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Bringing Shame To Israel Ruth King

In his paean to Israel *The Israel Test*, George Gilder cites the enormous contribution to culture, commerce and science by the Jewish people. Indeed, one need only see the list of 170 Nobel Prizes in Literature, Economics, Chemistry, Physics, and Medicine--an outsize contribution by under .2% of the world's population. Since 2000 seven Jews have won Nobels in chemistry, six in medicine, six in physics, eight in economics.

Now Ada Yonath, a Jerusalem native born in 1939, has won the Nobel Prize for chemistry. Professor Yonath is on the faculty of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, Israel, one of the world's leading research facilities.

Her award for distinguished contribution to science initially brought honor to the Weizmann Institute, to Israel, and to the Jewish people—in effect a rebuke to the envy and hatred of the Jewish state. which, according to Gilder, is provoked in large part by Israel's stunning success. However, only days after receiving the award Professor Yonath dishonored herself, the Weizmann Institute and Israel when she rebuked Israel with a plea for unconditional release of all Hamas prisoners and an apologia for Arab suicide bombers. In her words: The Arabs "having no hope for their future....in a state of such despair they have every reason to jump at the opportunity to better their prospects for a better after-life." Read that as an "opportunity" to blow themselves up when they kill innocent Israeli civilians.

Where is Yonath's gratitude to a nation that sheltered her family from Hitler in 1938, that gave her security and a first-rate education, that enabled her to fulfill her scientific potential by providing her with state-of-the-art research facilities and fine housing even in the shadow of the merciless Arab war against Israel?

Contrast Yonath's behavior with that of another Israeli Nobel Laureate, Professor Robert Aumann who won the award for economics in 2005. Professor Aumann is a member of Professors for a Strong Israel and a vocal opponent of the removal of

Israeli citizens from Gaza, Judea and Samaria. Contrast Aumann's view of terror with the puerile BBC-speak of Yonath. Shortly after the prize was awarded, Aumann told the ZOA's Mort Klein: "People say the people who blow themselves up are acting irrationally. I don't think they're acting irrationally. It's rational as long as it works. And what we're doing is giving them the fruit of their terrorist acts...Our enemies are encouraged by this (Gaza) withdrawal." In 2008, Professor Aumann joined the "AHI" [My Brother] party which rejects territorial concessions (and has since merged in the Likud).

In an ironic twist, when Germany lists its recipients of Nobel Prizes, they include Aumann, whose family fled Hitler shortly after Kristallnacht.

In *Outpost* of January 2009 we printed an article by Haim Harari, former president (1988-2001) of the Weizmann Institute. He said of the non-stop propaganda by Hamas TV and Al-Jazeera: "The news items themselves are often lies, but that really does not matter. What matters are the video clips, edited like commercials, brainwashing a worldwide audience and a new generation of future terror sympathizers. That the Hamas murderers use these tactics, lies and methods, is not at all surprising. That the international community, with all its investigative reporters, swallows these lies so eagerly, without exposing them, is something which demands an explanation."

Obviously Ada Yonath eagerly swallows every lie. There is even less excuse for her than for the worldwide audience. And the Nobel Prize, from a source of pride to Israel becomes a source of hurt and harm as Yonath has the distinction of the award and a worldwide platform to slander her country and promote its enemies. Shame on her.

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From the Editor

Disarming Israel

In *The Wall Street Journal* of October 5 Bret Stephens wrote an all-too prophetic piece (he dates it January 20, 2010) on future U.S. pressures on Israel to give up her nuclear deterrent. Stephens foresees the U.S. working through the UN to demand that Israel sign the 1970 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) and submit its nuclear facilities to international inspection.

In Stephens' scenario it will be part of the effort to appease Iran. He quotes an as yet imaginary senior administration official. "The U.S. can't forever be the enforcer of a double standard where Israel gets a nuclear free ride but Iran has to abide by every letter in the NPT. President Obama has put the issue of nuclear disarmament at the center of his foreign policy agenda. His credibility is at stake and so is U.S. credibility in the Moslem world."

Nobel Peace Prize winner and outgoing head of the UN's nuclear watchdog agency Mohammed El Baradei, at a joint press conference with Iran's Atomic Energy Director Ali-Akbar Salehi, has already called Israel's nuclear capability "the most serious threat facing the Middle East." At the same time he defended Iran: "As I have said many times and I continue to say today, the agency has no complete proof that there is an ongoing weapons program in Iran." (Presumably "complete proof" only comes when they drop their nuclear weapons on Israel.)

The only mistake in Stephens piece is probably in the timing—a year is too far out. Obama has already said: "This is not about singling out Iran. This is not about creating double standards." (Never mind that Iran has singled itself out through its promise to wipe out another state.) Obama's call for a nuclear free Middle East (in practice, confined to Israel) is on the horizon.

Environmental Global Government

Assorted fringe groups on the far right used to warn of global government (under such bogeymen as President Eisenhower). What was once absurd is absurd no longer, thanks to the global warming panic (never mind that the globe is currently cooling, contrary to all the models on which the panic relies).

Here are excerpts from an October 19 speech by Lord Monckton, England's foremost critic of climate change dogma.

"At Copenhagen, this December, weeks away, a treaty will be signed. Your President will sign it, most of the third-world countries will sign it because they think they're going to get money out of it, most of the left-wing regimes around the world like the European Union will rubber-stamp it.

"I have read that treaty, and what it says is this: that a world government is going to be created. The word 'government' actually appears as the first of three purposes of the new entity.

"The second purpose is the transfer of wealth from the countries of the West to third-world countries in satisfaction of what is called coyly 'a climate debt.'

"And the third purpose of this new entity, this government, is enforcement.

"You are about to impose a communist world government on the world. You have a President who has very strong sympathies with that point of view. He's going to sign. He'll sign anything. He's a Nobel Peace laureate; of course, he'll sign it. And you can't resign from that treaty unless you get the agreement of all the other states. And because you'll be the biggest paying country they're not going to let you out.

"So, thank you, America. You were the beacon of freedom for the world. But in the next few weeks, unless you stop it, your president will sign your freedom, your democracy and your prosperity away forever."

Shimon-in-Wonderland

A shaft of light wouldn't fit between Shimon's view of the Arab-Israel conflict and the propaganda of Israel's most virulent enemies. Here's Shimon: "In my opinion, if we move forward with peace and make peace with the Palestinians, and if we start negotiations with Syria and Lebanon, we will remove the main pretext for the Iranian madness—against us and against the other residents of this region." Never mind that the existence of Tel Aviv is as much the "pretext for the Iranian madness" as that of Gush Etzion. Never mind that Iran sees nuclear weapons as the key to supremacy in the Middle East.

And here's Shimon's missive to "His Excellency Barack H. Obama" on his Nobel Peace Prize, so smarmy we print it in its entirety: "Very few leaders if at all were able to change the mood of the entire world in such a short while with such profound impact. You provided the entire humanity with fresh hope, with intellectual determination, and a feeling that there is a lord in heaven and believers on earth. Under your leadership, peace became a real and original agenda. (continued on page 12)

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The Artificial State of Irag: Implications for Israel

Moshe Sharon

Many years ago, one of the most venerated historians of Islam remarked: "The map of the Middle East has not yet been fixed." What he meant was that almost all the Arab states in the Middle East are artificial creations, an outcome of the arbitrary dissection of the defeated Ottoman Empire following the First World War. Britain and France, the two main players in Middle East politics after the war, were each responsible for such artificial creations as Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and

Jordan and to some extent also huge Saudi Arabia.

None of these countries, which have by now also created for themselves an artificial history, existed as even an administrative entity under the Ottomans or prior to the emergence of the Ottoman Empire. For example. what today is Syria was divided under the Turks, and virtually throughout Islamic rule, into at least four administrative regions. However, in 1919, following the French takeover, it was cobbled together as a "state" which became independent in 1946. This state incorporates such contradictions as the Aleppo region in

the north, the Isma'ili-Ansari territory in the north-west, Homs and Damascus in the centre, and the Druze Mountain in the south, to mention only part of the ethnic, religious and cultural conglomerate making up modern Syria.

While at it, the French created "Lebanon," a mishmash of Moslem Sunnis and Shi'tes, Christian Maronites and Druze, all thrown into a pot of some 10,000 sq. km to cook together in impossible arrangements of power sharing. Jordan is even more ridiculous. Transjordan, torn away from the mandate of Palestine by the British, was created as a "kingdom" for an Arab sheikh from the Hejaz (first Emir and later King Abdullah).

But probably the most outrageous creation of the British is the state of Iraq. Here Britain's cynicism reached its peak. The British took three former provinces, Basra, Baghdad and Mosul (the first two in 1921, and the last added in 1926) and bound them together to create yet another artificial kingdom which they bestowed on another sheikh, the brother of Abdullah, who carried the title of King—King Feisal of Iraq.

In 1932 the British granted independence to the King who was left to rule over Arabs, Persians, Kurds, Assyrians, Armenians, and a few other ethnic groups. Since being born in sin, this artificial state has been a collection of contradictions, ethnic, religious, cultural and linguistic. In the north, most of the territory is controlled by the non-Arab Kurds. They have their own language, they are Sunnis but mostly belong to Sufi orders. They also inhabit some very oil-rich areas. Part of them live in Turkey and some of them are also under Iran, but the bulk of the Kurds are in Iraq, and they want independence—which they have every right

to demand. Even under the great Empires they led a semiindependent life up in their mountains. Saddam Hussein made every effort to carry out a campaign of genocide against them, using the most deadly weapons of mass destruction, notably gas, to exterminate men women and children. At present Kurds are participating in the post-second Iraqi war government but they are virtually independent. They will not give up this independence even if an all-Iraqi authority is to be established. There are strong forces against them. Neither Turkey nor Iran wish to see a Kurdish state

on their borders which would, no doubt, become an irredentist entity to the Turkish and Iranian Kurds.

Central Iraq, namely, the greater Baghdad area, is occupied mainly by Sunni Arabs. They constitute about 35 percent of the Arab population of the country. Under the British and subsequent governments, they formed the elite of the administration. The British Mandatory government chose its civil servants almost exclusively from amongst the Sunni population, leaving the 65 percent of the Shi'ites, who occupy the southern parts of this "state" around the city of Basra, and many parts in the centre in and around Baghdad, un-represented in the political life of the country, and virtually barred from major economic activity.

In southern Iraq are the most important shrines of the Shi'a: the tomb of the first Imam, Ali, in the city of Najaf, the tomb of the martyred Imam Husain in Karbala, and the tombs of the seventh and the ninth Imams in Baghdad itself. The highly venerated tomb of the eleventh Imam and the site of the "disappearance" of the 12th Imam-Mahdi, the Messiah of the Shi'a, in 873—who has since been hiding in his place of occultation and whose victorious reappearance the Shi'ites are awaiting—are in the north, in the city of Samarra.

These shrines belong to the whole Shi'a. They are the sites of pilgrimage for Shi'ites from all over the world, for whom they are more important and mean-

ingful even than Mecca and Medina, the greatest holy sites of Islam. They are more than shrines, for they amass around them the most active Shi'ite clergy, Shi'ite institutions of learning, Shi'ite publishing houses and intensive political activity. They are also targets of Sunni acts of terrorism. Moreover, they are places much coveted by the Shi'ite establishment of neighboring Iran because the Iranian Shi'ites as well as the Iraqi ones know that the Iranian Shi'a originated in the area of the Holy Shrines around the city of Basra. In the 16th century, the rulers of Iran imposed the Shi'a on their country with the help and active participation of the Iraqi clergy (ulema).

The tension between Shi'ites and Sunnis goes back to the beginning of Islam, but nowhere was it so obvious as in Iraq. These two communities did not cease to compete with each other over the right to rule Islam. This competition developed into open violence and bloodshed as we see today, when major gatherings of Shi'ites are targeted by open attacks, al-Qa'eda suicide bombers and booby-trapped cars. Nothing is safe, particularly not mosques and markets. Even the most holy shrine of the Imam-Mahdi in Samarra was annihilated by a Sunni bomb.

The Shi'ite areas in the south are highly important strategically and economically. Both Iran and Iraq covet the oil-rich fields of the south and wish to control the tip of the Persian Gulf (which the Arabs call "The Arab Gulf"), the area called Shatt al-Arab, around which conflict between the two countries flared in the last century into the long eight years war (1980-1988) between them. In this war, which cost the two sides some 1.5 million men, neither of them managed to gain any territory. But that does not mean that the Shi'ite holy and rich southern Iraq is not still desired by the Persians.

Shi'ite southern Iraq is also a problem for the Saudis. The Persian Gulf's western coast (occupied by Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and other Arab principalities) is populated by Shi'ites who scarcely bear allegiance to their Sunni rulers. They would have been much more comfortable with their neighboring Shi'ite brethren around Basra, enjoying the protection of the Ayatollahs' regime in Iran.

am not sure to what extent the Americans learned the complications of this artificial state before embarking, together with the British and others, on their latest adventure. The idea of giving the second Iraqi war, which began in 2003, the extra aim of establishing democracy in Iraq is more than ridiculous. Which of the Arab countries in the Middle East is a democracy? The idea of personal and political freedom is an alien concept in the patriarchal society which exists in the world of Arab Islam and beyond.

The Americans, putting themselves in the position of apostles of Western political thought, have

harmed both themselves and the Iraqis. It would-have been far more practical if they had re-established, soon after Saddam was caught and hung, the three old Vilayets (provinces) of the Ottomans, one under the Kurds, one under the Sunnis and one under the Shi'ites, and get out.

This might still happen but with much bloodshed. The Americans will leave, but Iraq will remain the same pot of boiling broth, the ingredients of which can never mix. This anomaly, if it is to be maintained, needs a dictator, not an unrealistic Western-style democracy.

In recent decades, the Western world has developed a Pavlovian reflex to blame Israel for every negative development in the Middle East. After the American pullout, when things go bad in Iraq, Europe and America will doubtless explain that it is because Israel did not succumb to Palestinian demands and actually went on to build an additional two rooms in Jerusalem.

Moreover, although all serious, unbiased students of the Middle East are aware of the abnormality of the so called

Arab states with their artificial borders, the United States and Europe are advocating enthusiastically the establishment of a "Palestinian State"—another artificial entity within borders which can only be described as ridiculous. One has to be blind not to see that such a political entity has no justification from any point of view. The "Palestinians" themselves reject it. If they dream about a state of their own, they dream about one Arab state in the whole of Palestine.

It is specifically with this aim that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was established in 1964 when the "West Bank" was in Jordanian hands and the Gaza Strip under Egyptian rule. The PLO was not created to free these territories from Jordan or Egypt but to free "Palestine" from Israel. The PLO still exists, has been accorded international respectability, even legitimized by Israel, the country which it plans to destroy! The idea of "two states for two nations." which is presented as a miraculous remedy to all the illnesses of the Arab Israeli conflict, was concocted in the patronizing minds of American and European politicians, supported by irresponsible third-rate Israeli officials, sponsored by vicious anti-Israeli media, backed by the "useful fools" of the Left everywhere, fueled by the immoral enthusiasm of academicians on campuses all over the world including Israel, and automatically endorsed by the anti-Israel world body of the UN.

The Arabs who speak about a "Palestinian state" make sure to connect its establishment with conditions that leave no doubt that such a state is only a stage in the final solution that eliminates Israel. The Arabs have never kept it secret that the establishment of another artificial Arab entity in the Middle East aims

Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf

at the abolition of the Jewish State, the only state in the area whose existence, founded on the cultural and religious ties of the Jewish people to its homeland, is backed by thousands years of history, and whose borders, since 1967, are almost the same borders of the ancient historical territory of Israel.

The lessons from the irresponsible creation of artificial political entities in the Middle East have not been learned, and the Western world is again toying with the same dangerous idea of introducing another artificial political entity into the area which even at this stage has proved to be a detonating agent in the explosive conditions of the region.

What has this to do with Iraq? Following the American withdrawal, a drastic change will take place

in the geopolitical conditions in the Middle East with direct impact on Israel. Iraq has always been part of Israel's hostile Eastern Front. Temporarily, during the American presence, its enmity to Israel was neutralized, but once the Americans are out, there is no guarantee that it will not resume its historical attitude to the Jewish State, even if, for a while, with weaker military force. Alternatively, Iran might take advantage of Obama's policy of appeasement, and will attempt to take Shatt al-Arab and southern Iraq. Such a major geopolitical development coupled with the Islamophile regime in the U.S. and defeatist Europe would put Israel in much greater danger—and would be no less dangerous for Iran's Arab neighbors.

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Why Are Jews Liberals?

Reviewed by Rael Jean Isaac

Norman Podhoretz's *Why Are Jews Liberals?* (Doubleday, 2009, 337 pp.) is a fine book on an anomaly often noticed but never before given the in-depth attention it deserves. Podhoretz writes with his customary clarity, incisiveness and deceptive simplicity, i.e. while the topic sounds formidable, the book is not only a pleasure to read, but hard to put down. As he piles up the evidence for the political folly of Jewish voters, the reader, as in a "whodunit," eagerly awaits, in this case, the "why" rather than the "who."

A more precise title would have been Why Are American Jews Liberals? For Podhoretz does not dis-

cuss (similar) proclivities of Jews elsewhere. For background Podhoretz takes us all the way back to the foundation of Christianity but really begins his story with the European Enlightenment and its rocky aftermath. Up to a point, Podhoretz finds the identification of Jews with the left reasonable in

that the opposition to Jewish emancipation came overwhelmingly from the right. On the other hand, Podhoretz notes, Jews blinded themselves to the hatred that emanated from distinguished precincts of the left—from the likes of Voltaire, Marx, Bauer, Proudhon, Fourier, among others. Many Jews, says Podhoretz, "converted" to Marxism as a religion that promised them liberation from the burdens of Judaism without forcing them to convert to Christianity, its millennial persecutor.

In the United States, where Jews found a far more welcoming climate, the hostility they encountered was largely from the right, whether the WASP patriciate (Henry Adams was obsessively anti-Semitic) or, in the 1930s, from the Catholic radio priest Father Coughlin and the large number of small anti-Semitic Protestant groups that sprang up. Roosevelt became

the great hero of the Jews. His quasi-socialist policies initially appealed to the large numbers of Jews still enamored of Marxism of one variant or another and later his struggle against (chiefly right-wing) isolationism and his leadership of the war against Hitler cemented their love affair with him.

Until the late 1960s Podhoretz finds the steady support of Jews for the Democratic Presidential candidate understandable in terms of Jewish interests (however out of whack with the voting patterns of the American electorate, including the other groups who had been at the core of the New Deal coalition). As the Jews saw it, writes Podhoretz, the Democratic Party "represented the closest American counterpart to the forces on the Left that had favored Jewish

emancipation in Europe—just as the Republicans seemed to represent an American version of the conservative forces that had opposed equal rights for Jews in the past."

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But while the Democratic and the Republican Party would both change, the Jews were

blind to the ways this transformation affected their interests. The latter part of the book chronicles the post-1967 rise of anti-Zionism/anti-Semitism on the left, the increasing sympathy toward Israel and Jews among Republicans, especially the evangelical base, and the continued stubborn adherence of Jews, national election after national election, to the Democratic Party. Most recently this produced the lopsided 78% Jewish vote for Obama (in contrast to only 43% of the white vote generally) although McCain had a track record of strong support for Israel while everything about Obama raised red flags.

Podhoretz's explanation is that left-liberalism has become for Jews a religion in its own right despite its conflict "with the Torah of Judaism at so many points, and even though it is also at variance with the most basic of all Jewish interests—the survival of the

candidate understandable.

Jewish people." (To take just one example, the sanctification of abortion rights by a rapidly dwindling Jewish American population is bizarre.)

While not faulting Podhoretz's analysis, I came away with a somewhat different take on the basis of the same evidence—and one which makes Jewish behavior even more culpable. Podhoretz feels that it was reasonable for Jews to conclude on the basis of their European experience, culminating in the Holocaust, that their interests lay with the left. I would ar-

gue that after the Holocaust for Jews the only rational conclusion was that their interests lay in a state of their own. Yes, Nazism was right-wing (although it was shorthand for National Socialism, suggesting Nazi pretensions went left as well) so Jews had good reason to look askance at political parties on the right. But where was the left when Jews desperately needed refuge? The Soviet Union—prior to Hitler's invasion—turned over Jewish Communist refugees to the Gestapo. The so-called civilized West kept

the doors slammed shut, with Britain also keeping the doors of Palestine firmly barred, although the only basis for its administration of Palestine under the Mandate was to create a Jewish National Home there. The lesson should have been obvious: when the chips were down, only a sovereign Jewish state could provide a sheltering fortress, one that could also intervene to protect far-away endangered communities.

And at least initially, this lesson seems to have been absorbed. While earlier Jews had been divided about Zionism, as Podhoretz notes, once Israel was established, serious opposition melted away. Support reached its height in the period immediately prior to the Six Day War when the U.S. government "lost" the papers committing it to keep open the Straits of Tiran (that commitment a condition for Israel's leaving the Sinai after the 1956 War), Israel's Arab neighbors promised its annihilation to the enthusiasm of frenzied mobs and Israel's survival seemed in imminent jeopardy. But when, in subsequent years. Israel became branded, notably on the left, as an imperialist oppressor, an illegal occupier of Arab land, a malevolent quasi-Nazi state, many American Jews, far from standing fast behind Israel, became progressively more alienated. In a column entitled "My Friends Used to Be Jewish" Norma Zager describes dining recently in Beverly Hills at a table filled with wealthy, influential Jewish women when one of them mentioned a woman most of the others did not know and explained "You know the type. She's one of those far right pro-Israel people." For these people Israel is simply an embarrassment.

Podhoretz describes their creed as the Torah of Liberalism but it is also faith in a new variant of

assimilationism. In pre-revolutionary Russia, Communism, socialism, and Bundism, with their promise of a secular, universal, just society offering equality to all appealed to more Jews than Zionism. Many U.S. Jews today aspire to absorption into their ideal of a secular majority culture built on celebration of diversity, social justice (defined as redistribution of wealth), environmentalism (combating climate change, the cause of the hour), life-style freedoms (abortion, gay rights, gay marriage), opposition to war (by Western nations, at any rate), among other values. The umbrella is large enough to include religions of a certain

type: Reform Judaism, devoted to social action, and the mainline churches, whose platforms are often indistinguishable from the progressive canon—see the resolutions passed by the National Council of Churches.

As their left-wing assimilationist forebears ignored the anti-Semitism prominent in the Marxist left, these Jews overlook the hostile resolutions (condemnations of Israel, support for anti-Israel boycotts, divestment) emanating from these

churches: after all, on the "important" issues, they are on the correct side. That support for Israel and good will toward Jews are prominent among evangelical Christians cuts no ice because these supporters deeply threaten the vision of a secular majority culture on which the Jewish assimilationist enterprise depends. The notion that perhaps there is a majority Christian culture with fundamentally different values is upsetting—alliance with it on the basis of a parochial concern for Israel not to be contemplated.



Norman Podhoretz

Although Podhoretz does not discuss the Jews of Israel, to a large extent they have followed a similar trajectory—which has in turn strongly influenced American Jewish attitudes. The urge to assimilate has taken different forms, in part because the Jews are not clear with what they want to assimilate or how it can be done. The West? The Middle East? Over fifty years ago the effort to assimilate to the latter was pioneered by a small group of self-styled Canaanites, who based themselves on the theory of Protestant German biblical higher criticism that Israelite tribes had merged with the inhabitants of the Land of Canaan to produce the synthesis that was Hebrew culture. As Jewish Canaanites saw it, the hold of the religions (Judaism, Islam) that had intervened to divide Canaanites from each other must be broken. There was to be a two-stage process. First must come a Brit Canaan, including the Maronites of Lebanon, the Druze and the Bedouin, then the unification of all the inhabitants of Eretz ha-Prat (the Land of the Euphrates) in a kind of Hebrew United States stretching from the Tigris River to the Suez Canal. The Canaanites found no adherents beyond Jews, which has been the

fate of more recent efforts as well.

Overwhelmingly the "majority culture" to which Jews in Israel want to assimilate is that of the West (Netanyahu once noted ruefully that more Israelis knew of Madonna than of Moses). The Israel of their imagination looks nothing like Syria or Egypt or Iraq. But to live like Scandinavians or secular "progressive" Americans they cannot be on the permanent edge of warfare with their neighbors. The solution, as laid forth by Shimon Peres in *The New Middle East* was to strip the neighbors of their unacceptable particularity, and having properly refashioned them, assimilate

alongside them into Western culture. Critics of *The New Middle East* pointed out that Peres made no reference to Jewish cultural flowering but there was no reference to Arab culture either—the New Middle East would have no cultural individuality, Arab or Jewish, but was to be democratic, peaceful, prosperous, confeder-

ated, and culturally advanced. Not surprisingly, the Arabs rejected the makeover. When Peres said Israel wanted to join the Arab League (which, he said, should rename itself the Middle East League) the secretary of the Arab League said Israel was welcome once its citizens converted to Islam.

With transformation of their neighbors out of reach. Israelis concentrated on another option: appeasing them. Let the Palestinians have their state and they would let Israel alone. And so there was the ongoing obsessive effort to implement the Oslo accords (despite their manifest failure) and later the destruction of Jewish communities in Gaza. When that only emboldened Israel's enemies in the Middle East and led to more ferocious attacks on her in the "progressive" circles of the West, Israel's assimilationist Left did not rethink its false assumption that Arab hostility could be assuaged, but, encouraged by what Caroline Glick aptly calls "Israel's scandalously imbecilic and flagellant media" turned with ferocity on "the settlers," above all the religious Israelis who do not share their vision but, stubbornly particularistic, had created communities in Judea and Samaria because this was the heart of the Promised Land. It was their fault-minus the settlers. Israel could win acceptance in the region and proceed on the path of becoming another progressive secular Western culture.

All this has had a profound effect on American Jewish attitudes. Those who see themselves as staunch supporters of Israel endorse whatever policies the "democratic government of Israel" chooses. Leaders of most American Jewish organizations comfortably support the concessions, urging yet more, in the (foolish) hope that if Israel makes enough of them, it will stem the flood of attacks from the progressive circles whose opinion they value. As for those who are

alienated, they become ever more alienated. What all of them fail to see is how much their own security is bound up with the fate of Israel. Unaware that their most crucial self-interest is in a strong and viable Israel, Jews engage in moral preening at Israel's—and ultimately their own—expense. Many foolishly see their promotion of "diversity" as a protection, failing to recognize that, as can readily be seen on our college campuses, PC codes for minorities do not apply to "anti-Zionism" or "anti-Semitism."

With transformation of their neighbors out of reach, Israelis concentrated on another option: appeasing them. must offer one caveat to Podhoretz's analysis. To my mind, Podhoretz places too much emphasis on whether an American President is "friendly" to Israel or not. This can lead, as it did in Podhoretz's case, to serious errors of judgment, as, according to his own account in Commentary, he supported the

Gaza withdrawal because President Bush did so—and he had huge faith in the friendship toward Israel of President Bush. This is not to say that hostile Presidents will not do much more damage (as Obama is in the process of proving). But Bush, whom Podhoretz describes as "friendlier to Israel than any president before him" was the first President to come out openly for a Palestinian state—which Netanyahu, in his candid period, repeatedly called a death knell for Israel. (Podhoretz makes much of the qualifiers Bush attached, like an end to terrorism, but as we predicted would happen in *Outpost*, when the PA showed no interest in "fighting terror," the Bush administration wound up putting heavy unilateral pressures on Israel.)

If Jews were not in the pocket of the Democratic Party but united in their focus on the importance of a strong Israel (and voted and provided financial support to Presidential candidates on this basis) they could have had far more influence in shaping policy, particularly in the case of friendly Presidents.

No one has summed up Jewish political behavior better than Irving Kristol (whom Podhoretz quotes). Jews, said Kristol combined "an almost pathologically intense concern for politics with a seemingly equally intense inclination toward political foolishness, often crossing over into the realm of the politically suicidal. How is one to understand this very odd Jewish condition—the political stupidity of Jews?"

Perhaps it is idle to look for rational explanations for the irrationality of Jews. I keep being reminded of the tale of Sleeping Beauty. Her fairy god-mothers came to the christening of the infant princess bringing valuable gifts, including beauty, wit, musical talent. But an angry overlooked fairy had her revenge. Coming uninvited to the party, she put the princess under an enchantment, announcing that when she

became an adult she would prick her finger and die. The fairy godmothers of the Jews bestowed on them the gifts of intelligence, tenacity, talent and creativity in a host of fields from finance to the arts to science (all those wildly disproportionate number of Nobel Prizes). The angry overlooked fairy declared: "I will make all these gifts worthless because I will make Jews politi-

cal fools and without political intelligence all the other gifts will prove worthless."

In the case of Sleeping Beauty a good fairy came (partly) to the rescue by declaring that after 100 years the curse would be broken and Sleeping Beauty would awake. In the case of the Jews, as time passes, the curse only seems to intensify.

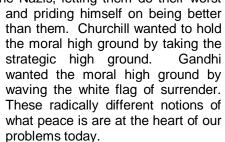
The Nobel Appeasement Prize

Daniel Greenfield

Quick, name the greatest peacemaker of the 20th Century who never received a Nobel Peace Prize? The wrong answer given by *Foreign Policy* magazine is Gandhi. The right answer is British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Churchill would strike many as an odd choice for a Nobel Peace Prize. Didn't he preside over the bloodiest war of the 20th century? A war that left millions dead and entire nations in ruins? And that of course is exactly the point. By resisting Hitler, Churchill brought peace to Western Europe and to every part of the world threatened by Nazi Germany. By contrast Gandhi did nothing but advise England to surrender, to let the Nazis occupy their cities, rather than "taint" themselves with violence.

Both Churchill and Gandhi wanted peace, they just wanted different kinds of peace. Churchill wanted a secure peace for England and Europe by defeating the Nazis. Gandhi wanted a sham spiritual peace by surrendering to the Nazis, letting them do their worst





Churchill

Gandhis over the Churchills rewards appeasement over resistance. It promotes the idea that throwing your hands up in surrender is better and nobler than reaching for a gun to defend yourself and your family. That is the significance of the Norwegian committee awarding Obama a Nobel Peace Prize, which should be renamed the appeasement prize.

The Nobel committee cited Obama's speech about a "World Without Nuclear Weapons" as his qualification for receiving the award. Naturally this does not mean that the United States will actually prevent the Hitlers of tomorrow from getting their hands on nuclear weapons. Rather it means that the United States and countries reasonable enough to follow its lead will give up nuclear weapons. Leaving them exclusively in the hands of madmen, tyrants and terror-

ists. That is the self-destructive Gandhian ideal that the Committee and Obama want to promote...surrender, helplessness and impotence are the points on the moral compass of pacifism.

Naturally Obama did not get the Nobel Peace Prize for anything he actually accomplished. But this makes him a worthy successor to Jimmy Carter, whose unwanted "diplomacy" enabled North Korea to continue developing nuclear weapons, and Al Gore who made a movie telling others to live simply, without ever following his own advice. Both accomplished nothing except to make empty speeches and handicap those who actually wanted and want to do something constructive. Without Carter's intervention, half of Asia might not be constantly waiting for the bomb to drop. And what Carter did for Kim Jong II, Obama is supposed to do for the Islamists, a grand devil's bargain to enable mass murder in the name of peace.

In the face of Nazi terror, Gandhi advised England to surrender, arguing that fighting the Nazis was worse than losing to them. There is a free world today only because England, America and the remains of the civilized world disregarded Gandhi's "noble" ideas and did the right thing by fighting the Nazi war ma-

chine instead. Gandhi's ideas would not have made the world civilized, as so many today insist, they would have made the world Nazi. That is the simply truth, perverted by those who brand the armies of the free world as Nazis, and real Nazis, as victims.

Those who would apply Gandhi's ideas today to restrain and throttle the use of force against terrorism, would produce not a world



Gandhi

free of cruelty or violence, but a world broken under the Islamist boot, a world without freedom, without kindness, mercy or hope. And where the Bush Doctrine emphasized the right of America to defend itself and the world, the Obama Doctrine emphasizes multilateral diplomacy and a willingness to negotiate until the bombs begin falling, and probably all the way until doomsday itself.

The Nobel Peace Prize has a long history of rewarding the false diplomacy of leaders like Le Duc Tho, Arafat, Sadat, Desmond Tutu, Gorbachev, Mandela, and their enablers like Pauling, Kissinger, MacBride, Peres, Kim Dae Jung, Kofi Annan, Jimmy Carter, El Baradei and of course Barack Obama. The Nobel Peace Prize does not foster peace, it fosters

only appeasement. Little wonder that UN agencies won the Nobel Peace Prize six separate times. And if there is any group of organizations more useless and more disabling to the free world than the UN, look and be fairly certain that they have their own Nobel, already or pending.

In 1947, after all the American, Canadian, British and Australian soldiers who had died fighting to liberate and bring peace to Europe, the Nobel Committee handed over the award to the pacifist anti-war Quaker American Friends Service Committee. This

was after giving the award to the International Committee of the Red Cross in 1944 whose conduct during the war had bordered on Nazi collaboration. After the end of a war which saw Norway itself occupied and liberated and protected from Nazi and Soviet troops, the Committee saw fit only to go on promoting the same old pacifist doctrine of appeasement first.

Yet had the British and Americans decided that a non-violent negotiated so-

lution was best, Norway would have gone on being ruled by Nazi Germany until the end of time. In a truly ironic paradox, had England and America been governed by the ideas that the Nobel Peace Prizes sought to instill, the prizes, whose disposal was halted by World War II, would never have been given again, except perhaps and most appropriately to Vidkun Quisling.

And that in sum total is what the Nobel Peace Prize amounts to, a trophy for the murderers cunning enough to get what they want at the negotiating table, and their pet Quislings. It is only fitting that Obama, who has left Eastern Europe naked in the face of Russian aggression, given Iran an open invitation to use endless delaying tactics while developing nuclear weapons, enabled Chavez's Marxist expansionism across South America and is preparing to cut a deal with the Taliban themselves, receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Not for what he has done, but for what he has not done—stand up to evil.

Obama has made appeasement look cool, which is all that the committee really values in a patsy, figureheads to turn into heroes and make the morally indefensible ideas of pacifism more palatable. Gandhi's ideas on their own are laughable, but when combined with a saintly figure somehow seem credible as a quasi-religious virtue. Obama's ideas are equally laughable, but when combined with his manufactured image, they were accepted by large numbers of Americans.

Protesting that Obama has done nothing to deserve the Nobel Peace Prize misses the point. It is precisely because Obama has done nothing but give ridiculous speeches that he was given the Nobel Peace Prize in the first place. Doing nothing is the greatest virtue of pacifism. To lift your hands high and let the enemy have his way with your country is exactly the sort of high moral notion that the Nobel Peace Prize rewards. Just ask the various League of Nations officials, random pacifists and disarmament promoters who received the award in the 1930's, until

Hitler's armies swept across Europe, temporarily putting an end to the awards.

The Nobel Peace Prize is no high honor; it is pacifism's highest honor to the conscious and the misguided appeasers. To receive it is to paint a giant target on your own country's back. A "Kick Me" sign a hundred feet tall lighting up the night sky. A white flag waving high.

In celebration of the International Day of Non-

violence, Obama said: "The America of today has its roots in the India of Mahatma Gandhi and the nonviolent social action movement for Indian independence which he led." (U.K. *Telegraph*, October 2, 2009)

"I would like you to lay down the arms you have as being useless for saving you or humanity. You will invite Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini to take what they want of the countries you call your possessions." - Gandhi

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The Disappearance of Human Rights

Fiamma Nirenstein

The UN's human rights policies have been experiencing an unprecedented crisis. The UN has immediate anti-Western majorities that used to be under the USSR umbrella. Today they are under the umbrella of Islam and totalitarianism. I am not only speaking of the horror in seeing the UN podium invaded by people like Chavez who "smell a rat because the American demon is around" or Ahmadinejad who preaches the extermination of the Jews and brags about justice while he is suffocating his opposition. There is also Sweden, which now holds the Presidency of the European Union, and remained in the hall while the Iranian President, at the opening of the General Assembly, was talking about the Jewish conspiracy dominating the world because it didn't consider that he had gone beyond any red line predetermined by the bright mind of the European Union.

The death sentence to human rights was mainly given by the birth of what I call "Palestinism." The UN has attached enormous significance to this issue—which can only be explained by the third-worldism of the cold war on the one hand, and on the other to an invincible historical antipathy towards the State of Israel, as the state of the Jewish nation. The issue has destroyed any possibility of actually fighting for human rights.

The UN has devoted one third of Security Council resolutions to condemning Israel. In 1975, only three years after the massacre at the Munich Olympic games, the UN invented the unlikely formula according to which Zionism is racism. The UN transformed an international conference against racismthe Durban conference of 2001-into a racist conference against Israel and the Jews. (The UN tried a repeat performance in April in Geneva with the "Durban Review Conference," but this time many countries protested and Italy's decision to withdraw had a major impact.) Recently the UN launched the Goldstone Commission-endorsed by the Human Rights Council—on the Gaza conflict. The tional institutions do not realize that the conclusions of this Commission have set a dangerous precedent. In depriving Israel of its right to defend itself and establishing that it needs to surrender to systematic terrorism that hits and uses civilians as human shields, it is actually fostering terrorism around the world.

The organizations for the protection of human rights are run by people whose countries abhor the very idea of human rights. Suffice it to say that the preparation of the conference against racism known as "Durban 2" was assigned to countries such as Iran, Cuba and Pakistan, serial violators of human rights.

Imagine the protests if Israel had been proposed for the presidency of the General Assembly. And yet nobody has raised any doubt as to the presidency of Libya with Ali Treki, who will run the 64th

General Assembly inaugurated on September 23.

Of the ten special sessions held so far by the UN General Assembly, 6 were devoted to the Middle-East. The tenth—opened 12 years ago at the request of Qatar—has practically become a permanent commission on the rights of the Palestinians (it is called: "Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory"). The supposedly extremely serious issue justifying this tenyear long discussion is the construction of the Har Homà district in East Jerusalem. No suggestion has been made to stop this debate or at least to put it aside in order to talk about the elections in Iran and about the ensuing crackdown, just to mention one of the most sensitive subjects that, last summer, outraged public opinion around the world.

In 2008, 28 resolutions were issued on Israel by the UN agencies—six by the Human Rights Council alone—while only four concerned Burma, just to take one example of a serious human rights abuser. In general, throughout 2008, Israel was the country condemned for the highest number of human rights violations: 120 documents of different kinds were drafted on this country followed, at a great distance, by Sudan (47 files). Not a single resolution was adopted on Zimbabwe. So far, in 2008, 96 official documents have been drafted on Israel.

It is fantastic that the resolutions of the International Tribunal on Israel's security fence have not taken terrorism into consideration. And that the Goldstone Commission's response to events is totally detached from a reality in which human rights are violated first by the aggressors, i.e. Hamas.

The international illusion that "if the Palestinians had a state..." has seemed to be a panacea for the aggressions perpetrated by Iran, by the Taliban and by the Islamists in general. The Palestinian issue has deranged Europe, thus setting the stage for a change in the very concept of human rights. Yet human rights are the ontological bond, the lifeblood on the basis of which we have to build inter-Atlantic relations.

Notwithstanding September 11, the U.S. does not know the fear creeping around European cities. And Europe does not know the meaning of a war against terrorism to bring the world back on the road to civilization. And instead of making an effort to foster our mutual and indispensable understanding, we are trying to eliminate our anxiety with a selective policy that is creating estrangement and detachment from our glorious history of human rights.

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In Memoriam—Edward J. King, M.D. z.l.

We deeply mourn the loss of Dr. Edward King, a long time supporter of AFSI and cherished husband of 52 years of Ruth King, whose monthly columns are known to all *Outpost* readers.

A fine doctor, beloved of his patients, Dr. King was a man of integrity, compassion, dedication to his profession and to his family and great courage in the face of years of severe health problems—all leavened, as Ruth says, "with a wicked wit."

Dr. King maintained that the defining book of his adult life was Shmuel Katz's *Lone Wolf*, the biography of Ze'ev Jabotinsky.

Immigration is Down, But Not From Moslem, Mid-East Nations

Debbie Schlussel

The U.S. Census Bureau released the results of its annual American Community Survey (ACS). The figures were taken in 2008. All of the major media outlets (including *USA Today* and *The Wall Street Journal*) are touting it as evidence that the bad economy has solved our alien problems, noting that immigration–legal *and* illegal–is down and that less foreign born people are here.

But that's hardly the real picture. In fact, while immigration is down from places like Mexico and Peru,

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	2008 estimate	Change from 2007, estimate	
Total	37,960,773	-98,782	
Mexico	11,412,668	-325,869	
Portugal	173,303	-24,816	
Italy	392,798	-24,713	- 1
Japan	333,860	-19,073	- 1
Taiwan	342,444	-17,226	- 1
Philippines	1,684,802	-16,324	1
Peru	384,923	-16,206	1
Dominican R	ep. 771,910	16,371	
Iran	344,935	18,730	1

immigration is up from Middle Eastern Moslem nations like terrorist-host states Syria and Iran. I did my own investigation into the census numbers

and uncovered the important story here that no-one else is telling you. The countries that hate us the most are still exporting their haters to our shores. Those numbers are up, not down.

A Wall Street Journal graph (above), at least shows that the number of Iranian-born immigrants is up by 18,730 from 2007, for a total of 344,935 (though the WSJ article on this story doesn't cover Mid-East immigration and sticks to the "immigration is down" narrative). While some of the nearly 19,000 new U.S. residents from Iran came here to get away from Ahmadinejad and the Ayatollahs, others did not. And we have no way of knowing which are which. If even only a fraction of that number are anti-American and inclined to do Iran's bidding here, that's far too many.

Then there are the figures from Syria. The Census figures show that the number of Syrian-born residents in the U.S. increased by 11,349 persons to 66,077 Syrians in 2008. That's an alarming increase, given that most Syrians here are Shi'ite Moslems who

support the (Alawite) Assad government and its hand in Hezbollah. (Most Syrian Christians who were going to leave did so long ago.)

From Lebanon, the increase is only 3,550, according to the Census. But that's an estimate. And based on the number of Lebanese immigrants—both legal and illegal—here in Detroit, I'd say it's far larger. And, still, most of those are Shi'ite Moslems who support Hezbollah. We really do not need even one more Hezbollah enabler on American soil, let alone the majority of 3,550 of them.

And none of this takes into account immigrants from the Gulf States–Al-Qaeda hotbeds of extremism–Saudi Arabia and Yemen, not to mention the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, which don't have their own category in the Census survey.

Fortunately, the numbers of those here from Pakistan, Egypt, and North Africa are slightly down from last year, but again, this is only a sampling—an estimate—and they could be completely off. The survey also claims the number of Iraqi-born residents is down by over 1,000, yet we've welcomed tens of thousands of Iraqis to our shores, so the number doesn't seem accurate and is likely reflective of the rest of the accuracy of the survey.

Still, it's annoying—no, it's maddening. Since 9/11, as I've noted over and over again, we've done everything to make it hard for Hispanic illegal aliens, but little to discourage Islamic ones—you know the Moslem Arabs with the same theology and heritage as the 19 hijackers. That's why it's so disturbing—but not at all surprising—that we see this increase in population, despite the bad economy, from our friends in the "Religion of Peace." For them, a bad economy doesn't hinder their non-stop milking of the system, bailouts, and entitlements, a la Najibullah Zazi and Ali Nemr and Rania Rahal. And it certainly doesn't discourage their plans to Islamicize America.

They murdered nearly 3,000 Americans, and yet we keep welcoming them to our shores.

Yes, immigration is down, but not where it counts. The most undesirable—the most dangerous—keep on comin'.

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And from Jerusalem, I am sure all the bells of engagement and understanding will ring again. You gave us a license to dream and act in a noble direction.'

Israel is constantly buffeted by the false accusations of its enemies. The worst that can legitimately be said of Israel is that it is guilty of the high crime and misdemeanor of making this dangerous buffoon President of the state, its chosen symbol to the world.

End of the Road Map

Remember the Road Map? The Quartet (the U.S., the UN Secretariat, the EU and Russia) laid out a series of stages on the road to a Palestinian state with both sides required to live up to a set of obligations before moving on to the next stage. As former Israeli ambassador to the UN Dore Gold notes in The Jerusalem Post (October 2), on September 24 the Quartet (with Hillary Clinton and George Mitchell representing the U.S.) issued a new policy statement explicitly discarding the reciprocity at the core of the Road Map. Writes Gold: "Astoundingly, the Quartet called on both parties to 'act on their previous agreements and obligations—in particular adherence to the road map, irrespective of reciprocity..."

Obama has wasted no time following this up with a new "plan." He demands a "summit" within a month where Israel must agree unconditionally to establish a Palestinian state within two years and carry out a massive withdrawal from Judea and Samaria.

Obama is determined to earn his peace prize, which is best seen as the eighth Nobel Peace Prize given in whole or in part for "solving" the Arab-Israel conflict. Obama's prize is unusual only in that it has been given "on account," a sort of promissory note. While it is no more likely to bring real peace than the other seven prizes, this one has the promise of bringing massive devastation to the region.

Honduras Update

In October's "From the Editor" we reported on would-be Honduran dictator Manuel Zelaya's bizarre claim from his snug nest in the Brazilian embassy that Israeli mercenaries were torturing him with high frequency radiation.

Not to be outdone, Zelaya's chief propagandist David Romero Ellner, head of Radio Globo, had this to say on the air: "There are times when I ask myself if Hitler was or was not correct in finishing with that race with the famous Holocaust. If there are people

that do damage in this country, they are Jewish, the Israelis...After what I have learned, I ask myself why, why didn't we let Hitler carry out his historic mission?"

Ellner and Radio Globo, like Zelaya, are being treated as civil rights martyrs. Daniel Greenfield notes that "Reuters and other media outlets are already carrying touching David R. Ellner



narratives of the police raid on Radio Globo and David Romero Ellner continuing to carry on broadcasting over the web." Beginning his career as a Communist Party activist, Ellner, says Greenfield, co-founded the People's Revolutionary Union, better known for its Cinchoneros armed wing which carried out numerous terrorist attacks including attacks on U.S. servicemen in Honduras that claimed 28 casualties.