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The Jabotinsky Prize

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Americans for a Safe Israel, in cooperation with the Jabotinsky Order in Israel, is sponsoring an essay contest open to Israeli high school students on the great Zionist leader Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky.

The contest is designed to combat the frightening level of ignorance of Zionist history among Israel's young people. The level of knowledge of the Middle East is doubtless not as bad as it is in Britain where the *winner* of the BBC's weekday general knowledge quiz show "The Weakest Link," asked to name Israel's most prominent secret intelligence service, shrugged and ventured "Al Qaeda?" Nonetheless, we fear the results of any survey of high school students asked to state the contributions to the birth of Israel made by Jabotinsky.

Students will be offered a choice of topics, covering Jabotinsky's major achievements.

Founder of Betar. Jabotinsky set out to transform the habits of thought and behavior of young Jews through a youth movement that would instill a sense of national pride and honor, a code of personal behavior summed up in the word "hadar."

Creator of the Jewish Legion. In World War I Jabotinsky created the Legion to fight with the Allies so as to assure a voice for the Jewish people in the disposition of Palestine after the war.

Leader within the World Zionist Organization. As the British whittled down their obligations under the Mandate to create a Jewish National Home, even as Jewish need for a refuge grew, Jabotinsky struggled within the WZO to keep up pressure for a Jewish state, in frustration ultimately creating a parallel New Zionist Organization.

Prophet of Catastrophe and Resistance leader. As the storm clouds gathered, Jabotinsky tirelessly traveled through Europe, especially Poland (with its very large vulnerable Jewish population) urg-

ing Jews to leave while they yet could, forecasting a cataclysm to come. And he became the leader in the developing movement of resistance within Palestine against the British abandonment of Jewish rights under the Mandate and Britain's failure to maintain security for Jews.

There will be several winners in each category and the finalists will be interviewed by a panel of experts to make sure they have genuinely mastered their subject (and have not cribbed their essay from an obscure internet source!).

The winners this year will divide a total prize of 200,000 shekels, with an award to the schools which produce the winners. Our hope is that this will spark a continuing program, through contests or other means, to reconnect young Israelis to the heroic figures of Zionism. David Ben Gurion is a more familiar name to young Israelis, but we suspect the level of knowledge about him is thin.

Israel suffers under many handicaps, including neighbors intent on its annihilation and irrational world hostility. Israel can only counter the forces arrayed against her if her people understand and believe in the Zionist principles on which the state was built—principles that no one articulated more eloquently than Jabotinsky. "Post-Zionism" is the term used by many Israelis to denigrate and dismiss the Zionism of earlier generations as no longer necessary, the state's very existence sufficient to justify the presence of the Jews who live there. But "post-Zionism" will not sustain Jews in their homeland.

And one way for young people to learn why Israel is their patrimony is through study of the great Zionist leaders.



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UN Evicts Bayefsky

Anne Bayefsky, indomitable critic of the UN's obsessive hunting down of Israel, was ejected by guards from the UN after she used a microphone outside the General Assembly Hall to offer the only pro-Israel commentary on the resolution then being passed by the Assembly endorsing the infamous Goldstone report accusing Israel of "war crimes." She called the UN a "laughingstock" for singling out Israel and ignoring human rights violations by Hamas. Bayefsky reports that four guards confiscated two UN passes issued to her as director of Touro Law Center's Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust.

She is now in what she describes as a Kafkaesque situation with the UN having confiscated her credentials while denying to reporters that her access has been blocked. Her 25 years of monitoring the UN is in jeopardy—in the hands of the Committee on NGOs chaired by the genocidal regime in Sudan.

Clinton-in-Wonderland

Speaking in Israel in November at the Yitzhak Rabin Center, former President Bill Clinton declared that in the last 14 years not a single week had gone by that he did not think of Rabin: "Nor has a single week gone by in which I have not reaffirmed my conviction that had he not lost his life on that terrible November night, within three years we would have had a comprehensive agreement for peace in the Middle East."

This breathtakingly silly remark brings to mind the famous words of the great 17th century Swedish diplomat Axel Oxenstierna to his son: "Do you not know, my son, with how little wisdom the world is governed?" In the eight years of his Presidency, supposedly a highly intelligent man, Clinton apparently learned nothing about the nature of the Arab-Israel conflict, even though he devoted so much time to it and his efforts at "peace-making" culminated in Arafat literally running away from Secretary of State Albright. (We leave aside the fact that Clinton must have known that all the polls at the time of the assassination showed Rabin losing the approaching election, the public having lost patience with his endless intonation of "sacrifices for peace" as bombs exploded in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem buses in the wake of Oslo.)

In Praise of Folly

Unfortunately more evidence for the aptness of Oxenstierna's comment comes from Prime Minister Netanyahu who on October 21 extolled our old friend Simple Shimon, the man to whom the poet John Dryden's line applies perfectly: "For every inch that is not fool is rogue." The occasion was the 2009 President's Conference called by Peres, an international collection of Shimon-worshipping notables and celebrities before whom he loves to preen. Here is some of what

Netanyahu had to say: "As you have done your whole life, Mr. President, tonight you continue to dream, to lead and to make dreams reality. It is no secret that we meet frequently and that I consult with you often. You are a learned man, a statesman, an intellectual, a prime minister and a president. You are an Israeli patriot, and at the same time, man of the world. Shimon, you are a national treasure and I am happy to be here tonight at your Conference."

One is reduced to hoping that Netanyahu believed not a single word in this absurd panegyric. But then, why lie so fulsomely? It may well be that Peres is right when he told Lally Weymouth of *Newsweek* that Netanyahu was mistakenly viewed as a right-winger.

The Muslim Mafia

Muslim Mafia: Inside the Secret Underworld That's Conspiring to Islamize America exposes the phony "civil rights" organization CAIR (the Council on American-Islamic Relations) via an undercover operation that outdoes the sting videos that have made ACORN a by-word. Co-author P. David Gaubatz's son Chris, posing as a Muslim convert, wangled a job at CAIR's national office in Washington and made off with thousands of emails, faxes and internal memos, exposing CAIR as part of a network of front groups for the Muslim Brotherhood. They provide new evidence that CAIR was launched to support Hamas and has transferred many thousands of dollars to its fundraising arm. And they reveal that CAIR, under the pretense of cooperating with the FBI, works to mislead it on behalf of terror suspects, going so far as to cultivate Muslim moles within law enforcement who have tipped off FBI terror targets.

Just as the ACORN sting mobilized politicians, this one has led several Republican members of Congress, led by Sue Myrick (N.C.), co-founder of the Congressional Anti-Terror Caucus, to call for an investigation into CAIR. In the words of Rep. Paul Broun (R, Ga.) "If an organization that is connected to or supports terrorists is running influence operations or planting spies in key national security-related congressional offices, I think this needs to be made known."

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Trapped By The Axis Of Anti-Semitism: Left, Right And Islam

Rael Jean Isaac and Ruth King

The Jewish people are in danger of being entrapped in a pincer movement of anti-Semitic hatred from left and right, often thinly masked as “anti-Zionism,” with moral cover provided by haters of Israel within the Jewish community. Europe is in the lead but there are ominous developments in this country (and Canada) as well.

In the recent period hostility from the left has been dominant, even though, precisely because Jews overwhelmingly identify with this end of the political spectrum, many remain in denial. In *The Resurgence of Anti-Semitism*, British philosophy professor Bernard Harrison reminds us of the enormity of what has occurred: “[S]urely few of the most cynical observers of human affairs would have predicted that anti-Semitism would be flourishing in Western Europe within little more than fifty years of the destruction of the Nazi regime—and what is more, establishing its base within the self-proclaimed ‘progressive, anti-racist’ left in universities, journalism and political life.”

Harrison’s book was published in 2005 and it is a mark of the rapid deterioration of the situation in the last few years that anti-Semitic calumnies are being disseminated that even he felt were unthinkable.. Thus Harrison writes that while left-wing progressive thinkers would never dream of invoking the blood libel, they do not hesitate to make false and vile charges. Far from being unthinkable, the blood libel, in the form of charges that the Israeli army was killing Palestinian teenagers to harvest their organs, was featured in the popular left-wing Swedish daily *Aftonbladet*. In Britain, *CounterPunch*, edited by radical leftist Alexander Cockburn, printed an article using medieval blood libels against Jews as evidence for the *Aftonbladet* charges. Daniel Greenfield (who blogs as Sultan Knish) points out that *CounterPunch* uses a modern blood libel to revive and legitimize medieval ones!

In Germany the left has put the Jewish community in a double bind. Historian Suzanne Urban reports that groups on the left embrace Jews as valued allies against neo-Nazi Holocaust denial, even as these same groups defame Israel and her supporters. As German Jewish journalist Henryk Broder observed in a hearing by the Interior Committee of the Bundesrepublik: “The modern anti-Semite condemns ordinary anti-Semitism, but he names himself without hesitation anti-Zionist. He is grateful for having his chance to show his resentments in a politically correct way. The anti-Zionist has the same attitude toward Israel as

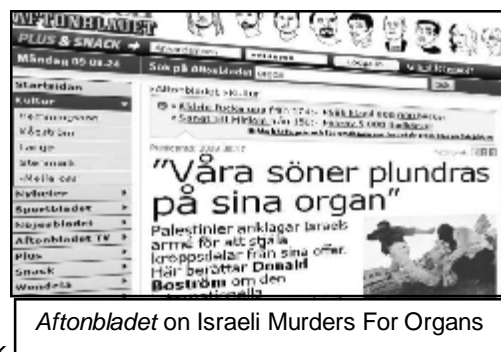
anti-Semites carry toward Jews.” Making the situation of Jews even more uncomfortable, the left demands that as victims of the Holocaust, they publicly identify with Moslems, their chief tormentors. Writes Urban: “The former victims should be alert and help the actual victims—it is seen as their duty to warn against anti-Islamic attitudes.”

While the situation is not as bad on this side of the Atlantic, here too the anti-Semitic virus is spreading, especially in those institutions viewed as the pillars of enlightened thought: universities and the mainline churches. Campus anti-Semitism has been especially virulent in Canada. Canadian poet and essayist David Solway notes that Jewish students at York University had to be locked inside a building to protect them from an anti-Semitic mob and security guards warned visiting lecturer Daniel Pipes not to inflame his audience (when it was the audience that should have been policed).

As far back as 2002 a riot at Concordia College in Montreal (known locally as Gaza U.) forced the cancellation of a speech by now Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Professor Alain Goldschlager of the University of Western Ontario, who has monitored growing anti-Semitism on Canadian campuses, writes: “Jewish students feel more and more under siege.” Israel Apartheid Week, an annual week-long hate-fest against Israel, was pioneered at the University of Toronto in 2004 and has spread to other Canadian, U.S. and British institutions.

One of those institutions is the University of California at Irvine, a hot-bed of anti-Semitic intimidation, to the point that members of the local Jewish community in 2008 issued a detailed report and recommended Jewish students avoid the university. Elite colleges from Harvard on down have spawned petitions and proposals for boycotts and divestment of funds from companies that do business in Israel. So much for the old ADL mantra that education is the key to combating anti-Semitism—it has become key to its dissemination.

As for the churches, Solway points out that every major convention of the United Church of Canada, the country’s largest Protestant confession, includes motions to divest from companies providing “products, services or technology” to Israel and anti-Israel boycott resolutions. In the U.S., the Presbyterian Church actually passed a divestment resolution in 2004 (watered down in 2006). Similar proposals con-



tinue to surface at the annual conventions of mainline churches which also repeatedly pass resolutions on the Arab-Israel conflict sharply skewed against Israel. Church publications foster hostility to Israel. Indeed, a recent 225 page report on the Arab-Israel conflict by the Women's Division of the Methodist church referred to the creation of Israel as "the original sin."

Anti-Semitism suffuses human rights organizations, the very sort of "progressive" outfits with which Jews eagerly identify, indeed often took a prominent role in founding (and funding). True to form, on October 27 Amnesty International issued another of its unfounded attacks on Israel, this one accusing Israel of "denying water to Palestinians." Robin Shepherd, author of a fine new book *Beyond the Pale: Europe's Problem with Israel*, points out that the United Kingdom branch of Amnesty road-showed this latest "report" at a meeting featuring Ben White, promoting his new book *Israeli Apartheid: A Beginner's Guide*.

The other major international moral arbiter, Human Rights Watch, is even more egregious, debased into a Johnny one-note denouncing Israel. Key staff members belong in a Human Rights Hall of Infamy. Joe Stork, deputy director of the Middle East and North African division (and thus moral arbiter on Israel), was a founder of MERIP (Middle East Research and Information Project), a far left propaganda mill which cast its assault on Israel in the language of Marxist anti-imperialist analysis. MERIP even applauded the murder of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics. In 1976 Stork traveled to Iraq to present a paper at Saddam's conference on Zionism and Racism. Stork opposed any political settlement on the grounds this would spoil the chance for creating a revolutionary movement to destroy Israel.

Robert Bernstein, a founder of Human Rights Watch, and its chairman for twenty years, went public with his criticism in an October 20 *New York Times* op-ed. Human Rights Watch had lost all critical perspective, ignoring "brutal, closed and autocratic" Arab and Iranian regimes, while singling out Israel for far more condemnations than any other country in the region. Yet Israel was an open society, Bernstein noted, home to at least 80 human rights organizations, a vibrant free press, a democratically elected government, a judiciary that frequently ruled against the government, a politically active academia and multiple political parties.

The reaction of Human Rights Watch was to dig deeper down. Tom Porteus, director of London's Human Rights Watch, rejected Bernstein's "obvious double standard. Any credible human rights organization must apply the same human rights standard to all countries." That Human Rights Watch agreed there had to be a single standard but was oblivious to its

failure to maintain one (indeed could claim that it was Bernstein who advocated a double standard!) strongly suggested its leaders were blinded by their obsessive hatred.

Human Rights Watch went on to add ten members to the advisory board of the Middle East division, four of them well known as radical anti-Israel activists. How extreme they are can be gleaned from the rhetoric of one of the new members, currently on the board of MERIP, who slammed the Palestinian Authority for being a "discredited quisling government that was mandated to provide security for its master, Israel." Clearly, far from returning to its roots as a genuine human rights organization (as Helsinki Watch it played a distinguished role in democratizing the Soviet Union and its satellites), Human Rights Watch is bent more than ever on turning Israel into a pariah state.



The anti-Semitic left enjoys moral cover provided by an assortment of Jewish organizations and individuals.

Some, like J Street and the New Israel Fund, pretend to be concerned for Israel's welfare, a stance that fools only the terminally foolish. Tellingly, its campus component has dropped "pro-Israel" from J Street's slogan "pro-Israel, pro-peace" because, as the secretary of J Street U's student board said candidly, "people feel connected to Palestine." (J Street and a number of other anti-Israel Jewish outfits are funded by George Soros.)

The anti-Semitic left especially values Israelis and former Israelis who echo its attacks on Israel, people like Daniel Machover, Ilan Pappé, and Shlomo Sand. Machover, a British lawyer born in Israel, co-founded Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights and prepares legal ambushes for Israeli military and civilian leaders who visit Europe, hoping to obtain their arrest and prosecution for war crimes. Pappé, formerly a professor at Haifa University, now at Exeter University in England, made his mark by publishing charges of Israeli massacres (historian Benny Morris called them "complete fabrications") and championing an academic boycott of Israeli universities. Shlomo Sand, currently a professor at Tel Aviv University, is the anti-Semite's flavor of the month for his recent book *The Invention of the Jewish People* which argues that the Jews have no link or claim to Palestine at all.

Machover, Pappé and Sand are only a few of the appallingly large number of Israelis and Jews in the diaspora who aid and abet their enemies. Professor Michael Neumann of Trent University in Ontario is another of this breed. The son of Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany, Neumann's book *The Case Against Israel* (designed to counter Alan Dershowitz's *The Case for Israel*) was published by Alexander Cockburn's CounterPunch press. An email from Neumann quoted by Goldschlager provides insight into

the mindset of these people. Affirming that his sole concern was to “help the Palestinians,” Neumann continued: “I am not interested in the truth, or justice, or understanding, or anything else, except so far as it serves that purpose...If an effective strategy means that some truths about the Jews don’t come to light, I don’t care. If an effective strategy means encouraging reasonable anti-Semitism, or reasonable hostility to Jews, I also don’t care. If it means encouraging vicious racist anti-Semitism, or the destruction of the State of Israel, I still don’t care.” No wonder famed historian Jacob Talmon concluded such enemies were motivated by “morbid masochism.”

While anti-Semitism on the left still dominates, anti-Semitism on the right is gaining recruits, social respectability, self-confidence—and acceptance from the left. While the left for many years rejected overtures by the far right seeking joint action against capitalism, anti-Semitism is proving the tie that binds, a common hatred strong enough to bring together what long seemed antithetical political poles.

Horst Mahler is an embodiment of this meeting of the extremes. A former member of the notorious far-left Bader Meinhof terror gang, he trained in Jordan with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Caught and jailed, on his release he became a neo-Nazi and co-founder of the Society for the Rehabilitation of Those Persecuted for Refutation of the Holocaust. Jailed again for Holocaust denial in February 2009, Mahler’s words are described as “an inspiration” by the fascist blogosphere: “In our day, the German who does not kowtow to the Jews will be relentlessly brought before the courts and deprived of his freedom, so that he will spend his life behind bars. I stand convicted of exposing Talmudic perfidiousness by ceaselessly calling the Auschwitz Lie by its name and confronting it with the truth. I have been doing this for many years now, since I swore a sacred oath to my Volk never to relent in the struggle against the ‘Holocaust’ cult.”

Laws against Holocaust denial and anti-Semitic invective in Germany (punishable by fines and in cases like that of Mahler, jail) were designed to prevent a resurgence of Nazism. But now they have the disconcerting effect of giving “victim” status to the culprits and of encouraging recrudescence of neo-Nazi organizations. The fastest growing (officially banned) neo-Nazi group is named Frontmann 24,” for the forerunner of the storm troopers set up in 1924.

The integration of East Germany into the West seems to have encouraged anti-Semitism. Anita Kahane, writes in *The Jerusalem Post* (Nov. 10): “Neo-

Nazis and the Left express extremist ideas that are becoming commonplace in general German society: a sometimes malignant anti-Zionism that is completely oblivious to the realities of the Middle East. Thus it is necessary to say that the fall of the wall and the accompanying euphoria have made something possible that would not have been possible 20 years ago. A run-of-the-mill social worker in Berlin may now tell the youths he works with, without causing concern: ‘Don’t say Jewish pig. Just say you are critiquing Israel’s policy.’”



Nick Griffin



Jean Marie Le-Pen



Kristina Morvai

Cooperation between extremists of the left and right grows ever more common. In England the far left, anti-American, anti-Israel, pro-Arab “Stop the War Coalition” welcomes the far-right British National Party. On the right, hatred of Israel trumps hostility to Moslem immigration. Thus Kristina Morvai, a professor at Budapest University Law School, is a leader of the Jobbik neo-Nazi party. Elected to the European Parliament, she joined France’s Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the anti-Semitic National Front Party, and the British National Party’s Nick Griffin to form “The Alliance of European National Movements,” ostensibly to protest unfettered Moslem immigration. Yet all three were scheduled to take part in the Palestine Return Center’s pro-Hamas rally in London on December 16. (Despite her frequent appearances in a keffiyeh to demonstrate her solidarity with Arabs, Morvai has been disinvited because her Jobbik harasses gypsies—this disturbed some of the leftist British eminences scheduled to appear at the rally.)

On November 22 Jobbik organized a mass rally and march through downtown Budapest, commemorating the rule of Admiral Miklos Horthy, who led Hungary under Hitler. The crowd, estimated at 5,000, heard a Jobbik member promise a new extermination of “vermin” in a forthcoming “cleansing” of the Hungarian nation (one presumes of gypsies and Jews).

In Switzerland Ahmed (aka Armand) Albert Friedrich Huber, a former socialist journalist and banker with close ties to both neo-Nazis and the Moslem Brotherhood, attempted to put together a conference of Holocaust deniers in Lebanon with the stated goal of creating a nexus for cooperation between Moslems and neo-Nazi groups. Faced with an international outcry, the Lebanese government canceled the event but Huber has a large following as a result of his “eclectic” group of anti-Semitic supporters.

Anti-Semites of the left, the right and Moslem supporters, whether in Europe or on this continent, are animated by the conviction that Jews are engaged in a vast conspiracy to control the media, the financial system and the governments of the West. This of course

is the thesis of the fake *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which supposedly reveals a Jewish plot to take over the world and is still a bestseller in the Moslem world. *Flowers of Galilee* by Swedish anti-Semite Joran Jermas, published by the Austrian left-wing Promedia, wins enthusiastic praise from the fascist general secretary of the Austro-Arab Friendship Society: "The Occupation Regime in Iraq was installed by the U.S. army in the interests of Zionists, and it may be rightly called ZOG, Zionist Occupation Government, if anything. However, this ZOG is also a Zog, a servant of Darkness and Annihilation, for its first step was the destruction of Baghdad's libraries and museums."

In Sweden the first "anti-Zionist party" has just been formed. The party leader openly welcomes neo-Nazis, radical Islamist and left-wing extremists. And while this may be the first party based purely on hatred of Jews in post-Holocaust Europe, one suspects it will not be the last.

Clearly the huge Moslem immigration into Europe has been crucial to these developments. Moslems are the foot soldiers in the war against the Jews. It is they who intimidate, who terrorize, who rampage, who engage in violence against ordinary Jews in schools, on the streets, in public transportation. More broadly, the Moslem war against Israel is crucial for the anti-Semitic left, much of which, uncomfortable with naked anti-Semitism, relies on the mask of anti-Zionism.

What is especially disconcerting is that it grows ever harder anywhere in Europe to find a rational middle bloc. The first major warning of the extent to which the broad public had been influenced by relentless media pounding on Israel was in 2003 when a European Commission poll of 15 countries found that 59% of respondents considered Israel the greatest threat to world peace—far outstripping Iran, North Korea and Afghanistan. This November came another shock when England's Channel 4 aired "Inside Britain's Israel Lobby," purveying the notion of a Jewish conspiracy that had successfully manipulated the media and politicians to support Israel.

The documentary was silly. In the real world, British media, above all the influential BBC, rides a relentless anti-Israel hobby horse. Yet it provoked, as Robin Shepherd has put it "a torrent of abuse against British Jews, not least on Channel 4's widely read Web site, whose moderators have seen fit to approve dozens of postings about the Zionist lobby's 'seditious behavior,' its 'disgusting attack on British democracy,' 'the hand of global Zionism at work,' and several along the lines of the following, which said flatly: 'We want our country back. The agents of a foreign power embedded at all levels of

our government and politics need flushing out.'" In fact, what the documentary had flushed out was the extent of British anti-Semitism.

The makers of Channel 4's documentary have written that their inspiration came from John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt, authors of "The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy" who have given a "scholarly" veneer to the conspiracy theory of Zionist control of U.S. policy, a central theme of anti-Semites of all stripes.

In the United States the extreme right has long operated on the societal fringe (e.g. the David Dukes, Liberty Lobby, Holocaust revisionists). Conservatives have been far more supportive of Jews and Israel than their counterparts in the

multi-culti left. But the exceptions grow. Paul Craig Roberts has a sterling mainstream conservative resume (assistant Secretary of the Treasury under Reagan, associate editor of the *Wall Street Journal*, Senior Research Fellow at the Hoover Institute, etc.). He spouts conspiracy theories on V-Dare, a right-wing website hospitable to anti-Semites. "Why is the U.S. making itself impotent fighting wars that have nothing whatsoever to do with its security, wars that are, in fact, threatening its security? The answer is that the military-security lobby, the financial gangsters, and AIPAC rule. The American people be damned." Similarly V-Dare editor Stephen Sailer, often cogent on other issues, accuses "neo-cons" [code word for Jews] of "furnishing the Republican Presidential candidates with a ready-made grand strategy: Invade the World/ Invite the World/ In Hock the World."

Although *National Review* did dump anti-Semitic journalist Joe Sobran, there is a certain tone-deafness to anti-Semitism on the right. Editors of Townhall, *Human Events*, as well as the conservative Fox News overlook the "sophisticated" Holocaust denial of Pat Buchanan—Sean Hannity is a great admirer. When Robert Novak died, a man who would gladly have blamed Katrina on Israel, the orgy of lament and praise was mind-numbing.

What can Jews (and their supporters) do to counter the pincer movement from left and right? In Europe, probably not much. For one thing, massive Moslem immigration, combined with below-replacement birth rates by the native population, is fast bringing major European countries to a demographic tipping point. But it goes beyond this. Robin Shepherd finds the roots of the new form of anti-Semitism centering on Israel "the most important Jewish project of our time" in a civilizational sickness, a lack of self-belief, ideological pathologies, relativism, a tendency to appease. He warns that in Europe "hostility to Is-

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rael is nowhere near as striking at the peaks of the political landscape as in the subterranean caverns below. But at some point, the tectonic movements of cultural change must inevitably push peaks, caverns and everything else together...forg[ing] anew the look and feel of political life.”

In the United States, on the other hand, there is much Jews could do, although if past is prologue, they will fail to take the appropriate measures (indeed be shocked to hear them voiced). It is the huge, militant Moslem population that makes Europe so unlikely a prospect for positive change. Jews should be working to restrict and monitor Moslem immigration to the United States, for the larger this population, the more the position of Jews—and political support for Israel—will be undercut.

Unlike in Europe, in the United States Israel still has an important base of support in the Christian evangelical community and Jews should be cultivating these friends, going out of their way to cooperate with them in as many areas as possible. Instead, while a few groups (like AFSI) have done so, major organizations like the Anti-Defamation League for decades have gone out of their way to antagonize and defame these chief friends of Israel (and if they would allow them, of Jews).

In the end, though, it is the state of Israel that can do most to sustain existing and mobilize potential supporters, the kinds of people Melanie Phillips describes as fading from the British scene: “[who] embodied decency and fairness and intelligence and a quiet but unyielding determination to stand up for right against wrong and face down the bullies and the bigots.” Sadly since the disastrous Oslo accords, Israel has been on a steady downward slide. Once the pillar of resistance to terror (remember Entebbe?), it has become the model for appeasement of terror, releasing floods of terrorists for single Israelis, for the dead bodies of Israelis, for nothing at all—as empty gestures of goodwill.

Once an exemplar for boldly confronting its enemies, Israel now incessantly prattles of negotiations and “two-state solutions,” proffering suicidal concessions although the Arabs (not to mention Iran) make no bones that they have no intention of accepting a Jewish state in any borders. Israel has been so easily pushed around for so long it is no wonder Obama thought he could demand a complete building freeze, including in Jerusalem (what did it matter that Israel had formally annexed it?) and have Israel fall in line without objection. (And Netanyahu, after a struggle of some months, indeed seems to be falling in

line.)

In 1944, with Jews at their lowest ebb, screenwriter and staunch Zionist Ben Hecht, in *Guide for the Bedeviled*, laid out what Jews should *not* do. They should not go on the defensive—they should not proclaim their humanitarian virtues, they should not proclaim their distress, they should not try to contradict and disprove the anti-Semite. (Hecht writes disapprovingly, “They feel only that anything an anti-Semite says must be contradicted and disproved”). Adds Hecht: “You would think that the Jews would wake up to this one fact about themselves—that their defensive position is the chief delight and arsenal of the anti-Semite. But never comes such awakening.”

Prime Minister Netanyahu’s much praised speech at the UN in September of this year is further proof the awakening never comes, for it embodied every mistake Hecht outlined. Netanyahu started out by “disproving” Ahmadinejad’s holocaust denial. He waved

before the General Assembly the notes of the Wannsee meeting at which the Germans decided on the plan to exterminate Jews and copies of the construction plans for Auschwitz. He went on to emphasize Israel’s humanitarian contributions to the world. He proclaimed Israel’s “distress:” it had suffered an endless rain of rockets after it had left Gaza, even though it had destroyed Jewish communities in the search for peace. He emphasized how badly Israel wanted peace, how much it would do for peace, that it believed in the two state solution with two free peoples living side by side. As Ben Hecht could have told him, the defensive speech only made Israel’s enemies smell her weakness.

What speech might Netanyahu have made? He could have said that the Jewish people were in Israel as of religious, historic and legal right, in the words of the Hatikva, to live as a free people in our land. From Israel’s inception, the Arabs had been—and continued to be—intent on destroying the state. He could have acknowledged that Israel’s pursuit of peace when there was no peace had led it into terrible errors, most recently the Oslo accords and the retreat from Gaza. He could have said that the two state solution the whole world supported was a lie, a chimera. He could have said that Israel had two non-negotiable preconditions for any negotiations: the Arabs must integrate the refugees into their countries, giving up “the right to return,” and they must openly acknowledge Israel as the legitimate state of the Jews. Until such time, Israel was prepared to stand fast and do whatever it deemed necessary to maintain its security,

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Ben Hecht

defend itself against attack and utterly defeat those who attempted to destroy it.

Such a speech would have caused an uproar (not least in Israel). But it would have been a first step in changing the atmosphere, in instilling respect and fear in enemies, in strengthening friends tired of all the lies (including being told that Islam is a religion of peace). The greatest irony of all is that Israel is guilty of sins precisely the opposite of those of which it is accused. It can properly be faulted, but not for being

a bully, an oppressor, a second coming of the Nazi Reich. Its real sin is failing to stand up to the bullies, the oppressors, the anti-Semites of the region and of the world.

Ultimately it is Israel which is the chief target of the anti-Semites, the rallying point for their irrational hatreds, and it is Israel that has the potential, if it would stand firm, to break through the wall of hatred closing in on world Jewry.

Absent that, the vice tightens. •

The First Tithe

Reviewed by David Isaac

“Know your enemy,” said Sun-Tzu. Had he been a Jew, he would have said, “Know your enemy both without and within.” Israel Eldad, a member of the leadership of Lehi, the smallest, but most ruthless of the Jewish undergrounds that fought against British rule in Palestine, learned this truth the hard way. His book, *The First Tithe*, first published in 1950, was only translated into English last year (and is available on Amazon).

Israel Eldad (nee Scheib), who was born in Galicia in 1910, describes his book as a “personal memoir,” and it is that, painting a picture of a man who was a remarkable mixture of original thought, unswerving determination and self-sacrifice. To protect his wife and newborn daughter, he was forced to leave them. “I leave my apartment in the month of Adar 5704 (1944), to return only in Adar 5708 (1948). In that instant, as I left, I lost my civilian and my family life,” he writes.

He suffered physical torment as well. While fleeing the British, he fell from a building. His body shattered by the fall, he found himself doubly imprisoned—both in a body cast and a Jerusalem jail cell. The ideological strategist for Lehi, he continued to write even in a body cast, preparing speeches for fighters who were on trial and acting as a mentor to his fellow prisoners.

Though active in Betar, the Revisionist Zionist youth movement founded by Ze’ev Jabotinsky, Eldad marked his official start in politics with the Third Betar Conference in Warsaw, which took place on September 10, 1938. In a well-known exchange at that conference, Jabotinsky likened Menachem Begin, who called for a more activist policy, to a “squeaking door” which served no useful purpose. Less well known was Eldad’s defense of Begin. He said that not all squeaking doors are useless. A squeaking door once warned him that thieves had broken into his home.

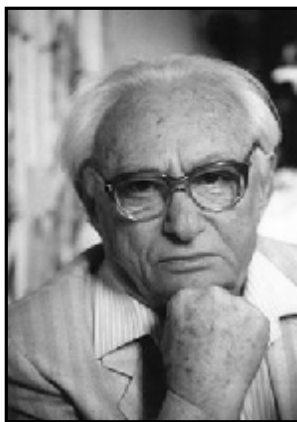
Jabotinsky applauded Eldad’s rhetorical hit, and from that moment Eldad’s “personal memoir” also became a historical one. *The First Tithe* reads like a

secret history, lifting a veil from the events leading up to Israel’s establishment, and illuminating much of what would otherwise seem incomprehensible to those observing Israel from afar. As the book’s translator, Zeev Golan, writes in his introduction, “Historians and political scientists who try to explain Begin at Camp David, Shamir at Madrid, Rabin and Barak in their dealings with Arabs, without first understanding the roots of the behavior of these individuals and the movements they represent in Zionism, are writing blind.

“How can one explain Begin’s far-reaching concessions without knowing of the rooftop conversations Eldad and Begin held in the 1940s? How can one understand Shamir’s behavior as premier during the Gulf War without reading Eldad’s analysis of the personality of his Underground co-commander? How can one account for the policies pursued by three different Labor Party prime ministers without putting their motives in the context of the Labor movement’s goals before the creation of Israel, as described by Eldad?” Golan writes.

Though one might reasonably have expected Eldad to focus on the conflict with the British, given that Lehi made it its mission to drive them from the Holy Land, it’s the “Yishuv”—a term used to refer to the Jewish community in Israel, but in this case, to its official institutions—to which Eldad returns again and again. For it was the Yishuv, led by the socialist-dominated Jewish Agency headed by David Ben-Gurion, that did its best to stop the Jewish underground from waging war against the British. As Ruth Wisse details in her *Jews and Power*, centuries of accommodation with gentile rulers had instilled in Jews a meekness in the face of authority. Old Diaspora habits die hard, and this submissive posture proved difficult to shake for even the most committed Zionists.

But there was more going on than a centuries-bred tradition of conciliation. Eldad argues that the Yishuv had grown wealthy and complacent during the war years. Essentially, the underground movements forced the Yishuv to fight. “They hated us for making them fight, for fighting before they did, and because we would continue to fight after they surrendered,” Eldad writes.



Israel Eldad

The hostility reached its zenith with the Altalena affair. The story, of which the reader is probably familiar, involved the arms-laden ship Altalena, which the Irgun had sailed to the shores of Palestine to supply the new Jewish army. On David Ben-Gurion's orders, the Haganah, under the command of Yitzhak Rabin, opened fire on the ship and destroyed it under the false pretense that Menachem Begin had planned a putsch.

It would be unfair to say the Yishuv as a whole welcomed the sinking of the Altalena. Many Jews, even on the left, condemned the despicable act. Yet, Eldad's explanation—that the Yishuv's leaders were motivated by fear that their rule was threatened, that they did not want the Irgun to save the day by supplying the army—is the most convincing of many that have been given. Popular support had been growing for the dissident underground organizations and were it not for the Altalena, which turned the tables, who knows what Israel's history might have looked like. Historians have suggested that with the arms supplied by the Altalena, Israel could have taken all of Jerusalem in 1948.

There are many similarities between then and now. The hostility the Left felt toward the underground is mirrored today by the hostility its spiritual heirs feel toward religious Zionists who insist on living in areas like Judea and Samaria even as the Left works to abandon them.

After the War of Independence, Eldad taught Bible and Hebrew literature in an Israeli high school until David Ben-Gurion had him fired, fearing Eldad would instill his ideology into his students. Finding it difficult to find work after being, as he says, "publicly fingered as a danger to the state," Eldad wrote col-

umns, books, a newspaper-like review of Jewish history called *Chronicles* and a nationalist journal *Sulam*. In 1962, he was made a lecturer at Haifa's Technion.

A central idea to which Eldad adhered all his life was that the State of Israel was a stage on the road to "Malkhut Israel," the "Sovereign Kingdom of Israel," a term he used to express the idea of full redemption, in which the Jews would be politically powerful, fending off hatred from without and treason from within. He viewed this Malkhut as Israel's destiny, without the completion of which it would not long survive.

Eldad also recognized early the cultural rot that infected Israel's elites and whose damage became apparent only decades later. In the preface to his 1962 edition of *The First Tithe*, he writes, "We have the

tremendous potential to manage our national and physical and spiritual powers in a wide expanse, yet we also see so many brains and hearts reduced to a lack of vision, or even an openly professed and exhibited anti-Vision of the type now expressed in what is called literature and art; a culture the content of which is abandon and which, in boredom and plenitude, mimics the wild and disturbed West which is actualizing the anthem of the East: No God, no king, no heroes."

Eldad was iron-willed; ruthless in a way that only intellectuals can be. One could make the argument that he was constitutionally unsuited for the give-and-take of a politician's life, but there's no doubt that had he been in power, Israel would be in a stronger position today to withstand Israel's enemies. The Jews need more like him.

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The Dead End Quest For Peace

Daniel Greenfield

Peace, peace. Everyone wants peace. Or so we would like to think. Chamberlain and a sizable portion of the English electorate were certain that Hitler wanted peace and all that was needed was for everyone to sit down around a table, make some compromises (at someone else's expense if possible) and everyone could go back to buying their biscuits, playing cricket and generally enjoying life. What did not occur to them was the possibility that Hitler did not want peace. What did not occur to them was that by constantly talking about peace, they were only bridging the gap to war with their own naïveté and conspicuous weakness.

A year into Obama's first term dedicated to multilateralism and soft power, the world is more unstable than ever. Iran is openly pursuing nuclear weapons and regional domination. North Korea is firing on South Ko-

rean ships. The Chavez Marxist axis in Latin America has become more ambitious. Russia is amping up the rhetoric against the Ukraine and Georgia again, and building up its arsenal. And even Obama's staunchest apologists and defenders cannot think of a single tangible thing that he has accomplished in all his visits to virtually every major country on the globe.

But that is because peace is a paradox. To have peace, you must be prepared for war. You may speak softly, but you must carry a big stick. And like happiness, the worst possible way to go about finding peace, is by going out and looking for it. Because to pursue peace is to deliver a signal of weakness that all but invites war. Peace is produced not through goodwill—those with whom goodwill is easy to achieve are not likely targets for war—but through deterrence. War is deterred the same way that crime is deterred, through vigilance and strength.

To let go of that strength and relax your vigilance brings not peace, but instability and eventually

war. This understanding of human affairs is reflexively rejected by those who assume that "we" are the real problem. That "we" are the reason why there is war. "We" are the reason why the enemy does not trust us. "We" are what stands in the way of peace, love and understanding with the whole world. And if the peace initiatives fail, clearly "we" are the ones to blame and must try harder to break through and reach an understanding. And if "we" are lucky, we may wake up from this form of madness before the tanks of the people we worked so hard to achieve peace with roll into Poland.

Because there is nothing quite so pathetic as the leaders of a free nation crawling before tyrants and thugs in search of peace, beating their own breasts and offering more and more concessions in trade for false promises and false hope.

Consider Israel's outreach program of shipping their films to film festivals, which is ironic when you consider that the average Israeli film is just as anti-Israeli, as the average American movie is anti-American. Israeli consulates are still flogging *The Band's Visit*. *The Band's Visit* is one of those charming movies that every liberalized country makes sooner or later, and in the words of film critic Roger Ebert showcases a vision of "Arabs and Israelis, that shows them both as only ordinary people with ordinary hopes, lives and disappointments. It has also shown us two souls with rare beauty."

The Band's Visit was meant to promote Jewish-Arab and Israeli-Egyptian co-existence. The movie however was banned in Egypt, where any actual talk of co-existence with Israel is virtually a criminal offense. Which made it all the more absurd for the movie to depict an Egyptian band visiting Israel, when Egyptian writers, musicians and filmmakers are effectively barred from visiting Israel at risk of being expelled from their respective guilds. The few who have, like playwright Ali Salem who faced ostracism, expulsion from the Union of Egyptian Writers and police interrogations for merely visiting Israel, have paid a high price for promoting "normalization" with Israel.

That is the "peace" that exists between Israel and Egypt, 30 years after Camp David. That is the only peace that will ever exist between Israel and Egypt, for the simple reason that it is a peace based on three wars in which Israel demonstrated that it would not allow itself to be conquered by Egypt. That is of course the only way to stop a war, to demonstrate that it will not succeed.

Had England and France backed down Nazi Germany in the Rhineland, there likely would have been no World War II. Had the United States put its soldiers where its boycott was in Asia, there would have been no Pearl Harbor. Had the Allied troops in

Russia intervened more directly against the Bolsheviks, there would have been no Cold War. And the list goes on and on. There are far more modern cases where a raised fist would have stopped a devastating war, than when a handshake or a hug would have done the same thing. And some of the worst atrocities of the 20th century could have been prevented not by diplomacy, but by preventing the diplomacy itself, which more often than not has accommodated conquest and genocide.

But naturally the people who made *The Band's Visit* and their cultural ilk have learned absolutely nothing from their actual experience in Egypt, nor have they understood that their enemies are not interested in seeing them as fellow human beings with ordinary hopes, lives and disappointments. To paraphrase Cassius, they insist that the fault lies not in their enemies, but in themselves. Or in those intolerant people around them who insist that their country must be vigilant and strong, instead of a pushover for the sort of people who burn books when they cannot burn the writers themselves.

While peace is a wonderful thing, it is part of a balance. There cannot be peace all the time, because humans are not peaceful creatures. As long as there is greed, hate and the will to power, there will be war. And for as long as there is war, peace can only be obtained through a strong hand, rather than a bended knee. Peace requires war, as day requires night and summer requires winter. It is part of a natural balance that is sustained by the willingness to maintain that balance. To be willing to have peace when war is over, and to be willing to fight when peace can no longer avail.

To quest for peace is as pointless as questing for constant summer or constant day. To do so is to ignore the natural balance of human affairs, and to bring on war anyway—only a war on increasingly unfavorable terms. For though men may cry peace, peace—there is no peace. Only preemptive surrender.

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As in the case of ACORN, the reaction of the exposed organization is to strike out against the truth tellers. ACORN has sued the intrepid young journalists for taping without permission and CAIR has sued in federal court alleging “breach of contract, trespass and violation of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act.” The website *Politico* (first to break the news of the lawsuit) notes that what the suit does *not* claim is libel or defamation.

Thus far the government has collapsed in the face of CAIR’s tactics of bullying and intimidation. It remains to be seen if mollifying the Muslim mafia will trump the war on terror (excuse me, our effort to counter “man-made disasters”).

One unhappy portent: thanks to a ruling by Clinton-appointed judge Ann Montgomery, the so-called flying imams have won a settlement in their (CAIR-financed) case against U.S. Airways and Minneapolis airport police. Three years ago six Muslim clerics were bounced from a Phoenix bound flight for behaving like hijackers: yelling Allah, Allah, cursing the United States etc. In retrospect it looks as if the group was deliberately courting being removed so as to pave the way for the lawsuit. Documents Gaubatz came away with in his undercover months at CAIR show that it used the Flying Imams case to push Congress to “criminalize” anti-terrorist profiling by airlines. The end result can only be to intimidate airlines and airport police from removing Moslems who raise red flags—making a new terror attack against airlines more likely.

When Prophecy Fails

It’s been called Climategate. Files obtained from the UN Climatic Research Unit show that many of the key global warming “scientists” manipulated the data to eliminate the Medieval Global Warming period, conspired to bar scientists with conflicting views from climate journals, destroyed data to avoid complying with Freedom of Information requests from scientists they feared would expose their flawed findings, among other misdeeds. Some have argued that the great global warming bubble has now burst.

Don’t count on it. Leon Festinger’s classic study *When Prophecy Fails* was about an apocalyptic group that believed the world would end on a specific date. The allotted day came and went, so the prophecy was disproved and the group should have disbanded. But the effect was to make them believe harder than ever—in the short term. Global warming is an apocalypse—the end of the world is coming if we don’t reduce our carbon footprint forthwith. It doesn’t have a fixed date so it is not susceptible to the same kind of disproof. But the psychology is the same—the believers will believe harder than ever. Eventually the whole thing will collapse but we may have seriously damaged our economy before it does.

Another factor that will keep the global warming movement going for now is that politicians have signed

on en masse and they would look like total fools if they abruptly signed off. So it’s on to Copenhagen!

Finally! Israel Slams *NY Times* Bias

The government of Israel has finally taken public notice of the naked anti-Israel bias of the “paper of record”—which CAMERA has been painstakingly exposing, chapter and verse, for many years.

The *Times*’ coverage of the Goldstone Report was the last straw. Israel’s UN delegation sent an official complaint to the *Times* editorial board for “the subjective and often damning language” in the *Times*’ news reports, their inaccurate description of the contents of the Report and the paper’s failure to even present Israel’s viewpoint—that the Goldstone Report ignored Israel’s legitimate exercise of its right to self-defense and “offers legitimacy to Hamas terrorism and its deliberate strategy to launch attacks, store weapons and use as shield the civilian population and infrastructure of Gaza.”

At this writing, the *Times* had not replied but if CAMERA’s experience is any guide, the newspaper will blithely continue as before, acting on its true slogan “distorting all the news as it sees fit.”

Rule of Law?

Three young men from the community of Yizhar in Samaria, Akiva Hacoheh, Eliav Eliyahu and Ariel Groner, have been banished from their homes and families without explanation by a military court. All have small children—Akiva has three small children and his wife expects a baby momentarily. They have not violated any law, do not possess or carry weapons and are not suspected of launching illegal activities. (If there were any ground to suspect illegal actions, Israel’s General Security Service—Shabak—would have thrown the book at them and attempted to have them sentenced to jail.)

The most likely explanation is that they irritated the bitterly hostile (to the settler community) General Gadi Shamni who signed the order expelling them. Disturbingly, the Netanyahu government has made Shamni Israel’s military attaché in Washington.

Ivory Tower Anti-Semitism

The following are excerpts from Steven Plaut’s article in *Frontpage* (Oct. 26) focusing on Stephen H. Norwoods’ important new book *The Third Reich in the Ivory Tower* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

“Campus radicalism, support for totalitarianism and general political extremism are not new on Western campuses. Indeed some of the worst political extremism in academic history took the form of enthusiastic support on American campuses for Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

“By warmly receiving Nazi diplomats and propagandists on campus, [university leaders] helped

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Nazi Germany present itself to the American public as a civilized nation, unfairly maligned in the press.

“Harvard University stood out above the rest in its moral failure and in its collaboration with Nazism. The high Nazi official Ernst (Putzi) Hanfstaungl was invited as the Harvard commencement speaker in 1934.... He was on record insisting “the Jews must be crushed,” and describing Jews as “the vampire sucking German blood.” Harvard maintained intimate relations with many Nazi institutions, in particular the University of Heidelberg, even after it proclaimed proudly that it had expelled all its Jews and began promoting what it called ‘Aryan Physics.’

“Norwood’s own alma mater of Columbia University is a major target in his book. Months after Germany started book burning, Columbia’s President Nicholas Murray Butler went out of his way to welcome Nazi Germany’s ambassador to the US for a lecture circuit at the school. Shortly afterwards, when a man who had escaped from a Nazi concentration camp lectured on campus, Butler refused to attend....More than one Columbia faculty member was fired for taking an anti-Nazi stand.

“Many other universities were little better. The ‘Seven Sisters,’ meaning the seven elite women’s colleges in America, were decidedly unwilling to take any anti-Nazi stands. Collaboration with the Nazis continued at some campuses even after Germany invaded Czechoslovakia and Poland.

“Freedom of speech was selectively defended on campuses in the 1930s, as it is again today. The President of Queens College prohibited an anti-Nazi

speaker from giving a lecture on campus as late as spring 1938.

“Nor is phony symmetry the innovation of the past decade’s campus campaign to defend Islamic terror. In the 1930s academics and university presidents signed statements that protested German behavior but at the same time gave it legitimacy. For example, in one attempt at ‘even-handedness,’ a petition claimed that Nazi actions were ‘in large part the result of the lack of fair play to Germany’ on the part of Western countries and their ‘slighting of German rights and needs.’ It added that ‘minorities are suppressed and discriminated against to some degree in every land.’ They knew so well—at the time most Ivy League universities and many other colleges officially and openly discriminated against Jewish applicants.

“Does all of the above sound familiar? It does to Norwood, who says he sees frightening similarities between what has been happening in American campuses since the early 1990s and what transpired in the 1930s.”

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