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A Blow for the 'People's Trust'

William Mehlman

Moshe Dayan famously remarked upon assuming southern district command of the disparate forces that had snatched a victory for Israel in its 1948-49 War of Independence that he was going to “beat the cleverness” out of its seat-of-the-pants warriors and turn them into a “real army.” His subsequent checkered career notwithstanding, the patch-eyed valedictorian of Orde Wingate’s 1930s academy of young sabra “lions” succeeded at this task with exemplary virtuosity.



Lt. General Gadi Eisenkot

Lt. General Gadi Eisenkot, the Israel Defense Forces’ feisty new Chief of General Staff, hasn’t billed himself as the second coming of Moshe Dayan. However, with his public release of “IDF Strategy,” a 33-page manual detailing the furthest-reaching redefinition in decades of the strategic aims of the Middle East’s premiere fighting force, he appears to have been channeling the man who set the tone for that force 60 years ago.

Perusals of “IDF Strategy” have tempted some experts to regard it as a kind of “declaration of independent judgment” on the part of the military. While duly underscoring the IDF’s subordination to the will of a democratically elected civil governing authority, Eisenkot is viewed by *YNet News*’ Alex Fishman, among others, as being simultaneously engaged in a ground-breaking effort to convince Israel’s political echelon to “see things his way.” The document significantly proffers no elucidation of which “way” the chief of staff might be going in response to a nascent nuclear Iran, limiting itself, perhaps for security reasons, to a description of the Islamic Republic as an exporter of terror and Hezbollah’s puppet-master. It pulls no punches, however, in respect to the other threats Israel faces over the next five years and the kind of IDF needed to deal with them. Moreover, Eisenkot appears to have won his case. “The IDF,” Fishman avers, “received a de facto green light to pursue its strategic vision the moment the document was approved [for publication] by the prime minister and the defense minister.”

In context, “IDF Strategy” projects the transformation of the IDF into what Amir Rappaport writing in *Israel Defense* has termed a “technological war machine” grounded in state-of-the-art communications networking capable of linking resources in the air, at sea and on land. Eisenkot will be assigning top priority to an overhaul of an IDF ground army long neglected in the rush to build a submarine-based navy, the most powerful fleet of Unmanned Airborne Vehicles (drones) in the Middle East and an air force financially capable of taking delivery of up to 50 copies of the world’s most sophisticated fighter airplane, the stealth-endowed F-35. “The old order in the Middle East has collapsed,” Eisenkot asserts. Faster, indeed, than anyone would have imagined as the “Arab Spring” of 2010 has morphed into the unrestrained chaos of 2015. The massive land wars of armies against armies, tanks against tanks, nations against nations are history. The enemy is no longer a barely recognizable Syria, an Iraq in denominational self-destruct or an Egypt trying to regain some semblance of economic equilibrium while dealing with a terrorist affiliate running amok in the Sinai. The enemy is now ISIS, Jabba al-Nusra, Bakr al-Baghdadi and whatever free-floating menace tomorrow may bring. They make Hamas and Hezbollah look almost stable by comparison.

“IDF Strategy,” *Ha’aretz* military correspondent Amir Oren notes, poses an Israeli ground force armed with cutting edge Intel, focused on “deadlines, mobility and survivability” and led by commanders “trained to act quickly when challenged so that a situation is created immediately...that neutralizes obstacles to a ground maneuver and causes the enemy a sense of being pursued.” This is Eisenkot’s “offensive defense” thinking to a tee.

A glance at the order of battle points directly to the IDF's transition into a technological war machine. The tank force has already been reduced by 75 percent, the number of aircraft by 50 percent. In contrast, the UAV fleet is up 400 percent and the Israeli Navy will be taking delivery of its fifth Dolphin submarine early next year. The incorporation of the "David's Sling" missile into the Iron Dome defense system is well underway, as is the development of the "Arrow-3" long-range missile interceptor.

All the "IDF Strategy" platform appears to be asking of the prime minister and defense minister is clarity of purpose at a time when defense allocations have never been under greater constraints. If it's "decisive victory" they want the IDF geared for in another confrontation with Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in south Lebanon, ISIS in the Golan, or yet another "limited strike" a la 2014's "Protective Edge," the IDF is ready to comply. But the vagueness of "end-game" intention that has characterized more than one IDF operation, including a 2006 Second Lebanon War that resulted in unjustifiable casualties and enabled Hezbollah to stockpile 100,000 rockets under the noses of a UNIFIL "Observer" team, can no longer be tolerated. It remains a blot on what Eisenkot has referred to as the "people's trust" and it is that "trust" his "IDF Strategy" platform is dedicated to enhance.

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From the Editor

Eagles of Death Metal

The title of this U.S. rock band is not the most fortunate, given what happened at their performance at the Bataclan. But the group has thus far been commendable for its political courage—these days apparently the hardest kind to muster. Defying BDS pressures rampant in the entertainment sector, the band performed in Tel Aviv last July and promised to return this summer. Frontman Jesse Hughes told the Israeli audience that the band had received a letter from former Pink Floyd frontman Roger Waters asking them to keep away. Hughes' response: "Ain't nobody gonna keep me from my people here in Tel Aviv."

Hungary Says No to EU

Yes, Hungary's Victor Orban is not a favorite among Jews. But while the EU gangs up against Israel to force special labels on products from outside the 1949 Green Line, Hungary is a lone stand-out. Its Foreign minister Peter Szijjarto has called the EU guidelines "irrational" and declared it will not conform to them.

There is much to praise in Hungary's refusal to bow to suicidal EU policies. Szijjarto singled out mass migration as "the greatest challenge that the EU has had to face since its foundation." And he doesn't define the challenge, as so many of Europe's leaders do, as being how to embrace or distribute the migrants. The challenge cannot be addressed because of political correctness, says Szijjarto: "This is not a refugee crisis. This is mass migration with an unlimited supply." He notes there are currently 30 to 35 million people living in war-torn areas, in poverty and under dictatorships "who could suddenly hit the road." Hungary has been under bitter attack by the EU for building fences with Croatia and Serbia, but as a result it is the rare EU country that controls its borders.

Europe does not even have any way to deport large numbers of failed asylum seekers. Richard Fernandez points out in *PajamasMedia* (Nov. 14) that a migration summit in Malta ended in farce after African countries rejected a plan to take back such migrants even though EU leaders offered them more than a billion euros in aid to do so. Fernandez sums up: "The dilemma the West now faces is that it cannot survive on the basis of the platform which its elites have carefully constructed since World War

II. They are being beaten to death with their own lofty statements....The good news is that the West must soon squarely face choices it has been avoiding until now. The bad news is that nothing will escape unscathed.”

It's Not Islam, It's the Jews!

I was reminded of H.L. Mencken's aphorism "For every complex problem there's an answer that is clear, simple and wrong." Europe's ruling elites (and ours) have been falling over themselves to insist that Islam has nothing to do with the Paris massacre. So who is responsible? Several have come out with the zany notion that it is the Jews.

Judith Bergman writes in *Israel Hayom*: "Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom said that 'to counter the radicalization, we must go back to the situation such as the one in the Middle East, of which not least the Palestinians see that there is no future.'" Dutch Socialist Party Chairman Jan Marijnissen declared: "Their [the Paris terrorists] behavior is connected also to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict." Leading French newspaper *LeMonde* declared that in the wake of the attacks France must demand that the international community immediately establish a Palestinian state and force Israel back to the pre-1967 borders.

ISIS is about imposing a worldwide Sunni caliphate, not about a tiny strip of territory in the Middle East. Bergman rightly concludes: "Scapegoating Israel is certainly serving a purpose of temporary relief for a clueless European establishment, which has never known war and does not know how to face it other than with vacuous statements of peace, love and harmony. However the burning ideology and hatred that fuels Islamic State will sooner or later force a reality check on the Europeans. However, it seems that will not be forthcoming anytime soon."

As for the UN, never mind Paris or the Brussels shut-down, it has twenty new anti-Israel resolutions to discuss at its next meeting.

The ADL Dons a Suicide Vest

With its mindless moral preening, the ADL is heading Jews foolish enough to look to it for direction straight into catastrophe. It berates the Republican governors who don't want Syrian refugees (although there's not much they can do but complain, since Obama has the authority to bring them over and deposit them where he wills). New ADL chief Jonathan Greenblatt (no improvement over predecessor Abe Foxman) self-righteously declares: "This country must not give into fear or bias by turning its back on our nation's fundamental commitment to refugee protection and human rights...To do otherwise signals to the terrorists that they are winning the battle against democracy and freedom." According to Greenblatt Jews, given their experience, are particularly affected by the plight of the refugees.

Given their experience with Moslem immigrants in Europe and in this country, Jews should indeed be particularly sensitive--sensitive to the dangers of admitting these people. France has become a major source of Aliyah precisely as a result of those immigrants. Identifiable Jews don't dare walk in the streets of Malmo, Sweden's third largest city, as a result of those immigrants. Jewish students who identify with Israel are finding campuses in this country more and more hostile as outfits like Students for Justice in Palestine, in which Muslims and the radical left come together, drown out debate and outright threaten them. College administrators, desperate to show their sensitivity to every micro-aggression which their sensitive students can dream up, show remarkably little concern for macro-aggression against Jews.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist, or even a demographer, to see what lies ahead. To quote from my article "A Watershed for American Jews," published in *Algemeiner* as well as in last month's *Outpost*: "A major increase in the Muslim population means a shift in the electoral landscape. Muslims, like other ethnic communities, tend to cluster together and this will have an impact in electing anti-Israel

Congressmen. Since attacks on Israel slide quickly into attacks on Jews, anti-Semitism is also bound to rise, including physical attacks on Jews by Muslims on the pattern of Europe. At first the major effect will presumably be on the Democratic Party, already showing signs of indifference or hostility to issues of Israel's survival, viz. the backing of Obama's Iran policy."

HIAS (the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) has been mobilizing Jews to demand this country admit ten times the number of Syrian refugees Obama has so far proposed. The Hebrew in its name has long been a historical footnote: it is simply one of nine major federal refugee contractors, and the victim, should the Syrians *not* be admitted, will be its bottom line.

Even Jews in Germany are belatedly waking up to what lies ahead. The Central Council of Jews in Germany has finally urged a limit to the Syrian migrant influx. Council president Josef Schuster told *Die Welt* that while many flee the terror of Islamic State "at the same time they come from cultures where hatred of Jews and intolerance are an integral part."

Don't count on Jews here to wake up to the nakedly obvious, certainly not their leaders.

The Litman Murders: The Untold Story Of An Empty Wedding Hall

Varda Epstein

The media is a heartless and fickle lover, capable of dismissing the heartache and drama of one story over another, because of the way the winds of opinion blow or because the scale of one story is enough to eclipse the smaller one.

Yes. A coordinated attack on three places in which over one hundred people are killed is going to trump a story in which only two people are killed in a place where terror is par for the course, the dues Jews pay for living in their ancestral homeland.

And yet, it is a terrible thing that happened here in Israel and in a way, the intimate story of what happened to two could and would grab the heart in a way that the death of over one hundred anonymous people never could, if only the facts were known. If only the media chose to broadcast what happened on a late Friday afternoon on the roads of Judea to one Jewish family.

But they never would.

Which is why it falls to me to try and convey the details, if only the world would listen for the short time it will take me to tell this story.



This is the story of the heinous double-murder of Rabbi Yaakov Litman and his 18 year-old son, Netanel. The car was filled with members of the Litman family, seven all told. They were on their way to Metar, where their daughter Sarah's groom-to-be, Ariel Biegel, the rabbi's son, would be called to read from the Torah on his last Shabbat as a single man. Candies would be thrown at him by the joyous congregants, wishing him a long and sweet life with his bride. There would be singing, two families getting to know each other over shared meals, and lots and lots of

mazal tovs.

But it was not to be.

The car was set upon by Arab terrorists who laid in wait for Jewish prey in a car by the side of the road. The terrorists sprayed the car filled with Litmans, taking out father and son, leaving a mother and other family members wounded and grieving.

Sarah Techiya Litman, the bride to be, would not have been with them. It is traditional for the bride-to-be to have her final Shabbat as a single girl in the company of her friends. By tradition, the bride and groom are not to see each other in the last several days before the wedding, as this is bad luck. So it was that when Sarah said goodbye to her father and brother, she said goodbye to them for good.

She had no inkling, of course, that this was to be the case.

Before this most momentous of Sabbaths in a young Jewish girl's life could even be ushered in, her father and brother took their final breaths. Cruelly, suddenly. Painfully.



Sarah Litman and Ariel Biegel

And in an instant, Sarah's sparkly dreams were smashed, dredged in the blood of her father and brother, irreparably spoiled with mourning and terror, forever. No more would she dream of the stately walk to the wedding canopy, bedecked in white wedding finery, with her father waiting there alongside her bridegroom, the few young years of her life etched on his face, in his smile, in his eyes.

No. He would not be there. And there would be no white gown. Not this week.

Instead, Sarah is sitting shiva. She is mourning. And the wedding hall will not be filled with guests eating delicacies and dancing long hours into the night.

The wedding will happen, God willing. But things will never be the same. Sarah will not start life with her husband with the same clean and hopeful slate, but with terrible baggage: a suitcase filled with blood and flesh, memories of her brother and father killed because they happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, on the way to celebrate *her* marriage.

It will never be right. Never.

But the world is not looking at Sarah and her small, poignant, bloodstained story. And so they will not know of the Red Crescent ambulance that came to the scene of the accident, saw only wounded and murdered Jews, and left, because they did not care to treat the Litmans. They saw them not as people, but as apes and pigs and did not feel they'd be breaching the Hippocratic Oath in leaving Netanel, who might have had a chance had they stopped to help, to die in a car in front of his helpless mother and siblings, his father already dead.

Netanel used his phone to call for help. In the recorded message he clearly states, "There is a Red Crescent ambulance here, but he is driving away from us. I don't know why."

But I do know why. The Red Crescent ambulance drove away because there was no way they were going to save Jews. "Feh. Let them die," they thought in the cadence of their own tongue. To them, killing Jews is a mitzvah, you see.

And why should they feel differently, when the Agence France-Presse (AFP) releases a chronology of terror from 9/11 to now that omits any mention of Israel? France, Lebanon, Egypt, Turkey, Tunisia, Kenya, France again, Kenya again, India, Britain, Spain, Indonesia, and the United States: all of these dead are dead worthy of mention.

But when Jews are killed, this is not terror. Sarah Litman's story will not be told on CNN, unless in some anonymous, passing mention: "Palestinians Arrested After Two Settlers Die in Occupied Territories."

No one will hear of Sarah's crying on Shabbat, the happiest day of the week, when it is forbidden for Jews to cry. No one will hear how they had to physically hold her up at the funerals of her father and brother.

It is not terror when Jews die.

And they will believe this, substituting “Zionist” for “Jew,” believing in their “honest criticism” and in the purity of their beliefs. Because there is a momentum, you see. A momentum that holds Israel’s feet to the flame, and views the terrorists that hack at them with meat cleavers in the streets and shoot parents in front of children as “freedom fighters.”

It is the narrative that matters.

After all, if this had been terror, Israel would have been in that AFP timeline. And Europe would not be labeling goods made in the Territories. And the UN would not condemn Israel again and again and look the other way at the human rights violations of the entire rest of the world.

It’s not terror when they kill Jews. And a bride isn’t a bride when she’s a subhuman species, so low that medics would not stop to save her father and brother. So low that the mainstream media will not tell you about the Red Crescent ambulance that looked and ever so slowly drove away; about the bride whose wedding hall is empty; about two Jewish families in the hills of Hebron where the Patriarchs sleep their eternal sleep, shattered by events beyond their control, in a world that looks elsewhere for its fill of horror.

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The Campus Uprisings, Israel, and the Downfall of Larry Summers

Edward Alexander

The Wall Street Journal of November 14-15 carried an astute article by Roger Kimball (editor of the *New Criterion*) entitled “The Rise of the College Crybullies.” The lethal mixture of trembling sensitivity and mob ruthlessness in these student insurrectionaries has turned the country’s universities into a vast bedlam with a thousand wards. He tells how “the crybully...has weaponized his coveted status as a victim” with two calling cards: race and gender. He uses these to exploit to the fullest extent what Joseph Epstein has called “the unassailable virtue of victims.”

The past month alone has seen the humiliation and forced resignation of assorted faculty members, deans, and even university presidents. Some schools have run up the white flag of surrender even before they were invaded, or tried what might be called preemptive action to ward off the wrath of the new brownshirts by appointing presidents and provosts who proclaim their unswerving devotion to diversity training; or to appointing (more) deans of equity; or to fighting “minoritization” and “marginalization”; or to celebrating gay marriage and transgenderism; or to requiring “trigger warnings” about dangerous books; or to implementing race quotas; or to realizing all the other countless desiderata of campus radicals.

At NYU, for example, “Students of Color” currently list no fewer than 28 “demands” but encouraged the submission of still more. Their counterparts at Brandeis (as of this writing) lag behind with only 13, but are more peremptory and menacing about deadlines by which their demands must be met. Yale’s revolutionaries complain that their uprising against the school’s administration has come “at great expense to our health and grades,” and expect to be compensated accordingly. UC Berkeley’s Black Student Union and its satellites want allocations of money, black faculty, and black psychologists to bring them up to the achievement levels of Asian students at that noble institution. So far Mitch Daniels of Purdue University seems to be the sole exception in the entire country to the rule of presidential surrender to these campus insurrectionaries.



Kimball uses the well-known story of Lawrence ‘Larry’ Summers’ demise at Harvard in 2005-06 to illustrate what might be called the pre-history of the present debacle. He asserts that Summers was forced to resign his presidency at Harvard because he had violated progressive dogma on race in 2001 and on gender in 2005. (Summers, it should be added, had also irritated many Harvard faculty by his candor about phony subjects, laughable grade inflation, and the pedantry of

professors who know so much about so little that they can neither be contradicted, nor are worth contradicting.) “Race,” says Kimball, “came first” when Summers publicly suggested that Harvard’s heavily petted Cornel West use his comfortable chair for something more in the line of scholarly work than producing rap CDs. A storm erupted, several black professors at Harvard threatened to resign, and West himself headed south to Princeton.

In 2005 Summers delivered a lecture at a conference on “diversifying” the workforce in science and engineering in which he mentioned the possibility that women were underrepresented in these disciplines because they might have different aptitudes from men. That mere conjecture was, according to Kimball, Summers’ fatal blunder.

But Kimball has surely left out something of considerable importance, both in the history of Summers’ being sent down from Harvard, and in the definition of his case as a precursor of the current upsurge of mob rule on the campuses. Summers had violated liberal dogma and aroused liberal dictatorialness in a third instance. In September 2002, later than the Cornel West conflagration but earlier than the “gender” controversy, he gave a speech to the Harvard community deploring the upsurge of antisemitism in many parts of the globe. He included synagogue bombings, physical assaults on Jews, desecration of Jewish holy places, and denial of the right of “the Jewish state to exist.” But his most immediate concern was that “at Harvard and...universities across the country” faculty-initiated petitions were calling “for the University to single out Israel among all nations as the lone country where it is inappropriate for any part of the university’s endowment to be invested.” This brought an avalanche of attacks on Summers from Israelophobe professors throughout this country and also the United Kingdom. Judith Butler of Berkeley, well-known as a practitioner of Queer Theory (and the stupefyingly opaque prose that accompanies it), published in the *London Review of Books* of August 21, 2003 a furious attack on Summers called “No, It’s Not Anti-Semitic.” His accusations of antisemitism, Butler insisted, were “a blow against academic freedom,” his words had had “a chilling effect on political discourse.”

In October 2003 Tony Judt’s “Jewish” call for an end to the state of Israel (largely because it caused him undeserved shame at cocktail parties) was published by the *New York Review of Books*. In November Harvard itself played host to Oxford’s poetaster Tom Paulin, who had urged, in one of his doggerel productions in the *London Review*, that Jews living in Judea “should be shot dead.” This was, of course, explained by his sponsors (not only at Harvard but also at Columbia, where he was a visiting professor) as “criticism of Israel.” If Summers’ speech had had a chilling effect on antisemitic clarion calls, including incitement to raw murder, one would not want to know what the fully heated versions sound like. Once Summers had failed the litmus test of contemporary liberalism called “the Palestinian cause,” he was already in great danger. Questioning “gender” doctrine was his third strike, not his second; and calling the BDS movement what it most assuredly is—antisemitic—was the only “heresy” he did not recant. It is hardly a secret that antisemitism is rife on American campuses, from Poughkeepsie to Austin to Irvine, especially among the very groups that are dispatching presidents and deans into early retirement. Matthew Arnold was prescient when he wrote (about Oxford, England’s Harvard):

“there are our young barbarians, all at play.” Summers would eventually find out that in this game, as in others, three strikes and you’re out.

Edward Alexander’s most recent book is Jews Against Themselves (Transaction Publishers). This appeared in www.algemeiner.com on November 22nd.

Host Countries, Beware of Islamic terrorism

Yoram Ettinger

Islamic terrorists – not only ISIS and Al Qaeda – systematically and deliberately target civilians, and stab the back of their Muslim and “infidel” host countries, abusing their hospitality to advance 14-centuries-old megalomaniac aspirations to rule the globe, in general, and to reclaim the Waqf (Allah-ordained) regions of Europe, in particular.

Europe has underestimated the critical significance of this 14-century-old anti-Western Islamic history and aspirations in shaping contemporary Islamic education, culture, politics and the overall Islamic attitude toward Europe, USA, Canada, Australia and other “arrogant infidels.” For instance, “infidel” France has been the prime European target for Islamic terrorists (eleven reported attacks in 2015), irrespective of France’s systematic criticism of Israel and support of the Palestinian Authority, dispelling conventional “wisdom” that Islamic terrorism is Israeli or Palestinian-driven.

Europe has ignored the significant impact on contemporary Islamic geo-strategy of crucial milestones in the life of Muhammad, the prophet of Islam, such as the 7th century *Hijrah* (Islam-driven emigration). Muhammad emigrated/fled from Mecca to Yathrib (Medina) – along with his loyalists – not to be integrated and blend into Medina’s social, economic or political environment, but to advance and spread Islam through conversion, subversion and terrorism, if necessary. Asserting himself over his hosts and rivals in Medina, Muhammad gathered a critical mass of military might to conquer Mecca and launch Islam’s drive to dominate the world.

In 1966, this *Hijrah* precedent was applied by Mahmoud Abbas, Arafat and the entire Fatah leadership which emigrated/fled from Syria to Jordan, incited the Palestinian population of Jordan, but failed in their attempt to topple the hosting Hashemite regime. In 1976, they failed in their attempt to topple the regime in Beirut, which had hosted them since they emigrated/fled from Jordan in 1970. In 1990, they collaborated with Saddam Hussein’s invasion and plunder of Kuwait, stabbing the back of the Sabah family, which had hosted them, their relatives and PLO associates since they emigrated/fled from Egypt in the mid-1950s.

On Friday morning, November 13, 2015, a few hours before Islamic terrorists launched their offensive against France, French Muslim children studied – and French Muslim adults heard in French mosques – that according to the Quran, humanity must submit to the prophet Muhammad, and the “infidel” must accept Sharia’ laws; “Holy War” (*Jihad*) must be conducted on behalf of Islam, and the participation in the Jihad rewards one with the benefits of paradise; the abode of the “believers” (*Dar al-Islam*) must be expanded into the abode of the “infidels” (*Dar al-Harb*), who are doomed to the sword. They learned that “believers” were prohibited from submitting themselves to the rule of the “infidel,” except as a temporary tactic; agreements with “infidels” are provisional, as a prelude to subordinating the “infidel;” emigration of the “believers” must serve the historical, supremacist goal of Islam; and shielding the “believers” from “infidels” may require the Quran-sanctioned *Taqiyyah* – doubletalk and deception-based statements and agreements that were to be ignored, contradicted and abrogated once conditions are ripe.

France, and all other Western countries, tolerate and fund anti-Western Islamic hate-education institutions – in Muslim entities and in the West – despite the fact that they are the most effective production line of anti-Western Islamic terrorists.

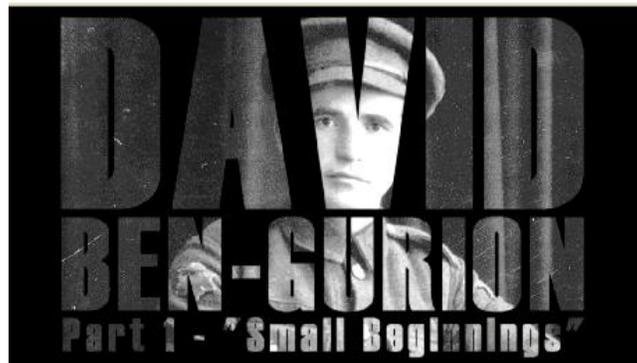
Europe has failed to read the bloody writing on the wall, sacrificing long-term homeland security on the altar of short-term convenience and a self-destructive interpretation of human rights. Thus, the traditional European immoral, moral equivalence has embraced Muslim emigrants, who are largely controlled and manipulated by rogue, terrorist, supremacist organizations and regimes – which consider the emigrants a Muslim Trojan Horse – as if they were integration-driven, free people, who wish to join Western melting pots.

In 1982, in the aftermath of Islamic/Palestinian terrorist attacks in Paris, which claimed the lives of six patrons of the Chez Jo Goldenberg restaurant (August 9) and Israeli diplomat Yaakov Bar Simantov (April 4), Israel's Ambassador to France Meir Rosenne denounced the PLO, but also blamed countries which legitimize, and host, PLO operatives and supporters, for bringing the wrath of terrorism upon themselves. Ambassador Rosenne was threatened with expulsion from France, but would not retract.

Are France and other Western governments ready to heed Ambassador Rosenne's warning, to dramatically overhaul their ideological and operational approach to counter-terrorism, and realize that draining the hate-education swamps is a prerequisite for eliminating the individual mosquitos? Or are they determined to repeat– rather than avoid – past devastating mistakes, which would condemn them, and the rest of the world, to exponentially more ravaging terrorism?

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**Herbert Zweibon's Last Project:
A new video has gone up at Zionism101.org:**



"Ben-Gurion Part 1: Small Beginnings" depicts the early years of David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister. It is the first of a 4-part series on Ben-Gurion. As part of our ongoing work to present a first-rate educational resource on Zionism, we are redoing our "Founding Fathers" course in order to raise the quality to the level of our subsequent films.

You can see it directly via the following link:
<http://zionism101.org/NewestVideoVimeo.aspx>

Syrians are a Nation of Terrorist Supporters: 10,000 Syrian Refugees mean 1,300 ISIS Supporters.

Daniel Greenfield

Syria is a terror state. It didn't become that way overnight because of the Arab Spring or the Iraq War.

Its people are not the victims of American foreign policy, Islamic militancy or any of the other fashionable excuses. They supported Islamic terrorism. Millions of them still do.

They are not the Jews fleeing a Nazi Holocaust. They are the Nazis trying to relocate from a bombed out Berlin.

A 2007 poll showed that 77% of Syrians supported financing Islamic terrorists including Hamas and the Iraqi fighters who evolved into ISIS. Less than 10% of Syrians opposed their terrorism.

Why did Syrians support Islamic terrorism? Because they hated America.

Sixty-three percent wanted to refuse medical and humanitarian assistance from the United States. An equal number didn't want any American help caring for Iraqi refugees in Syria.

The vast majority of Syrians turned down any form of assistance from the United States because they hated us. They still do. Just because they're willing to accept it now, doesn't mean they like us.

If we bring Syrian Muslims to America, we will be importing a population that hates us.

The terrorism poll numbers are still ugly. A poll this summer found that 1 in 5 Syrians supports ISIS. A third of Syrians support the Al Nusra Front, which is affiliated with Al Qaeda. Since Sunnis are three fourths of the population and Shiites and Christians aren't likely to support either group, this means that Sunni Muslim support for both terror groups is even higher than these numbers make it seem.

But these numbers are even worse than they look. Syrian men are more likely to view ISIS positively than women. This isn't surprising as the Islamic State not only practices sex slavery, but has some ruthless restrictions for women that exceed even those of Saudi Arabia. (Al Qaeda's Al Nusra Front, however, mostly closes the gender gap, getting equal support from Syrian men and women.)

In the places where the Syrian refugees come from, support for Al Qaeda groups climbs as high as 70% in Idlib, 66% in Quneitra, 66% in Raqqa, 47% in Deir ez Zor, 47% in Hasakeh, 41% in Daraa and 41% in Aleppo.

Near seventy percent support for ISIS in Raqqa has been dismissed as the result of fear. But if Syrians in the ISIS capital were just afraid of the Islamic State, why would the Al Nusra Front, which ISIS is fighting, get nearly as high a score from the people in Raqqa? The answer is that their support for Al Qaeda is real.

Apologists will claim that these numbers don't apply to the Syrian refugees. It's hard to say how true that is. Only 13% of Syrian refugees will admit to supporting ISIS, though that number still means that of Obama's first 10,000 refugees, 1,300 will support ISIS. But the poll doesn't delve into their views of other Al Qaeda groups, such as the Al Nusra Front, which usually gets more Sunni Muslim support.

And there's no sign that they have learned to reject Islamic terrorism and their hatred for America.

When Syrian refugees were asked to list the greatest threat, 29 percent picked Iran, 22 percent picked Israel and 19 percent picked America. Only 10 percent viewed Islamic terrorism as a great threat.

By way of comparison, twice as many Iraqis see Islamic terrorism as a threat than Syrians do and slightly more Palestinian Arabs view Islamic terrorism as a threat than Syrians do. These are terrible numbers.

Thirty-seven percent of Syrian refugees oppose US airstrikes on ISIS. 33% oppose the objective of destroying ISIS.

And these are the people whom our politicians would have us believe are “fleeing an ISIS Holocaust.”

Seventy-three percent of Syrian refugees view US foreign policy negatively. That’s a higher number than Iraqis. It’s about equal to that of Palestinian Arabs.

Obama’s first shipment of Syrians will include 1,300 ISIS supporters and most of the rest will hate this country. But unless they’re stupid enough to announce that during their interviews, the multi-layered vetting that Obama and other politicians boast about will be useless.

It only took two Muslim refugees to carry out the Boston Marathon massacre. It only took 19 Muslim terrorists to carry out 9/11.

If only 1 percent of those 1,300 Syrian ISIS supporters put their beliefs into practice, they can still kill thousands of Americans.

And that’s a best case scenario. Because it doesn’t account for how many thousands of them support Al Qaeda. It doesn’t account for how many of them back other Islamic terrorist groups such as Hamas that had widespread support in Syria.

While the media has shamelessly attempted to exploit the Holocaust to rally support for Syrian migrants, the majority of Syrians supported Hamas whose mandate is finishing Hitler’s work. The Hamas charter describes a “struggle against the Jews” that culminates in another Holocaust. Bringing Hamas supporters to America will lead to more Muslim Supremacist violence against Jews in this country.

While Obama insists on taking in fake Syrian refugees, mainly Sunni Muslims from UN camps who support terrorism and are not endangered in Jordan or Turkey, both Sunni countries, he is neglecting the real refugees, Christians and Yazidis, who are stateless and persecuted in the Muslim world.

Instead of taking in fake refugees who hate us, we should be taking in real refugees who need us.

Obama and Paul Ryan have claimed that a “religious test” for refugees is wrong, but religious tests are how we determine whether a refugee is really fleeing persecution or is just an economic migrant.

The Sunni Muslims that Obama is taking in do not face persecution. They are the majority. They are the persecutors. It’s the Yazidis and the Christians who need our help. And these real refugees, unlike the fake Sunni Muslim refugees, are not coming here to kill us. They truly have nowhere else to go.

Syria is a disaster because its rival Muslim religious groups are unable to get along with each other. Bringing them to this country will only spread the violence from their land to ours. Instead of taking in the religious majority that caused this mess through its intolerance, we should take in their victims; the Christians and Yazidis who are being slaughtered and enslaved by ISIS.

During the entire Syrian Civil War, Obama has only taken in 1 Syrian Yazidi and 53 Christians.

It’s time that we had a refugee policy that protected the persecuted, instead of their Muslim persecutors. It’s time that we listened to Syrian Christians in this country who oppose bringing tens of thousands of Syrian Muslims to terrorize their neighborhoods the way that they are already terrorizing Syrian Christians in Germany.

Syrian Muslims are a nation of terrorist supporters. They destroyed their own country. Let’s not let them destroy ours.

It’s time that we kept our nation safe by doing the right thing. Let’s take in the real Christian and Yazidi refugees and let the fake Sunni Muslim refugees and terrorist supporters stay in their own countries.

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A Great War Correspondent's Report on the Palestinian Refugees, From a Half-Century Ago: The Arabs of Palestine

Martha Gellhorn



Editor's Note: Martha Gellhorn was a famous war correspondent and journalist and at one time the wife of Ernest Hemingway. Her lengthy 1961 report on the "Palestinian refugee problem" was based, as very few media reports have been, on actual visits to a series of camps. We recommend that you read what Gellhorn wrote in its entirety, as reprinted in October's Mosaic Magazine. It can be read online. Here we offer an excerpt focusing on her visit to a refugee camp composed only of Christians. Next month's Outpost will include an excerpt on her visit to Arab camps. Little would seem to have changed since she wrote: there are more people in the camps and the education in hatred is even more virulent.

In the so-called "host countries," Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, and Egypt, UNRWA runs fifty-eight refugee camps. The camps in Egypt are not in Egypt but in the Gaza Strip, which is Palestine; Egypt is the de facto mandatory power, the land and the government of the Gaza Strip are Palestinian. The majority of camps in Jordan are also on what was the territory of Palestine, now annexed to Jordan.

UNRWA has never yet been allowed to make a total proper census of its refugee population, so statistics about the number of ex-Palestinians are nothing except the best estimate possible; UNRWA itself says this. UNRWA calculates that, at the end of June, 1960, 421,500 refugees were living in their camps, almost double their camp population ten years ago. The advantage of living in a camp is that life there is rent free; and for the poor, the standard of housing and sanitation in an UNRWA camp is better than that of the native population.

Of UNRWA's fifty-eight camps, I visited eight—in Lebanon, the Gaza Strip, and Jordan. The plan and facilities of every UNRWA camp are alike; they differ only in size and are better or worse depending on whether they are newer or older and on the character of the people who live in them. Each camp has its clinic and school (or schools), warehouse center for distributing rations, "supplementary feeding station," where hot meals are served to those who need them, village bazaar street with small shops, market booths, cafés. The bigger the camp, the bigger the bazaar. I also went round two hospitals, two vocational training schools, and was received in two private homes, having been invited by refugees.

My guide and chaperone was an UNRWA employee, a Palestinian Arab, who served as translator when needed. My system was to say: please show me your best and your worst camp, and if time permits, let us also look at the in-between. In the camps, I knocked on any door and many. Nothing was planned. We chatted at random and went wherever I liked. I may have seen a true cross section of the Palestinian refugee population, and I may not have. I only know that I saw real people in the flesh, and a large number of them, and I know what they said. When the word "they" appears on these pages, it means those Arabs whom I saw; it means nothing more.

Beirut is a lovely boom town, an entrancing mixture of Asia Minor and France, with scenery to lift the heart and glamour hotels all over the lot and more abuilding. We set off, my Palestinian guide and I, in a shiny car for an UNRWA camp in the Lebanese hills.

This camp was inhabited exclusively by Christian Arabs. I wondered aloud at a separation by creed. My guide was a Muslim and said that Christian camps were always cleaner and superior to Muslim ones, and besides, very few Christians lived in camps; they arranged their lives better on their own.

The camp consisted of little cement or frame houses rambling over the hillside, a village of poor people, disorderly and beflowered and cheerful. School was letting out for lunch; troops of children, dressed in the pinafore uniform that small boys and girls wear in Italian schools, meandered home, shouting bye-bye at friendly, giggling length. They are Roman Catholics here, but the young teachers are refugees, not priests. They have to teach the children about Palestine, since most of them have never seen the country and even the oldest cannot remember it. The children are taught hate, the Garden of Eden stolen from them by murderers; their duty is to live for Return and Revenge.

The miniature white clinic had only one customer, a nice-looking girl of twenty-one who had brought her fourth baby for a checkup. Her husband works in Libya; she too lived there for a few years but returned. Libya is very expensive; she can live here with his parents and thus save money for the future. The resident nurse, a buxom elderly woman, said they had no real sickness; in summer, the children got a bit of conjunctivitis and diarrhea; oh, no, trachoma is very rare, and besides, we cure it; there's some chicken pox now. My guide announced that if any refugee needed an operation he was taken in an ambulance to a hospital in Beirut where UNRWA reserved beds and paid for everything; you would have to be a rich man in Lebanon to get such good and speedy treatment. Her fourth baby, I mused, and she only twenty-one. Yes, yes, said my guide, the refugees have a higher birth rate than any other Arabs, and healthier children.

Refugees receive a monthly basic food ration of flour, pulse (dried peas, beans, lentils), sugar, rice, oils, and fats; this amounts to 1500 calories a day per person, increased in winter to 1600 calories a day, and it is not enough. The refugee must find some way to earn money to increase his diet, or keep poultry or rabbits, or grow vegetables. Many had planted tiny gardens here, but charmingly and with more enthusiasm, they also grow flowers for the joy of the thing. There is a daily milk ration for children and pregnant and nursing mothers; and hot meals are served in the "supplementary feeding station," to those who need them, on the doctor's order. In this camp, said my guide, 85 per cent of the people have work. If there are hardship cases, when no one can bring money to the family, UNRWA's Welfare Section steps in. This pattern is universal.

If you think it your duty, I said, to make everything seem better than it is, don't. I'm not on an inspection tour, I only want to get some idea of what life is really like. He stopped, offended, in the middle of the stony path and explained: here, in Lebanon, 80 per cent of the refugees are better off than they were in Palestine. Twenty per cent are not. The 20 per cent were small capitalists, and there is much rivalry with the Lebanese in business, they make obstacles. Also it is political; they do not give the refugees citizenship, you understand, because the main part of the refugees are Muslims and that would upset the balance here, where the Christians rule.

We went to pay the required *visite de politesse* to the camp leader. Sitting in his neat office, with my guide, the principal of the school (a former member of the Palestinian police), and the camp leader, I listened to the first of what became an almost daily Mad Hatter conversation.

It went like this:

"The Arab countries invaded Israel in 1948 to save the Palestine Arabs from being massacred by the Jews."

"Were there massacres? Where?"

"Oh, yes, everywhere. Terrible, terrible."

"Then you must have lost many relatives and friends."

This, being a tiresome deduction from a previous statement, is brushed aside without comment.

"Israel overran the truce lines and stole our country. We left from fear. We have a right to our property, which brings in 47 million pounds a year in income. If we had our own money, we would need nothing from UNRWA. Our own money is much more. We do not have to be grateful for the little money spent on us. We should have our own."

"Then, of course, you want to return to your property and to Israel?"

“Not to Israel. Never to Israel. To our own country, to our own part.”

“But didn’t the Jews accept Partition, while the Palestine Arabs and the Arab governments refused?”

“Yes, yes. And England protected the Jews. An Arab was arrested if he carried a pistol only to defend himself, but Jews could go through the streets in tanks and nothing happened to them. Also, England told the Arab states to attack Israel.”

The principal of the school then spoke up. “In our school, we teach the children from their first year about their country and how it was stolen from them. I tell my son of seven. You will see: one day a man of eighty and a child so high, all, all will go home with arms in their hands and take back their country by force.”

On this warlike note, we left. My guide had seemed a sober contented fellow until our little meeting, whereupon he sounded like a politician running recklessly for office. He then astonished me again.

“It can all be solved with money,” he said. “Now the people have nothing in their mouths but words, so they talk. Money fills the mouth too. If every man got a thousand dollars for each member of his family, for compensation to have lost his country, and he could be a citizen in any Arab country he likes, he would not think of Palestine any more. Then he could start a new life and be rich and happy. And those who really do own something in Palestine must be paid for what they had there. But those are not many. Most had nothing, only work.”

Israel’s Blindness to Jihad – The Blight unto the Nations

Ruth King

Israel’s first Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion proclaimed: “History did not spoil us with power, wealth, nor with broad territories or an enormous community: however, it did grant us uncommon intellectual and moral virtue, and thus it is both a privilege and an obligation to be a light unto the nations.”

These are hollow words from Ben Gurion who ordered the June 20, 1948, attack on the Irgun ship Altalena where sixteen Zionist patriots were killed and scores of other injured. But that’s another story for another time.

The self-righteous notion that it is Israel’s “privilege and obligation to be a light unto the nations” inspired Israel’s early stifling socialism and a pathetic and decidedly immoral policy of self-criticism, appeasement, and abrogation of its religious and historic patrimony.

It also contributed to Israel’s blindness to Islamic jihad. For it was easy to reason that the “enlightened” people who had been persecuted for their own religion could not possibly impugn another religion.

Nonetheless, while refusing to blame Islam for the unrelenting vitriol and hatred of Arab/Moslem nations, Israelis blandly accepted descriptions of patriotic and observant settlers as “ultra-orthodox messianic fanatics.”

In spite of the fact that Israel has been the frontline of Islam’s thirst for a world caliphate, Israel’s pundits, like those in the West, avoid blaming, even naming, Islam.

As Andrew Bostom, author of *The Legacy of Islamic Antisemitism: From Sacred Texts to Solemn History*, the essential text in the study of Islamic hatred of Jews, commented:

“This is reflected in the present inability, political, journalistic, and scholarly alike, to recognize the importance of the factor of religion in the current affairs of the Muslim world...If our political, journalistic, and scholarly ‘elites’ ever arrive at this understanding, perhaps they will grasp the

accompanying vocabulary of the Muslim combatants and their spokespersons, in the context of the jihad against Israel. 'Resistance' means a genocidal jihad, whose 'justice' amounts to the violent restoration and forcible maintenance of dhimmitude for those surviving Jews (and Christians) in a vanquished Israel."

For the peace groupies who flog the notion that Israel's enemies seek only limited territorial concessions, here is the Fatwa of Al-Azhar issued by the Grand Mufti of Egypt Sheikh Hasan Ma'moun in 1956. It was reprinted in full in Egypt's leading government-controlled paper Al Ahram:

"Jews have taken a part of Palestine and there established their non-Islamic government and have also evacuated from that part most of its Muslim inhabitants...It is the duty of the Muslims therein to repulse the attack by force until the country has been liberated and restored to the Muslim owners. In this case the Jihad is the duty of all Muslims, not just those who can undertake it. And since all Islamic countries constitute the abode of every Muslim, the Jihad is imperative for both the Muslims inhabiting the territory attacked and Muslims everywhere else because even though some sections have not been attacked directly, the attack nevertheless took place on a part of the Muslim territory which is a legitimate residence for any Muslim."

Fast forward to the Hamas Charter, Articles 7 and 15. Here's Article 7:

"The Day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight the Jews (killing the Jews), when the Jew will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say O Moslems, O Abdulla, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him."

And here is Article 15: "The day that enemies usurp part of Moslem land, jihad becomes the individual duty of every Moslem. In face of the Jews' usurpation of Palestine, it is compulsory that the banner of jihad be raised."

Imagine what the current wave of "intifadists" would do if they wielded machine guns instead of rocks and knives.

According to polling data in July, 2011, 73% of Palestinian Muslims surveyed agree with the annihilationist dictates of Islam.

At least the IDF has weapons instead of plowshares.

There are many Israelis who understand the nature of Jihad against Israel. And, no doubt, there are Arab Moslems who want nothing more than an accommodation with and within Israel. However, as I wrote in an earlier *Outpost*:

"Geography has dictated that Israel lives in the belly of the Moslem Arab beast and because of its large and potentially seditious Arab population, the beast also lives in Israel's belly. The failure to understand jihad is Israel's most colossal—it may well be fatal—blunder."

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