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## 'Area C' Blues

William Mehlman

If should come as little surprise that Zehava Gal-On, the highly vocal leader of Meretz, the furthest Left of Israel's ostensibly Zionist parties, was the first voice raised in response to a bill submitted to the Knesset by MK's Yariv Levin (Likud) and Orit Struck (Bayit Yehudi) that would extend Israeli law to the 350,000 Jewish citizens of "Area C", the 60 percent of Judea and Samaria under the full civil and military control of the IDF. With MK Gal-On's de rigueur denunciation of the measure as a "malignant combination of annexation and apartheid" certain to be followed by a chorus from the "Center-Left" and studied indifference by the prime minister, it would beggar the courage of a Mississippi Riverboat gambler to put any money on its chances of passage.

Excepting Meretz, the Arab parties and Labor's and Yesh Atid's most afflicted doves, that fact should be sending chills down the spines of the rest of the Knesset's members because Area C is in growing danger of a de facto Fatah takeover, generously financed by the European Union, the U.S. and the Persian Gulf Emirates. "Regavim," the research-based think tank and NGO watchdog over Jewish



Ari Briggs

national property rights in Judea and Samaria, is about to release a report that will blow the lid off the notion that Area C's destiny is under Israel's tight control. It will cite "tens of cases" in which the EU has "actively changed facts on the ground to unilaterally harm Israel in final status talks with the Palestinians." In the coming weeks, avers Ari Briggs, Regavim's International Director, "we will present evidence of over 90 structures that have been built by the EU in contravention of the Oslo Accords and all international agreements. We have highlighted this to our government and call upon the EU to stop this blatant violation of Israeli sovereignty immediately."

There's been no response from either the government or the Israel Civil Administration (ICA) charged with implementing policy in Judea and Samaria to an "official letter" from Regavim specifying its findings. Their nature, however, can be surmised from the NGO's previous exposure of construction activity, "legal" and illegal, by the Palestinian Authority and its international – predominantly European – patrons. To cite just four examples:

\*An environmentally questionable landfill site in Area C for the collection of waste from Palestinian-controlled Areas A and B, funded by Deutsche Bank. Landfills are banned in Germany but the ICA has given this one a nod despite the filing of over 100 objections.

\*The illegal expansion of the Arab town of Al-Bireh into Area C, accompanied by unauthorized roads intended to bypass Israeli checkpoints. The clear objective is the creation of a chokehold around Psagot, the central Jewish community of the Binyamin Regional Council.

\*Retroactive ICA approval, under international pressure, of a Palestinian soccer stadium within a five-minute walk of Psagot.

\*ICA approval of the new Palestinian town of Nu'ema in the Jordan Valley with a "gift" of 500 acres of state land, most of which has been incrementally stolen by Arab renegades over the past few years. This is the same Jordan Valley Israel regards as a sine qua non to its defense against invasion and terror infiltration from the east.

Legal or illegal, these citations reveal a pattern pointing to the de facto creation of a Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria with Area C as its connecting link. Time was when the PA hid the results of its runaway construction under black tarpaulin to prevent photo exposure. “Over time [with no Israeli action taken], the tarps have disappeared,” Briggs asserts, “revealing even more buildings in their wake. All of these buildings are in Area C, the area exclusively under Israel’s control.”

“You live high on Mount Olympus and have no idea what the facts are on the ground,” declared Jordan Valley Regional Council Head David Elhayani in a direct challenge to the government and its ICA factotum. “When the Palestinians come to you, you give them temporary orders [against Jewish construction] immediately. Do you know how many temporary orders are issued [at the request of] Jews? Since the year 2000 you have done nothing.”

“Nothing” is what the people of Israel may be left with in Judea and Samaria unless their government orders a radical change of course.

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## **From the Editor**

### **Holding Pollard for Ransom**

Pirates and terrorists still hold individuals for ransom. For political leaders to do so in this day and age seems unthinkable. Yet there is no plausible explanation for the refusal of the Obama administration to release Jonathan Pollard other than that it hopes to extract major territorial and other concessions from Israel in exchange for his freedom.

Eight former senior U.S. officials, each of them fully familiar with the classified documents in the Pollard file, including three former heads of the Senate Intelligence Committee, a former head of the CIA and a former National Security Adviser, have made public a copy of their letter to Obama strongly protesting “the unjust denial of parole to Jonathan Pollard” and “the deeply flawed process” by which the decision was made. A few excerpts:



“The Parole Commission decision document mischaracterizes Mr. Pollard’s actions and makes a patently false claim upon which it bases its denial of parole.

“The Commission’s allegation that Mr. Pollard’s espionage ‘was the greatest compromise of US security to that date’ is false; and not supported by any evidence in the public record or the classified file. Yet it was this fiction that the Parole Commission cited to deny parole.

“We have learned that at the parole hearing, the government relied heavily on a stale, largely discredited, 28-year old classified memorandum written by former Secretary of

Defense Casper Weinberger, without any scrutiny or rebuttal since Pollard’s security-cleared attorneys were denied access to the document and the Parole Commission is not cleared to review it.

“Weinberger himself discounted his original damage assessment of the Pollard case in a 2002 interview when he stated that the Pollard case had been exaggerated out of all proportion and that it was in fact ‘a very minor matter but made very important.’

“The unreliability of the 1987 Weinberger document was known to and ignored by the Parole Commission. Worse, the Parole Commission ignored all other documentary evidence that mitigates in favor of Mr. Pollard’s immediate release.

“As we have indicated in previous communications to you, Mr. President, Jonathan Pollard’s sentence is grossly disproportionate. All factors considered, including his comportment as a model prisoner for nearly three decades, Mr. Pollard’s unconditional release (let alone his release on parole, which does not address the disproportionality of his sentence) is long overdue. Copies of our previous letters to you, urging Mr. Pollard’s release were included in his parole submission and ignored.

“Denying a man his freedom based on a claim of damage that is patently false while ignoring exculpatory documentary evidence and hiding behind a veil of secret evidence is neither fair nor just, and it simply is not the American way.”

### **Eyes Fast Shut**

Past President Shimon Peres not only spouts dangerous absurdities, he recycles them. This month he told Jewish diaspora leaders: “You have to close your eyes” to make peace. Over fifteen years ago he waxed lyrical on the same theme (*Jerusalem Report*, May 1, 1997): “In Argentina, the home of the tango, you know that in order to dance well you have to close your eyes and let the romance begin...Peace is a romantic process.”

Still absorbed in his shut-your-eyes, bathe in your delusions peace process, Peres expresses bewilderment to those same diaspora leaders: “Nobody in this world understands what are Hamas’ goals and why it continues to fire missiles.” Romantically tango-ing away, Peres has apparently never noticed he had no dance partner and never bothered to read the Hamas Covenant; if he had, he would have realized that why Hamas fires missiles into Israel is anything but mysterious.

### **Games Israel Plays**

Hamas—like the Palestinian Authority—is serious about destroying Israel. But Israel takes it all nonchalantly, going so far as to offer medical services to the families of top terrorists. Even Liat Collins, editor of the waffling *International Jerusalem Post*, finds Israel’s behavior over the top. Here’s a sensible quote from her:

“I have one free piece of advice that might help stem the current wave of terrorism: Israel should inform the Fatah and Hamas leadership that Israeli hospitals don’t have room to treat their loved ones as we have absurdly been doing for so long...Former Hamas prime minister Ismail Haniyah, whose daughter was treated last month and granddaughter last year, will have to find an alternative to the top-notch Tel Aviv medical center, and I don’t mean Jerusalem’s Augusta Victoria Hospital where his mother-in-law reportedly received treatment in June; Abbas’s wife, Amina, should not be welcomed for future treatment following the June operation on her knee; and the sister of senior Hamas official Moussa Abu Marzouk should find a hospital to treat her cancer that did not come under Hamas rocket fire a mere three months before she was admitted.”

### **Glick on Deterrence**

Noting that thus far Israel has showed the Arabs of Palestine that far from being punished for murdering Jews, they will be rewarded, Caroline Glick has her own suggestions on how to combat the current wave of terror. She recommends that all assets directly or indirectly tied to terrorists be seized and transferred to their victims, that the Knesset pass a law permitting Israeli terror victims to sue the



PA for actual and punitive damages in Israeli courts, the sums to be taken from the tax revenues Israel collects for the PA, and that Israel should revoke citizenship and residency rights not only from terrorists but those who enjoy such rights by dint of their relationship with the terrorists.

Glick sums up: “If our leaders fail to take these or similar actions, and suffice with complaining about incitement, their condemnations of the murder of Jews will ring as hollow as those sounded by the BBC, Obama and Abbas.”

### ADL’s New Director

Daniel Greenfield points out that the ADL was a fundamentally flawed organization under Abe Foxman. But Greenfield notes that what promises to be a worse leader is on the way.

Replacing Foxman is Jonathan Greenblatt, who was director of the White House’s Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation (whatever that title means) under Obama. As Greenfield says:



Jonathan Greenblatt

“It’s strange that a top official in a Democratic administration with the worst relations with the Jewish community since Carter is being appointed to head the Anti-Defamation League.” But it’s worse than that. Greenblatt doubles as director of a “social justice group” (that term alone sends out warning signs) funded by George Soros. Soros, who has also been a major funder of J Street (save Israel’s soul by destroying its body), and has described his mother as “a Jewish anti-Semite,” has a long record of strange relationships to Jews, going back to his involvement as a youth in

helping a Nazi collaborator, who treated him as his “godson,” to confiscate property from Jews in his native Hungary.

It’s difficult to imagine looking back with nostalgia at Foxman’s tenure at ADL but that’s what may well happen. The roots of ADL go back 100 years when it got started with a \$200 budget. Now rich, self-satisfied and counterproductive, the ADL—as an organization dedicated to combating defamation of Jews-- is being displaced by small groups with far smaller budgets: organizations like JCC Watch, Stand With Us, Jewish Action Alliance, AFSI and others.

### From Michael Ordman’s Amazing Israel

Type 1 diabetes patients may one day avoid insulin injections if the bio-artificial pancreas being developed by Israel’s BetaO2 passes its human trials in Sweden. The BetaO2 delivers oxygen to replacements for the faulty islet cells essential for producing insulin in the body.



Israel’s Sesame Enable is developing a “Sesame phone” tailored to assist people who have limited or no use of their hands. The system enables control of the smartphone with a combination of small head movements and voice recognition.

Intel Israel has developed a Parkinson’s disease monitor that sufferers wear on their wrists. The device records pulse, slowness of movements, tremors and sleep quality, making up to 300 observations per second. Doctors previously relied on patients’ verbal reports and brief hospital checkups.

# Israel Supporters Fight Back Against the Boycotters

Nick Gray

*(Editor's Note: As England sinks into a bog of Israel-hatred and outright anti-Semitism--the House of Commons recently voted by a lopsided 274-12 to recognize the non-existent state of "Palestine"-- it is important to note that Israel still has friends who stand firm. Just as in the darkest days of the Mandate, when a few staunch friends stood out, men like Josiah Wedgwood, Richard Crossman and Orde Wingate, so today people like Nick Gray, Director of Christian Middle East Watch, should be celebrated.)*

The supposedly pro-Palestinian Boycott Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement frequently makes the news with its aggressive and counter-productive antics in stores and on the streets. But supporters of Israel, both Jewish and Christian, are fighting back.

It's a common joke in the pro-Israel community that there are fewer and fewer things that BDS supporters can eat, use or be treated with without infringing their own "never buy Israel" mantras.

BDS purists have (or should have!) banned themselves from using mobile phones, receiving the best heart treatments in hospital or enjoying the delights of cherry tomatoes or Medjool dates (both of them yummy as well as healthy and produced in Israel).

Just so BDS supporters can check themselves on their way to go shopping, there's now an app for that. "Am Israel Buy" (a play on the Hebrew phrase "the people of Israel live") is a compendium of Israeli-sourced foods, cosmetics, clothing and even books about Israel, most of which can be ordered online from your phone (oops, sorry Mr BDS, you shouldn't be using your Smart Phone with its Israeli-invented voicemail and SMS).

The Am Yisrael Buy app is available on most mobile platforms, so go buy.

While we're talking apps, canny supporters of Israeli products can use the software boycotters themselves use as they avoid the same items! [www.buycott.com](http://www.buycott.com) is the home of the "Buycott" app, which allows you to scan barcodes with your phone to detect products you want or don't want to buy.



Mayor Nir Barkat and Jürgen Böhler

Campaigns you can join include avoiding Chinese potatoes and Johnson's Baby Powder (no, I don't know why either) and, of course, a good number to either avoid or buy products from Israel or the settlements. Buycott is also available on most mobile platforms.

The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) is one of the largest of the Christian pro-Israel organisations and hosts Israel's biggest annual tourist event, the Christian Feast of Tabernacles. At this year's event, attended by some 4,500 international delegates

from 80 nations, ICEJ launched *The Israel Buyer's Guide*, an annual publication in print or as a pdf download, in conjunction with the Israel Manufacturer's Association.

At the launch, ICEJ Executive Director Dr. Jürgen Böhler said,

"In spite of all the challenges which Israel faces, it is rightly known today as the 'Start-Up Nation', making immense contributions to the world in the fields of medicine, science and technology, and serving as a major engine of the digital age... Through our new *Israel Buyer's Guide*, we want to better inform Christians on how they can find and purchase Israeli goods and innovations abroad while also bolstering the Israeli economy."

Dr Böhler also highlighted the *Buyer's Guide* as a counter to the BDS Movement's attempts to strangle Israel economically by persuading people to boycott Israeli products.

On another front HaTikvah Film Trust, a British Christian media organisation that makes documentary films, has produced a 23 minute expose (available on YouTube) of Britain's betrayal of the Jewish people by abusing the Mandate given to her to encourage Jewish settlement in Palestine after World War One.



Today's media is happy to employ the "International Community" as a club to beat Israel for almost every statement she makes or action she takes. In the post WWI era, however, the international community was represented by the League of Nations, which made itself responsible for alleviating and organising the international mess left by four years of fighting and death.

The League formally enshrined into a legal document the Balfour Declaration of 1917, ratifying Britain's approval of the concept of a "Jewish Homeland" in Palestine and effectively telling the British government to get on and do it.

There is a move by Israel's detractors to denigrate and even apologise for the Balfour Declaration, but they cannot escape the fact that the League of Nations Mandate to Britain superseded the Declaration and expressed the clear desire of the international community of the day for maximum Jewish immigration and settlement in what has become today's state of Israel.

Besides demonstrating Britain's betrayal of the Mandate given her by the League of Nations, HaTikvah's film is a welcome antidote to those who would decry Britain's part in the creation of modern Israel. In truth, Britain resisted the will of the international community of the day by not encouraging more immigration to Palestine by Jewish settlers.

The aggressive and unpleasant BDS Movement continues to play on emotions rather than face up to solid facts and rejects reasoned debate. The sad situation that exists between Israel and the Palestinians will not be solved by apps, but there is a desperate need to bring some balance to the conversations about the rights and wrongs of the conflict.

The products mentioned above will not bring the BDS campaign to its knees but do provide convincing evidence of the many positive things to come out of Israel. And the Hatikvah film offers evidence of the atrocious way in which Britain behaved even before the creation of Israel.

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### Zionism 101.org: This was Herbert Zweibon's Last Project

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# In This Struggle, Israel Can Prevail

Mordechai Kedar

During these difficult days of increasing terror, the most urgent question is: What can we do in order to cope optimally with the growing terrorist violence in Israel, knowing that behind the scenes there are several players who are expending intense efforts to bring about an explosion.

Leading the pack is Hamas, whose goal is to become the undisputed leader of the Palestinian Arabs at the expense of the Palestinian Authority – and, for good measure, giving Egypt's Sisi something to remember.

Supporting Hamas is a coalition composed of Qatar and Turkey, with unlimited sources of funds.

The PLO, at the same time, is trying to hold on to first place and cannot allow itself to appear less extreme than Hamas, for fear it will be accused of cooperating with Israel. This is the origin of the two-faced behavior of the PA: on the one hand, it presents a cooperative face to Israel and on the other hand, it stabs Israel in the back, through incitement and education, on the street and in international forums.

Qatar bases its standing in the Arab world and the West by pouring oil on the fire, exactly as it does with Islamic State. Hypocritically, in the usual Qatari fashion, it funds Islamic state while, as part of the Western coalition, it expresses support for those who fight it.

Behind the scenes of the growing terror Israel faces stands Islamic State, the model for successful battles against the enemies of Islam: massacre the enemy, act with extreme violence and use fast vehicles that give the impression of Jihad's sweeping, advancing victory. The murderers who entered the Jerusalem Synagogue did not bring long butcher's cleavers for nothing.

The answer:

The time for politically correct euphemisms is over and the unpleasant truth must be told as it is.

1. Israel must say emphatically: the Palestinian Authority established on the basis of the Oslo Accords is an enemy entity, an enemy whose goal is establishing an Arab state in place of Israel, not alongside Israel, but on its ruins. That is the reason the Oslo Accords were violated so blatantly and thoroughly by the other side, resulting in them being declared null and void..

In addition, Israel must cease funding the PA on the basis of economic agreements derived from the Oslo Accords. There is no other country that funds an enemy entity, and there is no reason for Israel to be the only country that acts in such a delusional manner.

The government of Israel must condemn those among us who were instrumental in giving us the "New Middle East", even those who once held posts of high honor.

2. Israel must announce as clearly as possible that Jerusalem is not a subject in any negotiations with anyone. It was never the capital of any entity connected to the Arab or Islamic world and was never ruled by a king, sultan, emir or caliph, so that there is no historical or legal basis for demanding that it be the capital of any state other than Israel.

3. Israel has to remind the entire world that Judea, Samaria and Eastern Jerusalem were areas occupied by Jordan for 19 years, from May 1948 until June 1967. Had the Arab world felt it was just and necessary, it could have established a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital then, without anyone in the world disputing it. The Arabs refrained from doing that for the 7000 days in which Jordan had control of the area and therefore have no right to demand from Israel what they did not demand from themselves.

4. Israel must immediately shut down all the PA institutions in Jerusalem and any governmental entity that is not that of the state of Israel. Sovereignty cannot be shared or compromised on, because he who compromises with regard to his sovereignty loses it.

5. The police must issue a restraining order against all Islamic Movement activists, first and foremost to Sheikh Raad Salah and his deputy Sheikh Kamal el Khatib. After that, the possibility of issuing an order forbidding them to leave Um El Fahem and Kafr Kana should be considered.

6. Israel must immediately shut down all the Hamas TV stations broadcasting in Judea and Samaria.

7. Israel must keep the bodies of all dead terrorists who committed terror attacks. In any event, Israel must forbid their burial in Jerusalem, especially in the vicinity of the Temple Mount, because burial in that spot is an expression of pride in the shahid and encourages more terror.

8. Israel must announce that it is building a new neighborhood, a new settlement or at least a new building in Jerusalem or Judea and Samaria in memory of every terror victim. Let the terrorists discover that terror makes the Jewish People's connection to its land stronger.

9. Israel must change the way it views Europe. This continent is gradually turning into an Islamist area, and European politicians are becoming more and more dependent on the Muslim voter. They have



to take stands dictated to them by the voters in their electoral district, and these brought their visceral hatred of Jews and Israel with them from their countries of origin. I do not see this pattern changing, so that for Israel, relying on Europe is a waste of effort at best and under normal circumstances, like entering hostile territory.

10. Israelis have to internalize the fact that their neighbors do not want them in the Middle East, and that Tel Aviv and Ramat Hasharon are seen as "settlements" just as Eli, Shilo and Neve Daniel are. The entire Peace industry is just froth topping the waves of the stormy waters of the Middle East. It succeeded in blinding us to the point where we did not accept the reality of the situation and it managed to neutralize the will of some of us to fight for our land and freedom, but it had absolutely no effect on our neighbors.

11. Israel must develop a psychological mindset that prepares it for a multi-pronged struggle, because many of the countries in the world are against the existence of the state of Israel and will do anything to weaken its security, economic stability and legitimacy.

Israel must publicly condemn people, such as Martyn Indyk, who accept funding from countries like Qatar which uses its money to influence political stands vis a vis Israel.

12. Israel's justice system must internalize the fact that we are struggling for our survival. We cannot relate to enemies of the state as if they are deserving of mercy at the hands of our country's legal system. The legal system was not intended to make the state vulnerable but to base it on law and order so that it can continue to function during difficult times.

13. The people of Israel must trust in God and in themselves; they must be prepared to fight for their existence. This struggle is infinitely more important than what the Knesset and the media have been stressing - VAT on purchasing an apartment or any internal political struggle. Ministers and MK's must rise above narrow party considerations and begin to lead the Jewish people in its struggle to keep its land, state and liberty.

*This appeared on FreeRepublic.com on November 19. Dr. Kedar teaches Arabic literature at Bar Ilan University. He served for 25 years in IDF Military Intelligence. He has appeared on Arab satellite channels—including Al-Jazeera—where he defends Israel.*

# The Temple Mount: In Whose Hands? The Reason Jews Can't Pray at Judaism's Holiest Site

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

The irony went largely unnoticed. On October 29, an Israeli rabbi and tour guide was gravely wounded in an assassination attempt several steps away from the Menachem Begin Heritage Center in



Jerusalem. On the entrance walls to that building, boldly emblazoned, are these stirring words by the man whose legacy the Center honors:

“Not by the right of might have we returned to the land of our forefathers but by the might of right. . . . And therein, all of its inhabitants, the citizen as well as the resident, will live in freedom and justice, in solidarity and peace.”

The victim of the attack has long advocated that both Jews and Muslims be allowed to pray, in freedom and peace, on the Temple Mount, a site sacred to both faiths and the locus of Jewish aspiration for millennia. In doing so, he has championed not might but right: in a Jewish state that serves as an island of liberty in the Middle East, why should Jews be the only citizens deprived of the right to pray at what is their faith's holiest site?

Those who speak out on this matter have been labeled by some in the Israeli and Western media as “extremists” and inciters of violence. Meanwhile, the would-be assassin has been celebrated as a hero not only by Hamas, with which his family is connected, but also by the leader of the Palestinian Authority. Two days after the October 29 incident, Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister of Israel, reaffirmed his support for what is known as the “status quo”—the arrangement according to which Jews are allowed to visit but forbidden to pray on the Temple Mount.

As the days pass and the situation in Jerusalem and elsewhere in Israel has become more volatile—and more violent—other government figures, including Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon, have reiterated that in today's tense circumstances, Jews should refrain from visiting the Temple Mount. Yaalon's concerns are understandably prudential. Still, as this latest chapter in a dispiriting story continues, it may be worth setting the issue of prayer on the Temple Mount in context.

The story begins, oddly enough, at Israel's most triumphant moment. On June 7, 1967, Day 3 of the Six-Day War, the exultant cry of Lt. Gen. Mordechai (“Motta”) Gur—“the Temple Mount is in our hands!”—rang throughout the land. At war's end, with the whole city of Jerusalem reclaimed and reunited under Israeli sovereignty, authorities faced the question of what to do about the Mount.

At the time, religious management of the site had long been delegated to the Jordanian clerical leadership known as the Waqf. Although Jewish religious law (*halakhah*) forbids Jews from visiting certain parts of the Mount—the most sacrosanct areas associated with the original Temple of King Solomon—the northern and southern portions of the current space atop the Mount are much later extensions, dating from the time of Roman rule.

Thus, in 1967, as many observers now agree, the most appropriate course would have been for the Israeli government to set aside, in one of these Roman-era locations, a dedicated section for Jewish prayer that would not interfere with Muslim worship. But that did not happen. Instead, Israel's government handed the keys back to the Waqf. In this, it was abetted by the Chief Rabbinate, which posted a sign informing Jews that they were forbidden to ascend or pray on any portion of the Mount.

The government's decision, one of the most misguided in Israel's history, set in place a policy that resulted in the worst of all possible worlds. First, many Jews who continued to visit the Mount did so without any rabbinic guidance, entering areas where according to *halakhah* they should not have set foot. Second, Israel's self-imposed ban on Jewish prayer persuaded both the Waqf and the Palestinian and Arab world in general that Israel's leaders lacked any attachment to or reverence for the site. The Muslim authorities proceeded to destroy the physical evidence that Jews had ever worshipped on the Mount.

Over the decades, the Waqf dug massive trenches on the Mount and dumped hundreds of truckloads of dirt and archaeological treasures into the Kidron Valley below. For this flagrant violation of the "status quo," it earned little opprobrium from an Israeli government sensitive then as now to any controversy surrounding the site. In vain did the archaeologist Eilat Mazar argue that "The Israeli government doesn't really understand that by turning a blind eye to the illegal actions undertaken by the Waqf and the Islamic Movement, it does not achieve the true quiet it seeks, since it only increases the appetite of the Muslim side, which notices that its acts go without punishment."

In turn, this signal of Jewish indifference, as David Horowitz, the editor of the *Times of Israel*, has recently summed up, "ensured the resonance among Palestinians and the wider Muslim world of Yasir Arafat's foul false narrative that 'historically the Temple was not in Palestine'—and that, by pernicious extension, the Jewish nation has no historical sovereign legitimacy in this part of the world at all."

Today, with the support of a diverse group of prominent rabbis from the religious Zionist community, more and more Israelis are embracing the cause of Jewish prayer on the Mount. They have come to realize the incongruity of annually celebrating Jerusalem Day, the anniversary of "the Temple Mount is in our hands," even as the Hamas flag flies frequently there while Jewish prayer is prohibited. In the words of Tzipi Hotovely, a young Orthodox woman and rising star in the Likud party who now serves as deputy minister of transportation in the Netanyahu government, "Jews' prayers must be heard on the Mount. This is the holiest place for the Jewish people and the status quo must change." Hotovely and others are speaking the language not of might but of right, a right grounded, as Israel's national anthem Hatikvah has it, in the "hope of 2,000 years."

How Israel's government will choose to balance pragmatism and principle, only time will tell. But the principle itself could not be clearer. In *The Revolt* (English edition 1951), Menachem Begin, the founding father of Hotovely and Netanyahu's political party, recounts how British forces during the Mandate period prevented Jews from sounding the shofar at the Western Wall. At the time, many considered acquiescence to be the wiser course; by contrast, Begin insisted that the right of free Jewish worship in Jerusalem stood at the very core of the independence that Zionists sought.

"What our ancestors refused to tolerate from their ancient oppressors," Begin wrote, "even at the cost of their lives and freedom, is tolerated by the generation of Jews that describes itself as the last of oppression and the first of redemption." He went on: "A people that does not defend its holy places—that does not even try to defend them—is not free, however much it may babble about freedom. People that permit the most holy spot in their country and their most sacred feelings to be trampled underfoot are slaves in spirit."

Or, as Tzipi Hotovely has put it in the Knesset, "There is no Zionism without Zion; there is no Zion without Jerusalem; there is no Jerusalem without the Temple Mount." The right of Jewish prayer on the Mount is linked to the soul of Zionism itself.

*This appeared in Mosaic Magazine of November 2014. Rabbi Soloveichik is a leading Orthodox writer and thinker and serves as rabbi of Cong. Shearith Israel, the oldest congregation in the United States.*

## Ambassador Prozor Addresses UN General Assembly

*(Editor's note: This speech by Ambassador Prozor to the UN has been rightly praised and widely circulated by friends of Israel. It is a rare rush of bracing air in the putrid atmosphere of the UN. It is a modern J'Accuse against the defamers of the state of the Jews that has the same power as the original J'Accuse which exposed the dishonesty and hypocrisy of those who defamed Dreyfus, a single Jew.*

*This makes it more the pity that the end of this wonderful speech undercuts all that has gone before. The last lines are false. The right of return is not "the major obstacle to any peace agreement." That demand is merely a symptom of the fundamental refusal to accept Israel's existence as a Jewish state--which Prozor himself has rightly identified as the central issue. In complaining of the "premature" recognition by Europeans of a Palestinian state, Prozor implicitly endorses the "two state solution," which has endlessly failed for a reason: the Palestinian authority is determined to replace Israel rather than coexist with her. Prozor ends by calling on the UN to demand that the Palestinian Authority break with Hamas and return to the negotiating table with Israel, thus paving the way "to real and lasting peace." This is absurd. Earlier in the speech Prozor has rightly placed the Palestinian Authority in the same category as Hamas, accusing it of leading the campaign of incitement against Israel. So what is the point of yet another necessarily fruitless round of pretend-negotiations?*

*How should Prozor have concluded his speech? With what he had said earlier: "Does the Middle East really need another terror-ocracy?" He should have added that all UN members--not "some" of them--are pursuing this with their "consensus" goal of a two-state solution. Prozor should have concluded that there are no quick and easy formulas. The Middle East awaits a total transformation of Islamic values and attitudes, and until such time as this occurs, Israel will defend itself and its borders. Prozor should have called on any members of the UN who value moral clarity to join with Israel in what is likely to be a prolonged existential struggle.*

I stand before the world as a proud representative of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. I stand tall before you knowing that truth and morality are on my side. And yet, I stand here knowing that today in this Assembly, truth will be turned on its head and morality cast aside.

The fact of the matter is that when members of the international community speak about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a fog descends to cloud all logic and moral clarity. The result isn't realpolitik, its surrealpolitik.

The world's unrelenting focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is an injustice to tens of millions of victims of tyranny and terrorism in the Middle East. As we speak, Yazidis, Bahai, Kurds, Christians and Muslims are being executed and expelled by radical extremists at a rate of 1,000 people per month.

How many resolutions did you pass last week to address this crisis? And how many special sessions did you call for? The answer is zero. What does this say about international concern for human life? Not much, but it speaks volumes about the hypocrisy of the international community.

I stand before you to speak the truth. Of the 300 million Arabs in the Middle East and North Africa, less than half a percent are truly free--and they are all citizens of Israel. Israeli Arabs are some of the most educated Arabs in the world. They are our leading physicians and surgeons, they are elected to our parliament, and they serve as judges on our Supreme Court. Millions of men and women in the Middle East would welcome these opportunities and freedoms.

Nonetheless, nation after nation, will stand at this podium today and criticize Israel.

Our conflict has never been about the establishment of a Palestinian state. It has always been about the existence of the Jewish state.

Sixty seven years ago this week, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to partition the land into a Jewish state and an Arab state. Simple. The Jews said yes. The Arabs said no. But they didn't just say no. Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon launched a war of annihilation against our newborn state.

This is the historical truth that the Arabs are trying to distort. The Arabs' historic mistake continues to be felt--in lives lost in war, lives lost to terrorism, and lives scarred by the Arab's narrow political interests.

According to the United Nations, about 700,000 Palestinians were displaced in the war initiated by the Arabs themselves. At the same time, some 850,000 Jews were forced to flee from Arab countries.

Why is it, that 67 years later, the displacement of the Jews has been completely forgotten by this institution while the displacement of the Palestinians is the subject of an annual debate? The difference is that Israel did its utmost to integrate the Jewish refugees into society. The Arabs did just the opposite.

The worst oppression of the Palestinian people takes place in Arab nations. In most of the Arab world, Palestinians are denied citizenship and are aggressively discriminated against. They are barred from owning land and prevented from entering certain professions.

And yet none--not one--of these crimes are mentioned in the resolutions before you.

If you were truly concerned about the plight of the Palestinian people there would be one, just one, resolution to address the thousands of Palestinians killed in Syria. And if you were so truly concerned about the Palestinians there would be at least one resolution to denounce the treatment of Palestinians in Lebanese refugee camps.

But there isn't. The reason is that today's debate is not about speaking for peace or speaking for the Palestinian people - it is about speaking against Israel. It is nothing but a hate and bashing festival against Israel.

The European nations claim to stand for Libert ,  galit , Fraternit --freedom, equality, and brotherhood--but nothing could be farther from the truth.

I often hear European leaders proclaim that Israel has the right to exist in secure borders. That's very nice. But I have to say--it makes about as much sense as me standing here and proclaiming Sweden's right to exist in secure borders.

When it comes to matters of security, Israel has learned the hard way that we cannot rely on others--certainly not Europe.

In 1973, on Yom Kippur - the holiest day on the Jewish calendar - the surrounding Arab nations launched an attack against Israel. In the hours before the war began, Golda Meir, our Prime Minister then, made the difficult decision not to launch a preemptive strike. The Israeli Government understood that if we launched a preemptive strike, we would lose the support of the international community.

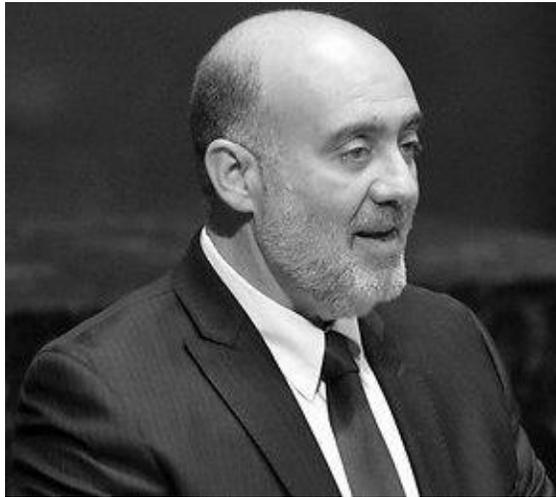
As the Arab armies advanced on every front, the situation in Israel grew dire. Our casualty count was growing and we were running dangerously low on weapons and ammunition. In this, our hour of need, President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger agreed to send Galaxy planes loaded with tanks and ammunition to resupply our troops. The only problem was that the Galaxy planes needed to refuel on route to Israel.

The Arab States were closing in and our very existence was threatened--and yet, Europe was not even willing to let the planes refuel. The U.S. stepped in once again and negotiated that the planes be allowed to refuel in the Azores. The government and people of Israel will never forget that when our very existence was at stake, only one country came to our aid--the United States of America.

Israel is tired of hollow promises from European leaders. The Jewish people have a long memory. We will never ever forget that you failed us in the 1940s. You failed us in 1973. And you are failing us again today.

Every European parliament that voted to prematurely and unilaterally recognize a Palestinian state is giving the Palestinians exactly what they want - statehood without peace. By handing them a state on a silver platter, you are rewarding unilateral actions and taking away any incentive for the Palestinians to negotiate or compromise or renounce violence. You are sending the message that the Palestinian Authority can sit in a government with terrorists and incite violence against Israel without paying any price.

The first E.U. member to officially recognize a Palestinian state was Sweden. One has to wonder why the Swedish Government was so anxious to take this step. When it comes to other conflicts in our



region, the Swedish Government calls for direct negotiations between the parties--but for the Palestinians, surprise, surprise, they roll out the red carpet. State Secretary Söder may think she is here to celebrate her government's so-called historic recognition, when in reality it's nothing more than an historic mistake.

The Swedish Government may host the Nobel Prize ceremony, but there is nothing noble about their cynical political campaign to appease the Arabs in order to get a seat on the Security Council. Nations on the Security Council should have sense, sensitivity, and sensibility. Well, the Swedish Government has shown no sense, no sensitivity and no sensibility. Just nonsense.

Israel learned the hard way that listening to the international community can bring about devastating consequences. In 2005, we unilaterally dismantled every settlement and removed every citizen from the Gaza Strip. Did this bring us any closer to peace? Not at all. It paved the way for Iran to send its terrorist proxies to establish a terror stronghold on our doorstep.

I can assure you that we won't make the same mistake again. When it comes to our security, we cannot and will not rely on others--Israel must be able to defend itself by itself.

The State of Israel is the land of our forefathers--Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is the land where Moses led the Jewish people, where David built his palace, where Solomon built the Jewish Temple, and where Isaiah saw a vision of eternal peace.

For thousands of years, Jews have lived continuously in the land of Israel. We endured through the rise and fall of the Assyrian, Babylonian, Greek and Roman Empires. And we endured through thousands of years of persecution, expulsions and crusades. The bond between the Jewish people and the Jewish land is unbreakable.

Nothing can change one simple truth--Israel is our home and Jerusalem is our eternal capital.

At the same time, we recognize that Jerusalem has special meaning for other faiths. Under Israeli sovereignty, all people--and I will repeat that, all people--regardless of religion and nationality can visit the city's holy sites. And we intend to keep it this way. The only ones trying to change the status quo on the Temple Mount are Palestinian leaders.

President Abbas is telling his people that Jews are contaminating the Temple Mount. He has called for days of rage and urged Palestinians to prevent Jews from visiting the Temple Mount using (quote) "all means" necessary. These words are as irresponsible as they are unacceptable.

You don't have to be Catholic to visit the Vatican, you don't have to be Jewish to visit the Western Wall, but some Palestinians would like to see the day when only Muslims can visit the Temple Mount.

You, the international community, are lending a hand to extremists and fanatics. You, who preach tolerance and religious freedom, should be ashamed. Israel will never let this happen. We will make sure that the holy places remain open to all people of all faiths for all time.

No one wants peace more than Israel. No one needs to explain the importance of peace to parents who have sent their child to defend our homeland. No one knows the stakes of success or failure better than we Israelis do. The people of Israel have shed too many tears and buried too many sons and daughters.

The past month should make it clear to anyone that Israel has immediate and pressing security needs. In recent weeks, Palestinian terrorists have shot and stabbed our citizens and twice driven their cars into crowds of pedestrians. Just a few days ago, terrorists armed with axes and a gun savagely attacked Jewish worshipers during morning prayers. We have reached the point when Israelis can't even find sanctuary from terrorism in the sanctuary of a synagogue.

These attacks didn't emerge out of a vacuum. They are the results of years of indoctrination and incitement. A Jewish proverb teaches: "The instruments of both death and life are in the power of the tongue."

As a Jew and as an Israeli, I know with utter certainty that when our enemies say they want to attack us, they mean it.

Hamas's genocidal charter calls for the destruction of Israel and the murder of Jews worldwide. For years, Hamas and other terrorist groups have sent suicide bombers into our cities, launched rockets into our towns, and sent terrorists to kidnap and murder our citizens.

And what about the Palestinian Authority? It is leading a systemic campaign of incitement. In schools, children are being taught that 'Palestine' will stretch from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. In mosques, religious leaders are spreading vicious libels accusing Jews of destroying Muslim holy sites. In sports stadiums, teams are named after terrorists. And in newspapers, cartoons urge Palestinians to commit terror attacks against Israelis.

Children in most of the world grow up watching cartoons of Mickey Mouse singing and dancing. Palestinian children also grow up watching Mickey Mouse, but on Palestinians national television, a twisted figure dressed as Mickey Mouse dances in an explosive belt and chants "Death to America and death to the Jews."

I challenge you to stand up here today and do something constructive for a change. Publicly denounce the violence, denounce the incitement, and denounce the culture of hate.

Most people believe that at its core, the conflict is a battle between Jews and Arabs or Israelis and Palestinians. They are wrong. The battle that we are witnessing is a battle between those who sanctify life and those who celebrate death.

Following the savage attack in a Jerusalem synagogue, celebrations erupted in Palestinian towns and villages. People were dancing in the street and distributing candy. Young men posed with axes, loudspeakers at mosques called out congratulations, and the terrorists were hailed as "martyrs" and "heroes."

This isn't the first time that we saw the Palestinians celebrate the murder of innocent civilians. We saw them rejoice after every terrorist attack on Israeli civilians and they even took to the streets to celebrate the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center right here in New York City.

Imagine the type of state this society would produce. Does the Middle East really need another terror-ocracy? Some members of the international community are aiding and abetting its creation.

As we came into the United Nations, we passed the flags of all 193 member States. If you take the time to count, you will discover that there are 15 flags with a crescent and 25 flags with a cross. And then there is one flag with a Jewish Star of David. Amidst all the nations of the world there is one state-- just one small nation state for the Jewish people.

And for some people, that is one too many.

As I stand before you today I am reminded of all the years when Jewish people paid for the world's ignorance and indifference in blood. Those days are no more. We will never apologize for being a free and independent people in our sovereign state. And we will never apologize for defending ourselves.

To the nations that continue to allow prejudice to prevail over truth, I say "J'accuse." I accuse you of hypocrisy. I accuse you of duplicity. I accuse you of lending legitimacy to those who seek to destroy our State. I accuse you of speaking about Israel's right of self-defense in theory, but denying it in practice. And I accuse you of demanding concessions from Israel, but asking nothing of the Palestinians.

In the face of these offenses, the verdict is clear. You are not for peace and you are not for the Palestinian people. You are simply against Israel.

Members of the international community have a choice to make.

You can recognize Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people, or permit the Palestinian leadership to deny our history without consequence.

You can publicly proclaim that the so-called "claim of return" is a non-starter, or you can allow this claim to remain the major obstacle to any peace agreement.

You can work to end Palestinian incitement, or stand by as hatred and extremism take root for generations to come.

You can prematurely recognize a Palestinian state, or you can encourage the Palestinian Authority to break its pact with Hamas and return to direct negotiations.

The choice is yours. You can continue to steer the Palestinians off course or pave the way to real and lasting peace.

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## **Baroness Cox**

Ruth King

The British are like the proverbial girl with a curl. When she was good she was very, very good, and when she was bad she was horrid. History is replete with examples of horrid behavior by England. In the Middle East her betrayal of the Mandate as well as her post war treatment of the survivors of the death camps struggling to reach Palestine rivals the cruelty and evil cunning of the worst of the Tudors.

However, when the British are good, they are magnificent. One thinks of Lord Balfour, Lord Shaftesbury, Lord Palmerston, Josiah Wedgwood, Lloyd George, Lieutenant-Colonel John Henry Patterson, Orde Wingate, George Eliot and Henry Lewes, to name only a few. For a more complete overview of Britain's Christian Zionists go to [zionism101.org](http://zionism101.org).

Among contemporary British supporters of Israel, to whom we are all indebted, there is the Baroness Caroline Cox, a member of the British House of Lords. The daughter of a prominent surgeon, Caroline Anne McNeill Love became a registered nurse before her marriage to Dr. Murray Newall Cox in 1959. She continued her studies, culminating in a master's degree in sociology from London University. Her academic achievements are solid but it is her political courage and activism that make her remarkable.

During the Cold War she was an outspoken anti-Communist who defended the cause of prominent Russian dissidents. In 1975, with Keith Jackson, she co-authored "Rape of Reason- The Corruption of the Polytechnic of North London" exposing the growing communist activity and indoctrination at the university where she was head lecturer in Sociology.



Baroness Caroline Cox

Her peerage was announced in 1982 on the recommendation of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. In 1985 she became Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, a position she retained until 2006.

Unlike human rights groupies with their endless posturing, Baroness Cox is a “hands on” humanitarian who visits the zones of conflicts throughout Africa and Asia. While Western leaders were wringing their hands over Darfur, Baroness Cox decried the genocidal and jihadist actions of Sudan’s Muslim government during her 28 visits to dangerous zones in Sudan.

She became president of “Christian Solidarity Worldwide” and between 1997 and 2000 directly intervened to buy the freedom of 2,281 slaves.

The Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART) was founded by Baroness Cox in 2003 to provide aid and advocacy for persons persecuted in Asia and Africa who are largely neglected by the international media. She is a fierce defender of women oppressed and mutilated by harsh Sharia laws.

In February 2009, with UKIP peer Lord Pearson, Cox invited Dutch Freedom Party leader Geert Wilders to show the anti-radical-Islam film “Fitna” to the House of Lords, a move that caused considerable controversy because Wilders is one of the handful of European leaders who speaks of the dangers of Islam to the West. He was prevented from entering the UK, a move that enraged Baroness Cox who accused the British government of appeasement of militant Islam.

In a nation now drowning in anti-Semitic and anti-Israel sentiments, Baroness Cox is an outspoken defender of Israel. She is one of 18 co-founders of the “One Jerusalem” organization whose avowed purpose is “maintaining a united Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel.” In 2005 she became co-President of the Jerusalem Summit, which avers: “The establishment of a Palestinian State must be removed from the international agenda.”

As early as 2007 she denounced the BDS movement which was gaining traction in British Universities: “A proposal by British academics to enforce a boycott of Israel is an outrageous and blatant violation of the most fundamental freedom of democracy, reminiscent of totalitarian regimes that could not tolerate freedom of speech.” As for the growing alliance between Islamists and the political left in the U.K, Baroness Cox had this to say: “This very unnatural alliance is part of the present ethos and culture of political correctness which some of the media defer to and which shapes the emotions and understandings behind the proposals for such a boycott.”

In April 2014 Baroness Cox addressed Israelis at an event hosted by the Yuval Ne’eman Workshop for Science, Technology and Security at Tel Aviv University and the Israeli Institute for Strategic Studies, run by Martin Sherman.

“Islam is using the freedoms of democracy to destroy it,” as some of its adherents try “to inhibit criticism,” said Cox, and warned that *jihad* is being waged through an Islamic infiltration of the political, cultural, legal and economic systems of non-Muslim countries.

The irony is that these words were delivered in Israel where too few leaders are prepared to speak out about the role of Islam and *jihad* in the countless wars and acts of terror against that beleaguered state.

Two grandmothers, contemporaries, Gisele Bat Ye’Or in Switzerland and the Baroness Cox in England have been in the forefront in making these warnings to Israel and the West. Amazing!

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