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Adelson Inc. William Mehlman

There's a bill with an uncommon degree of bi-partisan support in the Knesset, Israel's famously disputatious parliament, that would ban the distribution of free newspapers in the Jewish State, as well as newspapers that are not free but are regarded as "too cheap." Its proponents, an unlikely group of bedmates, include representatives of the Left-leaning Labor and Justice Minister's Tsipi Livni's Hatnuah parties, Sephardi ultra-Orthodox Shas, Finance Minister Yair Lapid's centrist Yesh Atid, Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman's Russian Yisrael Beitenu, (moving toward a breakup of its marriage with Likud) and Economy Minister Naftali Bennett's religious national Zionist Bayit Yehudi.

They are conjoined, they declare, in an effort to "strengthen written journalism in Israel and fair conditions of competition between newspapers." Eton Cabel, the Labor Party's point-man on this crusade, may be excused for failing to imbue its "mission statement" with any additional clarity, but having been the moving force in silencing news service *Arutz-7's* radio voice to 350,000 Israelis living in Judea and Samaria, he is clearly an authority on "the threat to pluralism and democracy" posed by a medium bearing the wrong message.

The bill to ban free newspapers is kith and kin to an earlier proposed measure to bar newspaper ownership of any kind to a non-citizen of Israel. The target



of both bills, bitterly opposed by Prime Minister Netanyahu, is Las Vegas-based, mega-billionaire international casino mogul and Netanyahu supporter Sheldon Adelson, whose give-away Hebrew daily *Yisrael Hayom* ("Israel Today") climbed to the top rung of the Israeli circulation ladder virtually with its first issue in 2007 and has remained there ever since. Adelson, recently described by the *New York Times'* eminence grise Thomas L. Friedman as a "crude

right-wing pro-Israel extremist," the personification of "everything that is poisoning our democracy and Israel's today," spends somewhere around \$15 million a year on *Yisrael Hayom*, which takes little advertising, partly for the sheer pleasure of sticking it to pontificators like Friedman and Peter Beinart, who in the same *New York Times* lumped him with hate mongers Louis Farrakhan and Mahmud Ahmadinejad for asserting that "there isn't a Palestinian alive who wasn't raised on a curriculum of hatred and hostility toward the Jews." Mostly, however, Adelson says he started *Yisrael Hayom* as a counter to the predominantly left-oriented Israeli media, print and electronic, "in order to give Israelis a fair and balanced picture of the news and the views." The public appears to have responded in kind. A recent national survey has revealed that 39 percent of Israelis who read newspapers read *Yisrael Hayom* as against 27 percent for *Yediot Aharonot*, its nearest competitor, and 12.7 percent for the doctrinal left-wing *Ha'aretz*.

What drove Naftali Bennett, who stands at eye-level with him on most issues affecting Israel, into the camp of Adelson undoers was the latter's decision to double down on his media holdings with the purchase in March of the modern Orthodox-oriented national Zionist weekly *Makor Rishon* along with the NRG news website of the now defunct Hebrew tabloid *Ma'ariv*, which the *Jerusalem Post*, its new owner, hopes to revive. The sale to Adelson of *Makor Rishon*, the most widely read paper beyond the Green Line and a key source of Bayit Yehudi's electoral strength, was apparently more than Bennett could swallow. In response he took to the airways to denounce *Yisrael Hayom* as "not a newspaper, but a Pravda, which chooses Netanyahu's course at every point of friction between the national interest and the prime minister."

Bennett is letting his emotions overrule his better interests. Adelson says he will leave *Makor Rishon* to the further pursuit of its course as the bedrock voice of the national Zionist sector, half a million of whose members live in Judea, Samaria and eastern Jerusalem, He'd be a fool to do otherwise. The only difference being that the weekly will now move from the cliff's edge of insolvency, where it has been teetering, onto solid financial ground. *Yisrael Hayom*, moreover, is no "Pravda." It may editorially support Bibi -- one suspects because whatever else out there is worse -- but a staff of columnists and contributors that include Clifford May, Elliott Abrams, former *Ha'aretz* chief Washington correspondent Dan Margalit, author Ruthie Blum, 2014 Media Watch Award winner Dror Eydar, Tzohar Chairman Rabbi David Stav and Labor Party economist and former Ben-Gurion University president Avishai Braverman, to name a few, are accustomed to speaking their minds. "We don't tell them what to write," observes Adelson's Haifa-born wife, Dr. Miriam Adelson. "They are the best journalists in Israel."

Adelson also speaks his mind. He terminated his generous support of AIPAC in 2007 because of the Israel lobby's facilitation of an Annapolis summit that might have cost the Jewish State 98 percent of Judea and Samaria and a chunk of Jerusalem. "I don't continue to support friends committing suicide," he remarked, "just because they say they want to jump." At this point, Adelson, as chairman of the Republican Jewish Coalition, is far more concerned with helping put a solid Israel ally in the White House in 2016 than with mollifying Naftali Bennett. He blew \$80 million of his \$39 billion net worth two years ago on the candidacy of a heavily bagged Newt Gingrich, but he's undiscouraged. "I'm a gambler," avers the proprietor of a string of luxury hotel casinos stretching from Las Vegas to Macao. "I don't cry when I lose. There's always another hand coming up."

William Mehlman represents AFSI in Israel

From the Editor

Abbas Equals Hamas

Prime Minister Netanyahu and his government are responsible for maintaining the fiction that Abbas differs from Hamas. Following Abbas' announcement of Fatah's agreement to form a unity government with Hamas, Netanyahu, apparently thinking this a great stroke of public relations, has repeatedly thrown out the silly, worse, the dangerous line that Abbas has to choose between peace with Israel and Hamas--he cannot have both. But as Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik of Palestinian Media Watch properly point out, nothing substantive separates Abbas from Hamas:

"The agreement signed this week between Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah and the terrorist organization Hamas to form a unity government should not have surprised international observers. For years Mahmoud Abbas has been seeking and demanding unity between Fatah and Hamas, despite international recognition of Hamas as a terror organization. In 2009, Palestinian Media Watch documented Abbas' assertion that there is nothing to prevent unity because Hamas and Fatah agree on all important issues:

"There is no disagreement between us [Fatah and Hamas]: About belief? None! About policy? None! About resistance? None! So what do you [Hamas] disagree about? Why are you not signing the [reconciliation] agreement?" [Abbas was speaking on official Palestinian Authority TV, Dec. 31, 2009]

"What is clear from the documentation Palestinian Media Watch has released in recent reports is that Fatah and the Palestinian Authority, like Hamas, deny Israel's right to exist, glorify terror and incite hatred against Jews and Israelis. The only reason there was no agreement between the two parties from 2009 until now was because of internal political competition between Hamas and Fatah, and not because of essential differences in their attitude towards Israel."

Why is Netanyahu's public relations ploy dangerous as well as foolish? If Khaled Abu Toameh is right, Abbas has zero interest in sharing power or sitting in the same government as Hamas. Rather he is playing the hero who stands up to the Americans. But it's a balancing act for he can't afford to have U.S. financial aid to the PA cut off. As Abu Toameh sees it, Abbas is banking on Obama and Kerry's desperation to keep "negotiations" with Israel going (there has to be some foreign policy "success" somewhere).

Abu Toameh writes: "The 'reconciliation' agreement [with Hamas] is just the latest in a series of moves taken by Abbas since the eruption of the crisis in the peace talks a few weeks ago. Abbas's moves started with the application to join 15 international treaties, and continued with threats to resign and dissolve the Palestinian Authority....Abbas is convinced that it is only a matter of time before Kerry or top U.S. diplomats rush to Ramallah to try to persuade him not to make peace with Hamas....Abbas is now waiting to see what the U.S. Administration will offer him in return for rescinding his plan to join forces with Hamas. When this happens, Abbas will most probably come up with new demands and conditions, just as he has been doing during these past few weeks."

But if Abbas backtracks on union with Hamas, Netanyahu will be stuck with his idiotic formula-- Abbas will then have chosen "peace" with Israel. And surely Israel has to respond generously to this historic choice!

NILI

The newest segment of David Isaac's Zionism 101, entitled "NILI" is now available. You can see it directly via the following link:

<http://zionism101.org/NewestVideo.aspx>

"NILI" relates the dramatic tale of a Jewish spy ring in Palestine during World War I. Led by world-famous scientist Aaron Aaronsohn, this small group of men and women put their lives at risk to provide vital information to the British, which ultimately helped in the defeat of the Turks. As the deputy military secretary to Field Marshal Edmund Allenby said:

"It was very largely the daring work of young spies, most of them natives of Palestine, which enabled the brilliant Field Marshal to accomplish this undertaking so effectively."

Israeli "Hasbarah"

Israel's public relations (Netanyahu's framing of Abbas's supposed "choice" is the most recent example) are a familiar target of attack and rightly so. No one was as scathing as Shmuel Katz, who wanted to take over Israel's "hasbarah" after Begin's 1977 victory. Begin promised him the post but Katz was outmaneuvered by Moshe Dayan at the Foreign Office. The fundamental problem of misunderstanding the nature of the attack on Israel—and thus misfiring in the attempt to counter it—continues unabated.

As Martin Sherman sums up: "[W]hile promoting the numerous positive aspects that Israel has to its credit should indeed play a part in the way it presents itself to the world, this is hardly an effective approach to combating the assault on Israel's legitimacy and countering the dangers that flow from it. For...it is an approach in which the responses do not address the charges – and therefore will be of little avail in rebuffing them. After all, Israel is not maligned in international forums because it is accused of having poor medical care, shoddy irrigation systems, underdeveloped technological achievement, unattractive women, backward agricultural practices or uninviting tourist attractions. Accordingly, focusing on dispelling such assumed 'misconceptions' is hardly likely to stem the tide of vicious vilification of Israel and the Zionist vision of a sovereign nation-state for the Jewish people in its ancient homeland."

Egyptian Anti-Semitism Unequaled in Arab World

In this *Outpost*, David Isaac notes the failure of the much-praised treaty with Egypt to deliver on what Menachem Begin considered its main achievement—ending the teaching of hatred and contempt, a goal so important it was put into the text of the treaty itself, not left to the 50 side agreements (subsequently ignored by Egypt) that spelled out the content of normal, friendly relations. Instead, as Egyptian Copt Samuel Tadros writes, Egyptian anti-Semitism is now so virulent that it is unequalled in the Arab world. Says Tadros:

“Those hopeful that the Arab Spring would introduce a breath of fresh air in the region, and especially on the question of anti-Semitism, were soon mugged by reality. Instead of becoming less appealing, anti-Semitism has become the lingua franca of politics in Egypt. Faced with tremendous political, social, and economic upheaval, the Egyptian political class and the general population have found an answer in the Jewish conspiracy. Israel, Turkey, the United States, the European Union, and Qatar are all conspiring against Egypt, screams a self-proclaimed Egyptian liberal; the United States is working against Copts for the benefit of Jews, shouts a Coptic activist; the Brotherhood is implementing the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, writes the newspaper of what was once Egypt’s flagship liberal party; Israel aims to divide Egypt into a number of smaller and weaker states, writes another; Brotherhood leaders are Masonic Jews proclaims a Sufi leader; no, it’s the coup that is working for the benefit of the Jews, declares the Brotherhood’s website. These are all symptoms of a decaying society....

“Anti-Semitism in Egypt is not merely a form of bigotry. It forms the basis on which its adherents interpret and understand the world. As such, at the forefront of those concerned by its widespread adaptation by the country’s leaders and intellectuals should be Egyptians themselves—at least those who care enough about the country’s future and wish it well. As Walter Russell Mead has argued: ‘Rabid anti-Semitism coupled with an addiction to implausible conspiracy theories is a very strong predictor of national doom.’

“Anti-Semitism is one of the pillars of socio-political life in Egypt. A country consumed with such madness cannot become a flourishing liberal democracy. Egypt should not be doomed to such a condition. Those who seek a better future for their country must begin by combating the vicious monster head on, before it consumes them.”

Amazing Israel

A few recent items from Michael Ordman’s blog:

Scientists at Israel’s Bar Ilan University offer new hope for the 5 million who suffer from colitis. They have identified that the gene *tmf1* controls the production of beneficial probiotic bacteria in the gut, which stop colitis developing.

Israeli biotech Bonus Biogroup, which has developed a method for producing bone grafts from stem cells, has begun a clinical trial of jawbone grafts. The trial’s interim results are due in four months.

Israel’s Syneron has obtained FDA approval for its non-invasive UltraShape System for fat cell destruction. Pulsed focused ultrasound energy targets subcutaneous fat, while keeping the surrounding tissue intact. The system is already sold in Europe, Canada and Asia Pacific countries.

Surgeons at Poland’s John Paul II hospital were impressed with the first use of Israel’s Gardia WIRON devices. The devices place filters into the arteries prior to stent insertions, which then protect patients against dangerous blood clots and emboli that develop during these vital operations.

Rioting at the Temple Mount

Distinguished Torah scholar Meir Soloveichik (rabbi of the Sephardic synagogue Shearith Israel in Manhattan) and his family were forced to flee the Temple Mount during Passover when Arabs rioted, throwing concrete blocks and rocks at Israeli police. The site had been closed the previous week because of Arab violence.

The visit provided an opportunity for the American rabbi to join the struggle for Jewish prayer and presence on the Temple Mount. The Islamic Waqf, which was given administrative control of the mount following the Six Day War in 1967, bans Jewish prayer and worship.

Said Soloveichik :

“Under the current circumstances, even to go to the Temple Mount for two minutes was a tremendous privilege. I am very much in favor of ascending the Temple Mount according to *halacha* [Jewish law] and after taking the appropriate *halachic* precautions. It is critical for Jews to understand the importance of the Temple Mount. I applaud the increasing number of Orthodox rabbis and heads of yeshivot that are going to the holy site, and I predict we will see even more Jews ascending in the future.”

Soloveichik, who gave the invocation at the opening session of the 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida is the son of Rabbi Eliyahu Soloveichik, the grandson of the late Rabbi Ahron Soloveichik, and the great nephew of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik--who are credited with shaping the Modern Orthodoxy movement of Judaism.

Andrew Bostom on Islam

In this issue, and in the last several Outposts, we have been providing chapters from Moshe Sharon's *Jihad: Islam Against Israel and the West*. Sharon is of course an Israeli scholar, professor emeritus of Islamic Studies at Hebrew University. We should take note that in this country, medical doctor Andrew Bostom has provided a valuable series of contributions on this subject with *The Legacy of Islamic Anti-Semitism*, *The Legacy of Jihad*, *Sharia Versus Freedom*, *The Mufti's Islamic Jew-Hatred* and most recently *Iran's Final Solution for Israel: The Legacy of Jihad and Shi'ite Islamic Jew-Hatred in Iran*. They are all available on Amazon.

Anti-Semitism and Alternative History – Weapons in the War against the Jews

Moshe Sharon

Hatred of Judaism and the Jews is an intellectual creation. Its foundations were laid in ancient times by historians, writers, poets, philosophers and artists long before Christianity added the theological dimension. Since then it has been the one permanent feature that has accompanied the Jews throughout their history.

Born in Hellenistic Egypt, intellectual anti-Semitism has two main features which go hand in hand; one is the invention of an *alternative (or counter) history* for the Jews; the other describing them as inferior human beings, filthy, bearers of disease and haters of humanity and of the gods.

Alternative history declares the historical records of its target people as false, and presents its own version as the truth. Since its creation by the anti-Semites in Egypt in the 3rd century BCE, the practice has continued to this day.

The denial of the Holocaust is the latest and most arrogant example of alternative history, the essence of anti-Semitism in modern times. The Holocaust deniers know the truth, for there is hardly a case in history that is more documented than the Holocaust. Nevertheless they are out to absolve the Nazis, and blame the victims, presenting the extermination of 6,000.000 Jews as a Jewish conspiracy. Mahmud Abbas (nom de guerre: “Abu Mazen”), the current Palestinian darling is one of them. In 1982

he received a PhD from Lumumba University in Moscow for his thesis on the “Secret Relations between the Nazis and Zionism,” which included all the elements of Holocaust denial.

The first known alternative history of the Jews was written in Alexandria by the Egyptian priest Manetho, who felt the need to supply his Greek readers with a reply to the Biblical story of the Exodus, with the explicit aim of denigrating the Jews. According to Manetho’s alternative history, the Jews were a group of 80,000 lepers who rebelled, took over Egypt and, ruling it for more than a decade, spread death and horror in the country. Their leader was Osarseph, a priest from Heliopolis. After thirteen years in exile the Egyptian King returned to Egypt, killed most of them and drove the rest out of the country, pursuing them to the borders of Syria.

Manetho’s story was designed to negate everything positive about the Jews. The Jews described Joseph as a wise governor who *saved* Egypt from disaster, and Menetho replied by making him an apostate Egyptian priest of Osiris (hence his name Osarseph) who *ruined* Egypt. The Jews regarded themselves as a people, and Manetho described them as a horrifying mob of lepers. The Jews claimed that God had brought them out of Egypt; Manetho asserted that they had been expelled.

Manetho’s “history” and the abundance of horror stories about the Jews, spread by his copiers and successors, are characterized by a mixture of hate and fear. Later, Moslem classical historians also created their own versions of Jewish alternative history. But unlike their predecessors, their attitude to the Jews was that of hate resulting from contempt rather than hate based on fear. However, once the Moslems became acquainted with European anti-Semitism, they embraced the Western description of the Jew as the embodiment of pure evil, and Judaism as a bloodthirsty religion whose followers planned to subdue the world with the help of Satan. Thus the hatred felt by the Moslems towards the Jews now comprised both fear and contempt.

The blood libel, the unholy, gruesome lie of Christian Europe against the Jews, assumed immediate prominence in Islamic anti-Semitic thought and practice.

The first blood libel case under Islamic rule in modern times was the “Damascus Affair.” In 1840, the Jews of Damascus were accused of the ritual murder of a Capuchin friar. Far from immediately opposing the false accusation, Ratti Menton, the French consul in Damascus, gave it credibility. Supported by the French government, he himself conducted the “investigation” of the case together with the Moslem Governor. The entire Jewish community was held to ransom, and its leaders were arrested, some tortured to death, before a general outcry in the world put an end to the affair.

But the Damascus Affair has never died. To this day it is presented as proof of ritual murder in the Jewish religion. Mustafa Tlas, the Syrian minister of war, wrote his PhD on the subject and published it in a book called *The Unleavened Bread of Zion*. In this popular book, which by 2002 had gone through eight editions, he described the Damascus Affair in great detail with a single aim--to prove its evidence of the Jewish practice of ritual murder. Ratti Menton is his proof for the truth of the information.

Arab readers now comprise an enthusiastic market for anti-Semitic literature whether written originally in Arabic or translated from other languages. Among the latter, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, a crude, primitive anti-Semitic Russian forgery and Adolph Hitler’s *Mein Kampf* are best sellers, and compulsory reading for the military. The infamous book of Canon August Rohling *Der Talmudjude* is the modern Moslem historian’s bible. In the early 1880s Rohling, a professor at the Imperial University of Prague, published a worthless anti-Semitic book, which he claimed was based on the Talmud, adapted from earlier publications of the same kind. In 1885, European scholars exposed Rohling as a fake, a liar, and an ignoramus. As a result he was obliged to resign his university post. Moslem writers do not let such minor facts confuse them. For them Rohling, the *Protocols*, Hitler, Tlas, Abu Mazen and similar



Mustafa Tlas

writings constitute the authentic library on the Jews and Judaism. Other sources fall under the headline of the “Jewish (Zionist) conspiracy.”

Having enthusiastically adopted the accusation of the Jews of ritual murder as an absolute truth, Muslim writers became particularly creative. They widened the scope of the victims from Christian to Palestinian and other children, and added the cakes of Purim to Passover unleavened bread.

The establishment of the State of Israel and the repeated defeats of the Arab armies, while intensifying the Moslem’s mythological fear of the Jews, needed an immediate, plausible, and face-saving explanation. This was provided by the *Protocols* and *Mein Kampf* which exposed the Jewish conspiracy to control the world. Muslims do not feel alone anymore; they belong to the large body of global victims exposed to the danger posed to humanity by international Jewry, the enemies of God..

Like European anti-Semitic literature, there is very little variety in its Moslem counterpart. Hundreds of books repeat the same slogans, and cartoonists, directly influenced by the Nazi cartoons (only more primitive), repeat the same drawings of the ugly, inhuman, vicious Jew. Out of the vast literature the following examples chosen at random will suffice.

Anis Mansur, an Egyptian author and close adviser of Egyptian presidents, gave the impression that he was relying on Jewish sources:

“The famous Jewish historian Josephus was the first to have revealed to the whole world that the Jews need the blood of other people to make matzot for their holidays. The Jews usually do not butcher the person. They only pierce the skull and then the heart, and drink the blood of the head and the heart together; then they discard the corpse anywhere.”

Josephus said exactly the opposite, defending Judaism against the Greek anti-Semites. But Mansur knows that his audience is thirsty for his words, the authority of which nobody questions.

During the Second World War, the Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-Husseini, supported by other Muslim leaders, went to Berlin to serve the Nazi propagand machine and prepare a military force to participate in the “Final Solution.” Muslim anti-Semites turn these facts upside down. The comparison of the Jews to the Nazis has become a main trend in the Islamic alternative history, a major topic in talk shows, a key item of anti-Israel propaganda and a frequent subject of the crude Arab cartoon.

In 1985 King Fahd of Saudi Arabia published the following observations about Israel and the Jews in the popular weekly *al-Musawwar*:

“Israel has had malicious intentions since ancient times. Its objective is the destruction of all other religions. It is proven from history that they are the ones who ignited the Crusades at the time of Saladin so that war would lead to the weakening of both Moslems and Christians. They regard other religions as lower than their own, and other peoples as inferior to their level. And on the subject of vengeance – they have a certain day on which they mix the blood of non-Jews into their bread and eat it. It happened two years ago, while I was in Paris on a visit, that the police discovered five murdered children. Their blood had been drained and it turned out that some Jews had murdered them in order to take their blood and mix it with the bread that they ate on this day.”

Dr. ‘Abd al-Halim Mahmud, the rector of the famous al-Azhar University, wrote in his book *Holy War and Victory*:

“The Jews have laid down a programme for the destruction of humanity, through subverting religion and ethics. They have already begun to implement the programme with their money, their control of the mass media and their propaganda.”

Dr. Salah Abd al-Fattah al-Khalidi, in his book *The Jewish Personality on the basis of the Koran*, concludes that “the Jews are liars, corrupt, envious, cunning, fraudulent, treacherous, stupid, despicable, cowards, and misers; they break agreements and treaties, and cause injustice in the world...”

The voluminous, Arab anti-Semitic literature depicts the Jews as a demonic entity and therefore makes their extermination legitimate. As such, modern Islamic anti-Semitism is even worse than that of the Nazis.

Addendum

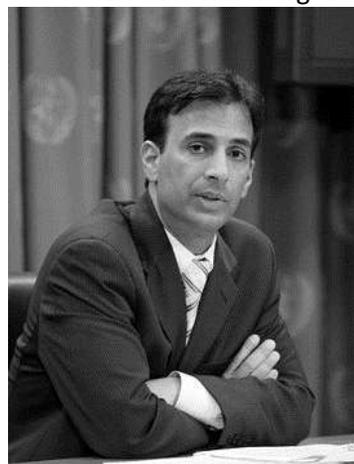
The most recent pronouncements of vicious anti-Semitism and the call for genocide have been issued by Mahmud Ahmadinejad, the [former] Iranian president. He made no secret of his intention that when Iran succeeds in acquiring nuclear weapons it will use them to get rid of Israel and the Jews.

But as much as the intentions of the Iranians are alarming, no less frightening is the reaction of those who represent the “guardians” of human rights in the United Nations.

On September 14, 2006, the “Holocaust and the United Nations” outreach program organized a round table discussion under the theme, “Remembrance and Beyond: The United Nations and the Response to Genocide” at the UN Headquarters in New York. The Iranian president’s call for a new Jewish Holocaust, while denying the Nazi holocaust, was one of the main items of discussion. A question was directed to the panelists about the attitude that should be taken towards Iranian intentions, particularly in view of the fact that nuclear weapons were involved.

Dr. David Hamburg, Chair of the Secretary-General’s Advisory Committee on Genocide Prevention, was the only panelist willing to answer. “The matter is very serious,” he said. “Here is a man calling for genocide—repeatedly and explicitly against one group—with nuclear weapons. Ordinarily we don’t discuss these two issues in the same basket. But now we have the possibility of instant genocide. Even if Israel has its own nuclear weapons, this would be of little use if the president of Iran believes in martyrdom. Given this conjunction -- the explicit call for genocide and nuclear weapons, this matter has to be seriously discussed.”

But Dr. Hamburg was not joined by others on the panel. Moreover, Craig Mokhiber, the New York representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights finished the event by implicitly equating Iran and Sudan with Israel and the United States. As the last speaker he found his chance to strike back against what he called “partisan or parochial arguments” about human rights violations concerning “my people” or “those people.” The international human rights movement was above all that, Mokhiber lectured: “With all due respect, there are 192 states in the UN system that have serious human rights problems. And if you’re taking the position of one state as against another, or one state as against a certain group of peoples and trying to make arguments about what’s important...we’re missing the point altogether.” In other words, all countries are the same -- those who incite genocide are the same as the targets of that incitement.



Craig Mokhiber

Mokhiber then showed his ability to get very specific when he so desired. (Previously during the discussion he refused to go into details and even claimed, once, that he did not understand a certain question that could not have been clearer). Individuals should be protected from crimes carried out by all states, Mokhiber said, but as specific examples, cited only four: “the government of Sudan or the government of Iran, or the government of Israel or the government of the United States.”

Iran is the same as Israel, Sudan the same as the United States! The world's leading anti-Semite is no different than the objects of his hatred.

This is an example of revised and alternative history in the making.

(This is a somewhat shortened version of Chapter 7 of Moshe Sharon’s new book Jihad: Islam Against Israel and the West, translated for Outpost by Mrs. Sharon. Moshe Sharon is professor emeritus of Islamic History at the Hebrew University and served as Prime Minister Menachem Begin’s adviser on Arab affairs.)

Brandeis Redux

In October 2008 *Outpost* published an article by H. Peter Metzger, himself a Brandeis graduate, entitled "Brandeis: School for Terrorists?" Clearly no one was paying attention, for today many profess to be shocked, shocked that Brandeis should have canceled its invitation to Ayaan Hirsi Ali to speak and be presented with an honorary degree, on the excuse that they had discovered her opinions were inconsistent with Brandeis "core values." Metzger's 2008 article, reprinted below, throws light on those "core values."

Brandeis: School For Terrorists?

H. Peter Metzger

Snatching a loaded M4 carbine, the diminutive mother of three fired on her FBI questioners, and was swiftly injured by return fire. She is now in federal court awaiting charges of attempted murder. The FBI had placed her near the top of its most wanted list of fugitive terror subjects. A CIA spokesman said, "I don't think we've captured anybody more important and well-connected as she since 2003."



Aafia Siddiqui

Her name is Aafia Siddiqui, and she is charged with being an important Al-Qaeda "fixer," a person who coordinates terror plots between various other terrorists within this very secret organization. In 2004, the FBI called her an "Al-Qaeda operative and facilitator who posed a clear and present danger to America." When arrested in August just before the shoot-out, she was carrying plans to bomb various U.S. landmarks and to kill former Presidents Carter, Bush and Clinton.

But nowhere in the extensive news coverage of this event was her tie to Brandeis University explored, nor was it mentioned that she was only the latest in a long series of terrorists coming out of that university. Now, I don't mean kids protesting the Vietnam War, which was common in the 1970's. I mean real terrorists.

One might ask "So what's new?" As a long ago graduate of that place, I remember when a terrorist coming out of a Brandeis education was not an extraordinary event. In fact, Brandeis, a university of less than 5,000 students, has provided a sanctuary for more extreme radicals than any other university in America.

From its earliest days, Brandeis attracted not only leftist liberals, but many far-left radicals. Most of the people I cite below were arrested and spent time in prison for violent crimes done in the name of far-left extremist politics.

It all began around 1970, when Brandeis saw three of its women students posted to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List (Angela Davis, Susan Saxe and Katherine Power), no small feat since only seven women were put on that FBI list in its entire history.



Katherine Power



Angela Davis



Susan Saxe

Those Brandeis girls were famous leftist revolutionary America-haters, but they were only the "stars" of the then Hate-America movement. There were many other lesser lights. For example, another Brandeis student was Jennifer Casolo, a revolutionary who was found to have an arsenal of weapons and explosives buried in her backyard--"tons" of the

stuff according to White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitz-water. Then there were other minor players like Brandeis students Laura Whitehorn and Naomi Jaffe. Curiously, all these violence-prone misfits were women.

So what has Brandeis been hosting up there anyway? Well, it would appear that Brandeis has been providing a friendly intellectual climate for kids wanting to become violent domestic revolutionaries, all under the guise of elevating "social consciousness." For example, several of the so-called Brandeis terrorists trace their intellectual development back to classes taught there by Marxist professors like Herbert Marcuse and other America haters.

Not surprisingly, as domestic terrorism finally fell out of fashion and international terrorism took over, Brandeis changed too, and it now provides a sanctuary for Islamic Jihadism.

What? A Jewish-sponsored university teaching Muslim-based Jew-killing? That's right, and it wouldn't be the first time that under the guise of "scholarship" Jews themselves have supported causes that harm them first; Soviet history springs to mind. So it shouldn't be surprising that Brandeis has kept up with the times and is now a big-time enabler of international Palestinian terror organizations. Here's how:

Today Brandeis hosts the influential pro-Palestinian Crown Center for Middle East Studies, run



DeLong Bas



Khalil Shikaki

by a Jew (who else?). The Crown Center recently hired Arab scholar Khalil Shikaki. Testimony from a trial of another Arab professor, Sami Al-Arian from the University of South Florida, shows that Shikaki, while no terrorist himself, was a key distributor of funds and information between terrorists from the Palestinian Authority area and other Arab professors here in America who themselves were raising money for Palestinian Islamic Jihad. So at the very least, Shikaki is simply another "fixer."

Additionally, Khalil Shikaki's brother was the founder of Palestinian Islamic Jihad (founded as a branch of Egyptian Islamic Jihad which is now headed by al Qaeda's Ay-man al-Zawahiri). The Brandeis professor has recently been linked to other notorious groups such as the Islamic Committee for Palestine and the World & Islam Studies Institute, both of which government investigators claim to be front organizations for the more radical Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Another Brandeis professor who has acted as an apologist for Jihadists is Natana DeLong Bas, defender of the 9/11 suicide squads and other Arab extremist organizations such as the Muslim Brotherhood. She is best known today for producing the definitive text, *Wahhabi Islam: From Revival to Global Jihad*, an impassioned defense of the Saudi sect of Islam which serves as the religious basis for most Islamic terrorists today.

So it should come as no surprise that Aafia Siddiqui, the latest "poster woman" for the extremism that flourishes at Brandeis, is a terrorist and Jihadist. Far from being exceptional, she is merely the latest in a 40-year-long tradition. More importantly, Brandeis can't claim that it was all accidental and that these terrorists could have come from any college. The fact is that on a per capita basis, Brandeis has had far more than its share of terrorists and political extremists have found an unusually sympathetic and protective administration, under the umbrella of academic freedom and "social consciousness."

Thus far, I have concentrated on the influence of the professors upon the students, which caused this remarkable cadre of young terrorists to appear seemingly out of nowhere. What I did not ex-

plain is the influence that the students have had on other students, because Brandeis seems to have gone out of its way to recruit students who were already radicalized.

The most outrageous example of choosing students who were already prone to a radical political agenda was when Brandeis recruited convicted felons to join the student body. This action shows how Brandeis's administrative policy fostered the climate for a terrorist factory.

This Brandeis idea was based upon one of the most harebrained schemes in American history, known in Massachusetts as the Student Tutor Education Program (STEP). It was claimed that if lower class people were exposed to the presumably higher-class people in a university, then the lower class people would rise to the same level as the higher-class people. No one ever worried that the process could work in reverse, which of course it did.

Convicted felon and stick-up man Stanley Bond was picked to be thus elevated by STEP and so he got a "get out of jail free" card (literally) from the authorities and went straight to Brandeis. Five years older than the average student, he was soon sexually involved with Brandeis student Kathy Power (an Irish-Catholic) and Susan Saxe, and then got involved in radical campus politics. So it wasn't long before the harebrained Brandeis STEP scheme began to work its special wonders. The formerly non-political ex-con Bond "rose" and learned how to be a student radical from the girls, while the girls in their turn "sank" and learned how to be stick-up thugs from Bond.

Bond decided that the Black Panthers needed money, so the Bond-Power-Saxe trio torched an armory to get weapons and then robbed a bank. In the bank holdup, they shot a Boston policeman in the back. The Brandeis students were convicted and sent to prison and the Brandeis professors went back to their drawing boards to dream up another road to Utopia. Of course, the policeman's wife and his nine children were simply forgotten.

All this happened more than 20 years after I arrived at Brandeis to put in my four years there. But even then, I learned a lot of pro-communist lies: the Rosenbergs were innocent and their atom-spy trial thinly disguised anti-Semitism; the Korean War was solely the result of America's provocation; Alger Hiss was not a Communist nor did he transmit secret data to the USSR—though he was guilty of both. It took me 10 years of "attitude adjustment" to unlearn all the lies I learned at Brandeis.

How could Brandeis have departed so far from the intention of its founders? Brandeis was founded in 1948 by prominent Jews concerned that many Jewish students were unfairly barred from elite universities by a widely enforced quota system, like today's "affirmative action" but in reverse. To make up for this, Brandeis would offer a first-class education and select its students based upon merit alone, and certainly not politics. In 1948, this was still an unusual policy.

Now those "prominent Jews" were self-made men who felt that they owed a great personal debt to America and that it was largely due to American freedoms that they succeeded. Like so many other successful Americans, they believed in "giving something back," a phrase I heard often in those days. They believed that creating Brandeis was one way of giving something back. So it was quite natural for them to not tolerate even a hint of anti-Americanism.

For example, in seeking to give the nascent college a high profile, the founders enlisted Albert Einstein, but he soon parted ways. A major point of conflict: Einstein wanted to offer the presidency of the school to the far-left Harold Laski. But attorney George Alpert, the most prominent of Brandeis' founders, refused, explaining that Laski was "a man utterly alien to American principles of democracy and tarred with the Communist brush...I can compromise on any subject but one: that one is Americanism."

But by the next generation, the children of those self-made men felt no such debt to America and indeed, even became attracted to the idea of changing America by revolutionary force.

That's because early on, Brandeis got caught up in the intellectual fashion of the day which held that the Cold War was not due to Soviet aggression, but was really because of provocations by America. In 1947, the Truman Doctrine was created to contain Soviet expansionism and it was seen by the

American Left as the biggest obstacle to world peace. Leftist feelings against American anti-communism increased and solidified worldwide in the following years, including at Brandeis.

Student radicals all across America demanded change and demonstrations against American foreign policy became the norm. Brandeis had its share of non-violent protests as students occupied an administration building and renamed Brandeis “Malcolm X University”, but that wasn’t enough for some. In yearning for political change, some radicals at Brandeis adopted the idea that robbery was a political act, and therefore excusable. Even violence became romantic as Kathy Power once invited a friend to go on a “commando raid” with her, just before the bank job. And so, over a very few years, some students got used to the idea that revolutionary change wasn’t so wrong after all, and was even necessary at times.

This all came about because in the years leading up to the violence done by the Brandeis student radicals, love of country was out and hate-America was in, and Brandeis had turned into a platform for extremists, a very far cry from the Brandeis envisioned by its founders in 1948.

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David Isaac: A review of Daniel Gordis’s book: *Menachem Begin: The Battle for Israel’s Soul*



Menachem Begin: The Battle for Israel’s Soul is a pleasure to read. The author, Daniel Gordis, a fellow at Jerusalem’s Shalem College, has a gift for clearly summarizing complex events, including key incidents about which much nonsense has been written.

Begin was born in the Polish town of Brisk in 1913. His most important early influence was his father Ze’ev Dov Begin, a deeply religious man who helped organize Jewish self-defense.

Fatefully, Ze’ev Dov switched Menachem, then age 13, out of what he considered the overly socialist Hashomer Hatzair youth group and into Betar, a competing Zionist youth organization and the brainchild of Vladimir “Ze’ev” Jabotinsky. Gordis notes, correctly, that, “There is no understanding Begin without understanding Jabotinsky.”

Jabotinsky butted heads with the other Zionist leaders, disagreeing with their accommodating policies toward the British, who were backing away from their commitment to establish a Jewish national home in Palestine.

When Begin heard Jabotinsky speak for the first time, he was overwhelmed: “You sit there, down below, and begin to feel in every fiber of your body that you are being lifted up, borne aloft, up, up ... Have you been won over? No, more than that. You have been consecrated to the idea, forever.” It was thanks to Begin’s own oratorical skills that he quickly rose in the ranks of Betar.

During WWII, Begin made his way to Palestine and in January 1944 became head of the underground Irgun, or Etzel, as it was also called. Gordis neatly sums up the difference in philosophy of the Etzel and the competing Haganah by the way they opened their radio addresses. For the Haganah, it was: “Thou shall not kill.” For Etzel: “Life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.”

It was during this period that Begin earned the right to be considered a founding father of Israel. For without the Etzel, it is unlikely the state would have come into being. It is also here that Gordis shines, offering a fair account of events badly misrepresented at the time and, indeed, still widely misconstrued. These include the King David Hotel bombing, the Altalena affair, and Deir Yassin.

Take the King David Hotel Bombing. Etzel warnings phoned into the hotel were ignored and 92 died. It was a joint operation approved by the Haganah during a period of cooperation between the underground groups. Yet David Ben-Gurion denied any involvement. "Begin assumed full responsibility, an astonishing display of nobility given Ben-Gurion's obvious mendacity," Gordis writes.

Deir Yassin followed the same pattern. Etzel fighters took this Arab village as part of an operation approved by Ben-Gurion. The plan went awry as a truck with loudspeakers meant to warn the Arabs became stuck in a tank trap. The Jews came under fire. Five died and 31 were wounded. The number of Arabs killed is contested, but estimates today put it at 107. "The episode was quickly dubbed the 'Deir Yassin massacre,' the name that it retains in most accounts to this day," Gordis observes. Ben-Gurion again denied involvement, and used the opportunity to vilify Begin and Etzel.

The incident that by far puts Ben-Gurion in the worst light is the Altalena Affair. The Altalena was a ship loaded with arms collected by Etzel members in Europe. As it made its way to Palestine, Begin dutifully informed the government led by Ben-Gurion and they agreed to a deal to split the arms. Ben-Gurion, "whose hatred for Begin knew few bounds," as Gordis writes, reneged.

As the Etzel unloaded the arms, Haganah forces showed up on the beach and demanded they surrender, then opened fire. The Altalena pulled anchor and moved to Tel Aviv. Here the Haganah again opened fire, this time with a cannon, and sunk the ship. Its valuable store of arms—which may have well turned the tide in the battle for Jerusalem—went up in smoke. Begin, who was on the ship, narrowly escaped death.

In a false summary to his Cabinet, Ben-Gurion never mentioned the prior agreement with Etzel, and presented the event as if it were an attempted coup. Ben-Gurion concluded, "Blessed be the cannon that blasted that ship."

The one subject where Gordis fails to depart from the conventional wisdom, and as a result comes up short, is the treaty with Egypt. Today, there exists an almost universal belief that this was Begin's greatest achievement. While Gordis avoids waxing lyrical about the treaty, he does not analyze its glaring failings. As Moshe Sharon, who was Begin's adviser on Arab affairs and took part in the Egypt-Israel negotiations, put it recently, "The peace with Egypt is nothing more than a prolonged armistice with ambassadors."



Gordis writes of the contrast that President Jimmy Carter and his administration made between Sadat the visionary and Begin the pettifogging legalist. But he fails to point out that, ironically, it was Begin who was the true visionary, determined to create friendly and normal relationships between Israel and Egypt. He was anxious to dot every "i" and cross every "t" to make sure the new era of relations would have a firm legal foundation. Gordis omits all reference to the 50 detailed agreements Egypt signed on everything from joint agricultural research to cultural programs and exchanges, agreements Begin saw as the nuts and bolts of the new era of relations he believed he was establishing.

Sadat had a simple goal: Get back the Sinai "to the last grain of sand." He did not need to worry about legalistic details because he had no intention of transforming relations. Those 50 agreements (outside of eight, which were published in the 1980s), gather dust in the archives of the Israeli foreign office. Central to Begin was ending the "teaching of contempt." The promise "to abstain from hostile

propaganda” was put into the text of the peace treaty itself. Yet Egypt continued to be a hotbed for inciting hatred for Israel and Jews.

Gordis does point out Carter’s cluelessness about what made Begin tick. “His public protestation of Christian piety notwithstanding, Carter had none of the biblical sensibilities or knowledge that were central to who Begin was,” Gordis says. This ignorance continues today. Kerry blames Israel for the failure in negotiations without any idea of Jewish history, of the difficulties Israel faces, and of the nature of the enmity against it, rooted in Islam and the absolute refusal to accept a Jewish state in the heart of the Islamic world.

Begin’s Jewishness is a running theme in the book. Begin was, the author notes, the “most Jewish of Israel’s prime ministers.”

Begin’s sense of Jewish history accounts for what is otherwise surprising: How he wanted to be remembered. “After my death I hope that I will be remembered, above all, as someone who prevented civil war,” he said.

Here was a man who helped drive the British from Palestine, ordered the bombing of Iraq’s Osirak reactor, and signed a treaty with Egypt. What he was saying was that he considered the Altalena affair his finest moment. Recalling the internal wars among Jews at the time of their destruction by the Romans, Begin had resisted the temptation to strike back. Through that supreme act of self-abnegation and self-control, Begin earned the right to be remembered as he wished.

He prevented civil war.

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"ACCORDINGLY, WE, the members of the National Council,
representing the Jewish people in
Palestine and the Zionist movement of the world, met together in
solemn assembly today, the day of the
termination of the British mandate for Palestine, by virtue of the
natural and historic right of the Jewish
and of the Resolution of the
General Assembly of the United Nations,
HEREBY PROCLAIM the establishment of the Jewish State in
Palestine, to be called ISRAEL."

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Looking for Love in all the Wrong Places

Ruth King

I know that “profiling” is considered taboo in politically correct circles. However, it is often an accurate way of predicting behavior--both good and bad. So here is my profile of reliably pro-Israel legislators.

I don't mean the milk and honey type that twist themselves into pretzels defending Israel and repeating the requisite “democracy which needs to live in peace within secure borders compatible with a two states solution...yabadabadaba....” I also don't mean the ones that go into a self-righteous snit about the BDH (Boycott, Divest and Hate) movement but hint, ever so gingerly, that some of it is brought about by Israel's “occupation” of the West Bank. I certainly don't mean those who wring their hands and whine that Israel is turning into a “theocracy” with obdurate insistence on terms that the “moderate” wings of Hamas and Hezbollah cannot accept. They are neither friends, nor reliable.

I mean those legislators who crop up in almost every single state, (excluding Connecticut and Massachusetts), who will aver proudly that their support for Israel is based on its strategic partnership with the United States, its history and its religious rights within historic Palestine.

Here are some random examples:

In California a Congressman states:

“The United States must make it clear that a nuclear Iran is not an option. I fully support aggressive diplomacy and crippling sanctions in dealing with this dangerous regime that continues to make belligerent threats against Israel. Israel is more than just the only stable democracy in the region, a nation that shares our values, and a source of critical intelligence. Israel is one of our closest allies and I will never waver in my commitment to providing them with American support and funding to protect their people who continue to be a beacon of peace and liberty in the most dangerous part of the world.”

A challenger in a different district in the same state says:

“There is no more important issue of foreign policy than the principled support of Israel, not only for reasons of trade, strategic interests and goodwill, but because Israel is our friend and one true ally in the Middle East. Israel has for many years preserved concepts such as democracy and individual liberty in an area of the world where it is surrounded by people who view this as a threat. No effort or level of support should ever be spared when it comes to the defense of Israel and its people against their adversaries in the Middle East and as a Congressman, I promise to never waiver in the fight against anyone who threatens Israel's right to exist and live as a free people. We should always stand with Israel.”

In Colorado a Congressman declares:

“My efforts in the area of foreign affairs are focused on supporting Israel and protecting our national sovereignty. As the co-chair of two Israel caucuses, I am one of Israel's strongest supporters in Congress. Israel is a key ally in the global war against terrorism and has been a model of democracy and a pillar of humanity in the Middle East. President Ahmadinejad of Iran has claimed that the existence of Israel is 'an insult to all humanity.' Rather than dwell on the mendacity of that lie, it is far more beneficial to declare the truth. The existence of Israel is a blessing to all humanity.”

And, in a different district of Colorado:

“Israel is the strongest ally that the United States has in the Middle East and shares our strategic interest in the region. Israel wants peace and is better able to resolve their differences with the Palestinians without the interference of the United States.”

In February 2014 two Congressmen, one from Ohio and one from West Virginia, went to Israel. They visited Judea and Samaria and addressed students at Ariel University in Samaria on February 24. Both evoked their faith (Christian) that makes them love the Jewish people and their state.

In Florida a Hispanic challenger in a district with no Jewish voters says this:

“Israel must be allowed to govern its own affairs, and we can no longer dictate to Israel where it can build its settlements as it safeguards its security and pursues peace in the region.”

In Georgia, and not from districts like Savannah, Atlanta and Augusta which have a significant Jewish population, here is what a Congressman says:

“As your Representative of Congress, a top priority of mine will always be ensuring the safety and security of our great nation. Central to this belief is the recognition that the national security of the United States is directly tied to the strength and security of the State of Israel. My commitment to the security of Israel has been unwavering. In recent months, we have witnessed a succession of mass protests and turmoil in many Middle East nations. This regional upheaval clearly underscores the importance of Israel as the preeminent, stable democracy in the Middle East and America's strongest democratic ally in the region.”

From a Missouri legislator:

“I have expressed my support for Israel publicly on the floor of the House of Representatives in order to express disappointment with President Obama’s proposal for Israel to return to its pre-1967 borders....The borders that were established in 1967 followed three wars launched against Israel. For Israel, acceptance of the 1967 borders would mean that Israeli sacrifices were for nothing. We all want to see peace in the Middle East. However, it is unrealistic and naive to think that peace will come as a result of Israel – the only democratic state in the region – making more concessions. Restoring the pre-1967 borders would be a victory for Hamas, a terrorist group committed to Israel’s demise....Peace can only come about through the Palestinians and other Middle Eastern countries accepting Israel’s right to exist. We must stand strong for Israel.”

I could list dozens more, but here comes the “profiling.” What do these legislators--men and women--have in common?

They are all faithful and observant Christian Conservatives. They are pro-life and pro-Second Amendment, and resist the perverse coercive regulations of the faux environmentalists. Their support of Israel draws on their love of their biblical heritage.

In the meanwhile Jewish voters continue to look for love from liberals, fund their campaigns and enthusiastically support issues that offend conservatives.

For their affection and commitment to Israel those who have been "profiled" here get dismal ratings from the American Arab Institute, James Zogby’s political group, and disinterest from liberal Jews who curry favor among people who take them for granted--except when it comes to fund-raising.

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