharonovitz went out with a group of young people one night and replaced the street signs. Next day municipal workers restored the original signs; that night they were again replaced. This went on for several days. The story went around that Colonel Storrs, coming on a visit one night to a friend who lived in Allenby Street, was driven around for half an hour while his driver searched in vain for the address. He finally learned that the street described to him by passers-by as Jabotinsky Street was in fact the one he was looking for."

The Jews could be forgiven at first for naming a street after Allenby. It was November, 1918. Allenby had just conquered Palestine from the Turks – hardly a pro-Jewish bunch – and Allenby had yet to preside over the many injustices the Jewish community would be subject to under his administration. By 1920, as Yosef Aharonovitz recognized, Allenby did not deserve a street named after him. There's even less excuse for it today. Indeed, changing the street's name is a matter of honor.

If Tel-Aviv's municipality has trouble coming up with a new name, we suggest naming it after another British officer, the Jewish Legion's commander Lt.-Col. Patterson. There is a street named after him in Israel--in the German Colony in Jerusalem. As far as we're aware, there is no street in Tel-Aviv named in his honor. He deserves a big one. If ever there was a heaven-sent Christian supporter of the Jews, Patterson was it. "An Irish Protestant, he had, it so happened, from his boyhood, studied, out of choice, the history of the Jews, their laws and customs; and spent a great part of his leisure hours poring over the Bible," Katz writes. Patterson wrote, "As a boy, I eagerly devoured the records of the glorious

deeds of Jewish military captains such as Joshua, Joab, Gideon and Judas Maccabaeus.” At this writing, the Jewish American Society for Historical Preservation is making an effort to bring Patterson and his wife, currently buried in Los Angeles, to Israel. That would make a propitious moment for a renaming.

“Never in Jewish history has there been in our midst a Christian friend of his penetration and devotion,” Jabotinsky said.

Patterson paid for that devotion. For identifying with the Zionist cause, he was passed over for promotion. He entered World War I as a lieutenant-colonel and he left it as a lieutenant-colonel.

The Jews should make it clear that, in their book, lieutenant-colonel ranks higher than field marshal.

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The United Nations And Human Rights Abuse

Wafa Sultan

(Editor's Note: Both this and the following remarks by Simon Deng were delivered at the conference "The Perils of Global Intolerance" hosted by the Hudson Institute and Touro College Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust on September 22 at the Millennium UN Plaza Hotel in Manhattan. It was timed to coincide with Durban III and the tenth anniversary of the first infamous UN hate-fest against Israel, Durban I.)

When I emigrated to the United States of America from Syria, another Arab country that today is undergoing a turbulent political earthquake, never did I imagine that one day I would stand outside the United Nations to oppose its perverted conference, to defend against its malicious attempt to single out Israel — a country that I was taught to hate.



But here I am today, proud to stand for light in the midst of darkness, darkness brought about by the multiple Muslim countries and their international enablers, who have dishonored the initial objective of the United Nations, only to vilify, and eventually to destroy Israel – the one and the only free democratic country in the entire Middle East.

For the last 1,400 years, since its inception, Islamic ideology has attempted to deprive the Jews of their three most cherished possessions — their Bible, their lives, and their Land of Israel.

During my school years, I heard my teachers, family members, neighbors, and the media all bombarding us daily, throughout the Arab world. We, as small kids and young adults, were indoctrinated to share the anti-Semitic vitriol — to despise and denigrate Jews.

- God condemned the Jews because they falsified the Torah. How did I know it? That is what I was taught.
- Since Jews forged the Bible, they were despised and depicted as pigs and apes. How did I know it? That is what I was taught.
- Jews killed our prophets and were the enemies of Allah. How did I know it? That is what I was taught.
- Therefore, the Jews represent an existential danger to all humanity, so their annihilation, as individuals and as a people, was and would be a legitimate service to God and mankind. How did I know it? That is what I was taught.

Yes, killing Jews was always presented to me and my classmates as a religious obligation. We absorbed this evil propaganda with our food and water, and with our school books, each and every day.

As a trained psychiatrist, I assert that seeds of hatred planted in the mind of a child lead to immense hatred as the child grows into adulthood.

And so, Durban III is the end-product of exactly this lasting hatred. Let's be honest; Durban III harbors deep anti-Semitic sentiments—the same sentiments with which my mind was poisoned; sentiments that are still taught to hundreds of millions of Arab kids throughout the Middle East.

I believe that any nation that grants equal opportunity to every citizen, regardless of race, religion, political affiliation, or gender, thereby establishes its moral legitimacy.

According to this principle, Israel stands alone in the Middle East region as a nation with moral legitimacy: it grants all citizens equal rights--men and women alike--provides freedom of religion, and freedom of speech and of the press. Not a single Arab or Muslim country in the surrounding region does the same. Nor do any of those Arab and Muslim nations allow their citizens personal freedom, or the right to maintain and express opposing points of view.

These provide oxygen for the human soul; they are the kind of basic nourishment that is desperately missing in all of Israel's Muslim neighbors.

Yet, the so-called humanitarian aid organizations at the United Nations direct all their energy to act against anything and everything Israel does.

Let me ask: as every human being deserves to live in dignity, why has an enormous unbalanced portion of global aid gone to Palestinians, while millions of underprivileged people all over the world suffer genuine, life-threatening deprivation?

Here is why: The United Nations time and again focuses its power on the perpetual manufacturing of false anti-Israel accusations. Painting Palestinians as perennial underdogs provides the perfect cover for their subversive effort.

Without doubt, this trend encourages hatred and violence against the Jewish people in Israel and everywhere else. And that is exactly its point.

Hence, as a woman of an Arab and Islamic background, I join you all today to highlight the hypocrisy of the UN.

I am here to demand that the United Nations return to its objectives, to apply international law, justice and fairness equally, to all nations regardless of their size, economic conditions, or global influence.

While the United Nations obsessively attacks Israel, it merely reveals its own abysmal human rights record — neglecting Muslim women's rights; ignoring freedoms of faith and conscience; turning a blind eye to the fate of Muslim apostates sentenced to death; failing to address the brutal treatment of Christians and other citizens of Islamic nations, and ignoring the rights of non-Muslim foreigners living or working in Muslim countries.

Where is the UN Human Rights Commission's outcry over the Muslim world's honor killing epidemic?

Where is the UN condemnation of Sharia law that forgives abusive and murderous men whose wives are assumed sinful?

Mr. Ban Ki-moon, please note that we, enlightened and liberated Muslims take notice. And we are enraged. Just as with Israel, the UN marginalizes enlightened and liberated Muslims, and treats them as pariahs. Elite government leaders, willfully blind Western media, arrogant Middle East studies academics and foolish UN representatives follow suit. All these presumably progressive, freethinking leaders have given their full support to Islamic totalitarian countries and rally behind their dehumanizing objectives at the UN.

I receive countless letters from Arab readers throughout the Middle East expressing their desperate desire to live as free people with the same human rights we enjoy in the West — and especially, freedom from Sharia!

One young Arab woman, a student, wrote to me only last month:

“They deprive us of any right to think, and ... remind us each time, how we will burn in hell. They terrorize us, and they do the same with the children. I would like that to stop. I try very hard to change things. I created a little group against sexism. And I hope to be able to defend Arab women one day.”

Tell me Mr. Ban Ki-moon, who will defend this young student and her small group fighting Arab sexism and the atrocities committed against Arab women?

The UN has degenerated into the puppet of Arab and Islamic forces operating freely in its own hallways and offices. It has evolved into a tool of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) – the 56 Islamic nations seeking through the UN to impose international blasphemy laws labeled “defamation of religion.” Without a doubt, this plan to criminalize a genuine and necessary discourse on Islam is seditious and most dangerous.

But in spite of the attempt to silence voices of dissent, let us be frank: From the Islamic point of view, the so called Arab-Palestinian-Israeli conflict is merely an Islamic Jihad, specifically targeting Jewish infidels, cultivated by sacred texts, which date to the time of Mohammed.

Even if the alleged Arab-Palestinian crisis were “solved,” jihadists would continue to fulfill their Islamic duty to subdue the entire world under Islam and Sharia.

So now, I am here to stand with all those who are in the fight to preserve our freedom. I call on all nations and people to boycott the United Nation’s Durban III conference against racial discrimination.

Those who love liberty and life will strengthen their ties and warm relations with Israel, and stand with her. Israel will continue to shine its light among the nations.

The UN: Accessory To Slavery And Other Crimes Against Humanity

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Like you, I came to this conference, The Perils of Global Intolerance, to protest this third Durban conference which is an effort based on a set of lies, and organized by nations who themselves are guilty of the worst kinds of oppression.



Durban III will not help the victims of racism. It will only isolate and target the Jewish state. For over 50 years, 82% of the UN General Assembly emergency meetings have been about condemning one state – Israel. Hitler could not have been made happier.

Given all the good Israel does in the world, given its democracy and its striving to follow the highest standards of human rights, even in the face of the most brutal, the most fanatic enemies, the Durban Conference is an outrage. All decent people know that.

But friends, I come here today to make a different case. I come with what you might at first think is a radical proposition: I come to tell you that there are peoples who suffer from the UN’s anti-Israelism even more than the Israelis. I belong to one of those people.

By exaggerating Palestinian suffering, and by blaming the Jews for it, the UN has muffled the cries of those who suffer on a far larger scale.

For over fifty years the indigenous black African population of Sudan—Christians and Muslims alike—have been the victims of the brutal, racist Arab Muslim regimes in Khartoum.

In South Sudan, my homeland, about four million innocent men, women and children were slaughtered from 1955 to 2005. Seven million were ethnically cleansed, and they became the largest refugee group since World War II.

Everybody at the United Nations is concerned about the so-called Palestinian refugees. They dedicated a separate agency to provide for them; this agency, UNWRA, treats them with a special privilege.

Meanwhile, my people, ethnically cleansed, murdered and enslaved, are relatively ignored. The UN even resisted using the word “slavery” to describe the enslavement of tens of thousands of my people. Why? Because slavery is a crime against humanity, no one committing it wanted to end up before an international court. When Khartoum insisted that the term “abducted people” be substituted for the word “slaves,” the UN caved to Arab pressure and agreed. Try that in America. Try calling Frederick Douglass an “abducted person.” It is outrageous.

The UN refuses to tell the world the truth about the root causes of Sudan’s conflicts. Take Darfur, for example. Who knows really what is happening in Darfur? It is not a “tribal conflict.” It is a conflict rooted in Arab colonialism. In Darfur, a region in the Western Sudan, everybody is Muslim. Everybody is Muslim because the Arabs invaded the North of Africa and converted the indigenous people to Islam. In the eyes of the Islamists in Khartoum, the Darfuris are not Muslim enough. And they also do not want to be Arabized. They like their own African languages and dress and customs. The Arab response is genocide. But nobody tells the truth about Darfur.

In the Nuba Mountains, another region of Sudan, genocide is taking place as I speak. The regime is targeting black Africans—Muslims and Christians. This happened to the Nuba people before. In the 1990s hundreds of thousands were murdered; a large number of women were raped; children were abducted and forcibly converted to Islam. Nobody at the UN told the truth about the Nuba Mountains.

Do you see a massive amount of outrage and reports and protests about this coming out of the UN or Human Rights Watch or Amnesty International? Do you hear them condemn Arab anti-black racism?

Look at the pages of the *New York Times*, or the record of the UN condemnations. What you will find is “Israeli crimes” and Palestinian suffering. My people have been driven off the front pages by the exaggerations of Palestinian suffering.

The truth is that the West commits a real sin when it abandons us. Our suffering has become almost taboo.

Let me return to the topic of slavery: while there are issues that divide public opinion, we can all agree that for one man to own another is a sin, and it should be stopped. The Americans tore themselves apart over the issue of slavery.

Chattel slavery, a centuries-long practice in Sudan, was revived as a tool of war in the early '90s. The Islamist regime in Khartoum declared *jihad*, or holy war, and thereby legitimized taking slaves as war booty. Arab militias were sent to destroy Southern villages and were encouraged to take African women and children as slaves. We believe that up to 200,000 were kidnapped, brought to the North and sold into slavery.

I am a living proof of this crime against humanity.

I do not like talking about my experience as a slave, but I do it because it is important for the world to know that slavery exists even today.

I was only nine years old when I was made a slave. An Arab neighbor named Abdullahi tricked me into following him to a boat destined for Northern Sudan where he gave me as a gift to his family. For three and a half years I was their slave going through something that no child should ever go through: brutal beatings and humiliations; working around the clock; sleeping on the ground with

animals; eating the family's left-overs. During those three years I was unable to say the word "no." All I could say was "yes," "yes," "yes."

The United Nations knew about the brutal enslavement of South Sudanese by the Arabs from the early days of the conflict. Human Rights Watch issued extensive reports about the issue. These reports gathered dust on UN shelves. It took UNICEF—under pressure from the Jewish-led American Anti-Slavery Group—sixteen years to acknowledge what was happening.

As soon as the Sudanese government and the Arab League pressured UNICEF, the UN agency backtracked, and proceeded to criticize the Non-Governmental Organizations that worked to liberate Sudanese slaves. In 1998, Dr. Gaspar Biro, the courageous UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Sudan who reported on slavery, resigned in protest of the UN's actions.

My friends, today tens of thousands of black South Sudanese still serve their masters in the North and the UN is silent about that. It would offend the OIC and the Arab League. So much for "human rights for everybody."

As a former slave and a victim of the worst sort of racism, allow me to explain why I think calling Israel a racist state is absolutely absurd and immoral.

I have been to Israel five times visiting the Sudanese refugees. Let me tell you how they ended up there. These are Sudanese who fled Arab racism, hoping to find shelter in Egypt. They were wrong. In 2005, the refugees camped outside the offices of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Cairo looking for mercy. Instead, the United Nations closed its doors and left the helpless women and children at the mercy of the ruthless Egyptian security forces who slaughtered at least 26 of them.

After this the Sudanese realized that Arab racism is the same, whether it is in Khartoum or in Cairo. So they continued looking for a shelter and they found it in Israel. Dodging the bullets of the Egyptian border patrols and walking for punishingly long distances, the refugees' only hope was to reach Israel's side of the fence, where they knew they would be safe.

The fact that even Darfuris, who are Muslims, chose Israel above all the other Arab-Muslim states of the area, speaks volumes.. Israel is racist? Israel is against the Muslim world? Ask the thousands of black Muslim Darfuris who found shelter inside the Jewish state.

When I asked the refugees about the treatment they receive in Israel, their response is the opposite of what the United Nations alleges. They were welcomed and treated like human beings. Compared to the situation in Egypt, they described their lives in Israel as "heaven." No-one called them *abid*--an Arabic word for slaves often used in Sudan, Egypt and other Arab nations.

Is Israel a racist state? To my people, the people who know racism—the answer is absolutely not. It is a state of people of the colors of the rainbow. Jews themselves come in all colors, even black. I met with beautiful black Ethiopian Jews in Israel. Israel is a state that has taken my own black people in, rescued them, and helped them.

So, yes, my claim may be a radical claim: I claim that the victims who suffer most from the UN's anti-Israel policy are not the Israelis but all those people who have to be ignored in order for the UN to tell its big lie against Israel: all those victims of non-Western abuse, especially all those victims of Arab and Muslim abuse: women, ethnic minorities, religious minorities, homosexuals, in the Arab and Muslim world. These are the biggest victims of UN Israel hatred.

We are ignored, we are abandoned so that the big lie against the Jews can go forward.

Before I conclude let me tell you a story that reflects a special connection that the people of South Sudan feel toward Israel. In 2005, I visited one of the refugee camps in South Sudan. I met a twelve year old girl who told me about her dream. Her dream is to go to school to become a doctor, and then she wanted to visit Israel. I was shocked. How could this refugee girl who spent most of her life in the North know about Israel? When I asked why she wanted to visit Israel, she said: "This is our people."

On July 9 of 2011 South Sudan became an independent state. We achieved freedom despite the opposition from the Arab world and despite the United Nations, whose General Secretary, Bi Ki Moon,

lobbied for the unity of Sudan. For the South Sudanese, that would mean continuation of oppression, brutalization, demonization, Islamization, Arabization and enslavement.

In a similar manner, the Arabs continue denying Jews their right for sovereignty in their homeland; and the Durban III conference continues denying Israel's legitimacy.

As a friend of Israel, I salute the President of the Republic of South Sudan, Salva Kiir, who had the courage to state publicly that the South Sudan embassy in Israel will be built—not in Tel Aviv, but in Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the Jewish people.

I also want to assure you that my own new nation, and all of its people, will oppose racist forums like the Durban III. We will oppose it by simply telling the truth.

"Palestinians" - A Tactical Ploy

Nurit Greenger

The Arabs who now call themselves Palestinians, as Joan Peters and others have documented, in the main migrated into the land of Israel after the Zionist movement made the area--which had deteriorated into the wasteland described by Mark Twain in 1867--economically attractive.

At the end of Israel's War of Independence, Arabs who lived within the so-called "Green Line" (the armistice lines) acquired Israel citizenship. However, the Arabs in the territories controlled by Jordan ("the West Bank") and Egypt (Gaza) remained without any citizenship. Egypt did not offer the Arabs living in the Gaza Strip citizenship, rather issued them All-Palestine passports. Egypt continued to occupy the Gaza Strip until 1967, except for four months of Israeli occupation following the 1956 Sinai campaign. Egypt never annexed the Gaza Strip, but instead treated it as a controlled territory and administered it through a military governor.

From 1967 until 1994, the Gaza Strip remained under Israeli military administration. In May 1994, following the Palestinian-Israeli agreements known as the Oslo Accords, a phased transfer of governmental authority to the Arabs took place. Much of the Strip, except for the bloc of Jewish communities blocs and military areas, came under Arab control. Yasser Arafat chose Gaza City as the Palestinian Authority's first provincial headquarters.

In September 1995, Israel and the PLO signed a second "peace agreement" extending the Arabs' authority to most towns in what are referred to as "the West Bank." The agreement also established an elected 88-member Palestinian National Council, which held its inaugural session in Gaza in March 1996.

In 2005, Israel, in an unprecedented act of folly, dismantled the Gush Khatif bloc of Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip. Instead of continuing the highly lucrative agricultural hothouses established by Israel (and purchased for them by foolish American philanthropists), Arabs trashed and destroyed the entire agricultural system down to irrigation hoses and seeds. The Arabs of Gaza are now ruled by Hamas and funded by foreign contributions and UNRWA.

Abbas and his Palestinian Authority rule over "the West Bank." The name was coined by the Jordanians after the territory, conquered by Jordan's Arab Legion in the 1948 war, was annexed to Transjordan to form the new Kingdom of Jordan. The term differentiated the "West bank of the River Jordan", the newly annexed territory, from the "East Bank" of this river, namely Transjordan. Until that point, the area was generally known by the historic names Judea and Samaria, the term used by Israel today. With the exception of the United Kingdom and Pakistan no country formally recognized Jordan's claim. In 1988 Jordan ceded its territorial claims to the PLO, stripping "West Bank" Arabs of Jordanian citizenship.

In the 1967 Six Day War, the "West Bank" fell to its legal owner under terms of the League of Nations Mandate, the State of Israel. However, with the exception of "east" Jerusalem and the former Israeli-Jordanian no man's land, Israel failed to annex Judea and Samaria, which was under Israeli military control. The Arabs living in Judea and Samaria remained stateless.

The land of Judea and Samaria is legally the land of the state of Israel. The sooner Israel annexes this land the better. As for the Arabs living in Judea and Samaria, I offer these solutions:

1. These Arabs can go live elsewhere, with Jordan, *de facto* state of Palestine, the most obvious choice.

2. Israel can adopt the Swiss cantonal model. The name canton is derived from the French word meaning corner or district. In Switzerland there are 26 cantons, all of which are members of the federal state of Switzerland. In Israel's case, the Arabs will live in cantons enjoying limited autonomy under the rule of a democratic state of Israel.

I have deliberately avoided the term Palestinians. That's because the use of that name is a tactical ploy. After 1967 the Arabs adopted a new tactic, and instead of talking incessantly about annihilating Israel (although they still do that to Arab audiences), for Western audiences they claimed they were engaged in a struggle for human rights. The name "Palestinians" came to be used as part of this grand scheme; it made them victims rather than part of a great scheme of Arab aggression against Israel. But the pan-Arab, indeed pan-Muslim war against Israel is still ongoing and sadly, Israel has yet to achieve its full independence.

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The Calumnists

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Calumny is defined as a false and malicious statement designed to injure the reputation of someone or something. Its synonyms are slander, defamation, libel, misrepresentation, vituperation, smear.

With that in mind we call the professors, reporters, columnists and commentators who have vilified, libeled and slandered Israel "The Calumnists" and AFSI will have a periodic contest with awards for the worst of them. We have named the award the "Apate" after the spirit of deceit, guile, fraud and deception in Greek mythology.

Making our first awards was tough in a fertile field. There's the late, unlamented academic Yeshayahu Leibowitz who coined the expression "judeo-nazi:" in 1990 he declared "Everything Israel has done, and I emphasize everything, in the past 23 years is either evil stupidity or stupidly evil." Gideon Levy certainly deserves consideration for an **Apate** and so do Amira Hass, Amos Oz, Tony Judt and Ron Derfner. Noam Chomsky, Professor Emeritus in the MIT department of Linguistics and Philosophy, is right up there in his passion to defame Israel. He is also a crank. He has defended Holocaust denier Faurisson, called the Oslo agreements a sellout by the Arabs, and most recently opined that 9/11 was the natural reaction to American "atrocities." Maybe we should award him a **Nutty Apate** but he still has his fans. On October 17th Chomsky was the guest speaker at Barnard College. His subject as described by Barnard: "How does America's strategic alliance with Israel affect the prospects of peace in the Middle East, and why has the US been so involved in the region in the first place? Scholar and activist Noam Chomsky considers this question and ruminates on the causes and consequences of American foreign policy in Israel-Palestine." Maybe Barnard should receive the first **Academic Apate**.

And while we are at it, how about the winner of the 2001 Sakharov Prize for Human Rights and the Freedom of Speech awarded by the European Parliament? Her name is Nurit Peled Elhanan. Elhanan's daughter, Smadar Elhanan, was the victim of a suicide bombing attack in Jerusalem on September 4, 1997. This is how Smadar's mother responded to the terrorist murder of her daughter: "My little girl was murdered because she was an Israeli by a young man who was humiliated, oppressed and desperate to the point of suicide and murder and inhumanity, just because he was a Palestinian....And just as my daughter was a victim [of the occupation], so was he."

In a speech to the European Parliament in 2005, Nurit Elhanan announced that the mistreatment of women in the Muslim world, you guessed it, is Israel's fault: "It is true, unfortunately, that the local violence inflicted on Palestinian women by the government of Israel and the Israeli army, has expanded around the globe. In fact, state violence and army violence, individual and collective violence, are the lot of Muslim women today, not only in Palestine but wherever the enlightened western world is setting its big imperialistic foot.... Almighty America and Great Britain are infecting their respective citizens with blind fear of the Muslims, who are depicted as vile, primitive and blood-thirsty, apart from their being non-democratic, chauvinistic and mass producers of future terrorists. This in spite of the fact that the people who are destroying the world today are not Muslim. One of them is a devout Christian, one is Anglican and one is a non-devout Jew."

Elhanan clearly deserves the **Ate Apate**. Ate was the goddess of evil. She should wear a Burqa when she gets it.

Tempting as these candidates are, for our highest awards we turn to the pioneers in defaming Israel whose distortions and lies were most influential in inspiring future calumnists.

Here are the official **2011 AFSI Apate Awards For Top Calumnists**:

The Platinum Apate goes to Benny Morris for his role as Israel's original "New Historian." His book *The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem 1947-1949* and dozens of his articles promoted the false and subsequently debunked theory that the Arab "refugees" were hapless victims of immoral, illegal and extremist Israeli policies.

Morris attempted to air brush his sordid mis-history in 2004 in a second tome *The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem Revisited*. Of this Efraim Karsh wrote in a 2005 column "Benny Morris's Reign of Error, Revisited:" "*The Birth Revisited* is a misnomer. Rather than offer a reassessment of Morris's previous writings on the creation of the Palestinian refugee problem, *The Birth Revisited* is but a longer replica of its dishonest and shoddy predecessor."

Furthermore, Morris's antipathy to Zionism and Israel led him to distort the views of Herzl, Weizmann, Ben-Gurion and other early Zionists, and to this day he has not acknowledged properly his role in encouraging and abetting Israel's enemies past and present.

The Gold Apate goes to Anthony Lewis for his decades as a *New York Times* columnist. He devoted a huge portion of his attention to defaming Israel, influencing generations of readers of that so-called newspaper of record. As Andrea Levin aptly stated in 1995 in a column titled "Anthony Lewis-Conscience a la Mode" "...Anthony Lewis recently wrote that journalists 'who live by freedom of the press must recognize that sometimes the freedom can be perverted...' Regrettably this was not an expression of self-discovery and penitence at the perversion of his own op-ed pulpit into a decades-long skein of anti-Israel distortion, falsehood and unsubstantiated allegation. Lewis continues to malign the Jewish state in a newspaper apparently indifferent to the outright errors of fact that pepper his writing." Unlike some revisionist 'historians' who were tots in 1967, Lewis was forty years old at the time of the 1967 war. He could not have been ignorant that Egypt's closure of the Straits of Tiran and its placement of troops and tanks in the Sinai Peninsula were in direct violation of the agreement signed after the Suez War that Sinai would remain demilitarized. Nor could he have been deaf to the loudly trumpeted calls for Israel's annihilation which emanated from Syria and Jordan. Lewis ignored all the foregoing, writing

instead that Israel started the war and provoked Egypt, Jordan and Syria to join in--a lie that he was to repeat over and over in endless screeds.

Levin observes: "Lewis's irrational assaults on Israeli Jews resemble less the commentary of twentieth century journalists than the campaigns of sixteenth century Inquisitors. The Jews in Lewis's dock are indicted for having failed to pass contrived and hypocritical tests, and their deaths are considered as nothing in the quest to 'save their souls.'"

Anthony Lewis retired in December 2001, and Nicholas Kristof is now actively auditioning for a future **Apate Award**.

The **Silver Apate Award** is given posthumously to the late champion Calumnist Robert Novak. When Novak died the fulsome tributes from conservative quarters ignored the long history of lies and unvarnished bias from an antagonist of Israel whose nickname among some clear headed observers was Robert "Nofacts." The most egregious paean was from *The Wall Street Journal* in a column calling this most unprincipled journalist "A Prince of Light" and stating "We are confident that St. Peter will soon be demanding to know who among the saints told Novak about how much the Angel Gabriel spent on his new halo."

The encomiums ignored the fact that Novak admired Farrhakhan, repeatedly expressed his admiration of Hamas, shilled for Saudi Arabia, denounced the so called "Israel lobby" as the "Amen corner" for the Iraq war, provided disinformation after 9/11 in claiming that Arafat had joined the coalition against terror, called Al Qaeda moderate with only a few extremists, defended Islam and never missed an opportunity to blame something--anything--on Israel.

There were only a few voices of sanity, among them Daniel Greenfield who blogs as Sultan Knish. He wrote: "There would ordinarily be no reason to pen a condemnation of a dead pundit. But there are too many conservative bloggers and pundits who have rushed in not simply to bury Novak, but to honor him as a role model and a guiding light. And the only place Novak was a guide to, was to a Dhimmi's den of appeasement."

And there you have it. Some of you may wonder why we have omitted Thomas Friedman, who would happily blame hurricanes, epidemics, and the HIV virus on Israel if he could get away with it. He certainly is a contender and he may win a very special **Hades Apate**. Stay tuned.