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Christian-Zionist Phobia at the Checkpoint

William Mehlman

A theological gallery of self-anointed “evangelicals” operating out of the Bethlehem Bible College has launched a frontal assault on Israel’s largest and most dedicated global support group, the estimated 60 million “Christian Zionists” comprising the overwhelming majority of the American Evangelical movement.

“Those who would destroy Israel by the power of the word,” as Olive Tree Mission director Susan Warner tagged them, had their heaviest verbal artillery on display some weeks back at the BBC-hosted fourth biennial “Christ at the Checkpoint” conference. Its theme was dutifully encapsulated for the 600 pastors in attendance in Fullerton Theological Seminary President Mark Labberton’s assertion that “Christians who call themselves Zionists are the enemies of God.” Fullerton has two campuses in California, three in Washington State and one each in Texas and Arizona.

Any further doubt about where Christ at the Checkpoint 2016 was heading should have been put to rest by the scene at the conference’s inaugural portrayed by Christian Zionist Brian Schrauger, a free-lance journalist living in Bethlehem-adjointing Bet Jalla, who has covered these events for the *Jerusalem Post* and New York-based *Jewish Press*, among others. (Jews, including Messianic Jews, were barred from attendance.) Following a standing audience rendition of the Palestinian National Anthem, “Guest of Honor” Hanna Amira, member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, launched into a 40-minute rant against Israel highlighted by a charge of “sanctioned acts of unprovoked murder by its army and settlers.” It was received with “not a peep” of protest from the assembled clergy and their higher education representatives, Schrauger reports.

But the real focus of CatC IV wasn’t on the reiteration of its thrice-told tale of Israeli depredations against the Palestinians or, despite a passing reference to ISIS, the conference’s mission statement, “The Gospel in the Face of Religious Extremism,” but on what Schrauger terms a “condemnation of Christians who support the Jewish state...a strategic move against Israel from mainstream Evangelism, at once ingenious and profoundly hypocritical.” Its primary danger, he submits, is in its religious framework, the product of a breathtaking exercise in Biblical revisionism, wherein a Jewish Jesus is magically resurrected as a Palestinian Muslim, along with a virulent Replacement theology we thought Pope John 23 had left for dead. Denied in the process is any contemporary Jewish religious or historical link to Israel (God’s promise to Abraham was allegedly fulfilled with the birth of Jesus) as well as the ethnic authenticity of the entire western Jewish population.

The chief target of this exercise in “Evangelical terrorism” is Christian Zionism’s soft underbelly, its millennial fruit, their teachers and opinion shapers. Receptive to a generational peer temptation to separate themselves from their parents’ most cherished beliefs, Schrauger finds too many of these parents unawakened or in self-denial of the fact that their children, “like dandelion florets floating in the winds, are tottering forward toward an anti-Israel religious world view.” Nothing more pointedly informs CatC 2016 and sets it apart from a 2014 predecessor that proclaimed “I am not for the Palestinians or Israelis...I love everyone,” is that the gloves are finally off. “The 2016 event,” Susan Warner charges, “was organized by Evangelicals with the objective of destroying the Biblical integrity of Evangelicals supporting Israel and their doctrine of Christian Zionism.”

It was a theme that permeated a Bethlehem and a conference to which a Jewish Jesus would never have been invited, a Bethlehem that has tragically confirmed former mayor Elias Freij’s prophecy at its 1995 handover to Yasser Arafat that it would become “a city of churches without Christians.” It was a fact obviously regarded as unworthy of mention by CatC 2016 administrator the Reverend Dr. Munther Isaac, who railed about “the imperial theology of Christian Zionism” being “an arrogant, demonizing and racist narrative.” Nor did the decimation of Bethlehem’s Christian population turn up at

any point in the course of a “gatling gun” diatribe, “loaded to quote and smote” the Christian Zionist enemy “in the name of God, Jesus and the Bible” delivered by Hank Hanegraaff, radio’s “Bible Answerman.” Schrauger called it the “poison tip” of CatC 2016, “the rhetorical stiletto thrust into the corpus of Christian Zionism with intent to kill.” “God has one chosen people, Hanegraaff concluded, “and they are not today’s Jews.”

Can anything be done to halt this insidious attempt to rebrand a noble Christian Zionist enterprise as a godless interloper in a Palestinian Utopian fantasy? One suggestion that comes to mind is an Israeli investment in a national program aimed at the millennial children of the American Christian Zionist movement. It would underscore both the religious and historical links to the Jewish state out of which Christianity emerged and possibly include a spiritual-historical-“Birthright” trip to Israel. Israel should additionally not hesitate to expose the financial allies of the Christ at the Checkpoint effort to undermine the Christian Zionist enterprise. The reported participation in this effort by Hobby Lobby billionaire Mark Green and the ubiquitous George Soros, among others, should not go unexamined. Finally, Christians who take their Christianity seriously, Christians bearing almost daily witness to the murders of their Middle Eastern co-religionists, women and children unexcepted, should long ago have concluded, along with Senator Ted Cruz, that “in the Middle East, Christians have no greater ally than Israel.”

He might have said “no other ally,” but it is a fact that can no longer be kept beyond the perimeter of serious Christian consideration of Christianity’s future in this most violent region of the world.

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From the Editor

Sylvia Raphael—A Documentary

It’s coming to U.S. movie houses at the end of August. *Sylvia—Tracing Blood* is a documentary on the life of a remarkable woman, a spy of whom Israeli defense correspondent Eitan Haber says at the end of the film: “I say to all the Jews in Israel, you should go twice a week to the grave of Sylvia and lay flowers for the contribution she has made for future generations.”

Raphael’s story is told in the *Jerusalem Post Magazine* by journalist David Kaplan, who had



delved into Raphael’s life after her death in 2005 and introduced the film at its world premiere in Israel. Born in South Africa to an atheist Jewish father and Calvinist Afrikaner mother, Raphael grew up in South Africa’s Eastern Cape. In the mid-60s she embarked on what was then a not uncommon adventure—going to live on a kibbutz, in her case Kibbutz Gan Shmuel. There the Mossad took notice and recruited her.

Raphael circulated on the European cocktail circuit, making anti-Semitic comments, and was eventually admitted into the inner sanctums of the Arab world, even babysitting Jordan’s current ruler, King Abdullah II. In her double life she circulated from Cairo to Damascus to Mogadishu. She took up the role of spy in Syria after master spy Eli Cohen was uncovered and slain. She was in Egypt in June 1967 watching Israeli mirages swoop down from her hotel balcony.

In 1973 Raphael joined a team of Mossad agents to track down Ali Hassan Salameh, suspected mastermind of the Munich massacre of Israeli athletes. The team disastrously killed a Moroccan waiter in Norway instead. While Raphael languished in prison, her brother David joined Kibbutz Ramat Hakovesh as a volunteer. When he eventually revealed Sylvia was his sister, the kibbutz decided to “adopt” her and when she was released Raphael, who became a teacher in Tel Aviv, would visit the kibbutz on weekends with her Norwegian boyfriend, then husband. The couple returned to Norway for a few years, then moved to Pretoria.

Ironically the Mossad’s mistake would be echoed by the terrorist opposition. In 1985 a splinter group of the PLO murdered three Israelis on a yacht off the Cyprus coast, mistakenly claiming they had slain Mossad agents, including Sylvia Raphael. In fact Sylvia would live another 20 years, dying of leukemia at the age of 67. She was buried at Kibbutz Ramat Hakovesh, with her words inscribed on the headstone: “I want to be buried in the soil of my soul.”

Dermer on Capitalism

In 1990 Michael Novak made waves with *The Spirit of Democratic Capitalism*, arguing that capitalism, not socialism, promoted social justice and ethical values. Now Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Ron Dermer has joined the ranks of those who champion capitalism in moral terms, saying in a speech at Penn’s Wharton School (of which he is an alumnus): “I don’t know another system that has done more good for more people.”

Israel is a case in point, with Israel’s current economic and business success the result of getting rid of its earlier socialist system. Dermer notes that even 20 years ago, when he came to Israel, he was startled to discover capitalism was considered a dirty word. Yet, says Dermer, “one thing I know for sure—socialism stifles genius.” For a long time, he observes, Jews succeeded all over the world except in Israel, which for years had the same GDP per capita as Egypt and Jordan.

Dermer gives much of the credit for Israel’s shift toward capitalism to Benjamin Netanyahu. Netanyahu ended Israel’s long-standing capital controls, ended the long-distance telephone monopoly, introduced major privatization reforms to the country’s industries, reduced government control of the economy, and cut taxes, among other measures. Israel has responded with sustained growth.

ADL’s New Boss

Abe Foxman, as readers of *Outpost* will know, was bad enough. His replacement, Jonathan Greenblatt, is worse. As Daniel Greenfield says, “The ADL was never worth much as an organization. But it’s turning into a complete disaster.” More from Greenfield:

“The ADL has attacked Trump and Cruz for calling for stronger terrorism prevention...The ADL claims to be fighting anti-Semitism, but what does fighting anti-Semitism have to do with attacking Cruz and Trump over counter-terrorism? In fact, preventing Muslim terrorism fights anti-Semitism. A significant number of Muslim terror plots have targeted synagogues and Jews. Instead the ADL has stood with HIAS, J Street and other radical anti-Israel groups fighting to bring more Muslims for more anti-Semitic violence to America.”

Will All of Humanity Be Palestinian Refugees?

Daniel Pipes recently summed up for a Winnipeg audience: “As a colleague of mine once put it, one day all of humanity will be Palestinian refugees.”

Pipes was referring to UNRWA’s insane method of counting Palestinian refugees. Using a probably inflated number of 575,000 original refugees (other estimates are as low as 400,000), Pipes observes that there are probably no more than 20,000 still living. That’s if you count refugees as they are normally counted and as UNRWA initially defined Palestine refugees, “people whose normal place of

residence was Palestine between June 1946 and May 1948, who lost both their homes and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict.”

So how does UNRWA get to its current figure of 6 million Palestinian refugees? In 1965 UNRWA decided to extend the definition of Palestinian refugee to the descendants of refugees. In fact, if a so-called Palestinian refugee marries someone unconnected with Palestine, their children become Palestinian refugees. In 1967 UNRWA added refugees from the Six Day War to its roster. Also contrary to universal practice, UNRWA continues to count as refugees those who become citizens of an Arab state, i.e. the two million Arab refugees to whom Jordan gave citizenship. The end result is that while all other refugee populations diminish as people resettle or die, even when the last actual refugee from mandatory Palestine is gone, the number of Palestinian refugees will continue to balloon endlessly.

Who knows? Financing Palestinian refugees may someday compete in cost with saving the planet from climate change, the international boondoggle du jour.

Common Sense—from a Saudi

Thanks to the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) for translating the comments made on Saudi TV on April 3 by Saudi TV host Nadine Al-Budair concerning the “hypocrites” who say the terrorists “do not represent Islam or the Muslims.” This nonsense is of course the stock in trade of Western leaders.

A few excerpts from Al-Budair:

“Whenever terrorism massacres peaceful civilians, the smart alecks and the hypocrites vie with one another in saying that these people do not represent Islam or the Muslims. Perhaps one of them could tell us who does represent Islam and the Muslims.

“After the abominable Brussels bombings, it's time for us to feel shame and to stop acting as if the terrorists are a rarity. We must admit that they are present everywhere, that their nationality is Arab, and that they adhere to the religion of Islam. We must acknowledge that we are the ones who gave birth to them, and who have made them memorize the teachings of all the Salafi books. We must admit that it is the schools and universities that we established that told them the others are infidels.

“We must admit that we all--our different sects and faiths, the Sunnis and the Shia--adhere to one school and one school only: the "freezing of the mind" school. Don't ask! Don't think! Don't resist orders! Welcome to the Arab *Mashriq*.

“Now the old supporters [of terrorism] have the audacity to declare that they denounce bombings everywhere, and that the killing of civilians constitutes an attack on the religion. Where are the sheikhs of yesterday? Why don't they have the courage to declare that they are the ones who said that *jihad* is obligatory, and who legalized political wars, using futile and disgraceful exegeses, which permit killing, enslavement, and destruction?”

The Pro-Israel Wing of the Pro-Israel Community

Daniel Greenfield

Forget the alphabet soup acronyms of a thousand organizations. The pro-Israel community has only three elements.

There's the anti-Israel side of the pro-Israel community. This misnomer calls itself Liberal Zionism even though, like the Holy Roman Empire, it is neither liberal nor Zionist. Instead illiberal anti-Zionist groups such as J Street provide a comfortable pathway from the pro-Israel community to the anti-Israel left by selling the illusion that it is possible to be pro-Israel while opposing the survival of Israel.

These illiberal anti-Zionists, like most domestic abusers, claim to be providing “tough love” by pressuring the Jewish State to make the “tough decisions” it needs to make in order to “end the occupation.”

These “tough love” and “tough decisions” all translate into appeasing and aiding terrorists. The only people that the illiberal anti-Zionists, who clutch fistfuls of dirty Soros cash while hiding behind the blue skirts of the pro-Israel community, are willing to get tough on are Jewish victims of Islamic terror.

Somehow Abbas and Hamas never seem to come in for any tough love from these lovers of Israel who instead relish showing their tough love by kicking and beating the Jewish State at every opportunity.

And then there’s the great center of the pro-Israel community, which is not quite anti-Israel nor quite pro-Israel. Instead it hovers moderately and indecisively in the glorious middle. The center of the pro-Israel community is not really pro-Israel. Instead it’s for a two-state solution. It’s for Israel and for the PLO. It wants foreign aid for both. It wants peace. And no amount of terrorism will change its mind.



The marshmallow center of the pro-Israel community is the best recruiting ground for the anti-Israel left because its worldview is hypocritical and incoherent. It lobbies for arms for Israel and yet insists that peace is inevitable. It concedes that both sides have good arguments, but that Israel’s argument is slightly better. Or perhaps slightly less worse. It evades the issues to talk up Israel’s tech sector or the gay bars in Tel Aviv. It believes in boosterism, but not in Israel’s right to finally end terrorism.

The best and brightest culturally liberal youth naturally see through this nonsense and leave. And why shouldn’t they? On campuses they hear from one side that Israel is the devil while their side tells them

that Israel is flawed, but basically means well because it is tolerant enough to concede most of the arguments of the other side. You don’t need to be a debate champion to see the trouble with this.

When its younger crowd is through singing “Shalom, Salaam”, it will go either left or right.

The center of the pro-Israel community is actually liberal and Zionist, but it is too liberal to be Zionist and too Zionist to blend well with the left. And so it is a walking contradiction that stands for nothing. It calls for tolerance and applauds its own humanism. It raises money for Israel, but it lacks all conviction when it comes to defending Israel. It is not pro-Israel in any way that truly counts.

Finally, there is the pro-Israel wing of the pro-Israel community. It is a testament to the perversity, neurosis and insecurity of the Jewish establishment that the pro-Israel wing is the smallest part of the pro-Israel community. The pro-Israel wing is easily overshadowed by the anti-Israel wing which lunches at the White House and the organizational behemoth of the center which pretends that it doesn’t exist.

The pro-Israel wing of the pro-Israel community consists of far smaller groups such as EMET, ZOA, AFSI and many others. It relies heavily on volunteers like the elderly men and women who spent years protesting the PLO deal, gathering in small groups on street corners and handing out fliers in the rain.

It is unglamorous. It is obscure. It is mostly unheard. And it will still save Israel.

What does the pro-Israel wing of the pro-Israel community, that thumbnail edge on the fat hand of the establishment, believe? It does not believe in peace or UFOs. It believes that Israelis fight for the moral high ground, not that they must let themselves be killed in the futile fight for its barren slopes.

The pro-Israel wing of the pro-Israel community believes in Israel.

It does not believe in a two-state solution. It has never embraced the delusional fantasy that a terrorist state dedicated to destroying Israel will live side by side with it.

It does not believe that Israel has anything to apologize for. Its ranks are not filled with ashamed Jews who turn red every time they see a headline about Israel blowing away a Hamas terrorist. Instead it knows that it is the Islamic terrorists and their media enablers who ought to be ashamed.

What distinguishes the pro-Israel wing of the pro-Israel community most of all is not policy, but pride.

We like to think of ourselves as rational people who make logical decisions. But human beings are emotional creatures. We have our loyalties and allegiances. Underneath these churn emotional cauldrons. Fear, anxiety, anger, shame, pride and pain are all there. Along with many others.

The anti-Israel wing of the pro-Israel community is motivated by anger and shame. The amorphous blob at the center of the pro-Israel community feels mingled fear, pride and shame. But the pro-Israel wing of the pro-Israel community feels a pure pride untarnished by the neurotic tics of liberal or illiberal Zionism. It needs no hyphens in its Zionism and makes no apologies for its activism. Its pro-Israel activism is not subservient to the good opinion of CNN, the *Washington Post* or the *New York Times*.

All the activism of the pro-Israel center comes with a “but”, audible or inaudible, embedded at the end of every sentence. The pro-Israel wing of the pro-Israel community is refreshingly free of these asterisks of guilt. It does not stay up all night worrying about the other side. That is why it is pro-Israel.

The authentic pro-Israel activist does not split the moral difference with the suicide bombers and the beheaders. She does not give equal time to poverty in Gaza when discussing the rockets fired from Gaza. She does not fantasize about reclaiming the moral high ground, but boldly bestrides it. She does not apologize for Israel. Instead she demands that the international sponsors of PLO terrorism in Israel apologize for the murdered Israeli men, women and children whose blood is on their hands.

The pro-Israel wing of the pro-Israel community has always been right. It was right when it warned that the deal with PLO would lead to a terrorist state inside Israel. It was right when it cautioned that the deal would end up dividing Jerusalem. It was right when it said that rockets would fall on Israeli cities.

At every turn it has been proven right. And the more it was proven right, the more it had to be ignored.

The mushy pro-Israel center clings to a discredited fantasy of peace. The anti-Israel left has nothing to offer but hate. The only meaningful part of the pro-Israel community is its pro-Israel wing. The pro-Israel wing is where proud Jews go when they are tired of apologizing, of being moderate and losing anyway.

Those who are tired of having to hope for peace while pointing out how often the PLO has rejected it, who are weary of sharing Golda Meir quotes about the Arabs loving their children, who are sick of being moderate and tolerant while their government and the media support the terrorists killing their children and grandchildren, are finding their home in the pro-Israel wing of the pro-Israel community.

The Jewish community is being divided between those who make no apologies for supporting Israel and those who make no apologies for wanting to destroy it. The mushy center will deflate and fade away. The anti-Israel left will throw off its liberal Zionist disguise and gleefully revel in its maddened hate.

The day is coming when only one part of the pro-Israel community will remain; the pro-Israel part.

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The Golan to Syria?

Rael Jean Isaac

After Angela Merkel last year decided to welcome millions of Muslims to Germany (and to the rest of the EU, whether they liked it or not) it seemed that here was folly by a Western leader not soon to be matched. But President Obama seems to have been inspired to play the old game of “Can You Top This?” Along with Russian strongman Vladimir Putin he is reported to be drawing up a draft “peace resolution” to end the Syrian civil war that would label the entire Golan Heights as Syrian territory.

This is an idiocy—not to mention injustice—of which one says “How shall I count the ways?” Steve Postal in *American Thinker* has listed some of them.

1) Israel has a stronger claim than Syria to the Heights. Before Syria gained independence in 1945, the Golan was controlled by France and before that by the Ottoman Empire. Syria had control of the Golan for 22 years, from 1945 until the Six Day War of 1967, while Israel has had control of two thirds of the Golan Heights for 49 years.

2) Israel’s enemies, from the ancient Assyrians to present day Syria, have used the Heights as a launching pad against her. Prior to 1967 Syria used its high ground to shell Israel and launch terror attacks. Since then, with Israel on that ground, the border has been relatively quiet.

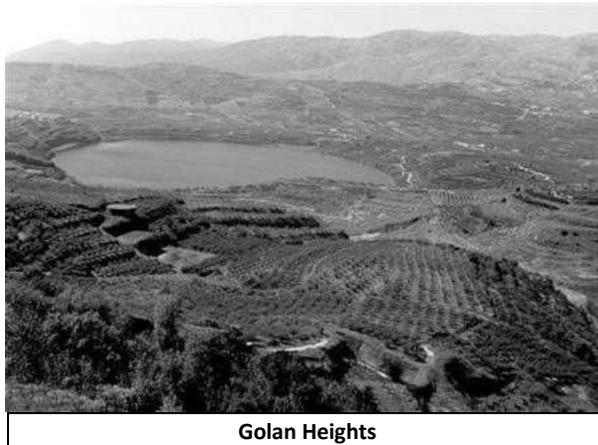
3) To whom is the Golan to be “returned?” You can’t put Humpty Dumpty together again. Even when there is some sort of arrangement, Syria is most unlikely to resume its old shape. Currently Islamic state and other jihadist groups, Hezbollah and the Iranian Guards are vying for territory close to the Golan. Sooner or later, if Israel relinquishes the Golan, it is likely to be fighting Hezbollah in both Lebanon and on the Golan.

4) Giving up the Golan would allow Israel’s enemies once again to threaten its water supply as Syria did in the “War over Water” from 1964 to 1967.

5) Israel has developed the Golan so that it is a vital part of its economy. It is also thought to contain oil and gas deposits. It makes no sense to give all this up to Israel’s most bitter enemies.

6) The Golan has important archaeological sites, notably Jewish religious sites from the Second Temple period up to the 11th century, which could find themselves at the tender mercy of Islamic State.

Postal doesn’t even mention what from the West’s point of view should be the most crucial argument against weakening Israel by exposing her to aggression from the Golan Heights: Syria’s effort at nuclear proliferation. Israeli journalist Ruthie Blum reports that John Hannah, a former adviser to



Golan Heights

Vice President Cheney, in *Foreign Affairs* recalls being summoned by Cheney to hear the head of Israel’s Mossad present “compelling evidence” that North Korea was building in Syria a replica of its own reactor and it was “perilously close to completion.” Hannah writes “Just imagine the nightmare that the world would have faced if, on top of everything else, we were also dealing with the nightmare of the Islamic State getting its hands on a plutonium-producing nuclear reactor.” Israel, he says, not only discovered it in the nick of time but “also carried out the attack that was almost certainly the only means of ensuring the reactor

never went hot.”

Dealing Israel a major strategic blow by forcing her to relinquish the Golan as the rest of the Middle East careens from crisis to crisis makes zero sense—unless the overriding strategic goal is in fact

to fatally undermine Israel. When President Obama gave up on persuading Congress to pass cap-and-trade, he famously said that there is more than one way to skin a cat. Obama's professions of friendship for Israel have repeatedly been belied by his actions. In attempting to remove Israel from the Golan, Obama may be engaging in an alternative way of skinning the Israeli cat.



Europe: Suicide by Jihad

Guy Millière

The March 22 *jihadi* attacks in Brussels were predictable. What is surprising is that they did not take place sooner. What is also surprising is that more people were not killed. It seems that the authors of the attacks had larger projects in mind; they wanted to attack a nuclear power plant. Others may succeed in doing just that.



Molenbeek Demonstrators

In the last two decades, Belgium has become the hub of *jihad* in Europe. The district of Molenbeek in Brussels is now a foreign Islamist territory in the heart of Belgium. It is not, however, a lawless zone: sharia law has effectively replaced Belgian law. Almost all the women wear veils or burqas; those who do not take risks. Drug trafficking and radical mosques are everywhere. The police stay outside and intervene only in cases of extreme emergency, using military-like commando operations. Other areas of Belgium, such as Shaerbeek and Anderlecht have the same status as

Molenbeek.

The Belgian authorities have allowed the situation to deteriorate. The situation in the country now is virtually equivalent to surrender.

They seemed to hope that willful blindness and accepting the unacceptable would permit the country to be spared. It did not.

The attack on Belgium's Jewish Museum on May 24, 2014 should have served as a warning. It did not. That "only" Jews were the target led the Belgian government to underestimate the threat. The *jihadi* who wanted to kill passengers on a train from Amsterdam to Paris, on August 21, 2015, prepared his attack in Brussels. That three American heroes neutralized him before he could start shooting again led the Belgian government to think the danger was not large.

The *jihadis* who struck Paris on November 13, 2015 had also organized their attacks from Molenbeek, but the blood was not spilled in Belgium. Belgian authorities perhaps assumed that Belgium would be spared. They spoke of "imminent danger" for a day or so, but never increased security.

One of the organizers of the Paris bombings, Salah Abdeslam, Europe's most wanted terrorist criminal, was able to live peacefully in Molenbeek for four months until police decided to arrest him. Belgian police knew exactly where he was, but did nothing until French authorities asked them to. After his arrest, he was treated as a petty criminal, not a *jihadi* terrorist. Police did not ask him anything concerning the *jihadi* networks with which he worked. Because he was hurt during police operations, officers who interrogated him were ordered to be gentle. The people who agreed to hide him for so long were not considered suspects and were not indicted.

The Brussels *jihadi* attacks took place two days later.

Despite the worst attacks on Belgium soil since World War II, Belgian authorities do not seem ready to change their behavior.

Abdelhamid Abaaoud, one of the planners of the November 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris, was—like many terrorists in Europe—from Molenbeek, Belgium. Philippe Moureaux was mayor of Molenbeek for 20 years, thanks to his alliance with radical Islamists.

After the attacks, Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel denounced “violent and cowardly acts” and stressed his “determination,” without saying what he intended to do. He did not speak of the necessity of changing the Belgian laws to make them more effective. He did not mention any enemy. He never used words such as “jihad” or “radical Islam.”

He behaved and talked as most of his European counterparts did. French Prime Minister Manuel Valls used more courageous words and said many times he is fighting “radical *jihad*” and “Islamism.” The French parliament passed laws allowing what is still impossible in Belgium: police searches at night. But France stands alone, and effectively the situation in France is no better than in Belgium. Islamist enclaves exist in many suburbs. Whole cities are controlled by thugs and radical imams: cities such as Roubaix, Trappes, Aubervilliers and Sevran in the northeast of Paris.

Islamist enclaves also exist in other European countries: Spain, the Netherlands, Germany, the United Kingdom and Sweden.

European leaders have been making choices. After World War II, they decided Europe would be a region of the world where war would be banished and all problems solved through diplomacy and appeasement. They gradually abandoned financing defense and security activities. Instead, they built welfare states. They thought that taking care of people from cradle to grave would suppress anger and conflicts. They denied the existence of totalitarian dangers and the necessity of showing strength. To this day, their statements indicate that European leaders think both the Berlin Wall and the Soviet empire fell thanks to the benevolence of Mikhail Gorbachev, not thanks to the determination of Ronald Reagan. To this day, they seem to think that Islam is essentially a religion of peace and that the *jihadis* belong to a tiny, marginal sect.

Decades ago, Europe’s leaders adopted a general policy of “openness” to the Islamic world in general, and the Arab world in particular. They decided to welcome migrants from the Muslim world by hundreds of thousands but without asking them to integrate. They made cultural relativism and multiculturalism their guiding principles. They acted as if Islam could mingle in the Western world harmoniously and without difficulty. Europe’s leaders disseminated the idea that the West was guilty of oppressing Muslims and had to pay for its sins. They therefore sowed the seeds of anti-Western resentment among Muslims in Europe.

When in the Muslim world *jihadis* started to kill, Europe’s leaders wanted to believe that the attacks would take place in the Muslim world only. They thought that by not interfering with what European *jihadis* were planning, they would not risk *jihadi* attacks on European soil.

When Jews were attacked, Europe’s leaders decided that the problem was not *jihad*, but Israel. They stressed the need not to “export Middle East conflict in Europe.” Hoping to please followers of radical Islam and show them Europe could understand their “grievances,” they placed increasing pressure on Israel. They also increased their financial and political support for the “Palestinian cause.”

When Europeans were attacked, they did not understand why. They had done their best to please the Muslims. They had not even harassed the *jihadists*. They still do not know how to react.

Many of them now say privately what they will never say in public: it is probably too late.

There are six to eight million Muslims in France, and more than thirty million in Western Europe. Hundreds of *jihadis* are trained and ready to act — anytime, anyplace. European intelligence services know that they want to make “dirty bombs.” Surveys show that tens of thousands of Muslims living in Europe approve of *jihadi* attacks in Europe. Millions of Muslims living in Europe keep silent, behave as if they see nothing and hear nothing, and protest only when they think they have to defend Islam.

European political leaders know that every decision they make may provoke reactions among the Muslims living in Europe. Muslim votes matter. Riots occur easily. In France, Belgium and other

European countries, Islamists are present in the army and police forces. In the meantime, Islamist organizations recruit and Islamic lobbies gain ground.

European governments are now hostages. The European media are also hostages.

In most European countries, “Islamophobia” is considered a crime — and any criticism of Islam may be considered “Islamophobic.” People trying to warn Europe, such as the Dutch MP Geert Wilders, despite an apparently biased judge and forged documents against him, are now on trial.

Books on radical Islam are still published but surrounded by silence. Books praising the glory of Islam are in every bookstore. When Bat Ye’or’s *Eurabia* was published in Europe, she was denounced and received hundreds of death threats. Bruce Bawer’s *While Europe Slept*, published in the U.S., was not even available in Europe. Ten years later, the situation is worse.

Political movements expressing anger and concerns are rising. All are demonized by political power holders and the media. They have almost no chance of gaining more influence.

Populations are gnawed by fear, frustration and impotence. They are looking for answers, but cannot find them. A few hours after the attacks on Brussels, a man on Belgian television said that Europe is on the verge of suicide.

Europe looks like a dying civilization. European governments created a situation that can only lead to more attacks, more massacres, and maybe unspeakable disasters. Europe’s leaders continue to react with speeches and a few police operations.

If some European governments decided to restore their abolished borders, it could take years, and most European leaders would probably disagree with such a policy. Meanwhile, millions more “migrants” will enter Europe, and among them many more *jihadis*. In spite of the mayhem created in Germany by “migrants” who arrived in 2015, Angela Merkel said she would not change her decisions. No Western European government dared to disagree with her, except Viktor Orbán in Hungary, a lone voice of dissent.

In Brussels, as in Paris earlier, people gathered where the attacks took place. They brought candles and flowers to mourn the victims. They sang sentimental songs. They cried. There were no shouts of revolt against *jihad*. Members of the Belgian government called on the Belgian people to avoid reactions of violence, and declared that Muslims are the main victims of terrorism.

In Europe’s near future, more people will bring candles, flowers and songs to mourn victims. Another two or three *jihadists* will be arrested. But nothing will be done.

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The Ubiquitous Jabotinsky

Steve Kramer

We recently attended a lecture in Netanya by American-Israeli Hank Citron, who divides his time between Manhattan and Netanya. A former history professor in New Jersey, Hank is a colorful character who grew up in a Zionist household, the son of European immigrants, attended Hebrew University in the 1950s on a scholarship after working his way across the Atlantic on a freighter, and boxed professionally to finance his PhD from New York University.

Hank gave a one hour lecture on the life of Ze’ev Jabotinsky (1880-1940). One of the first, surprising, things we learned about this great leader, little known today outside of Israel, is that there are more monuments and streets in Israel named for him than for Theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizmann, or David Ben-Gurion, all of whom are much better known internationally.



Hank put Jabotinsky's greatest accomplishment into perspective. He reminded us that the Third Jewish Revolt against the Romans, led by the messianic Simon bar Kochba (132-136 CE), resulted in a horrific defeat for the Jews. As a result, Jews renounced armed revolt or self-defense as a nation. Jabotinsky, single-minded in his devotion to Zionism, was the one who rekindled the idea of a Jewish army in the first decades of the 20th century, the first step back towards Jewish nationhood.

Born in cosmopolitan Odessa on the shores of the Black Sea, Jabotinsky enjoyed a secular upbringing in what was the fourth largest city in Imperial Russia (now within the borders of Ukraine). While his was not a religious family, Jabotinsky was Hebrew-literate from an early age. His well-off family rejected socialism, so it isn't surprising that Jabotinsky wasn't attracted to Socialist Zionism, the Zionist stream which later was led by his bitter competitor, David Ben-Gurion.

Jabotinsky was very intelligent, a prodigy in fact, who became a linguist and wrote and orated in eight languages. Initially he was inclined towards journalism and the theatre. At age 17 he went to Rome, quickly learned the language and became a journalist there while earning a law degree. Although he had already become an accomplished author and poet, Jabotinsky soon directed his talents to pursuing his Zionist ideals.

The trigger for this change was the 1903 Kishinev massacre, which aroused universal condemnation and protest, precipitating a major emigration of Jews from Russia. Jabotinsky publicized the pogrom worldwide. By that time, he had already joined the Zionist movement and had become recognized as a powerful speaker and leader. At the Sixth Zionist Congress in 1903, Jabotinsky met Theodor Herzl, whom he greatly admired.

With more pogroms looming on the horizon, Jabotinsky established the Jewish Self-Defense Organization, a militant group intended to safeguard Jewish communities throughout Russia. A motto of his was "Jewish youth, learn to shoot!" He became the source of great controversy in the Russian Jewish community as a result of these unprecedented actions.

After the start of the First World War, in Alexandria, Egypt, Jabotinsky met Yosef Trumpeldor, Russia's greatest Jewish war hero. Jabotinsky fascinated Trumpeldor with his idea of establishing a Jewish Legion as a Jewish fighting force. Their joint plan was rejected by the British; instead, the Zion Mule Corps was formed, with Trumpeldor an officer. This was the first organized Jewish military force since Bar Kochba, led by the great Christian Zionist, Colonel John Henry Patterson. The Zion Mule Corps was disbanded by Britain after the 1916 withdrawal of the ill-fated Allied Gallipoli expedition from the Dardanelles (the narrow strait dividing Europe and Asia).

Britain recognized Jabotinsky's abilities and he soon rebounded with his idea of a permanent Jewish fighting force. He organized veterans from the Zion Mule Corps and other Jews to be the "Jewish Legion," but anti-Zionist forces prevailed against such an explicit name and the unit was instead designated the "38th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers," a part of the City of London Regiment. However, after the victorious end of the Palestine campaign, the name "Royal Fusiliers" was awarded, as promised, to the Judean Regiment. By this time, the Palestinian Jews had been joined by a larger number of North American and British Jews.

Britain's anti-Zionist military administration was eager to demobilize the soldiers of this specifically Jewish battalion, for its own reasons. Jabotinsky wanted to keep it going, with the intention of creating a formidable group of soldiers who would help bring about a Jewish State in Palestine. Unfortunately, although he had urged his fellow volunteers to stay on and had himself registered for further service, Jabotinsky was forcibly demobilized in August 1919. By the spring of 1920 only 300-400 men from the Judean Regiment remained in the British army.

During the 1920 Arab riots in Palestine, Jabotinsky averted a potential Arab pogrom in Jerusalem by organizing a Jewish self-defense militia to defend Jews. For this, the British accused Jabotinsky of starting a riot and sentenced him, and others, to 15-years of hard labor for possession of weapons; they were released after a successful global outcry.

While Jabotinsky initially supported coexistence with the Arabs, he later concluded that violence was essential to give birth to the Jewish State. Cooperation clearly had failed to persuade Arabs to join Jews in building up Palestine.

In 1922, Jabotinsky was a member of the Zionist Commission, then under the leadership of Chaim Weizmann, the immigrant scientist who had become a British war hero by his discovery of the “Weizmann process” to manufacture much needed cordite. But after the British introduced the first White Paper that year, Jabotinsky felt that British policy was inherently anti-Zionist and that the Zionist establishment, led by Weizmann, was too passive.

The White Paper (aka the Churchill White Paper), an attempt to placate the violent Palestinian Arabs, withdrew support for a Jewish national home in Palestine, diminishing it to a mere community within Palestine. Further undercutting the Jews, in July 1922, the British divided the Palestine Mandate by separating the territory lying east of the Jordan River from the Jewish populated area and renaming it Transjordan.

Consequently, Jabotinsky left mainstream Zionism and established the Revisionist Party within



Betar Demonstrating for Immigration

the World Zionist Organization. Jabotinsky’s felt that the only way to attain a Jewish State was to proactively prepare for self-defense. In 1925, he established the Alliance of Revisionists-Zionists and its youth movement, Betar, to promote pride, strength, and military training. Five years later, he left Palestine for good. The British seized this opportunity to get rid of a “trouble maker” and outlawed Jabotinsky’s return.

Hank offered interesting insights on Jabotinsky: While Jabotinsky is sometimes depicted as a “fascist,” based on his efforts to militarize Jews, Hank believes that the Betar uniforms (which in fact were common to all youth movements) didn’t make Jabotinsky a fascist.

Though he favored military preparation, Jabotinsky always hoped that it would prove unnecessary. Hank also said that, ironically, Jabotinsky didn’t really like Palestine, with its uninviting climate and uncooperative Arabs, or the socialistic Jews who settled there.

During the 1930s, Jabotinsky fully recognized the danger to European Jews. He was a modern day prophet, urging the Jews there to leave Europe immediately and to build up Palestine. Jabotinsky even tried to buy the Jews out of their perilous surroundings (similar to Herzl’s failed efforts). Europe’s Jew-hating leaders partially agreed with Jabotinsky’s proposals, but Britain and most Jews demurred. Nevertheless, 40,000 illegal immigrants were eventually rescued through Jabotinsky’s efforts in promoting “illegal immigration” to Palestine.

Jabotinsky died in in America in 1940 while fund raising there for Palestinian Jews’ defense. Spitefully, Jabotinsky’s fierce opponent, Ben-Gurion, refused to allow his body to be interred in Israel. But in 1965, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol fulfilled Jabotinsky’s wish, bringing his body and that of his wife back to Israel for reburial next to Theodor Herzl, at the Mt Herzl National Cemetery. There were farewell parades in Jabotinsky’s honor in New York and Israel, with crowds exceeding 100,000 people.

Hank gave an interesting take on Jabotinsky’s legacy: he never fully succeeded in his endeavors but he did succeed in sowing the seeds for others to attain his goals; he never attained power, but his disciples did. We can see Jabotinsky’s legacy in the careers of Yair Stern, Menachem Begin, Arik Sharon,

and current Israeli president, Reuven Rivlin, all followers of Jabotinsky, who in 1937 officially became the supreme commander of the Etzel—the Revisionist underground military organization in Palestine. Bibi Netanyahu has also been inspired by Jabotinsky, especially since his father, Ben Zion Netanyahu, was Jabotinsky's secretary.

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Climate Deal Forecast: Frost for the U.S. Economy, Slush Funds for the Planet **Claudia Rosett**

One of the best catalogues of human folly is the 19th century book by Charles MacKay, *Memoirs of Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds*. MacKay chronicles a host of scams, superstitions and mass frenzies, including the South Sea Bubble, Tulipomania, Alchemy and Witch Mania. To this roster, some future historian may someday add the full tale of the early 21st century Climate Mania, in which a throng of politicians, United Nations bureaucrats, film stars and what not promised that if they were just given enough power over our use of lightbulbs, cars, planes, ships, oil, gas, electricity and energy in general, they would -- for the greater good of mankind, mind you -- arrange to control to within a few decimal points the temperature of the planet.

For the moment, however, this is not history we are talking about. We are stuck in the acute phase of Climate Mania. This Friday, "Earth Day," brought the signing ceremony at the UN's New York headquarters of the Paris Agreement on "Climate Change." More than 170 nations signed on, including



Di Caprio at General Assembly

such curators of human progress and enlightenment as North Korea, Sudan, Cuba and Iran. Actor Leonardo Di Caprio spoke from the podium of the General Assembly chamber. Secretary of State John Kerry brought his infant granddaughter, and held her on his lap while he signed the accord. UN leaders planted a tree in the UN "Food Garden."

General Ban Ki-moon called it "an historic day" (everything these days is "historic") and told the assembled eminences "The era of consumption without consequences is over" (if that's true, then surely one of the first things to go should be the UN itself, complete with the recent \$2 billion-plus makeover of its NY offices -- except the UN has always enjoyed immunity from its own pronouncements).

For all the hoopla, the Paris accord is not yet a done deal. But it soon may be. For this agreement to enter into force, at least 55 countries, accounting for 55% of "global greenhouse gas emissions," must now sort out on the national level how they plan to comply, and deposit their instruments of ratification with the UN. Fifteen have already done so

And now we descend into some of the real dirt of this deal. In the U.S., President Obama -- in spirit similar to his ramming through of the Iran nuclear deal -- is preparing to slide right past such Constitutional requirements as acknowledging a treaty for what it is, and submitting it to be ratified by the Senate. Which, as Julian Morris notes, the current Republican Senate majority would not do.

In a background press briefing this past Wednesday, a senior State Department was asked about the process by which the U.S. would join the Paris accord. The official replied, "We have a standard State Department exercise that we are currently going through for authorizing an executive agreement." According to this official, the Obama administration has decided that because the U.S. joined the UN

Framework Convention on Climate Change back in 1992, this new treaty is not really a treaty (never mind the "historic" festivities at the UN), but an extension of existing obligations, ergo merely a matter for Obama's pen. (Never mind the potentially colossal cost to the average American).

Sen. Mike Lee of Utah, and Rep. Mike Kelly of Pennsylvania take a very different view, writing for the Heritage Foundation's *Daily Signal* under the headline "Obama's Violating the Constitution by Not Submitting Climate Treaty to Senate." They note that under this climate accord the U.S. would be binding itself to a long-term framework, forcing it to choke its carbon emissions "for decades to come." They also note that when the Senate ratified the 1992 UNFCCC treaty, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee "specifically reported that any future emissions targets 'would have to be submitted to the Senate for its Advice and Consent.' President Obama has chosen to ignore this directive."

There's also the disturbing question of whether President Obama will try to couple his costly climate projects with an end-run around U.S. law that forbids government funding to any "affiliated organization of the United Nations" that grants the Palestinians membership as a state. Quick background: When UNESCO (the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) admitted the Palestinians as full members in 2011, the agency lost its U.S. funding. Since then the Obama administration has been lobbying Congress to waive U.S. law in order to resume sending American tax dollars to UNESCO.

Last month, the UNFCCC allowed the Palestinian Authority to become a full member. The Palestinians have now signed the Paris Agreement. As Sen. John Barrasso reports, Washington gives money to the UNFCCC, and the White House has "unilaterally pledged \$3 billion for international climate change as part of the Paris deal." This week, 28 senators -- including Barrasso -- wrote a letter to Kerry imploring the administration "to hold the Palestinians accountable for their actions in circumventing the peace process, and to abide by current law prohibiting U.S. taxpayer funds for the UNFCCC and its related entities and other UN affiliated organizations that recognize the 'State of Palestine.' "

Then we come to the Paris climate treaty itself, complete with its stress on "climate justice" and "making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development."

Allow me to translate: This is a framework outlining central planning for the planet. It is all about regulating energy use and redirecting wealth around the globe, according to the preferences of such faceless international bureaucracies as the Paris treaty's "Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice" and the "Subsidiary Body for Implementation." There will be a largely unaccountable Green Climate Fund, and a prerogative for this Convention to proliferate lots more subsidiary bodies.

As a treaty, it's nonbinding in its particulars. Countries would set their own targets, binding themselves according to their own laws and preferences, for such ventures as limiting carbon emissions and contributing (or soliciting) funds, as they strive, officially, to promote such goals as "environmental integrity, transparency, accuracy, completeness, comparability and consistency."

Surely no one believes that this is how it will work for such signatories as North Korea, Sudan, or a great many of the unfree member states of the UN, where there is no real domestic accountability, and the rules boil down to whatever pleases the dictator, or enriches the corrupt bureaucracy.

But that's the very point. The agreement would effectively license governments around the globe to set up toll gates -- even more than they do now -- for the production and use, in many forms, of energy. This is a license for authorities in developed countries, especially in Washington, to impose confiscatory policies on their own people, further regulating production and channeling wealth.

The way this works is, America as a whole will suffer, especially the little guy; but well-placed cronies will enjoy enormous opportunities to get rich. This will be justified in the name of directing, under the holy mantle of a UN-driven treaty, flows of money to less developed countries. The rubber-stamp rationale will be that this is to help poor countries "adapt" to whatever goes on with the climate.

The Paris convention states: "Developed country Parties shall provide financial resources to assist developing Country Parties with respect to both mitigation and adaptation."

Though no one should expect that much in the way of mitigating or adapting -- whether to climate, or to anything else -- would come of this treaty. As a rule, poor countries tend to be poor not because of climate (changing or otherwise), but because they are badly ruled. The tyrants usually do quite well for themselves. It's the people living under them who get short rations and no power. At the extreme, the difference between North Korea and South Korea is not due to some abrupt shift of climate at the 38th parallel. Nor is the difference between income (and innovation and adaptability and electrical power) in Miami versus Havana a matter of climate.

Sending money, or funding projects, to help poor countries "mitigate" change in climate, or "adapt" to it, is largely a farce, more likely to fortify dictatorships than to help the people living under them. But controlling such traffic in money and resources can translate into a jackpot. This is why the Paris Agreement got so many eager signatories so fast. The UN is a conclave of governments, and for government officials and their pals, from Pyongyang to Paris to Washington, there's a lot of potential cream in this deal -- the skim milk goes to the more lowly world populace that the UN pretends to represent.

The real mechanism for adapting to changes in climate, or simply changes in old-fashioned weather, has always been ingenuity and innovation -- from the use of fire, to the invention of clothes, housing, heating, air conditioning and all the other means by which mankind from Siberia to South Africa has arranged to survive. And for innovation, the best formula is capitalism; free markets, rather than state bureaucracies filing biennial reports to international capacity-building committees.

As for the limits on carbon emissions -- the "science" of man-made effects on climate is about as settled as was once the idea that the sun orbited the earth. I'd recommend the recent congressional testimony of the intrepid and witty Mark Steyn, who describes the "climate of fear" now prevailing within climate science. The Paris agreement will not help.

But don't take my word for any of this. Have a look for yourself. The Paris document itself runs to 29 articles. The version concocted in Paris last December was amended to produce a final version which you can find in the annex, pages 21-36, of the UNFCCC's "Report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-first session, held in Paris from 30 November to 13 December 2015." One of the grand aims of Article 2 is to hold "the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 [degrees] C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 [degrees] C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change."

This is to be combined with -- this is just a sample -- "country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory and full transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems...with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant socioeconomic and environmental actions and policies, where appropriate."

Once countries such as America have bound themselves to upholding this deal (courtesy of Obama's pen), once the chokeholds have been imposed and the slush funds have swelled, all of the above is supposed to come together in the second half of the century to control the temperature of the earth, alleviate poverty and usher humanity into a brave new world of "climate justice." What could go wrong?

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The State of Our Union

Aaron Parker

“The world, that understandable and lawful world, was slipping away”
-- William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*

Today I witnessed something I’m still shaking from. The Mayor of Jerusalem came to San Francisco, and I attended his planned speech at San Francisco State University, where he was prevented from speaking in a high profile public humiliation of Israel and the Jewish community. The media are reporting he was shouted down by protestors, which makes for a nice headline, but it isn’t the real story. The real story is the university’s decision to let it happen.

Mayor Barkat’s visit was planned. University administrators expected both him and the disruptors, who reliably attend all Israeli speaking events here. The university police were sent in. But, in a decision that should deeply disturb all who value a civil society, and one that I as a Jew find profoundly demoralizing, the police were instructed not to remove the disruptors and instead to stand by and watch the event be completely shut down.

Please let that sink in. Public university administrators and police stood and watched as the Mayor of Jerusalem, the Jewish student organization that sponsored him, and all of us in attendance, were permanently bullied off the stage. Officers with guns, and the power that comes from the barrels of those guns, were instructed to stand, watch, and do nothing, as freedom of speech was replaced with a policy of whoever shouts the loudest wins, at least when it comes to shouting down a visiting Israeli dignitary. Those whom we thought were there to protect us and restore order, stood, watched, and did nothing.

The administrators’ and police’s high profile inaction emboldened the mob, which consequently grew louder and more brazen. We waited and waited for the disruptors to be removed so the event could proceed, but it never happened. Eventually, Mayor Barkat asked us to huddle around him so he could speak to us over the mob’s chants, but it was a lost cause.

“Get the f--k off our campus, get the f--k off our campus, the mob yelled at us with bullhorns, indoors, over and over. “Get the f--k off our campus.”

Presumptive of them you might think, that a public university campus is theirs, and not all of ours. Except, incredibly, they’re right. The university’s decision not to protect the speaker’s right to speak or the community’s right to hear him, constituted a de facto ceding to the mob the power to decide who is allowed to speak on campus and who is not. The university’s acquiescence to the mob means it is in fact their campus, not all of ours.

The underlying question of course is why was the event allowed to be scheduled at all if the university planned not to protect the speaker or his audience? Why did it give him a forum only to publicly humiliate him, along with the campus Jewish community and the broader Jewish community?

We can only speculate on the answer, but it would seem the spectacle was intended to send a message to campus Jews. Don’t invite Israeli dignitaries. They aren’t welcome. We won’t protect you, and we will humiliate you, your guests, and the Jewish community if you do. If this was the intended message, it was received.

As a Jewish San Franciscan, I was profoundly shaken by the experience. I was prepared for the anti-Israel movement to be there. They’ve grown chillingly disciplined in recent years. I expected them to be given a space outside the event to yell hateful rhetoric and engage in theatrics. I was prepared for the likelihood of having to pass them on the way in, threatening me, calling me anti-Semitic epithets, because it’s how they roll. What I didn’t expect was for them to be given the power by the university to control who speaks and who does not. I left shaken to my core.

For some perspective, I've tried to bear in mind California Governor Jerry Brown's remarks to the pro-Israel community at a recent JNF annual conference. He said don't let your detractors get you down. Your cause is just, so stay focused and positive and keep moving toward your goal, meaning keep building a strong Israel. Great advice. And, in light of his sympathy for our cause, please consider dropping him a line. I speculate he'll be interested to know what the California State University system is doing under his watch.

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The 12% Solution

Ruth King

The Balfour Declaration of 1917 elicited euphoria among world Zionists. It was to be short lived as a chain of betrayals truncated the land promised to the Jews and limited their immigration.

The 1922 White Paper (also known as the Churchill White Paper) averred that Jews were in Palestine by right, but bowing to Arab pressure, ceded 76 percent –all the land East of the Jordan River-- to the Hashemite Emir Abdullah. It was renamed Transjordan, and closed to Jewish settlement. In explanation the British stated:

“England...does not want Palestine to become ‘as Jewish as England is English’, but, rather, should become ‘a center in which Jewish people as a whole may take, on grounds of religion and race, an interest and a pride.’” (Ironically today Israel is poised to become more Jewish than England is English given the very real prospect that Muslims will become a majority in that nation.)

The Jews of Palestine had no choice but to accept the partition of 1922, but Arab thirst for all of Palestine resulted in murders and terrorist attacks, the Hebron massacre of 1929 and later the 1936-39 "Arab Revolt."

The British responded with the White Paper of 1939 all but eliminating Jewish immigration to Palestine. This occurred after the infamous Evian conference of July 1938. With the exception of the Dominican Republic, all the participants refused to alter their immigration policies, thereby trapping Europe's Jews. The Nazis were to kill one of every three Jews in the world.

In 1982, Sir Harold Wilson, who had been a member of Clement Attlee's Cabinet when Israel became independent in 1948 and served as Prime Minister during the Six-Day War, wrote *The Chariot of Israel-Britain, America and the State of Israel* in which he described the British actions in 1939 as shameful and inexcusable.

After World War II the British continued their appalling anti-Jewish immigration policies, seizing and firing upon the vessels taking traumatized Holocaust survivors to Palestine.

However, the Jews of Palestine began a sustained effort to push the British out of Palestine and in February 1947 Britain announced its intent to terminate the Mandate, referring the matter of Palestine to the United Nations.

In May of that year the United Nations Special Committee On Palestine (UNSCOP) began deliberations on a “solution” to the Palestine “problem.”

These deliberations included an UNSCOP mission to examine the state of surviving Jews in displaced persons camps in Europe. The members were horrified by the conditions, but cynical enough to exploit the desperation of the refugees by deciding on a further partition of Palestine.

On 29 November 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted 33 to 13 (with ten abstentions) to implement the new partition as Resolution 181. Absent in all the media hailing of the

“compromise” was any mention that the Jews of Palestine had already relinquished 75 percent of the area promised in the Balfour Declaration. Media and diplomats alike would declare that the Jews were gaining 53% of “Palestine” when in fact they were left with roughly 12 percent.

Thus, the 25 percent of Palestine left to the Jews for a homeland in 1922 was now to be divided as follows:

There would be an Arab State, a Jewish State and the City of Jerusalem, linked by zigzagging corridors. The Arab state would comprise the central and western Galilee, the town of Acre, the hills of Judea and Samaria, a large enclave in Jaffa, and the southern coast from what is now Ashdod, the Gaza Strip, and a section of desert along the Egyptian border which included Beersheba. The Jews were to have the Eastern Galilee, the coastal plain between Haifa and Rehovoth, most of the Negev and a strip to what is now Eilat.

Jerusalem was to be “international”, a *Corpus Separatum* which included Bethlehem, with access assured to persons of all faiths.

That was a major betrayal, but the Jews, desperate to have a state, agreed to it.

On the other hand, the Arabs were swift to reject it.

From Iraq, Jamal Husseini declared: “The blood will flow like rivers in the Middle East.” Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Said promised to “obliterate every place the Jews seek shelter in” and warned British diplomats that “severe measures” would “be taken against all Jews in Arab countries.” At the 29th Meeting of the UN Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine on 24 November 1947, Dr Heykal Pasha, the Egyptian delegate, said, “if the U.N decide to amputate a part of Palestine in order to establish a Jewish state, no force on earth could prevent blood from flowing there...Moreover...no force on earth can confine it to the borders of Palestine itself...Jewish blood will necessarily be shed elsewhere in the Arab world.”

Resolution 181 was also a political blunder. Depriving the Jews of defensible borders while gratifying the *ihadists*, it has promoted a false narrative, false history, and unending international hostility to Israel which has morphed into flagrant anti-Semitism.

To Israel’s eternal credit, even during the war of 1948 and immediately after the armistice of 1949, the ingathering of oppressed Jews from Arab lands and from the hell holes of Europe went on.

And, to the eternal credit of Jews in the West, and particularly in the United States, they provided a huge outpouring of aid, material as well as moral, to the nascent state. In the years since Israel has become a democracy with advanced institutions while the United Nations has become a swamp of moral turpitude.

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