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Save Roi Klein's Home

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Israel's courts, military and civilian, along with a supine government, have for many years been acting as if they were in the service of some new White Paper, outlawing Jewish settlement. The most scandalous single example involves the order to demolish the home of the family of fallen war hero Major Roi Klein. Klein was killed in the summer of 2006 in the Second Lebanon War. With the words *Shema Yisrael* Klein, to save his men, threw himself on a live grenade hurled by Hezbollah forces. He was posthumously awarded the IDF's highest honor, the Medal of Valor, the first time the medal was awarded in over 30 years.

The effort to destroy the Klein home began a year before he died. It is what is darkly called an "outpost," located in the Hayovel neighborhood of Eli in Samaria. While the government had issued demolition orders on the grounds the neighborhood was not officially authorized, it showed no inclination to act on them. Indeed for years the neighborhood received government services. In 2005 Peace Now (a more fitting sobriquet would be Destroy Israel Now) brought a petition to Israel's Supreme Court for the prompt demolition of 18 "illegal" homes both in Hayovel and in Hersha, also in Samaria.

The case dragged on until 2009 when the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Peace Now. Klein's widow Sarah and her two young children faced the prospect of immediate loss of their home. Neighbors described it as a "harsh blow" coming almost exactly three years after her husband's death and, ironically, shortly before an IDF memorial ceremony in his honor.

Appealing to Defense Minister Ehud Barak (then part of the Olmert-led Kadima government, now in the same role in the Netanyahu-led Likud government) Nachi Eyal, chairman of the Land of Israel Legal Forum, wrote that if the home of Klein, a national symbol of bravery and sacrifice, was destroyed "the message sent will be disastrous, for both civilians and soldiers. If there remains any significance to 'our duty to the fallen' now is the time to prove it."

Belatedly this seems to have occurred to the gov-

ernment for it now says it is "examining alternatives" to demolition. It intends "to conduct an examination and determine what are the boundaries of the state land in the area before making a final decision." After ten years, first examine the boundaries *now?* As Israeli writer Arlene Kushner observes, "it may be determined that they were legal after all. How about that! It shows how politicized is the entire concept of 'illegal' building."

Ironically the Klein family, along with the other families of Hersha and Hayovel, face expulsion at a time when the Israeli courts are finally stepping back from their previous automatic endorsement of any and all Peace Now interventions to expel Jews. Eighteen months ago Peace Now petitioned the Supreme Court to expel Jewish civilians living on an IDF base in Hebron. Kushner provides some history. The land is owned by Chabad which bought it 100 years ago and retained legal title. About twenty-five years ago the IDF built a base there and five years later a small Jewish neighborhood was established on the base with the permission of Chabad. The Court responded that the civilian neighborhood had been there for 20 years and it was a bit late to complain now. Peace Now's petition was rejected.

It reveals the weakness of Netanyahu—supposedly leading a nationalist government—that he did not immediately throw the government's weight on behalf of the endangered homes. The military administration of Judea and Samaria could easily issue an order protecting these homes. It is a scandal that the family of Israel's most celebrated soldier should have been forced to live for years with the looming threat that they might at any moment be made homeless by their own government. Netanyahu should act immediately.

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From the Editor

Bibi MacDonald?

In view of Benjamin Netanyahu's decision to freeze settlements, it's worth noting the grim irony that in doing so the Israeli prime minister has linked his administration with the policies of the British White Paper of 1939, also referred to as the MacDonald White Paper after British Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, who presided over it.

The 1939 White Paper is best known for severely curtailing the number of Jews who could enter Palestine, bottling them up in Europe at a time when they desperately needed to escape. Less well-known were the White Paper's "land laws," whose purpose was to freeze Jewish settlement in the Land of Israel.

The laws went into effect with the publication of the "Palestine Land Transfer Regulations" in January, 1940. The regulations divided Palestine into three areas: 1) The first, comprising 5% of the western portion of the Land of Israel, which was permitted to Jews 2) An area totaling 31% of the land, which could only be bought by special permission of the High Commissioner, and 3) 64% of all the territory, forbidden to Jews and reserved exclusively for "Palestinian Arabs".

When Netanyahu left Ariel Sharon's Government in the lead-up to the expulsion of the Jews of Gush Katif, he said he was motivated by his fear of "the trial of history." It looks as if history has already shown us which side he will end up on.

Commentary Awakes

Under new editors John Podhoretz and Jonathan Tobin, *Commentary* has finally emerged from its multi-year trance induced by Norman Podhoretz's admiration for President George W. Bush. The senior Podhoretz, by his own account, endorsed the Road Map and the uprooting of the Jewish communities in Gaza (a political, military and moral disaster) because of his faith in Bush as well as in Ariel Sharon. For the last five years, *Commentary*, which post-Oslo had been the voice of sanity on Israel, has been irrelevant, indeed silly. Its chief policy analyst on Israel was Hillel Halkin, who perfectly epitomized the magazine's own confusion: Halkin, after endless agonizing back and forth, rarely—if ever—encountered an Israeli retreat he did not approve.

So it is to be celebrated that *Commentary's* January issue cuts to the chase with an article by Evelyn Gordon, whose clear-thinking columns appeared for years in *The Jerusalem Post.* Israel's standing, Gordon writes, has declined drastically as a direct result of the Oslo accords. She cites three major reasons: 1) With Oslo Israel sidelined its own claims to Judea, Samaria and Gaza, endorsing the Palestinian claim 2) Israel's territorial retreats led to more Palestinian Arab deaths which mobilized public opinion against her. (Israel's Hobson choice was to sit with

folded hands while its citizens were attacked or to take actions for which she'd be condemned. 3) Israel's withdrawals energized anti-Israel radicals worldwide.

While the Palestinian negotiating position remained unchanged (including the demand Israel commit suicide by accepting an Arab "right of return"), Gordon observes that Israel ditched red line after red line. Against all evidence, each Israeli Prime Minister kept insisting peace was within reach, senseless behavior if peace was unobtainable and territorial concessions only produced more terror. In sum, the desperate pursuit of peace is not the solution but the problem, as Israeli leaders respond to every inevitable failure of the "peace process" with a better offer.

One important caveat to this otherwise excellent essay. Gordon concludes by pinning her hopes on Netanyahu, saying he has the communication skills to convey the unpalatable truth that the peace process is a chimera to a worldwide audience. True enough, but what she does not say—despite her emphasis on "telling it like it is"—is that Netanyahu has been every bit as dishonest as his predecessors in promoting the peace-that-never-will-be.

Gordon applauds Netanyahu's June 14 speech at Bar Ilan University and his October address to the UN General Assembly for straight shooting, but at the conclusion of both these speeches he endorsed the Great Lie: that by "universal consensus" a Palestinian state was the solution. Netanyahu's actions have been no better than his words. Bowing to Obama's demand for a settlement "freeze," upon taking office in March Netanyahu froze all construction, even in East Jerusalem. While 700 new housing units have recently been announced, it transpires that these units are only being built as a result of threats by coalition partner Shas—even then Netanyahu insisted on "coordinating" with the Americans, from whom he wangled a "mild" condemnation.

This is not the stuff of a Prime Minister who will defy the "universal consensus" to announce the emperor is naked. As this writer has repeatedly said of Netanyahu, character is fate, and the man, for all his talents, lacks the spine to be Prime Minister.

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The True Imperialism

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A theme constantly repeated both by the internationalist left and the isolationist right is that Islamic terrorism is a backlash or blowback against our foreign policy. Exponents of this point of view, whether it is Bill Ayers or Pat Buchanan, echo the same list of Muslim grievances against America and imply that if we simply left the Muslims alone, they in turn would leave us alone.

But their premise is as foolish as arguing that the Visigoths would have left Rome alone, if only Rome had left the Visigoths alone. One can buy some time by leaving the people who are expanding into your territory alone, but that just means postponing the inevitable. Europe is full of governments anxiously trying to leave the Muslims who are overrunning their countries alone. And all they're doing is buying themselves a little time, until the inevitable sacking begins. In

countries such as France and Belgium, the sacking has begun already.

The internationalists and isolationists who are expert at offering the most cynical and conspiratorial readings of American foreign policy, also inevitably offer the most optimistic and naive readings of Muslim expansionism. That double standard is a mandatory requirement for blaming America first and blaming Islam never. Instead Muslims are treated as pinballs who only act violently in response to our aggression.

This pinball theory of Islamic victimization is used to sell absurdities such as the Cycle of Violence theory, which argues that if people stopped fighting Islamic terrorism it would go away, or the They Hate Us Because of Our Foreign Policy theory which pretends that Islamic terrorism is a justified response to our liberation of Kuwait, protection of Saudi Arabia and foreign aid to Israel. Both theories dehumanize Muslims by assume that the Ummah has no larger agenda than just wanting to be left alone.

Far left and far right critics of America, such as Ayers and Buchanan, routinely charge America with that dreaded "I" word, Imperialism. But it is the rising Caliphate that practices actual imperialism, spreading the faith by the sword, expanding its dominions by exploiting Muslim fifth columns around the world, and murdering anyone in its way. Muslim corporations from the oil rich gulf states leverage their wealth to promote their influence in the United States and Europe. Muslim nations band together in the UN to outlaw any speech they consider blasphemous, even when that speech takes place in non-Muslim countries.

When Obama bows to the Saudi King, when tax dollars are used to repay US oil companies whose property was nationalized by the Saudis, when Saudi lobbyists hold high positions in the government, when terrorists out of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia murder thousands of Americans while their countries profit from U.S. foreign aid and rising oil prices from the aforementioned nationalized U.S. oil companies, when

Islamic leaders promote death and terror against the infidels, while demanding unflinching respect for their beliefs—there you can see true imperialism.

There was a time when Islamic terrorism was about foreign policy, but that time has long passed for Europe, where Islamic terrorism is now a matter of domestic policy. It is quickly becoming a matter of domestic policy in America as well. Because while Westerners may divide Islamic grievances into domestic and foreign

spheres, Muslims themselves make no such distinction except within their own nations.

The rise of an Islamic minority in a non-Muslim country to the Muslim mind demands the imposition of Islamic law, since all other forms of jurisprudence are illegitimate and inferior in comparison to it. If that request is not granted, then Muslims naturally have the "right" to rise up against their oppressors. If the request is granted, the first seeds of an Islamic takeover have been planted. Soon disputes between Muslims and non-Muslims will have to be tried in accordance with Islamic law. Blasphemy must be outlawed. And Islamic law must step by step become the basis of the nation's legal system. Eventually the nation's indigenous legal system is so weak and inferior that it is wholly swallowed up by a little problem named *Sharia*.

When Muslims speak of fighting an American or Western empire, they don't mean it in quite the sense that Ron Paul or Cindy Sheehan do. They mean it in the sense of obliterating the Pax Americana, the hegemony of the Western powers in the military, economic and cultural spheres—and replacing it with their own. The Ummah is not searching for some Benetton/UNICEF fantasy of global co-existence. It is playing a zero sum game from which there is no exit. The Islamic birth rate combined with the domestic impoverishment and oppression of Muslims, stimulate immigration. The growing treasure houses of the oil rich states are used to buy power and influence and to do what all royal houses do, extend their power and dream of global ambitions.

American and European internationalists are still wedded to Soviet propaganda, which with the flexibility of Communist dogma, was willing to embrace anyone at war with the West as an enemy of capitalism. This flexibility allowed the Communists to embrace Hitler and Nazi Germany as victims of Western Imperialism (at least until German tanks swept across the border). Embracing Islamism seems almost like a trivial contortion of principles at this point.

American isolationists like Pat Buchanan and Ron Paul still think that bashing American foreign policy and Israel is a cure for all of Islam's ills, a foolish cowardice that they share with many tottering European governments who imagine the same thing. While



Islamists such as Bin Laden do indeed resent America's ties to the governments of Egypt, Yemen, Israel or the House of Saud, that is only because we stand in the way of their ambition to take over those countries, a move that would quadruple the world's terrorist quota. One might as

Pat Buchanan | well argue that the solution to race riots is to appoint Al Sharpton president, an

absurd premise that neither Buchanan nor Paul would sign on to at home, but that they somehow seem to think would solve our problems abroad.

While European right wing isolationists have generally learned that playing the foreign policy card or taking out and polishing one's antique anti-Semitism for display, as the likes of Buchanan are wont to do, are no answer, their solutions, which depend on isolationism combined with a limited domestic crackdown are no answer either. That might have been enough in 1968, but probably not even then. It certainly would not be enough now. Not in a world where the Caliphate is organized enough to sow domestic terrorism around the world, while keeping a death grip on the UN and the international energy trade. Not in a world in which NATO warplanes bombed a country because it dared stand up to Islamic separatists. Not in a world in which international boycotts are organized by the left against Israel for simply building a wall to keep the terrorists on their side of the border. Not in a world in which the ministers of every civilized nation tremble when the Caliphate squeaks.

One cannot simply build a wall and then wait out the worst of it. Because the worst of it is yet to come. If darkness spreads across Europe and the world, then Fortress Britannia will not wait it out alone. Not without cutting off international trade, ending free elections in which any more liberal party could win, developing a nuclear shield and enough weaponry to stand off all the combined forces that the UN or the remains of NATO could field. In short it isn't feasible. If a patient falls ill, he cannot simply wall off the disease

in his foot or his right arm. And like it or not, the modern world has become far too interconnected for isolationism to be a survival strategy anymore.

No single nation alone could have stood off Nazism. No single nation alone can stand off Islamism. What was once foreign policy is now domestic policy. What was once a distant thunder is now a dull roar in our



Ron Paul

own streets. If you build a wall, they can shoot rockets over it. If you pass laws, they will become causes of terror. And if you fail to pass them, you will be forced to live under theirs, sooner or later. We can either stand together, or following the cowardly policies of the last few decades, sell each other out in the hopes that the best diplomat and the most esteemed backstabber will be the last to be eaten by the black crocodile of the caliphate that circles the globe from ocean to ocean.

There is no help for it, but to form an alliance of nations, an alliance of religions, an alliance of philosophies and civilizations, from the east to the west. That alliance is not yet here, but it must come, if we are to survive what waits ahead for us.

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When It Comes To Islam, Please Stop This "Problem" And "Solution" Nonsense

Hugh Fitzgerald

Many continue to believe that if we argue that Islam itself is the problem, this will leave the West with no solutions.

Americans, unlike Europeans, are used to identifying situations that are troublesome or difficult or unpleasant as "problems," and, as problems, they are assumed to be susceptible of solution and therefore can be "solved." In some ways it is an attractive attitude. It testifies to a certain strain in the national character, a belief that may come from the encounter in

this country with Nature, that the settlers in order to survive had to learn to subdue. And when there was a need for something to be invented, born of necessity, that invention would emerge. Yankee know-how and stick-to-itiveness, the attitude that there is "no problem in the world that cannot be solved" if we just put our minds to solve it, may seem to some comically naïve, but for many it reflects an attitude that will not disappear, and of which many of us apparently cannot be disabused.

How many times have you heard someone call in to one of those NPR talk shows (where the host invites one and all to "ioin the conversation" and then has his call-vetters carefully keep out any wellinformed callers whose questions would throw a spanner into the whole party-line works)? The callers who

are allowed on the air say that "in the Middle East those folks have been making war on each other for thousands of years" and "we Americans have got to get on in and bash some heads together to solve their problems if they can't do it for themselves."

It never occurs to those who make these suggestions, or those who run the shows and hear them, to ask if it is merely a question of a "problem" to be solved, where the Americans come in because the parties in question are unaccountably stubborn, and "solve" the problem by a little common-sensical solution—that "Two-State Solution." We already know it is

a solution because otherwise why would everyone in both parties who has been working on such an outcome call it a "Two-State Solution"? Q. E. D.

And what, even for Roger Fisher, he of Harvard Law, who once galumphed all around the world peddling his

made-for-television series on "Arabs and Israelis," has been one of the biggest rackets and profit centers in para-academic life? It's "Negotiation." You can learn the craft and art of "Negotiation." You can buy books, you can take courses, you can hire consultants who will help you, help anyone and everyone if the price is right, to Get To Yes. Many of those who first worked with Fisher now have their careers, and their consulting centers, and their fat, fat fees.

It never occurs to anyone that you can always "Get To Yes" if one side can be pressured into giving up what it needs for its survival (see under "Israel"). And it never occurs to anyone that sometimes life is a zero-sum game—very often in fact—and that one side may not wish to listen to Sweet Reason and Get To Yes, because recovery at once of any lands once possessed by Muslims is more important than any Getting To Yes could ever be (unless of course "Getting To Yes" is merely a way to weaken the Infidel enemy, a variant on the Treaty of Al-Hudaibiyya).

There is no "solution" to the war being waged on Israel. Nor is there a "solution" within Israel to the presence of those Muslim Arabs who do not and cannot feel loyal to the state of Israel and wish the Jews and the State of Israel ill.

But the same thing is true in the case of Muslims all over Western Europe and, to a much lesser extent, in North America. In a few decades of criminal negligence, elites in these places allowed in many Muslims who regard the countries they have settled in as places of comfort, stability, economic opportunity—and also as places where they must work to establish Islam. They work to increase its power and the numbers of its adherents, to expand Muslim political power and, in addition, the power of Muslims to intimidate outside the political system. And they work against the legal and political institutions, such as the American

Constitution, that flatly contradict the spirit and letter of the *Sharia*. There is a way to handle this, but there is no solution.

Many begin with the idea that there is a "problem" and that, therefore, there is a "solution" or must be, and if we analyze Islam and conclude that there is no "solution" to that perceived "problem," then we shall have to let loose the dogs of war, and nothing good can come of it.

Those who think this way are using the wrong terms. They are using the language of political Mr. Fixits, a language that misinterprets reality.

Is world poverty a problem? Is there a "solution" to this problem? What about human greed? Radix malorum cupiditas est, saith the Schoolmen. The desire for money is the root of all evil. Is that a "problem" to be "solved"? Or is it a condition to be recognized, and warned

about, as are all the other Seven Deadlies? What about the innate inequality of intelligence among individuals? Is such inequality a "problem" to be "solved," or simply a condition to be recognized, and one not necessarily to be deplored? Is war (the permanence of) a "problem" to be "solved," or a condition to be dealt with, a threat to be made less rather than more dangerous?

The ideology of Islam cannot be transformed. None of those who tried, in the early part of the 20th century, to "reform" Islam managed to succeed. And indeed, the only reason they wanted to "reform" Islam was in order to make Muslims stronger, because in the early 20th century it was clear that Muslims all over the world were weak, and the Infidel West was strong. And so some changes were entertained by a few "reformers" because they correctly perceived that Muslim weakness and wished to address its causes, not because they wanted to modify the claims of Islam, or the hold of Islam, on its adherents.

Kemal Pasha, Ataturk, was someone who sensed the connection between the disorder and decadence of the Turkish state, the political, economic, social, intellectual, and moral failures of Turkish Muslim society, and what Islam inculcated. He was not a "reformer." He knew that there was no way to change the Qur'an, the Hadith, the Sira. What he wanted to do, and systematically did, was to curtail the power of Islam, as a political and social force, over Turkish Muslims themselves, and thereby to allow room for the development of a secular class. The tragedy of modern Turkey is that many of those who were the beneficiaries of Kemalism did not continue to work to extend its reach and its effects and those who had remained faithful to Islam bided their time, and then helped bring Islam back, and it is they— Erdogan and his associates—who are in the ascendant in Turkey.

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Those who thought that Kemalism was forever turned out to be wrong. It is Islam that is forever.

Apparently, some find recognition of a permanent threat too upsetting an idea. But why? Fascism, including its Nazi variant, and Communism remain political ideas that will always attract some adherents. Anti-Semitism, a pathological mental condition, has not been, and never will be eradicated even with the most potent of vaccination programs. But the numbers of Nazis and Communists and anti-Semites, relative and absolute, and their positions close to or far from power, and their consequent ability to do harm, or to influence others—all this is in the realm of what can be affected

We can divide and demoralize the Camp of Islam. We can make some Muslims aware, even keenly aware, of all the ways that Islam itself explains the failures, political and economic and social and intellectual and moral, of their societies. We can prevent Muslim states and groups from acquiring major weap-

onry. We can halt Muslim immigration to the West and make conditions such that the conduct of Muslim life becomes more and more subject to review, critical scrutiny, open discussion. Instead of extending a dangerously naïve welcome, we can make clear that we now understand the texts and tenets of Islam, and as a consequence, we feel justified in viewing those who still call themselves Muslims with suspicion and alarm.

That isn't a "solution" to a "problem." That is something much more complicated and, for those who think we can achieve an identifiable "victory" over the ideology of Islam, or over the bearers of that ideology, no doubt this view is unsatisfying. Unsatisfying it may be. But as a way to deal with the never-to-end threat of Islam, it is the one that, being based on the truth, will prove to be the most effective.

And that is the only thing that counts.

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BBC Documentary On Jerusalem: An Anatomy Of Bias And Distortion

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On Monday night, the BBC's flagship documentary program Panorama was devoted to Jerusalem. Rarely will you get a clearer insight into the flagrant institutional bias inside the world's most powerful media outlet than this. The slipperiness of the tactics employed, the unabashed censorship of vital historical context, and the blatant pursuit of a political agenda constituted a lesson in the techniques of modern day propaganda. It was something to behold.

Entitled "A Walk in the Park"—a reference to the parkways which link settlements across East Jerusalem—the program was introduced by veteran BBC reporter Jeremy Vine: "Palestinians are being thrown out of their homes; Israelis are moving in, even underground," he tells us. The drama then shifts to Jerusalem itself where Jane Corbin, narrator and reporter on the ground, is ready to begin a demolition job all of her own.

Right away, the documentary cuts to the destruction of a Palestinian home: "...roads were sealed. The Israelis don't make it easy to see what's going on," we are ominously told as she skips daringly down a dirt track to avoid the watchful eye of the dastardly Israelis.

So why, one wonders, would the Israelis be so keen to hide their dirty little secret? "Under international law," she tells us earnestly, "East Jerusalem is occupied territory; its status shouldn't be changed."

Well, good to know that we haven't wasted much time before she introduces her very own, and quite definitive, interpretation of international law. But objective versions of the law are soon complemented by a historical narrative which forms the backdrop to

the entire program:

"When the State of Israel was born in 1948, Jerusalem was divided," says Corbin. "The West of the city became part of Israel and the East was controlled by Jordan. In 1967, Israel annexed East Jerusalem after seizing the West Bank following war with its Arab neighbours."

And that's it. That is the broad historical context offered to a prime time British audience on the BBC's most prestigious weekly documentary program. Is her version accurate? Well, yes, modern day Israel was formed in 1948 and Jerusalem was indeed divided—Jordan on the one side and Israel on the other. It is also true that "following war" with its Arab neighbours in 1967 East Jerusalem was annexed by Israel.

But as an instance of propagandist methodology in airbrushing out vital context, especially in a documentary about the status of Jews in Jerusalem and the underlying causes of the wider conflict, this really rather takes the biscuit.

Consider another way of phrasing that paragraph which, once again, is vital to the documentary since it serves as the key context for a largely uninitiated British audience. Try this, with the salient points in italics:

"When the State of Israel was born in 1948—following Arab and Palestinian rejection of a peace agreement accepted by Israel which would have seen the internationalisation of the city—Jerusalem was divided. The West of the city became part of Israel and the East was controlled by Jordan—which expelled Jewish residents and forbade Jews from praying at all of the city's holy sites. In 1967, Israel annexed East Jerusalem after seizing the West Bank following war with its Arab neighbours. That war was caused by Arab governments and the Palestinians who had the aim of eliminating the state of Israel in its entirety and

expelling its Jewish residents."

Well, that would really cast a different light on things wouldn't it?

Next we come to Corbin's "walk in the park" which starts in Sheikh Jarrah and winds its way through the Mount of Olives and Ras al Amoud to Silwan. Stopping off in Ras al Amoud the documentary now introduces "an Israeli lawyer" who serves throughout the program as the objective analyst providing a neutral point of reference to enhance the credibility of the narration. That Israeli lawyer is none other than, Danny Seidemann, a well known (but not to British

viewers) left-wing lawyeractivist. No countervailing Israeli opinion from a legal source is offered.

But the slippery and blatantly biased tactics of the program are immediately revealed as the "objective" reference point offered by Seidemann is then counterbalanced by the opinion of an Israeli,

Arieh King of the Israel Land Fund. A purportedly neutral anti-settlement view is thus juxtaposed with the views of an interested party whose work we are told (to a background of darkly melancholic music), "is paid for by wealthy backers [i.e. Jews] in America and Europe."

Then we are offered another piece of context": "Peace deals proposed so far reckon on giving Arab areas in these eastern parts of the city to the Palestinians. Western areas, which are Jewish, would go to Israel." Hmm. I wonder what's missing from that one then? Again, here's another way of putting that point with my suggested additions in italics:

"Peace deals proposed so far—all of which were rejected by the Palestinians—reckon on giving Arab areas in these eastern parts of the city to the Palestinians. Western areas, which are Jewish, would go to Israel."

The omission is so blatant it is almost laughable. In this desperate attempt to support the long-standing BBC narrative that Israeli "occupation" forms the root cause of the conflict, it has become necessary to mention peace deals without pointing out that such peace deals were offered by Israel but flatly rejected (in favor of violence, one might add) by the Palestinians. To raise that issue would clearly undermine the ideological edifice. It would suggest that the root cause of the conflict is Palestinian rejectionism and anti-Semitism—two concepts that the BBC is apparently unable to deal with.

The distortion is reinforced as we then move to a catalogue of instances of how settlement policy is making a two state solution difficult if not impossible.

Harrowing stories are told of Palestinians kicked out of their homes. The briefest of references is made to the claim of the settlers that they are taking

back land and property which was seized from them by Jordan in 1948. But it is done in such a way that no lay audience could possibly see any real justification for the settlers' position.

We are told of, and shown, instances of Palestinians being thrown out of homes they have "lived in for generations." This is stated as fact by the narrator. The counter argument, that the land they have lived on was stolen from Jews in the first place, is ventured as the mere opinion of Nir Barkat, the Mayor of Jerusalem

Arriving in Silwan, the narrator just happens to

drop in at the very moment a Palestinian house is being demolished. A Palestinian activist, Jawad Siyam, is given prominence as the articulate and reasoned voice of the oppressed. He cries out: "It's the most racist state in the world, you see..." Pointing to Israeli policemen he adds: "You are the most racist people in the world."

No voice from the Israeli side is offered to protest about terrorism or Palestinian anti-Semitism. Nothing. With the historical context largely obliterated earlier in the program, few uninitiated viewers could disagree with Siyam's diatribe.

Fading in the melancholic music again, we are then told ominously that many of the settlers come from abroad as we are introduced

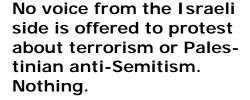
to the Adlers, a family of American religious Jews who have settled in Silwan. (American, religious, Jewish and settlers? That's the sort of combination that gives BBC reporters sleepless nights).

As a warning of how Israeli policy is leading to tensions, we are later introduced to a Palestinian man, Ahmed, (complete with close-up of crying son) who was shot in the right thigh by an Israeli following a scuffle. No instance of Palestinian violence is offered for balance. Ahmed then tells of how the Israeli stepped over him and "shot a child".

As the documentary draws to a close, the narrator once again interjects with her own tendentious opinions: "Those who know Jerusalem warn that this is a powder keg," she says. "More than the city could be ignited if the Israelis persist in what they are doing."

"Those who know Jerusalem?" Who might that be then? We cut back to Danny Siedemann, the BBC's "objective" analyst of events. Widening the discussion and placing responsibility for the overall conflict squarely with Israel, he says: "This is the volcanic core of the conflict...what begins in Jerusalem doesn't stay in Jerusalem." He adds darkly that regimes could be destabilised from Pakistan to Morocco in the ensuing cataclysm.

Finally we move to the wider settlements outside Jerusalem and "The Wall". Corbin concludes the documentary with the words: "The face of the city is





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changing and that makes the chances of peace even more remote."

Well, you get the picture. Obviously the issue of Jerusalem excites passions inside Israel and outside it. Reasonable people can disagree on it. There are many shades of opinion to be assessed. And there is no reason why a BBC documentary should not reflect that. The problem is that the documentary does not reflect that reality at all.

Every Jewish step in East Jerusalem is presented as wrong and dangerous. All the important context has been removed. A clear ideological agenda has been pushed at the expense of basic standards of fair reporting.

Welcome to the world of the BBC. And welcome to yet another illustration of the slippery path to the delegitimisation of the world's only Jewish state.

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A Blasphemy Trial in Holland

Rael Jean Isaac

It has been dubbed "the trial of the century." Daniel Pipes of the Middle East Policy Forum has called Dutch politician Geert Wilders, the man on trial, "the most important European alive today" with "the potential to emerge as a world-historical figure" for taking on the Islamic challenge facing Europe.

Wilders faces a 70 page charge sheet covering five counts of breaking Dutch law on incitement and discrimination against Muslims in more than 100 public statements, perhaps the most controversial being his

comparison of the Koran to *Mein Kampf*. The charge includes Wilders' film *Fitna*, which shows images of 9/11 and beheadings interspersed with (supportive, calls to *jihad*) verses from the Koran.

The trial opened January 20 in an Amsterdam court. Ironically, one of the two prosecuting attorneys, Paul Velleman, had earlier decided not to prosecute Wilders, finding his statements well within the boundaries of the law. He was overruled when others, determined to see Wilders on trial, took the prosecutor to court and a

judge ruled the office of the prosecutor had to try the case.

What makes this case so important is the combination of Wilders' political position and the premise of the charges—that protecting the feelings of Muslims supersedes free speech. As Pipes notes, the Party for Freedom (PVV) which Wilders founded and heads, differs from most of Europe's other nationalist, anti-immigrant parties in being politically mainstream, with its roots not in neo-fascism but in libertarianism and mainstream conservatism. Indeed Wilders is the European leader who most staunchly supports Israel. And the Party for Freedom has been rising dramatically in popularity so that polls now show it winning a plurality of votes and becoming the country's largest party. There is thus a real prospect that Wilders could become Prime Minister and assume a leadership role

in Europe in halting the creeping Islamization of the continent.

Wilders spoke eloquently on the meaning of the trial in his opening statement:

"Freedom is the most precious of all our attainments and the most vulnerable...I believe with all my heart and soul that the freedom in the Netherlands is threatened. That what our heritage is, what generations could only dream about, that this freedom is no longer a given, no longer self-evident. I devote my life to the defence of our freedom. I know what the risks are and I pay a price for it every day. I do not complain about it; it is my own decision. I see that as my duty and it is why I am standing here.

" I know that the words I use are sometimes harsh, but they are never rash. It is not my intention to spare the ideology of conquest and destruction, but I am not out to offend people. I have nothing against Muslims. I have a problem with Islam and Islamization of our country because Islam is an odds with freedom.

"Future generations will wonder to themselves how we in 2010, in this place, in this room, earned our most precious attainment. Whether there is freedom in this debate for both parties and

thus also for the critics of Islam, or that only one side of the discussion may be heard in the Netherlands? Whether freedom of speech in the Netherlands applies to everyone or only to a few? The answer to this is at once the answer to the question whether freedom still has a home in this country."

When Wilders says he pays a price for defending freedom every day, he does not speak idly. He lives under armed guard, his life constantly in peril from Islamic radicals. Bat Yeor, author of *Eurabia*, who warned about the Islamic danger decades before others took it seriously, says that the threats to Wilders' life "are the real crimes the Netherlands should address." The obvious risk to Wilders' life makes the refusal of the Dutch government to take special security precautions more questionable (ironically it took such precautions in the trial of the Dutch-born Muslim



who stabbed filmmaker Theo van Gogh to death in an Amsterdam street.). Columnist Mark Steyn has noted caustically: "You'd almost get the impression it would suit them if he failed to survive till the verdict."

What are the chances Wilders will be acquitted? According to U.S. attorney David Yerushalmi, the probability is high that he will be fined or imprisoned and stripped of his political office. That is because given the law as written, he is guilty. Article 137c of the Dutch Penal Code says: "He who publicly, verbally or in writing or image, deliberately expresses himself

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in any way insulting of a group of people because of their race, their religion or belief, or the hetero- or homosexual nature or their physical, mental or intellectual disabilities will be punished with a prison sentence of at the most one year or a fine of third category. If the offense is committed by a person who makes it his profession or habit, or by two or more people in association, a prison sentence of at the most two years or a fine

of fourth category will be imposed."

Yerushalmi asks: "What do you say to the Netherlanders who would tolerate such fascist legislation? Is it really possible that a Western European country would criminalize speech that insults a group of people for their anti-Dutch beliefs?" The only rational defense, he says "is that the Dutch statutes which Wilders is accused of violating are themselves a violation of what it means to be a Dutchman." Truth is no defense. Muslims profess themselves insulted. That alone is enough to condemn Wilders under the statute.

The broad language of the statute accounts for the seemingly bizarre argument of the second prosecutor in the case, Birgit van Roessel, that expressing his opinion to the citizenry is not part of the job of a member of the Dutch parliament. When Wilders' lawyer argued that Wilders made his statements as a lawmaker, with parliamentary immunity, she replied that "expressing his opinion in the media or through other channels is not part of an MP's duties."

Wilders has been compared to Churchill and the comparison is apt in many ways. Like Churchill in the 1930s, Wilders is a political voice in the wilderness, describing the need to act against dangers that others refuse to see or hope to deflect through appeasement. As Wilders said in an interview on the eve of the trial: "Europe is weak. European leaders are weak....If we stay weak, we lose our identity; our culture based on Christianity, Judaism and humanism will lose ground and Islam will grow even stronger in Europe today. There will be no freedom, no room for anything but Islam, no tolerance and more *sharia*."

But there is another way in which the two are similar and that is in their assessment of Islam. If Churchill were a Dutch citizen today he too might be on trial. For this is what he wrote about Islam:

"How dreadful are the curses which Mohammedanism lays on its votaries! Besides the fanatical frenzy, which is as dangerous in a man as hydrophobia in a dog, there is this fearful fatalistic apathy. The effects are apparent in many countries. Improvident habits, slovenly systems of agriculture, sluggish methods of commerce and insecurity of property exist

wherever the followers of the Prophet rule or live.

"No stronger retrograde force exists in the world.

"Far from being moribund, Islam is a militant and proselytizing faith. It has already spread through Central Africa, raising fearless warriors at every step; and were it not that Christianity is sheltered in the strong arms of science—the science against which it had vainly struggled—the civilisation

of modern Europe might fall, as fell the civilization of ancient Rome."

The outcome of Wilder's trial will be momentous. Bat Yeor argues that a conviction will "reinforce his aura and weaken his political enemies" because "for most Europeans, Geert Wilders appears to be the hero and defender of their lost freedoms and dignity." The public, says Bat Yeor, sees his opponents "as the stooges of the Organization of the Islamic Conference who continuously and by every means pressure European governments to punish severely what it considers blasphemy."

In a ringing defense of Wilders, Iran expert Clare Lopez declares: "He stands in the dock for all of us. Netherlands, the world is watching. Do not lead Europe into a long black night where the light of freedom flickers but fitfully as it does in every place where sharia is law. Stand with your forebears who, like William of Orange, fought to keep Dutchmen free and do not fear the violence of assassins and mobs. Your liberty is our liberty and Wilders' free speech is our free speech."

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Outsourcing Security

Ruth King

Our southern border is nearly 2,000 miles long with a variety of protective barriers. This has created a simmering border conflict with Mexico.

Mexico is awash with unemployed and restive workers who have been flooding the United States border regions with thousands upon thousands of illegal immigrants every year. Adding to immigration enforcement woes are the number of Mexican drug cartel criminals clamoring to join them. These cartels murder thousands of people every year and there is danger they will do the same here. Indeed, in February of 2009 the Justice Department announced the results of "Operation Xcellerator" which resulted in 750 arrests and the seizure of many millions of dollars worth of drugs and weapons smuggled into the United States from Mexico. The Justice Department report warned that violent gangs masterminded by Mexican drug lords were expanding their spheres of operation into large cities throughout this country.

These Mexican cartels are not composed of ordinary criminals. They are heartless killers who employ the kind of grisly techniques--beheadings, flaying, torture and kidnapping--common to Arab terrorists. While unlike Arab terrorists, the cartels do not deliberately target civilians, thousands have died in the cross-fire and an equal number live trapped in fear in their homes. In Mexico, more than seven thousand people have been killed since 2008.

The situation has become so grave that in March 2009 Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, went to Mexico to negotiate a plan with Mexican leaders to deal with the problem. The Mexicans demanded and received \$1.4 billion for law enforcement equipment and training. Unfortunately not much has been achieved and some researchers have estimated that in over 230 cities in the United States the drug trade is controlled by Mexico's cartel.

Very little on this subject gets into the daily media. For example on the day I write this (January 20, 2010) UPI, AP and Reuters between them have nineteen articles about Israel and none about the border problem with Mexico, which former director of the CIA Michael Hayden called a strong threat to national security.

Now, you may wonder what all this has to do with Israel. Patience dear reader.

What would you say if Russia nominated a "special envoy" to arbitrate the border conflict between the U.S. and Mexico and a quartet of nations far removed from our soil held a meeting in some European capital to discuss a solution? What if the quartet grew into an international symphony with chorus demanding American "concessions"?

Furthermore, what if the leaders of the drug

cartels were invited by presidents of countries throughout the world to press their complaints against American law enforcement? What if academics took up the cause of the cartels as "oppressed people" citing the disparity between annual income in Mexico and America as the "root cause" of the problem?

What if world leaders and opinion makers then took up the cause of Aztlan a Hispanic/American movement that calls for the creation of an independent state in the "lost" (to Mexico) territories of our southwestern states? And what if this escalated into a demand that the United States cease its "occupation" of Texas, with every dictator in the world (joined by blackbelt strutters Sarkozy and Tony Blair) joining the chorus, along with most American academics and sundry former legislators on the cartel's payroll?

Outrageous! How dare they expect the United States to outsource its security to Europe and South America? "Mind your own business. This is our problem and the solution is with us" we would tell the robed thugs from the oil Kingdoms, and the Frau Merkels and Vladimirs and Hugo and the Zapateros and the minions of blowhard thinktankers and pundits.

But, and here is the big but. What would we say if our President, intimidated by the "process," travelled to every corner of the world promising to fulfill the demands of the cartels and the Aztlaners if only they would promise to like us and give up crime?

Impossible, you say? Yet this is precisely the course that Israel and its leaders follow as they acquiesce repeatedly to the demands of the West. And it has become customary for Israeli leaders to travel the world outsourcing the state's sovereignty, with negotiations on Israel's borders and future conducted everywhere but in Jerusalem.

A dangerous side product is that Israeli concessions weaken the resolve of American supporters of Israel. They too parrot the "two state solution." After all it is trumpeted as "the universal consensus" by the man who is reputed to be leader of Israel's "hard-line." Mush line, is what it is.

The excuse of Netanyahu and the supposed "nationalist" members of his cabinet is that the two state solution is entrenched—it is too late, they shrug, to alter the course of Palarab independence. It is not.

The two state dissolution of Israel is anti-Zionist, anti-Jewish, illegal, immoral, untenable and suicidal and it is time to start a "tea party" movement here and in Israel to stop its course.

Americans showed in Massachusetts that a bad policy which seemed inevitable could be thwarted by public outrage. The American public would never give in to the demands of criminals for sovereignty in our heartland.

Israel should follow suit and stop outsourcing its sovereign responsibilities.

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Barak's "Thought Process"

No one better typifies what Gordon calls Israel's projecting a sense of panic in the pursuit of "peace" than Defense Minister Ehud Barak. Speaking to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in December, Barak declared that Israel was now in a "position of strength and that allows us to make an agreement and bring about a reality of two states living side-by-side."

What position of strength can Barak possibly be talking about? Israel confronts two Palestinian political entities locked in combat for legitimacy on the basis of which is the greater enemy of the Jewish state. This deprives Israel of any leverage in reducing the most extreme demands of either. Barak went on to say that unless this Palestinian state comes into being Israel will wind up as "an apartheid state."

It is insanity for an Israeli cabinet minister to endorse the calumnies of Israel's enemies, from Jimmy Carter on down. It also gives all the cards to the enemy. If Fatah and Hamas don't agree to a Palestinian state (one state? two states?), Israel loses her legitimacy, becomes a deservedly pariah state in the eyes of her own leadership.

Barak claims to be describing "the government's thought process." If this is thought, what is mindlessness?

Kudos to Kissin

World class pianist Evgeny Kissin, a Russian child prodigy who became a British citizen in 2002, has taken up cudgels against the BBC, accusing it of "slander and bias", broadcasting material "painfully reminiscent of the old Soviet anti-Zionist propaganda."

IsraelNews of January 4 reports that in a letter to BBC director-general Mark Thompson, Kissin accuses the BBC's Persian service of a "blood libel concerning Israel's alleged harvesting of Palestinian organs and blood for future transplant." Kissin continues: "It beggars belief that the British taxpayer should be funding an organization which is aligning itself with Iran's despotic leader in its anti-Semitic propaganda." Kissin concludes by asking: "Is it not time for the BBC to return to the values for which it was so much respected, before it finds itself in the garbage of history, together with Pravda, Tass, Volkischer Beobachter and Der Angriff?"

Kissin promises to continue to speak out on behalf of Israel. This is the more welcome given the moral failure of some other musicians of stature like Daniel Barenboim, an Israeli citizen known for his attacks on Israel.

Kissin's action has already encouraged others to speak up. Classical music promoter Lillian Hochhauser said: "I encourage all in the arts world to act against the growing stigmatization of Israel, as well as increasing our cultural cooperation with the country."

Yemen Kidnappers: A Foretaste?

Yemenis claiming to hold five members of a German family kidnapped last June are demanding \$2 million in ransom from the German government and the release of several al-Qaeda terrorists being held by the Yemeni government.

It is difficult to imagine that al Qaeda will not avail itself of similar opportunities when high profile trials of their members go on interminably in New York courts. Why not seize Jewish leaders? A bunch of politicians at a favored watering hole? High profile actors at an awards ceremony? The possibilities are endless. Threaten to kill them on video camera if Terrorist A, B, C is not released and sent on his way, unimpeded, to Somalia.

Israel's Disproportionate Response

From Israel, David Yehezkel observes that many countries and world leaders have accused Israel of responding disproportionately to aggression from Hizbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza. It is time, he suggests, that the world press and media speak of another disproportionate response from Israel.

The terrible earthquake in Haiti has generated responses from many nations. The Arab and Moslem world has contributed ... nothing. Israel, a nation of 7.5 million people has sent a team of 220 including medical personnel (who established the largest field hospital in Haiti, treating up to 5000 people a day), an experienced search and rescue team and medical supplies. As in previous earthquake disasters, Israel has been one of the most generous givers of aid and assistance.

Given that the favorite occupation in the UN is Israel bashing, it is amusing that the U.N. has asked Israel to send police to help with security in Haiti.

Brandeis Grad: No Jews on My Jury

Finally brought to trial, Brandeis Ph.D Aafia Siddiqui (captured in Afghanistan) has demanded that



everyone on her jury undergo genetic testing to be sure they are not Jews. "Israel was behind 9/11. That's not anti-Semitic" she called out from the defense table as a jury pool was being questioned.

Readers of *Outpost* may remember Peter Metzger's article "Brandeis: School for Terrorists?

(October 2008) describing its nefarious record in providing, in his words, "a sanctuary for more extreme radicals than any other university in America."

Metzger began his article with Siddiqui. Here is what he wrote: "Snatching a loaded M4 carbine, the diminutive mother of three fired on her FBI questioners, and was swiftly injured by return fire. She is now in federal court awaiting charges of attempted murder. The FBI had placed her near the top of its most wanted list of fugitive terror suspects...she is

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charged with being an important Al-Qaeda "fixer," a person who coordinates terror plots between various other terrorists within this very secret organization...When arrested in August [2008] just before the shootout, she was carrying plans to bomb various U.S. landmarks..." (She also had two pounds of poisonous sodium cyanide and documents on how to build chemical and biological weapons.)

It's quite a family. Siddiqui is married to a nephew of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, mastermind of 9/11, and who is himself a top al Qaeda operative.

Presiding over the trial, federal Judge Richard Berman has already conceded that Siddiqui be fully veiled in court, has set aside time during the trial for Islamic prayer, thrown out key evidence and disallowed prosecutors from mentioning her ties to al Qaeda.

Welcome to the world of trials in civilian courts for al Qaeda terrorists in New York City.

Foxman, Again

Abe Foxman of the ADL is proving his appallingly bad judgment yet again in what Norman Podhoretz calls "a vile attack" on Rush Limbaugh. Podhoretz points out that in discussing his book Why are Jews Liberal? on the air, Rush noted that for a lot of people—prejudiced people he called them twice—the words "banker" and "Wall Street" are code words for "Jewish." He wondered if Obama's attacks on bankers and Wall Street were triggering a certain amount of buyers' remorse within the American Jewish community and if some of the self-described "independents" who voted for Scott Brown might have been Jewish

liberals.

We can't improve on Michael Ledeen's comment:

"Norman Podhoretz quite properly takes Anti-Defamation League czar Abe Foxman to task for insinuating that Rush is somehow a Jew-hater for wondering if Jewish voters are having buyer's remorse regarding Obama. They certainly should, both because of Obama's striking nastiness to Israel and of his attacks on "greedy bankers" (which Rush mentioned), free broadcasting, and of course the crusade against American medicine, all enterprises in which Jews have long flourished.

"Rush should be a hero to Foxman and American Jews, but they are so blindly partisan that they can no longer distinguish between their friends and their enemies. Foxman has relentlessly attacked American Evangelicals — arguably the most pro-Jewish and pro-Israel people in America....Foxman wants Rush to apologize.

"Nuts. I want Foxman retired and replaced by somebody who fights for Jews and our friends."

War on Green

AFSI declares war on green. It's the color of jealousy, one of the mainsprings of anti-Semitism. It's the color of Hamas. It's the color of environmentalists who would send our (emission-free) economy back to the Dark Ages. It's the color of the nefarious "Green Line" to which Israel's enemies would reduce her (preparatory to eliminating her altogether). We suggest the "good greens" of the Women in Green change their color to Blue.