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## Hegemon from Hell

William Mehlman

*Ynet News*' Alex Fishman easily took the prize for the most cogent analysis of the "framework" for a final agreement on Iran's nuclear activities hammered out in Switzerland on March 31<sup>st</sup>. "There was nothing surprising in the Lausanne agreement," he wrote. "The talks over the last few days were for show only. The Americans knew, just as Israel did, that the Iranians had been willing to sign the current version of the agreement and even a worse one from their perspective, already two months ago."

The reason, despite threats to walk away from the deal from Ayatollah Khomeini and his glib foreign minister, are evident in what is, and what has been, Tehran's end-game since agreeing to these discussions with the U.S.-led P5+1 back in November 2013. And that is the lifting of the economic sanctions that have hobbled its ability to finance a hegemonic, terrorist-driven attempted stranglehold over a Middle East expanse covering major areas of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen. Iranian bickering over how and under what conditions the implausible nuclear inspection regime laid out by the P5+1 will operate has been little more than a diplomatic piece of stage business. Nobody knows how many deeply hidden reactor facilities the Islamic Republic might have in operation in addition to Fordow or whether its military infrastructure might not already be invested with a nuclear profile. Under this agreement, nobody is likely to find out.

From Tehran's perspective, the termination of the sanctions justifies 100 times over any delay – real or imagined – in its achieving nuclear threshold status as pledged by the P5+1. And that is precisely why President Obama's decision to divorce Iran's attempt to consume the Middle East through terror and subversion from its nuclear weaponry program is such a potentially devastating mistake. There's nothing divisible about them. They are joined at the hip. Israel is already tasting the bitter fruits of that mistake in Russia's decision to violate its own embargo and ship its S-300 anti-aircraft, anti-missile platform to Iran by the end of 2015. With its ability to shoot down any aircraft lacking stealth capability at a range of 150 kilometers, the S-300 may all but rule out an Israeli strike against Iran's nuclear-industrial complex until 2017, when IAF gets its initial shipment of F-35 stealth fighter-bombers from Lockheed.

The S-300 deal is only the tip of the iceberg. Reuters reports that a staggering Iranian economy is about to be retrofitted with a \$20 billion trade deal involving Russian purchases of 500,000 barrels of Iranian oil a day. Can the EU's trade and investment merchants be far behind? The *Jerusalem Post*'s Yaakov Lappin estimates that an end to sanctions would unfreeze upwards of \$100 billion in Iranian foreign exchange assets across the global financial sphere, major portions of it certain to be transformed into advanced military hardware for proxies like Hezbollah, already the world's most heavily armed terrorist network, the Shi'ite Houthi insurgents overrunning Yemen and Hamas in Gaza. As Charles Krauthammer noted in an April *Washington Post* essay, "with sanctions lifted, its economy booming and tens of billions injected into its treasury, why would Iran curb rather than expand its relentless drive for regional dominance?"

Finally, what happens, if in defiance of this loophole-laden nuclear deal, the Iranians are actually clumsy enough to be caught "cheating?" The answer is "not very much." The violations would first have to be "certified" by the International Atomic Energy Authority, which then reports to the UN, where Iran has a right to challenge the charge. The case would then proceed, in no unseemly haste, to the Security Council, where you can bet the mortgage money the Russian and Chinese representatives will be

doubling as Iran's lawyers . It's a process that could stretch into months, with the chances of Russian and Chinese ratification of a guilty verdict miniscule. "Even European partners are likely to push for time and compromise with Iran to avoid removing sanctions and foregoing the benefit of trade and economic relations," avers Zalmay Khalilzad, Counselor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq and the United Nations.

As for the much-touted sanctions "snapback" should Tehran be found in violation of the nuclear agreement, Krauthammer calls this a product of fantasy. "Once gone, it doesn't snap back. None will pull their companies out of a thriving post-sanctions Iran." Referencing a like opinion from former Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and George Shultz in a much-discussed *Wall Street Journal* op-ed, he added "we will be fought every step of the way, leaving the United States, not Iran, isolated."

In the truest words he's ever spoken, Prime Minister Netanyahu said the agreement the P5+1 seems ready to present to the world "would legitimize Iran's nuclear program, bolster Iran's economy and increase Iran's aggression and terror throughout the Middle East and beyond." Or as Kissinger and Shultz put it: "You set out to constrain the world's greatest exporter of terror, threatening every one of our allies, and you're on the verge of making it the region's economic and military hegemon."

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## **From the Editor**

### **A Bizarre Negotiation**

In any normal arms control negotiations there is bedrock agreement between the parties about what is being negotiated—the size of a nuclear arsenal, the number of missiles, of warships, whatever. But in the current negotiations, Iran denies the existence of what it is supposedly negotiating over: it claims it has no nuclear weapons program. As recently as April 20 *The Wall Street Journal* reports that Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said it was a "myth" that his country is trying to develop nuclear weapons. How do you negotiate with a myth? Judging from the Obama administration, it's by conjuring up another myth: that you are doing anything meaningful to counteract the threat. Leaving this hall of mirrors aside, what the administration is doing of course, as William Mehlman says, is to leave Iran's nuclear capacity intact while vastly increasing (by ending sanctions) its ability to sow mischief throughout the Middle East.

### **Protesting ISIS, EU Style**

Sixteen EU countries (with Germany the only major one which has not signed on) are pressing EU Foreign Affairs head Frederica Mogherini to demand labels on all products from Israeli communities beyond the Green Line. Yair Lapid, the head of Israel's *Yesh Atid* party (scarcely a hard liner) has said: "This is a de facto call to boycott Israel."

Blogger David Swidler has mocked the EU's obsessive focus on Israel in the face of the monumental attacks on human rights going on in its neighborhood. Citing the mass executions of Christian Ethiopians and Eritreans in Libya, proudly filmed by the perpetrators and distributed to international media, Swidler writes:

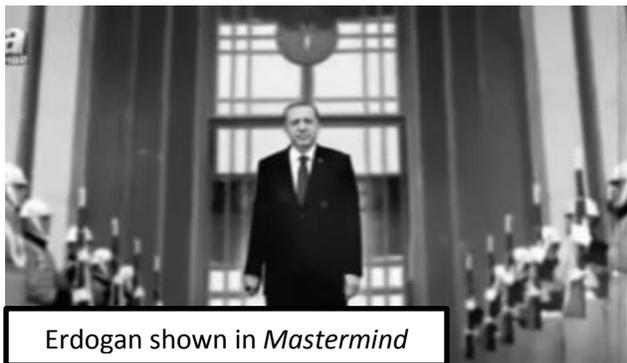
"In response, the EU ministers vowed to take measures to protect those threatened by IS barbarism, and determined that the best way to prevent recurrences of mass beheadings in Syria, Iraq and Libya would be to apply a distinctive label to all products imported into EU nations from areas in the West Bank where Jews live....Said Frederica Mogherini, the head of EU foreign policy who presided over the conference of ministers 'We can think of nothing better in our capacity as European leaders than

this important measure.'...The annual assembly of ministers tackled a number of other important social issues affecting the Union, such as rising anti-Semitism, which the group decided to address by proposing a mandated minimum of three daily articles in each country's leading newspapers warning of the dangers of Islamophobia."

If only this were far-out parody rather than an all too accurate reflection of EU priorities.

### **Erdogan Uncovers the Jewish "Mastermind"**

A few years ago President Obama, in an interview with *Time*, singled out Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as someone in whom he had "a lot of trust and confidence." Given Erdogan's energetic efforts to distance himself from the United States, let alone his increasingly open (and bizarre) anti-Semitism, that trust is hard to justify.



A report by MEMRI (Middle East Media Research Institute) notes that Erdogan regularly refers to a "Mastermind" that is plotting against Turkey. In his major speech on the subject he said darkly: "My friends, the target of these operations [of the Mastermind] and initiatives is Turkey, Turkey's existence, her unity, peace and stability....Some ask me, who is this mastermind? And I say, 'it is for you to research this. And you do know what it is, you know who it is.'"

The Mastermind, as you may have guessed, is none other than the Jews. Erdogan's speech inspired a two hour "documentary" entitled "The Mastermind" which begins with a Star of David, followed by Erdogan's remarks above. It goes on to explain that while Jewish "domination of the world" goes back to the time of Moses, three Jewish historical figures were primarily responsible for shaping the Jews' hunger for power. These were Moses Maimonides, Charles Darwin, and Leo Strauss.

It's hard to come up with a more ridiculous trio as key to a Jewish "Mastermind." Darwin grew up in the Church of England—he actually planned to become a clergyman—and later in life turned agnostic. Maimonides was a medieval Jewish philosopher and medical doctor best known for his 14 volume codification of Talmudic law. Leo Strauss was a professor of political science at the University of Chicago. Never mind, the documentary serves up a series of Islamist journalists and professors who identify the Mastermind as the Jews and blame them for the destruction of the Ottoman Empire and more recent coups against Islamist parties.

In the film Erdogan advisor Ahmet Davutoglu says that Erdogan is bringing the entire story to people's attention so they will understand attacks on Erdogan as attempts by the Mastermind to bring down Turkey.

This crackpot stew of a "documentary" has been repeatedly broadcast on Turkish TV since it first aired on March 15, 2015 and pro-Erdogan media have been circulating it on their websites as well.

Yet Erdogan, paranoid fantasist de luxe, is the man with whom Obama claims to have fashioned "friendship and bonds of trust" and of whom he declares: "We believe what he says."

### **Global Warming Fraud**

*Outpost* has repeatedly emphasized the similarities between the "consensus" around the "two state solution" and the consensus around the supposed threat of man-made global warming: that both are divorced from reality only makes their legions of supporters believe in them with greater fervor.

It's thus discouraging to read an excellent article—until the conclusion-- in *The Weekly Standard* of April 27 "Might as Well Go Green Yourself", which outlines five hidden ways the average citizen is

forced to subsidize renewable power (just one example---the federal government gives away \$9 billion annually in tax benefits to renewable power facilities and has spent \$150 billion on renewable projects over the last five years adding up to \$100 per citizen per year). But the author's conclusion is that the subsidies should be abolished in favor of a straight carbon tax. This illustrates the way so many opponents of the crazy quilt of subsidies for "green energy" accede to the false premise that underlies them. In 2010 Harold Lewis resigned from the American Physical Society after a membership of 67 years, calling global warming (the evidence for which the APS had called "undeniable") the biggest and most successful pseudoscientific fraud he has seen in his long life as a physicist. The answer to a fraud -- or as this writer believes it more accurate to characterize it-- an apocalyptic delusion--is to expose it, not to find a better way to underwrite it.

### **Son of Soros**

In *Pajamas Media* Susan Goldberg comments on the significance of the new anti-Israel Jewish PAC launched by Alexander Soros, clearly no improvement on his father. Writes Goldberg: "It is no secret that Papa Soros funds various PACs tied directly to the #BlackLivesMatter movement. In his announcement, Alexander Soros makes it very clear that this 'civil rights' movement is his organization's primary focus. While J Street argues for Palestinian statehood in the Jewish world, Soros's PAC is funding a pro-Palestinian activist camp on American soil, made up of disenfranchised African Americans who are busy establishing connections with radical Palestinians. Why make it a 'Jewish' endeavor? In a political climate where a growing number of Jews are cooling to Obama, traditionally liberal, secularized Jews are ripe for the picking. Let's hope they're wise enough not to pour Soros's Kool Aid into their Kiddush cups."

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## **Israel At 67**

### **Yoram Ettinger**

Sixty-seven years ago, upon Israel's declaration of independence, *Life Magazine* noted the odds facing the 600,000 Jews of the newly-born economy-starved and militarily-embargoed Jewish State: "King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan sent his Arab Legion against Jerusalem.... Egypt's planes repeatedly bombed Tel Aviv. Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia pitched in.... The Arabs cut off Jerusalem from the coast by blocking the road to Tel Aviv.... The old walled city came under artillery fire.... A three-pronged attack was compressing the [Jewish] defenders into the Jewish Quarter of the Old City.... King Abdullah's Arab legion was spearheading the Arabs' land offensive.... The Jews had little but light anti-aircraft to fight off these attacks.... A country the size of Connecticut is ringed by hostile neighbors.... Time and geography favor the Arabs, and England, which does not recognize Israel, is sending the Arab states arms, [while] Israel's friends in the US aim to lift our embargo on arms.... Can Israel survive?"

In spite of boycotts, sanctions, embargoes, condemnations, wars, terrorism and diplomatic adversity, the Jewish State has catapulted from the 1939-1944 Holocaust, and near-destruction during its 1948-1949 War of Independence, to world class stellar performance in the areas of economy, technology, science, medicine, health, agriculture, irrigation, military and counter-terrorism. It shares its exceptional achievements with the Third World, the West, and especially with the United States.

At 67, Israel reaffirms a historic fact: pressuring the Jewish olive produces superb oil.

At 67, against all odds, and beyond the wildest expectations, Israel demonstrates that principle-driven, highly-motivated and defiant societies are capable of transforming tough times into opportunities, while surging to new heights.

At 67, Israel is integrated into the global economy. Her economy is praised by the International Monetary Fund and the three leading rating companies, Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch Ratings. Israel's GDP and industrial exports total \$300bn and \$47bn respectively, compared to \$1.5bn and \$5mn, respectively, in 1948. Israel's GDP growth (3%) is similar to that of the U.S. and higher than that of



Canada (1.9%), Britain (1.6%), Germany (1.1%) and the OECD average (1.3%). Israel's unemployment rate (6%) is lower than the OECD average (7.5%). Israel's debt-to-GDP ratio (67% and declining) is lower than that of the USA (106%), the Euro Bloc (108%), the G-20 (97%), Britain (92%) and Germany (75%). Israel has the largest (per capita) number of startup

companies in the world, the highest (per capita) ratio of university degrees, the highest ratio of research and development personnel (140 per 10,000 workers), and is a research and development hub of some 250 U.S. high technology companies. Overseas investment in Israel is at a record level and trade with India and China is skyrocketing.

At 67, Israel is facing a potential wave of Aliyah (Jewish immigration), which could be the most effective engine of growth, attracting more investment to Israel, enhancing Israel's Jewish demography, and bolstering Israel's posture of deterrence in a dramatic manner. A pro-active Aliyah policy could generate 500,000 Olim during the next five years – from France, Russia, Ukraine, Germany, Britain, Argentina and the U.S.--due to the relative strength of Israel's economy, the rise of global anti-Semitism, the gradual Islamification of Europe, and the expansion of Jewish/Zionist education in major Jewish communities.

At 67, Israel – in contrast to the tumultuous, unpredictable, unreliable, violent and generally anti-US Arab Street – is the only stable, predictable, reliable, capable, willing, democratic and unconditional ally of the U.S., regionally and globally. In 1969 and 1978, the Qaddafi and Khomeini revolutions transformed Libya and Iran from pro to anti-US regimes. In 2003, the rise of Erdogan changed Turkey to its current anti-U.S. Islamic orientation. In 2012, the pro-U.S. Egyptian military regime was replaced by the anti-US Muslim Brotherhood terrorist organization (since replaced in turn). A regime-change in Jordan, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf States would trigger an anti-US shift. On the other hand, Israel's right, left, hawks and doves are inherently and unfailingly allies of the US.

At 67, Israel is increasingly involved in the mutually-beneficial, two-way-street, win-win ties with the U.S., providing it with critical intelligence on Islamic terrorism, exceeding intelligence received by the U.S. from all NATO countries combined. Moreover, Israel is the most battle-tested, cost-effective laboratory of the U.S. defense industries, sharing with U.S. manufacturers thousands of upgrades and



modifications, enhancing U.S. global competitiveness, exports, research and development and employment. Israel is to the US defense industry what triple-A tenants are to shopping malls--increasing value and drawing clients – a mega-billion dollar bonanza.

At 67, Israel's robust demography leads the Free World with more than three births per Jewish woman, providing a tailwind to Israel's economy and national security. In 1995, there were 2.3 Jewish births per each Arab birth; in 2014, 3.4 Jewish births. The number of Jewish births surged from 80,400 in 1995 to 136,000 in 2014 – a 68% increase – while the annual

number of Arab births has stabilized over the years. From 600,000 Jews in 1948, Israel's Jewish population has grown to 6.5 million, benefitting from a robust tailwind of fertility (especially among secular Jewish women!) and net-immigration, while Arabs have experienced an unprecedented modernity-driven decline in fertility, in addition to net-emigration.

Against the backdrop of the last stormy sixty-seven years, one may conclude that the sustained wars, terrorism and diplomatic adversity have been mere bumps on the road of unprecedented growth and development, benefitting the Jewish State, the U.S. and the rest of the world.

Happy Israel Independence Day.

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## **Israel is 67 and AFSI is 44**

**Ruth King**

AFSI was founded in 1971 by Americans committed to Israel's religious, historic and strategic claims—as well as those stemming from victory in a defensive war—to the lands conquered in the Six Day War of 1967.

Early on AFSI warned that Israel must never risk its security on faith in allies, including the United States. Starting with John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State to President Eisenhower, there have been hostile administrations and even friendly administrations (like that of Ronald Reagan) pushed bad policies for Israel. To be sure, all pale in comparison to President Obama's unsheathed hostility to Israel.

After the 1967 war, Israel's cabinet unanimously offered to return all the land it had won in war in exchange for a peace settlement. This enormously generous offer was met by the famous three "nos" of Khartoum—no negotiations, no recognition, no peace with Israel.. Nonetheless, this Israeli offer became the default standard for negotiations and Israel's legitimate claims were forfeited in what would become a never ending effort to appease Arab demands.

AFSI provided an American political support group for the Land of Israel Movement and, as time went by, for the growing resettlement of biblical lands in Judea, Samaria, Golan and Gaza. Today the "settlements" are thriving cities and towns with schools, parks, hospitals and citizens determined to remain and continue to thrive.

We at AFSI are proud of our early and ongoing support for settlement of Judea and Samaria. And, we are more determined than ever, after the surrender of Gaza proved that any territory vacated by Israel would be sacked and ruined and turned into a war zone, vindicating AFSI's conviction that treaties and surrenders of territory are viewed by Arab enemies as temporary *hudnas* (truces) to consolidate power in order to destroy the state.

AFSI was the only, repeat, only, American support group for Israel to denounce the Camp David Accords in which Israel, hounded by the Carter administration, caved in to Sadat's demands and surrendered the entire Sinai peninsula with its oil fields and strategic depth—at a stroke giving up 92% of all the territories won in 1967. The most egregious offense of the Camp

David Treaty is that it provided "autonomy " for the Arabs of Judea and Samaria, setting the stage for demands for Arab sovereignty in that area.

In areas subsequently ceded to Arab control Jewish shrines have been desecrated and destroyed. Joseph's tomb outside Nablus, venerated throughout the ages by Jews, Samaritans, and Christians has been sacked and burned. The Tomb of Rachel in Bethlehem is Judaism's third-holiest site. The IDF reported in mid-2013 that about 200 firebombs and 90 IEDs were thrown at the compound of Rachel's Tomb. Jews have been making pilgrimage there for more than 3,000 years. In Israel's capital Jerusalem, Jews routinely suffer discrimination at the Temple Mount, which has remained under control of the Jordanian Muslim Trust.



We were also the only, repeat, only organization to denounce the disgraceful Oslo surrender, abrogating Israeli rights for a flimsy "recognition of its right to exist" by barbarians. Viewing Oslo as too sacrosanct in the public eye to be attacked openly, even others who shared our view simply demanded Arab "compliance" with the terms of the Oslo accords. Only AFSI denounced Oslo because it flouted Jewish rights on behalf of enemies whose goal remained the destruction of Israel.

AFSI was the first pro-Israel organization to reach out to Christian supporters in the evangelical community. The late Reverend Jerry Falwell was an honored speaker at an early conference and all subsequent national conferences featured addresses by national Christian leaders. AFSI has continued to have warm relations with leading evangelical religious leaders and evangelical Christians within Congress.

While AFSI was tardy in emphasizing Islam's role in Arab hatred of Israel (Bat Ye'or was the pioneer here), we were first in holding a conference on the subject featuring experts on Islam like Ibn Warraq and Andrew Bostom in the aftermath of 9/11.

Thanks to Helen Freedman, AFSI's Executive Director, for many years AFSI has organized bi-annual tours to Israel focusing on the communities in Samaria and Judea and the Jordan Valley. The tours Helen leads are unique in going to the heart of Israel and Judaism.

Our publications were timely then and remain timely now. (All can be read in their entirety on the AFSI website.)

AFSI's first pamphlet, published in 1977, was Rael Jean Isaac's **Breira—Counsel for Judaism**, exposing the radical roots and agenda of the first American Jewish anti-Israel organization.

In 1977 AFSI also published **The Palestinians—a Political Masquerade** by Arthur Kahn and Douglas Murray.

In 1979 AFSI published **Sadat's Strategy** by Paul Eidelberg detailing Sadat's plan in coming to Jerusalem—to disarm Israeli leaders and public opinion in order to destroy the state.

That year AFSI published **The Friendly Perversion—Quakers as Reconcilers—Good People and Dirty Work** by H. David Kirk. The American Friends Service Committee has been a pioneer in the long and disgraceful tradition of religious organizations taking up cudgels against Israel's legitimacy.

In 1980 AFSI published Rael Jean and Erich Isaac's "**The Americanization of Peace Now**" which described how Breira had morphed into Peace Now.

Before there was a CAMERA to expose media bias against Israel, AFSI published **NBC's War in Lebanon—The Distorting Mirror** by Edward Alexander (1983), a companion pamphlet to AFSI's documentary **NBC in Lebanon: A Study of Media Misrepresentation**, written and directed by Peter E. Goldman with research into thousands of hours of NBC footage by Jeff Benson and Ruth King.

In 1983 Rael Jean Isaac's pamphlet **The New (Anti) Jewish Agenda** exposed yet another American organization posing as a pro-Israel group. The organization's slogan "a Jewish voice among progressives—a progressive voice among Jews" gave away its agenda: expanding Jewish participation in fashionable radical left "rights and liberation" movements, foremost among them the "liberation of Palestine".

In 1988 AFSI published **The Hidden Alliances of Noam Chomsky** by Werner Cohn. While Chomsky's radical absurdities are now well chronicled, at the time this was a pioneering work. Cohn also exposed Chomsky's connections to the neo-Nazi movement.

By 1990 Jewish American anti-Israel groups were growing like mushrooms. AFSI published **The New Israel Fund—A Fund for Israel's Enemies** by Joseph Puder. The Fund masqueraded (and continues to masquerade) as a Jewish group working for "Israeli democracy", religious "pluralism" and the rights of women.

Other important pamphlets were **Dubious Allies – The Arab Media's War Of Words Against America**, compiled by Jeff Daube, with introductions By Rael Jean Isaac and **Should America Guarantee Israel's Security?** by Irving Moskowitz in 1993.

In 2010, AFSI was proud to publish **Jabotinsky—The Man and the Vision** by William Mehlman. Mehlman wrote: "Like Theodor Herzl before him, he [Jabotinsky] was a man not



Herbert Zweibon

merely of his own time but for all time. He defined Jewish statehood when the very term "Jewish State" was considered a provocation. He established a doctrine of Jewish self-defense when the idea of a Jew defending himself was still regarded as ludicrous or dangerous. He was the 'old' Jew – a throwback to the Maccabees and Bar Kochba – who heralded the coming of the 'new' Jew, fiercely proud of his ancient culture, free of the dark fears and inferiorities of the ghetto, fully capable of meeting the non-Jew on equal terms."

All the above activities were initiated by AFSI's late and beloved Chairman Herbert Zweibon who was himself inspired by the example of the late Shmuel Katz, AFSI's mentor in Israel. Both remained faithful to the vision and prophesy of Zeev Jabotinsky. Herb's last project, a history of Zionism through brief films, is being ably carried out by David Isaac (with his brother Raphael Isaac). The videos can be seen (free) by going to [Zionism101.org](http://Zionism101.org).

Last, but certainly not least, there is *Outpost* to bring you a monthly dose of doom and gloom— but also hope and faith in an enduring Zionism.

## Deadly Comparisons

Robert Wistrich

As a historian of the Holocaust I have always recognized its uniqueness. But without comparisons and the ability to correctly read the warning signals of looming catastrophes, such knowledge remains sterile and liable to paralyze timely action. Hence I respectfully disagree with *The Jerusalem Post's* April 17 editorial, "Bad Comparisons," which targets the "conflation" of Nazi Germany and contemporary Iran, allegedly made in my book *A Lethal Obsession: Anti-Semitism from Antiquity to the Global Jihad* (2010).

The quotation from the book which is offered is not an assertion of identity between Nazism and Shi'ite fundamentalism.

It points rather to the similarity between Iran's "apocalyptic anti-Semitism" (a term I coined 30



years ago) and the Nazi fixation on the annihilation of Jews as a necessary prologue to the "liberation of humanity." This hideous project is now focused on the Jewish state in the Middle East and once again, six million Jews find themselves at risk. Not only that, but the Iranian leadership still uses a familiar Nazi language – describing the Jews of Israel as a "cancerous tumor" that must be totally excised. From Ayatollah Khomeini through president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to the present supreme leader of Iran, Ali Khamenei, the

"Zionist entity" has been repeatedly dehumanized as a "filthy microbe," a "deadly virus," a "cancer," or as an "agent of Satan." The supposedly "moderate" President Hassan Rouhani is no different in this regard, having referred to Israel on July 31, 2014, as this "festering Zionist tumor."

Furthermore, Iran makes no secret of its aspirations for world conquest by Shi'ite Islam under its own leadership.

True, this vision is tied to the return of the Hidden Imam rather than to the worship of Volk, Fatherland and Führer or to a master-race ideal. But as in the case of the Nazi utopia, the imperial dream is linked to the idea of a final reckoning with the Jews. Before then a number of stages have to be traversed.

Like the ayatollahs, the Nazis, too, began by first seeking regional hegemony.

They then expanded the Third Reich by exploiting European economic chaos, national divisions, anti-Semitism as a major propaganda weapon, and dispersed German ethnic minorities.

But it was the dismal appeasement policies of the West and its capitulation at Munich (1938) when Hitler's Germany was still relatively weak which opened the door for Nazi expansion.

The analogies with Iran today should be obvious – especially at a time when President Barack Obama's America is in full retreat, when there is a major Sunni/Shi'ite confrontation throughout the region, Arab revolutions have failed and Iran has already extended its control to Damascus, Beirut, Baghdad and Yemen. In pointing to such parallels, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fulfilled his duty as Israel's leader, accurately describing the reality and warning the world against self-deception and delusion. The same cannot be said about the current American president, contemporary European leaders or Israeli critics who in their eagerness to accommodate a nuclear-threshold Iran seem to be repeating every mistake made by the West in the 1930s.

Let us remember that contemporary Iran is not a normal state. It is an ideological semi-totalitarian theocracy which loathes the West. Moreover for the first time since Hitler's Reich we have a powerful state formally inscribing anti-Semitism as a state doctrine.

This takes the twin form of official Holocaust denial and state-sanctioned annihilationist “anti-Zionism,” which has become an integral part of Khomeinist Iran’s national-religious identity since 1979. That is the meaning of the recent statement by a top Iranian general that the need for Israel’s extinction is non-negotiable.

Today, once more, we encounter a deafening silence from Western leaders and decision-makers whenever Iran threatens Israel with total destruction. The subject is not even on the agenda in the nuclear negotiations, any more than is Iran’s expansionist drive, its subversive regional activities and determined support for global terrorism. Such Western silence over Iran’s genocidal anti-Semitism and hegemonic ambitions (so reminiscent of the 1930s) will in the longer run boomerang dramatically against the West. But for Israel and the Sunni Arab world, this problem and especially its terrorist dimensions already exists in the here-and-now.

The West continues to consistently underestimate the Iranian theocrats, just as it once did with Hitler. This is part of its wider failure to grasp the aims, the attraction and impact of the totalitarian ideology of radical Islam.

Often in the past this was treated merely as a passing phase or the craze of marginalized fanatics, not as a coherent world-view. This misconception is still there though it is being undermined by a harsh reality. Belatedly, the West has woken up to the security and terrorist threat posed by the *jihadis*.

In pained surprise, Europeans face the prospect of home-grown “warriors of Allah” sprouting from their own soil or returning from the killing fields of Iraq and Syria to wreak havoc and terror.

The writing was on the wall for at least 15 years. However, as long as *jihadism* could be reduced to “Israel’s problem,” it was downplayed or disregarded.

Much the same happened in the 1930s with Nazi anti-Semitism. As a result the West was forced to fight for its own survival. Even then the Allies still marginalized or largely ignored the Holocaust. Israel certainly cannot allow that to happen again. Fortunately, as we celebrate Israel’s 67th year of independence, there is every reason to trust in our military, moral and economic strength.

*Wistrich is head of the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Anti-Semitism at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. This appeared in the Jerusalem Post on April 25, 2015.*

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## **Israel Tops Iran as UN’s #1 Human Rights Violator**

**Anne Bayefsky**

What country deserves more condemnation for violating human rights than any other nation on earth? According to the U.N.’s top human rights body, that would be Israel.

Last week, Israel was the U.N.’s number one women’s rights violator. This week it is the U.N.’s all-round human rights villain.

The U.N. Human Rights Council wrapped up its latest session in Geneva on Friday, March 27 by adopting four resolutions condemning Israel. That’s four times more than any of the other 192 UN member states.

There were four resolutions on Israel. And one on North Korea — a country that is home to government policies of torture, starvation, enslavement, rape, disappearances, and murder – to name just a few of its human rights violations.

Four resolutions on Israel. And one on Syria. Where the death toll of four years of war is 100,000 civilians, ten million people are displaced, and barrel bombs containing chemical agents like chlorine gas are back in action.

Four resolutions on Israel. And one on Iran. Where there is no rule of law, no free elections, no freedom of speech, corruption is endemic, protestors are jailed and tortured, religious minorities are persecuted, and pedophilia is state-run. At last count, in 2012 Iranian courts ordered more than 30,000 girls ages 14 and under to be “married.”

And what did that one resolution on Iran say? Co-sponsored by the United States, it was labelled a “short procedural text,” consisting of just three operative paragraphs that contained not a single condemnation of Iran.

The Israel resolutions, on the other hand, were full of “demands,” “condemns,” “expresses grave concern,” and “deplores” – along with orders to “cease immediately” a long list of alleged human rights violations.

Ninety percent of states – inhabited by 6.6 billion people – got no mention at all. Countries like China, Qatar, Russia, and Saudi Arabia. For the UN, there was not one human rights violation worthy of mention by any of these human rights horror shows.

Why not? For starters, China, Qatar, Russia and Saudi Arabia are all members of the UN Human Rights Council. Actually protecting human rights is not a condition of being elected to the Council, and thereby transforming into a UN authority on what counts as a human rights violation.

As a result, what counts fast becomes unrecognizable. Subverting human rights principles for all turns out to be the other side of the coin from subverting human rights for Jews.

Thus at this session, “death to America” Iran sponsored a Council resolution called “Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights.” It was adopted by consensus – with U.S. blessing.

The Cubans successfully engineered a Council resolution on protecting “cultural rights” – minus free expression.

The Palestinians – whose unity government includes the terrorist group Hamas – co-sponsored the resolution “effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights.”

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation – representing states where converting to Christianity is subject to the death penalty – sponsored a resolution called “Combating intolerance of persons based on religion or belief.”

Playing at caring about human rights is the U.N. game. And no state does it better than Iran.

Iran’s human rights record happened to come up at the March session in the context of what the Council calls a “universal periodic review” (UPR). Touted as its leading human rights innovation, the same process is applied to every state every four years.

That means Iran and Syria get treated the same way as, say, the United States and Canada. At the end of the UPR, a report is summarily adopted containing a bunch of recommendations that the former cast of characters summarily dismiss.

It was suggested to Iran, for instance, that it stop peddling little girls as sex slaves for old men. The recommendation received this reply: “In light of Islamic teachings, a person that has reached the age of maturity and is of sound mind has the possibility of marrying.”

The Council created a human rights investigator on Iran, but Iran has never let him into the country. Recommendations made to Iran during the UPR that it cooperate, were simply ignored.

On March 19, 2014, the U.S. representative mustered all her courage and countered with this: “We note with disappointment that Iran has not addressed the issue of allowing the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran to visit the country...”

There is an alternative conclusion. We note with disappointment that the United States legitimizes this travesty and empowers the real enemies of human rights.

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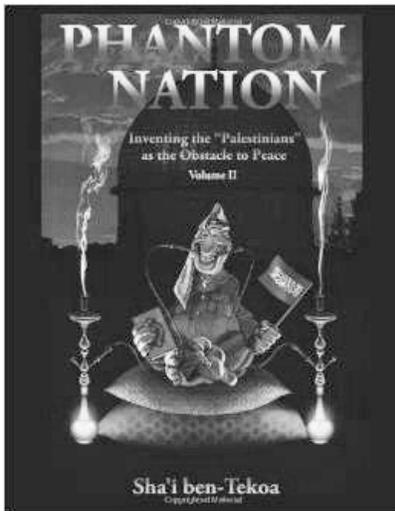
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## Shai Ben Tekoa

Ruth King

On June 15, 1969, in an interview with Frank Giles in *The London Sunday Times* then Prime Minister Golda Meir stated: “There was no such thing as “Palestinians”.....they did not exist...”

This historically accurate comment caused a media firestorm, repeatedly quoted as “evidence” of Israeli intransigence and denial by those who were wedded to the hoax that the Jews uprooted a native Arab Palestinian population which was now entitled to restitution of land in order to create its own state.



That hoax morphed into the “two state solution” which has been the hallmark of every single “peace plan” proposed by each successive American administration and its “amen” corner in the media, academia, and by so called “progressive” Jews.

In 1977 AFSI published **The Palestinians—a Political Masquerade** by Arthur Kahn and Thomas Murray which was widely circulated in Zionist circles in England and America.

In 1984 the late Joan Peters wrote **“From Time Immemorial -The Origins of the Arab-Jewish Conflict Over Palestine.”** Peters challenged claims that Jewish immigration to Palestine had uprooted Arab residents, using census statistics and contemporary accounts.

Unfortunately those efforts never altered the false historical narrative, especially because the term “Palestinian” replaced “Arab” and has been widely used by supporters of Israel and successive Israeli governments, including the present one.

When Shai Ben Tekoa was doing research on the United Nations bias against Israel, he discovered that in the period of The League of Nations (1919-1945) and in United Nations Resolutions from 1945 until 1969 there was not a single reference to the Arabs as “the people of Palestine.” That term had its debut in Resolution 2535 in 1969. One year later UN Resolution 2628 referenced the Arabs as “the Palestinian people” inventing a national identity which everyone has been parroting ever since.

These facts inspired Ben Tekoa to write his meticulously researched and detailed three volume work *Phantom Nation- Inventing the “Palestinians” as the Obstacle to Peace*.

These volumes are packed with more information than any single book on the history of Israel. Ben Tekoa chronicles it all--from the early pre state Zionists, to the rebirth of the Jewish state, through the endless wars and terrorism, to the present Holocaust denial and international anti-Semitism.

Furthermore, Ben Tekoa understands the role that the Koran and Islam have played in the Muslim/Arab war against Israel. Israel stands in the way of Muslim dreams of a Caliphate with Sharia law throughout the Middle East. In this respect he goes beyond some of the best

books on the conflict, including the late Irish politician Conor Cruise O'Brien's *The Siege* and Samuel Katz's *Battleground*.

The blood curdling anti-Jewish fulminations of Iran are a call for a final  *jihad*  against Israel. Bat Ye'or in her many books and articles detailed the Islamic origins of anti-Israel hatred as did the late Saul Friedman in his splendid *Land of Dust*.

I highly recommend Ben Tekoa's work. *Phantom Nation* belongs in homes, libraries, and should be studied by all Israel support organizations.

I also recommend it as companion to David Isaac's indispensable video series *Zionism 101*.

#### **In Memoriam: Beverly Bar Illan**

AFSI mourns the death of Beverly Bar-Illan, author, editor and staunch proud Zionist. Her love of Israel, expressed in her columns, culminated in her conversion to Judaism and subsequent Aliyah with her husband David, the late pianist, editor of the *Jerusalem Post* and chief of information and planning for Benjamin Netanyahu during his first tenure as Prime Minister. We offer deep condolences to her sons Tony and Brian and her many friends and admirers in Israel and America.

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