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Clogged Gasline

William Mehlman

There are 22 trillion cubic feet of natural gas with an estimated market value of upwards of \$70-\$100 billion lying seven kilometers beneath Israel's territorial Mediterranean waters. The chances of that massive energy pool, dubbed "Leviathan," seeing the light of day were placed under a heavy cloud in April by a 4-1 decision of Israel's High Court of Justice striking down a painfully negotiated 10-year development agreement between Jerusalem and Leviathan's discoverers, Texas-based Noble Energy and Delek Group, Noble's Israeli partner, that would have had the gas flowing by 2019. Also struck down or at least placed in limbo by the High Court were some \$15 billion in prospective gas supply deals with Jordan, Egypt and Turkey, none of whom was about to allow its lack of affection for the Jewish state to stand in the way of its economic priorities. They obviously never figured being outdone in that department by an Israeli court.

Some might argue that "struck down" is an overly harsh description of the Court's action, in that it grants the government a year to amend the Judges' principle objection to the agreement, i.e., that a "Stability Clause" locking in for the consortium a minimum return on investment, a cap on liability and insurance against any change in taxation and regulation over the next 10 years constitutes an unacceptable restriction on government policy. The decision, however, was a stunning victory for the petitioners against the agreement, a gaggle of left-wing Israeli NGOs and their like-minded Knesset supporters, to whom the concept of a reasonable return on billions in high-risk investment is synonymous with grand theft. The booby prize goes to Benjamin Netanyahu, who bet the mortgage on an unprecedented personal appeal to the Court for his gas agreement and walked away with his pocket picked. "Netanyahu went out on a limb," as one observer noted, "and got busted in a very public way."

Listening to the celebrants rave about their triumph over the rapacious "gas barons," one might be tempted to believe that they'd snatched the keys to the kingdom from being handed to Noble-Delek in a garage sale auction. Nothing could be further from the truth. The consortium, which has been pumping gas out of Israel's smaller Tamar offshore field over the past two years, will face a levy on profits from Leviathan in excess of those agreed to after recovery of development costs, plus a 12.5 percent royalty to the Israeli Treasury, plus 25 percent of taxable income. Moreover, though capital gains taxes are not normally assessed on foreign investors in Israel, that is not the case in this instance. The government will reap taxes at 25-32 percent on any portion of its holdings in Leviathan the consortium might sell in order to ease its risk and cost burdens.

That wouldn't be the easiest of sales. The crowning irony of the Left's Pyrrhic victory over the Likud government and free-market capitalism is that it pretty much consigns to dead storage one of the cardinal purposes of its anti-consortium campaign – thwarting a Noble-Delek "monopoly," real or imagined, over Israel's future gas and oil development. If, as Netanyahu ruefully concedes, "Israel is seen as a country with exaggerated judicial involvement in which it is difficult to do business," then as Caroline Glick submitted in a recent *Jerusalem Post* column, "the only investors who will be willing to operate under conditions where the government is unable to negotiate binding international agreements are the ones [Noble Energy and the Delek Group] who are already stuck here." With vindictive pursuit of its scorched-earth political interests, the Left may well have created the very monopoly it sought to interdict. The result of failure to get Leviathan on line will be higher energy prices for the Israeli consumer. "The wider Implications of the Court's ruling," Glick predicts "is that foreign investors in every economic sphere will steer clear of Israel altogether."

Having ignominiously lost the battle, Netanyahu could actually wind up winning the war. For all its Caesarian insistence that most things, great and small, are "justiciable," the High Court of Justice does not want to be tagged with being the instrument that kept \$100 billion of potential national wealth

under water. Indeed, the same 4-1 majority that scrapped the allegedly illegal “Stabilization Clause” in the government’s pact with the consortium, pointedly upheld the prime minister’s power to override and circumvent objections to the pact by the Anti-Trust Authority on the grounds of national security. And most tellingly, by a 3-2 majority the Justices freed Netanyahu of the obligation to resubmit any but the revised portions of the agreement to the Knesset unless he chooses to do otherwise. The consensus is that if he can get the consortium (via loan guarantees and other compensatory favors) to drop or restructure its 10-year stabilization demand, the gas agreement could sail through the High Court without further problems.

The path to that goal may have been at least partially cleared by an announcement at this writing that the coalition cabinet has put its stamp on a revised version of the Leviathan pact allowing future Israeli governments some input on natural gas pricing and policy. Noble Energy and the Delek Group are reported to have agreed to alterations of the controversial Stability Clause following a lengthy meeting with Infrastructure, Energy and Water Minister Yuval Steinitz. “After six years of delay,” Steinitz asserted, “the revised Stability Clause will not only allow for Leviathan’s development to progress, but will open up the sea to searches for additional gas fields.”

The revised portions of the deal must still pass muster with the Knesset and fend off what are certain to be further petitions by the hardcore Left, but the High Court appears to have gotten the concessions it asked for.

The ball now looks to be headed for Mr. Netanyahu’s court. Not the least of his support should be emanating from a public hungry for well-paying jobs. More than 5,000 of them will be coming down the pike every year for years to come as development of the Leviathan field accelerates, if we’re to believe Tammy Zuckerman, Executive Director of the Ruppin Technical College. “We’re in the midst of developing an entire new industry,” she avers. “We’ll need engineers, inspectors, operators, installers, you name it.” She reports that Ruppin, in a joint venture with Noble Energy, is conducting “Introduction to Natural Gas” classes at high schools across Israel, with Noble prepared to expand those efforts with an investment of whatever it takes to create a skilled Israeli work force.

The “Start-Up Nation” would be foolish indeed to allow that offer to go unanswered.

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From the Editor

Anti-Semitism Turns Violent at UC Irvine



At least fifty troublemakers from the Muslim Student Union and Students for Justice in Palestine (a better name would be Students for Eliminating Jews from Israel), shrieking “Long live the Intifada” and various profanities, pounded on the doors and windows and blocked the exits at the screening of *Beneath the Helmet*, a documentary on the Israel Defense Forces, which was being shown as part of an event hosted by Students Supporting Israel at the college. Jewish students were forced to call the police who escorted them to safety. Eliana Kopley, a sophomore pursued by the mob, says: “I was terrified. There is no other word to describe how I felt.”

At a time when “microaggressions” (i.e. aggressions invisible to ordinary human beings) are taboo at campuses around the country, actual violence against Jewish students is not treated as a

serious issue. Rabbi Yonah Bookstein, campus rabbi at UC Irvine for almost five years, says that this latest incident brings back his tumultuous and scary days there. He had dubbed the campus UC Intifada as a result of the “constant anti-Israel programs, racist and anti-Semitic speakers, anti-Israel marches, protests and disruptions and an administration that looked the other way or denied how bad it was. A repeat performance seems to be in the works as, in response to this latest outrage, Chancellor Howard Gillman has issued a lame email lamenting that the protest “crossed the line of civility.”

If Jewish students around the country, increasingly subject to attacks from Muslim and far left students and agitators, think they can count on university administrators, including Jewish administrators, they are fast learning otherwise. Retired librarian Steven Karetzky recently sent a letter to the local Jewish newspaper commenting on the failure of Jewish students at San Francisco State University to react, although they were spat upon and assaulted. The mayor of Jerusalem had recently been forced from the stage there while police stood passively by. Karetzky, now 70, writes that he grew up as the sole Jewish kid on the block in a low-class, anti-Semitic neighborhood and learned as a result to become the toughest kid in the neighborhood. He asks: “Why aren’t Jewish children and young adults instructed in self-defense and martial arts like I was? The ZOA provides lessons in Krav Maga—an easy form of self-defense taught to all male and female Israelis when they enter the military...With the huge amounts of money given by the Jewish community, surely some can be given to Jews of all ages to teach them to defend themselves.”

A Fake Museum for a Fake Palestine

Daniel Greenfield reports on the opening with much fanfare of the \$24 million Palestinian Museum, in the works since 1998. Only one problem: there are no exhibits. It is a perfect metaphor for the Palestinian cause. Writes Greenfield: “Palestine is an empty building with nothing in it. It’s a political Potemkin village. There’s a flag, an anthem, a museum and all the trappings of a country. But if you look closer, there’s nothing inside.” Nothing daunted, the empty museum is replicating itself, planning satellite museums in Beirut, San Diego, London, Dubai and Gaza. As Greenfield sums it up: “The Palestinian Museum is as empty as the souls of a populace that has wholly given itself over to a cult of death. Nothing can be put in there except hatred of Jews.”

Christians Targeted in Europe’s Shelters



The NGO Open Doors has taken up the cudgels for thousands of Christians being persecuted by Muslims in German refugee shelters. It is an issue the German authorities (terrified of further reducing support for mass Muslim immigration) have been determined to cover up, doing nothing to protect the victims, with the police refusing to document religiously motivated attacks as such. A study by the German branch of Open Doors documents more than 300 incidents in which Christian refugees were physically and sexually assaulted, even threatened with death, because of their religion. The security guards at the shelters are part of the problem, many of them also Muslim. One shelter resident says: “I came to Germany after fleeing my own country in the hope my life would be safer in the face of growing dangers. But in Germany I’ve been threatened more.”

The Open Doors study offers some common sense measures to alleviate the problem. These include pooling minorities so that the percentage of Christian and other minorities relative to Muslims is equal in specific shelters, accommodating separately Christians and other religious minorities who are persecuted, increasing the component of non-Muslims serving as security personnel. But the German

mainstream is in denial. The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), a think tank closely tied to Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats, in March came out with its own analysis entitled "Christians under Pressure?" which concluded the problem was being "exaggerated," that reports "are mostly subjective and empirically not seriously provable." The report argued that separating refugees by religion would "send the wrong signal," for "in Germany there are no cultural or religious exceptions to our understanding of civil liberties." It offered no recommendations for halting the violence. In other words, ideology trumped the welfare of real people, never mind how divorced from the reality of Muslim belief and behavior that ideology is.

A Medical Device Powerhouse

In "From the Editor" we often provide a selection from Michael Ordman's Amazing Israel, which provides a steady offering of Israel's achievements in the medical arena. In *investingnews.com* Vivian Diniz emphasizes Israel's leadership in the medical device field. She quotes Steven Schoenfeld, founder of BlueStar Global Investors, a firm that specializes in the Israeli capital markets, who told the *Globe and Mail* that "Israel, for 30, maybe 40, years has been a leader in basic medical research. They have some of the best practical operating hospitals and research hospitals in the world. They have pioneered all sorts of techniques. The speed of innovation from laboratory to practice is strong."

A 2015 study found Israel had an astonishing 725 medical device companies. Success breeds success as medical-technological giants like Johnson and Johnson and Becton Dickinson mine new enterprises in Israel on the lookout for innovative engineering and medical talent.

Beware of "Consensus" Science/Politics

Dr. Jane Orient's *Civil Defense Perspectives* newsletter of Nov. 2015 opens as follows:

"In November 2015, Paris, once the capital of a great world power, was the scene of two battles in the war on the West: one waged by Islamic jihadists, and one by wealthy globalist elites. Terror attacks were followed by the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) meeting of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change [global energy rationing and wealth redistribution].

"Specifically, rampaging terrorists mowing down random civilians with assault rifles or knives do not resemble bathed, well-dressed delegates with briefcases, arriving by private jet and luxury limousine. But both have the same enemy: the West, especially the U.S. They despise the institutions that arose in Christian Europe: individual freedom, limited government, private property and capitalism. Both aim for totalitarian rule: one under the will of Allah, as determined by the caliphate, and one by a global bureaucracy claiming to know what is best for the Planet and Society. Both have zero tolerance for apostasy."

The urge to extirpate apostasy was evident in spades at a London conference held the previous month on Climate Change and the Law in London, funded by the UK government and the UN Environmental Program. The keynote speech was by Philippe Sands, professor of law at University College, London whose theme was the need for the courts to step in as enforcers. Sands suggested a top level "finding of fact" after which it could be made illegal for any government or corporation (and individual?) ever to question the "agreed science" of climate change again. Moreover once "the scientific evidence" had the force of binding international law it could be used to compel all governments to make "the emissions reduction that are needed" to halt global warming.

The wipe-out-the-dissenters movement (apparent in this country in, for example, the effort to sue Exxon for supposedly covering up its knowledge of climate change catastrophe) could take a page from the two-state solution campaign. That one, no less absurd than the global warming apocalypse, has been so successful—even the "right wing" government of Netanyahu feels compelled to endorse it--there is no need for "enforcers."

U.S. Investment in – Not Foreign Aid to – Israel

Yoram Ettinger

In 2016, Israel is a major contributor to – and a global co-leader with – the U.S. in the areas of research, development, manufacturing and launching of micro (100 kg), mini (300 kg) and medium (1,000 kg) size satellites and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), as well as joint space missions, space communications and space exploration sounding rocket and scientific balloon flights. According to NASA Administrator, Charles Bolden, “Israel is known for its innovation. The October 15, 2015 joint agreement gives us the opportunity to cooperate with Israel on the journey to Mars, [highlighting Israel’s unique, extremely lightweight technologies, which conserve energy]....”

The annual U.S. investment in Israel – erroneously defined as “foreign aid” – has yielded one of the highest rates of return on U.S. investments overseas. Israel is neither “foreign,” nor does it receive “aid.”

From a one-way-street relationship, the U.S.-Israel connection has evolved into an exceptionally productive mutually-beneficial alliance. The U.S. is the senior and Israel the junior partner, in a win-win, geo-strategic partnership which transcends the 68-year-old tension between U.S. presidents (from Truman through Obama) and Israeli prime ministers (from Ben Gurion through Netanyahu) over the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian issue.

According to the former Supreme Commander of NATO forces and Secretary of State, the late General Alexander Haig: “Israel constitutes the largest U.S. aircraft carrier, which does not require a single U.S. boot on board, cannot be sunk, deployed in a most critical region to the U.S. economy and national security. And, if there were not Israel in the eastern flank of the Mediterranean, the U.S. would have to deploy – to the region – a few more real aircraft carriers and tens of thousands of troops, which would have cost the U.S. taxpayer some \$15 billion annually. All of which is spared by the existence of Israel.”

Israel has been the most cost-effective laboratory of the U.S. defense industries, sharing battle experience and battle tactics. Thus Israel extends the U.S. strategic hand at a time when the U.S. is experiencing draconian cuts in its defense budget, curtailing the size of its military force and the global deployment of troops, while facing dramatically intensified threats of Islamic terrorism overseas and on the U.S. mainland.

The plant manager of Fort Worth, Texas-based General Dynamics (Lockheed Martin), which manufactures the F-16, asserted that Israeli lessons have spared the manufacturer 10-20 years of research and development, leading to over 700 modifications in the current generation of the F-16, “valued at a mega-billion dollar bonanza to the manufacturer.”



Similar lessons have been shared with the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps and the U.S. manufacturers of tanks, armed personnel carriers, missile launchers, missiles, night navigation systems and hundreds of additional military and homeland security systems utilized by Israel. For instance, the Chattanooga, Tennessee-based Northrup Grumman plant, which manufactures explosive-neutralizing robots has increased its exports since Israel’s decision to employ its product, benefitting from weekly telephone conference calls with Israeli experts, who have shared with Northrup Grumman their operational lessons. Israel is to the U.S. defense industry what a triple-A tenant is to a shopping mall – enhancing value and drawing clients.



According to General George Keegan, a former U.S. Air Force Intelligence chief, the value of

intelligence shared by Israel with the U.S. – exposing the air force capabilities of adversaries, their new military systems, electronics and jamming devices – “could not be procured with five CIAs.... The ability of the U.S. Air Force in particular, and the Army in general, to defend whatever position it has in NATO, owes more to the Israeli intelligence input than it does to any other single source of intelligence, be it satellite reconnaissance, be it technology intercept, or what have you.”

A similar assessment was made by the late Senator Daniel Inouye, who was the Chairman of the Intelligence Committee and the Appropriations Committee: “Israel provides the U.S. with more intelligence than all NATO countries combined.” In July 2003, Brig. General Michael Vane, Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command stated that Israel’s counter-

terrorism experience shaped the U.S. war on terrorism.

Moreover, U.S. Special Operations units on their way to Iraq and Afghanistan are trained by Israeli experts in tackling suicide bombers, car bombs and the deadly Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). Upon arrival at the front, they are assisted by Israeli-developed (co-developed with the U.S.) unmanned aerial vehicles. Moreover, an Israeli armor plating technology, installed on U.S. military vehicles minimizes U.S. fatalities, and the innovative “Israeli bandage” is employed to stop severe bleeding of injured U.S. soldiers.

Israel has shared with the U.S. its battle tactics and urban warfare experience, gained during wars against conventional Arab armies and Islamic/Palestinian terrorists. In 2014, General (ret.) Chuck Krulak, former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, stated: “The U.S. battle tactics formulation, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas – the intellectual Mecca of the U.S. Army – is based on the Israeli book.”

In 1970, Israel’s power projection forced a rollback of the Soviet-backed Syrian invasion of pro-U.S. Jordan, which aimed at toppling the Hashemite regime.

Following Israel’s October 1973 War against the Soviet-armed Egypt and Syria, some 50 U.S. military experts, headed by General Donn Starry, spent six months studying Israel’s battle experience and tactics and the captured Soviet military systems, producing eight thick volumes, which tilted the global balance of power in favor of the U.S., upgraded the U.S. defense of Europe during the Cold War, enhanced the U.S. air and land battle doctrines during the 1991 Gulf War, and improved the global competitiveness of U.S. defense industries.

In 1989, 1969 and 1966, Israel snatched a Soviet Mig-23, a most advanced P-12 Soviet early warning radar and ELINT (electronic signals intelligence) system, and a Soviet Mig-21 from Syria, Egypt and Iraq, respectively. All were transferred to the U.S.

In 1981, in defiance of the U.S. Administration, Israel devastated Iraq’s nuclear reactor, sparing the U.S. a nuclear confrontation with Iraq in 1991, and snatching the pro-U.S. Saudis from the jaws of pro-Soviet Iraq. In 1982, Israel destroyed twenty advanced Soviet surface-to-air missile (SAM) batteries deployed in Lebanon/Syria, downing 89 Soviet Mig-21s, Mig-23s and Su-20s in the process. Israel proved that the most advanced mobile Soviet SAMs could be jammed, penetrated and destroyed, promptly sharing the battle tactics and electronic warfare innovations with the U.S. Air Force and defense industrial base. In 2007, Israel destroyed a Syrian-North Korean-Iranian nuclear plant, dealing a blow to global terrorism, sparing humanity the trauma of a nuclear Assad in 2016.

In March, 2007, General John Craddock, the Supreme Commander of NATO, told the House Armed Services: “In the Middle East, Israel is the closest ally of the U.S., consistently supporting our interests through security cooperation.”

A June 2015 strategic agreement intensified cooperation between the air forces of both countries. Recently, Israel's Air Force developed a ground-breaking method of identifying, repairing and preempting cracks in old combat planes, such as the F-16, and promptly shared that information with the U.S. Air Force and manufacturer. Instead of grounding planes for six months and preoccupying hundreds of mechanics, the Israeli-developed system requires two weeks and only a few mechanics, yielding significant economic and national security benefits.

In 2016, against the backdrop of mounting conventional and terrorist threats, the proliferation of Islamic terrorist cells in the U.S., the collapse of Europe's military power projection, the Islamization of Turkey's national security policy, the erosion of the Western posture of deterrence, and the growing instability, fragmentation, unpredictability and doubtful reliability of pro-U.S. Arab regimes, Israel is the only stable, reliable, predictable, capable, democratic and unconditional ally of the U.S. Israel constitutes a critical obstacle to megalomaniacal, Islamic imperialism, enhancing the national and homeland security of the U.S. and its Arab allies. Unlike Europe, Israel is able and willing to flex its muscles.

The raging anti-U.S. Arab Street, the melting UN-minded European Street, and the intensifying threats to global sanity and U.S national security, all highlight Israel's role as a special strategic partner of the U.S.

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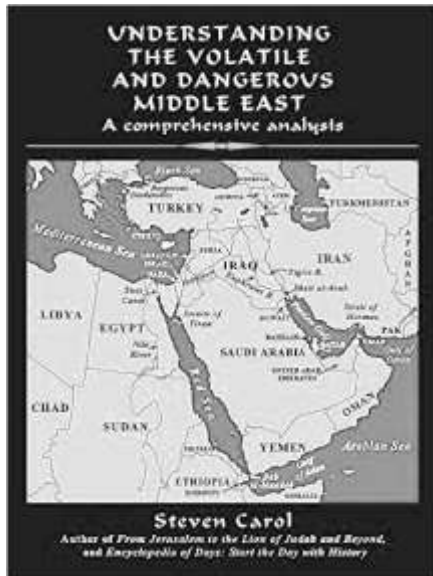
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***Understanding the Volatile and Dangerous Middle East* by Steven Carol**

Reviewed by David Isaac

Mark Twain famously said, “If you don’t read the newspaper, you’re uninformed. If you read the newspaper, you’re misinformed.” So distorted is the news coverage about the Middle East today, you’re better off uninformed. Whether in the media or academia, treatment of the topic drips with anti-Israel bias and historical ignorance.



Dr. Steven Carol’s new book *Understanding the Volatile and Dangerous Middle East* is a necessary antidote. The purpose of the book, according to Dr. Carol, is to “combat the mistaken beliefs, misrepresentations, and outright fabrications that have been perpetrated to the present.” He achieves his object in this impressive work, a nearly 1,000-page volume (with 78 historical maps the author himself made) covering virtually every aspect of the Middle East, from the Arab-Jewish conflict to the history of the Kurds, Sharia law, Islamic culture, and more.

Understanding the Volatile and Dangerous Middle East succeeds both as a reference work and an entertaining read. Even those knowledgeable about Middle East history will learn from this book. For instance, did you know that the secret signal for Egyptian forces to seize the Suez Canal was “Ferdinand de Lesseps” – the name of the chief engineer in the construction of the canal? Egyptian President Nasser embedded the signal in a

speech he gave at Mansheyya Square in Alexandria on July 26, 1956. He repeated it “fourteen times in the space of 10 minutes,” Dr. Carol relates, which is amusing as it suggests Nasser didn’t trust his forces to get the message.

It isn’t surprising that the book is filled with such tidbits for Dr. Carol has spent a lifetime studying his subject. The author of six books, including *Middle East Rules of Thumb*, he will be most familiar to Arizona residents, where he has taught at the high school, college and graduate levels and is the official historian of the Sunday radio program “The Middle East Radio Forum.” He is also Middle East consultant to the Salem Radio Network.

The author’s section on Israel is first-rate, including an overview of Jewish ties to the Land from ancient times. There’s a strong section on population exchanges throughout history where Dr. Carol zeroes in on the double standard applied to Palestinian Arab refugees compared to the vastly greater number of those displaced in other conflicts. Carol also explains the true nature of the conflict: “It is not the ‘occupation’ of various territories that is the issue, but rather the Arab/Muslim pre-occupation with destroying the Jewish state, no matter what borders it has.” All of this will be familiar to readers of *Outpost*, but sadly not to the wider public.

The book is refreshingly un-PC, which becomes apparent right from the start when Dr. Carol opens with a list of basic principles. Here are just a few examples: “In the Arab/Muslim culture, pride, dignity and honor outrank truth on any scale of political values”; “The Arab/Muslim world views their history as starting in 622 C.E. Anything that happened before is an irrelevant myth”; and, “In the Islamic Middle East, the rational desire for peace is often perceived as weakness – a despised trait in that culture.”

It’s in his analysis of Islam and Muslim culture that Dr. Carol is particularly cutting. He describes Islam as a “global totalitarian, supremacist and imperialistic ideology,” which seeks to impose Shari’a

law on the entire world and holds “an undiminishable hatred” of the West. He offers a detailed analysis of Islam’s treatment of women and children, its attitude toward non-Muslims, who are *Kafir*, an Arabic word (or its plural equivalent) that appears 134 times in the Koran. The Koran describes the *Kafir* as “the vilest of creatures,” and “the worst of beasts.” Dr. Carol says “The treatment of unbelievers is an integral part of the ideology of Islam.” Anything may be done to them, says the Koran, the Sira and the Hadith. They can be cursed, terrorized, robbed, raped, enslaved, and murdered.

The author also includes an interesting section on the nature of Islamic charity, or Zakat, which differs markedly from the Western notion of charity, which gives regardless of age, sex, color or creed. But given Islam’s view of the *kafir*, it’s not surprising that Muslims will not give to charities that help unbelievers. These include the Indian tsunami victims, and the earthquake victims in Haiti, Chile and Nepal. Palestinian Arab suicide bombers are another story. There Muslims give generously.

The *kafir* for whom Muslims retain a special hate is the Jew. The author demonstrates how this hatred is often taken to absurd lengths, such as the banning of the film *Snow White* because there was a horse named “Samson.” Syria wanted the horse’s name changed to “Simpson,” which Disney refused to do. Movies filmed in Israel are also banned. *Schindler’s List* was banned because it “depicted Jews and Israel in a favorable light.” Dr. Carol provides a list of artists the Arabs boycott, from Elizabeth Taylor to the pop band Black Eyed Peas (perhaps because they included the terms “mazal tov” and “L’Chaim” in one of their songs?).

Understanding the Volatile and Dangerous Middle East (available on Amazon) does a real service. Marshaling overwhelming evidence like a club, Dr. Carol bashes the politically correct humbug that surrounds discussion of the Middle East. This volume should be the centerpiece of high school and college curricula, required reading for State Department bureaucrats, and on the desk of every journalist and academic who deals with the subject.

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The ADL Turns Anti-Israel, Whitewashing BDS and Ignoring anti-Semitism

Daniel Greenfield

Editor's note: We must take issue with Greenfield on one point, his statement that ADL has always been "a sell-out organization." The watershed year was 1987 when the leadership passed to Abe Foxman. Indeed, from 1979-87, under the leadership of Nathan Perlmutter, there was no more staunch defender of Jews and Israel than ADL. In those years the ADL cooperated closely with AFSI, especially in helping to fund and distribute its monographs. ADL in those years also operated an extensive intelligence network on anti-Israel and anti-Semitic extremism in the United States, which it shared with law enforcement (hobbled by the Church Committee hearings) and with pro-Israel activists.

A few years ago, the Syrian American Council sponsored a tour by Sheik Mohammad Rateb al-Nabulsi who had called for the murder of all the Jews.

“Allah has made it a duty to fight them and wage Jihad against them,” he had declared. It was not “permissible under Sharia” to make peace with the Jews. Instead the Muslims were obligated to “fight them, to shed their blood, and wage perpetual Jihad.”

“All the Jewish people are combatant,” he ranted. They could all be killed.

The chairman of the SAC, Hussam Ayloush described Jews as “Zionazis” and refused to condemn Hamas.

Despite that, HIAS allied with the Syrian American Council in its push for the migration of Syrian Muslims. And the ADL chose to invite Omar Hossino of the SAC to speak at its National Leadership Summit.

The ADL is no stranger to strange alliances with Islamist groups through its Interfaith Coalition on Mosques which harasses local communities into acceding to the construction of Islamist institutions. But under its new leader Jonathan Greenblatt, an Obama associate, the organization has also been opening doors to anti-Israel groups across the spectrum.



When radical anti-Israel hate group *If Not Now* targeted Jewish charities for harassment, the ADL told the stealth BDS group, which has ties to open BDS group *Jewish Voice for Peace* (JVP), that “there’s more we agree on than disagree on.” A follow up ADL tweet was openly directed at a JVP member. Greenblatt’s press release described members of the anti-Israel hate group as “part of our community” and claimed once again that *If Not Now* and ADL shared the “same goal”. No less a figure on the left than Eric Yoffie, a persistent critic of Israel, had written that, “*If Not Now* is not a pro-Israel organization. It does not deserve the support of left-leaning American Jews.” And that was coming from a J Street supporter.

Even the Bernie Sanders campaign had suspended *If Not Now* Simone Zimmerman for her ugly comments. But what wasn’t good enough for Yoffie and Sanders was good enough for the new ADL.

Greenblatt’s courting of anti-Israel hate groups was the new ADL policy. He became the first ADL boss to speak to *J Street*, a group which has provided a forum for BDS activists, including JVP.

The ADL head told *J Street*, as he had assured *If Not Now*, that his organization “shares your commitment to change.” He echoed talking points by the astroturf anti-Israel groups that the “establishment” had not provided a “safe space” for debate. That’s a euphemism for providing forums for anti-Israel groups to spread their hate against the Jewish State.

“We should not stand idly by when those in our community exhibit Islamophobia or deny the rights of the marginalized Palestinian,” he insisted to *J Street*.

But even earlier, Jonathan Greenblatt had begun whitewashing BDS and anti-Israel groups with a Medium post in which he described the delegitimization of Israel as an “ostensibly non-violent movement”... “that worked so well to bring an end to the apartheid regime in South Africa.” He claimed that many BDS activists are “animated by a desire for justice” and that “even if we disagree, we should acknowledge the earnestness of their motives.”

The ADL had gone from clear condemnations of BDS to defending the motives of haters and bigots.

Jonathan Greenblatt shows a pattern of being more comfortable with critics of Israel than its friends. He retweets Israel critic Dean Obeidallah and an attack on Bill Clinton by an anti-Israel activist who shrieks “Zionist Jews & Apartheid Israel can go 2 hell, they’ve milked U.S.A w/Lies 4 far 2 long.” There was a time when the ADL used to condemn that sort of thing. Instead Greenblatt pops up in *Haaretz* to condemn Jewish “hate speech”. *Haaretz* has run headlines such as “The Conference of the Elders of Zion” and “Trump at AIPAC: A Jewish Betrayal of the United States”. Greenblatt did not object.

On every other issue, from mandatory mosques for communities to mandatory men in women’s bathrooms to mandatory contraception for nuns, the ADL has sharpened its [supportive] positions, but on Israel, the Greenblatt ADL has been watering down its stands and edging closer to opponents of Israel.

Perversely Greenblatt even exploited Holocaust Remembrance Day to call on the Jewish community to “embrace” a “vigorous debate” by those who “disagree with certain policies and

behaviors” of Israel. One can be critical of Israel without any justification for accusations of anti-Semitism,” Greenblatt insisted.

No one doubts that. And yet it’s quite strange that Jonathan Greenblatt feels the need to defend Israel critics in his Holocaust Remembrance Day message.

Or perhaps it’s not so strange at all. Before heading the ADL, Greenblatt had been the director the Aspen Institute, an organization with close ties to George Soros. The previous ADL boss had condemned Soros. Its current boss was his man.

Jonathan Greenblatt appears to be motivated more by disinterest than animus. He is animated when urging companies to boycott North Carolina or advocating for #BlackLivesMatter. Like many on the left, Greenblatt views Jewish identity and history as coin to be traded in for left-wing causes. He likes heading up a civil rights group, but the Jewish part is an uncomfortable formality.

When he tells hate groups like *If Not Now* and anti-Israel groups like *J Street* that they share a common goal, he means it. Not because those groups are in any way accepting of Israel, but because he views their areas of agreement on Syrian Muslim migrants or gay rights to be far more important than Israel.

The ADL’s National Leadership Summit had only one panel on anti-Semitism, one panel on BDS and one panel on Israel. The latter was an apologetic session with two ADL honchos titled, “Answering the Toughest Questions about Israel”. To put that into perspective, the ADL had the same number of sessions on BDS as it did on transgender bathrooms. It had the same number of sessions on anti-Semitism as it did on Syrian Muslim refugees. Its mass incarceration and transgender bathroom panels were twice the size of its Israel or BDS panels.

Jonathan Greenblatt and his new ADL know that they have to go through the motions to keep the donors on the hook. He has to promise to fight BDS and anti-Semitism. But meanwhile the ADL dismisses the “mounting hysteria” of claims of anti-Semitism on campus by Jewish students. It honors left-wing politicians who make anti-Semitic statements as well as those who voted to let Iran go nuclear.

The ADL has always been a sellout organization, but under Greenblatt it has become much more comfortable talking to haters of Israel and the Jewish community than to victims of anti-Semitism. Donors to the ADL aren’t funding the fight against BDS or anti-Semitism. Instead they’re underwriting generic left-wing activism against prisons, borders and single-sex bathrooms under a Jewish brand.

When Jonathan Greenblatt assures anti-Israel hate groups like *If Not Now* and *J Street* that they share the same goals, maybe the pro-Israel community should start taking him at his word.

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On David Raziel, Killed in Action on May 20, 1941

David Green

As head of an underground Jewish resistance group, David Raziel had been pursued by the British. Come World War II, he would offer his help.

On May 20, 1941, David Raziel, commander of the Etzel – the Jewish underground militia in Palestine affiliated with Revisionist Zionism – was killed while leading a commando mission in Iraq for the British army.

In its early years, the Etzel, the acronym of Irgun Tzvai Leumi – literally “national military organization” – treated the British Mandatory government in Palestine as an enemy. But after World War II started, Etzel made common cause with the British, which is how it was that Raziel was asked to

assemble a team to travel to Iraq. Its mission was to destroy the oil refineries west of the capital, which were supplying the Germans with fuel critical for their war effort.

Raziel was born David Rozenson on December 19, 1910, in Smorgon, in modern-day Belarus. His father was Mordecai Rozenson, a Hebrew teacher, and his mother the former Bluma Gordin. The family, which also included a sister, Esther, were Zionists, and spoke Hebrew in their home. When Mordecai was offered a position teaching at the Tachkemoni School, in Tel Aviv, in 1914, they immigrated there, if not for long.



During World War I, the Turkish rulers of the Land of Israel exiled Russian-born residents, whom they considered enemy aliens, to Egypt. This happened to the Rozensons too, and they went back to Russia, only to return to Israel in 1923.

David studied at his father's school, graduating in 1928, when he moved to Jerusalem to attend the Merkaz Harav yeshiva, where his *hevruta* (study partner) was Zvi Yehuda Kook, son of chief rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook. At the same time, he was a student at the Hebrew University.

After the shocking massacre of the Jewish residents of Hebron in 1929, Raziel joined the Haganah, the Jewish defense organization that became the official militia of the pre-state government. He completed a Haganah commanders course before joining the group that split from it in 1931 over the Haganah's policy of military restraint (*havlaga*) vis-à-vis the country's Arab population.

The splinter group, with ideological leadership from Ze'ev Jabotinsky, became the Etzel, also called Irgun.

Over the next decade Raziel played a major role in the Irgun, heading its Jerusalem division, writing three manuals dealing both with doctrine and field techniques, and eventually becoming its commander. During this entire period, he, like other members of the organization, led their lives underground, often being pursued by the British.

In 1938, Raziel was married – secretly – to Shoshana Spitzer, whom he had met four years earlier, when she was 14 and he was invited to a lecture about the writer Israel Zangwill at the school for ultra-Orthodox girls that her mother, Hana Spitzer, had founded in Jerusalem. That same year, he was appointed commander in chief of the entire Irgun, whereupon he expanded the organization's activity to training new recruits in Lithuania and Poland.

In 1939, he traveled abroad to Paris, where he met Jabotinsky for the first time (the father of Revisionism told him that he had been waiting for 15 years for someone of his caliber to appear), and went on to the United States, to raise funds.

Upon his return to Palestine in May 1939, he was arrested by the British. He was still in prison in September when war broke out, when he wrote to the British military commander in Palestine offering his organization's help to the British in fighting Germany. (It was the opposition of his colleague Avraham Stern and others to that strategic decision that led to their breaking off from the Etzel and forming the militant group known by the acronym Lehi.)

In 1941, when the British colonial government in Iraq faced a German-supported revolt, they asked Raziel to organize a raid on the refineries at Habbaniya, west of Baghdad. Raziel put together a team, which he decided to lead himself, which flew from Tel Aviv to Iraq on May 17.

Shortly after their arrival, a German plane scored a direct hit on part of the group, killing Raziel and a British escort.

Raziel's body was buried in Iraq. Only in 1961 did circumstances make it possible to bring it to Israel for reinterment at Mt. Herzl, in Jerusalem.

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Losing the War of Words

Ruth King

This month will mark the 49th anniversary of the Six-Day War, fought between June 5 and 10, 1967 by Israel against the neighboring states of Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. It was a war intended to annihilate Israel as stated clearly by Gamal Abdul Nasser in 1965: "We shall not enter Palestine with its soil covered in sand; we shall enter it with its soil saturated in blood." His threats were echoed by then Syrian Minister of Defense Hafez al Assad who was to become Syria's President: "Our forces are now entirely ready not only to repulse the aggression, but to initiate the act of liberation itself, and to explode the Zionist presence in the Arab homeland. The Syrian army, with its finger on the trigger, is united. As a military man, I believe that the time has come to enter into a battle of annihilation."

In their jihadist agenda they received the blessings of the entire Arab world. President Abdur Rahman Aref of Iraq exulted: "The existence of Israel is an error which must be rectified. This is our opportunity to wipe out the ignominy which has been with us since 1948. Our goal is clear -- to wipe Israel off the map."

King Hussein of Jordan, the pluckier papa of the present King Abdullah, was repeatedly asked by Israel's leaders to stay out of the war, but anxious to shore up his standing in the Arab League he signed a defense pact with Egypt and joined the war against Israel. As a result, he lost control of the West Bank and Jerusalem.

The rest is history. Israel won a decisive victory, inspiring pride and confidence in Diaspora Jews, respect and admiration from military and defense experts throughout the world, and resolve among dissidents in the Soviet Union who organized a powerful army of "refuseniks."

The 1967 war was won in battle but lost in the war of words. Israel's media and leaders immediately referred to Judea and Samaria as "occupied territory," and its Arab inhabitants as "Palestinians."

After defeat, the Arabs and their protagonists replaced the emphasis on refugees with a myth of victimization under "occupation" by Israel. The media, academics, and politicians bought into the lies and "occupation" is now the buzzword for the morally degenerate boycott and divest movements ostensibly seeking "justice" for the Palestinian Arabs.

In fact, the West Bank and East Jerusalem were under illegal occupation from 1949 until 1967. Jordan's rule was recognized only by Pakistan and England. In further contravention of international law which decreed that Jerusalem would be an open city, the Arabs trashed Jewish shrines, forbade access to Jews and limited access to Christian churches and shrines. Arabs built settlements throughout the area, but they made sure that the "refugee camps" were maintained in squalor as poster boys for anti-Israel propaganda.

There was no outcry about this illegal occupation, not even from the Palestine Liberation Organization which was formed in 1963 out of an alphabet soup of splinter terrorist groups who all adhered to one main principle of the Palestine National Charter, namely, the destruction of Israel, every inch of which was considered then and now as "occupied."

The "occupied" Arabs of the West Bank enjoy basic freedoms unavailable to them in any Arab nations.

They might do well to consider some of the "justice" perpetrated on the Arabs by other Arabs.

Remember the city of Hama in Syria? In 1982, according to Syrian media, anti-government rebels "pounced on our comrades while sleeping in their homes and killed whomever they could kill of women and children, mutilating the bodies of the martyrs in the streets, driven, like mad dogs, by their black hatred." In response, Assad, papa to the present tyrant Bashar, besieged the town of Hama for 27

days. Accounts of the casualties vary from 10,000 to 20,000 civilians. The event was called ""the single deadliest acts by any Arab government against its own people in the modern Middle East".

It did not stop there. The city of Homs has been under continual attacks. Homes, hospitals, schools, have been destroyed by Syria's Bashar Assad and by Isis and thousands of civilians have been killed and maimed and dislocated.

Or how about "Black September" the group that massacred eleven Israeli athletes during the Olympic games in Munich in 1972? Did you think "Black September" had anything to do with Arabs suffering under Israeli occupation? Why no! The group is named for a massacre in 1970 prompted by an attempt by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine to topple Jordan's King Hussein and seize control of the country. The PFLP hijacked four jetliners, diverted three of them to a Jordanian air strip, blew them up, and for three weeks held on to dozens of the 421 hostages it seized as human bargaining chips.

King Hussein retaliated with swift brutality. Thousands of insurgents as well as civilians were killed, towns that shielded them were leveled, and the PLO was forcibly expelled from Jordan.

By the way, there was not even a whisper of "disproportionality" which is reserved solely for any act of self-defense by Israel.

Those who now libel Israel cannot be persuaded by facts and history. The local Arabs have shown, by rhetoric and deed, that the only policy compatible with Israel's security is a policy that abjures territorial concessions and reasserts Israel's legal rights to the Golan, Judea and Samaria. Arabs who cannot tolerate a better life under Israeli jurisdiction should be free to leave--with one-way tickets.

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