

---

# OUTPOST



February 2012—Issue #251

PUBLISHED BY AMERICANS FOR A SAFE ISRAEL

42<sup>st</sup> Year of Publication

<b>Table of Contents</b>		
Editorial – Abdullah, Pick Up The Phone	William Mehlman	Page 2
From The Editor	Rael Jean Isaac	Page 3
Kiryat Arba	Jerold Auerbach	Page 4
Lesson For Atlasians From Palestinians	Gerald Honigman	Page 7
Double Standards – Crossing The Line of Decency	Marilyn Penn	Page 9
An Interview With Mordecai Ben Menachem	Ruth King	Page 11

# Abdullah, Pick Up The Phone

William Mehlman

When all the wild, desperate, improbable solutions to a problem have been exhausted, there is nothing left to turn to but the obvious.

In respect to the Arab-Israel conflict, the “obvious” has been staring us in face for over 40 years. Encapsulated in the mantra “Two States for Two Peoples on Two Banks of the Jordan River,” it has the distinction of being the most ignored testament to rationality and common sense in the history of international diplomacy.

An “invented” nation the so-called Palestinians surely are, but given the world’s acceptance of their claim to sovereignty, it is on the shoulders of the world, not on Israel’s, that the realization of that aspiration rests.



Indeed, if it’s solely a National Home for which the so-called Palestinians yearn, rather than the liquidation of the Jewish National Home, such an abode – fully furnished –already exists east of the Jordan River. “Jordan” it may be called, but encompassing 77 percent of Biblical Israel expropriated by the British and handed over to a Hashemite desert potentate, it is a “Palestinian State” in the purest post-Biblical sense of the term.

That this de facto “Palestinian State” with its 70 percent Palestinian Arab majority should be allowed to stand on the sidelines, like some kibbitzer at an interminable diplomatic poker game, exempt from any material obligation toward its compatriots, boggles the mind.

Gratuitous advice can no longer be accepted as currency for Jordan King Abdullah’s unsettled debt of responsibility for the “ingathering” of his Palestinian “Diaspora.” His assumption of it should begin by reinstating the Jordanian nationality of hundreds of thousands of Arabs resident in Judea and Samaria wiped off the by King Hussein, his father, in 1988, in brazen contempt of Jordan’s 1954 nationality law. This unappealable disenfranchisement without notice has more recently been intensified for thousands more, including Arabs of Palestinian origin who have lived in Jordan since the Six-Day War. Viewed as especially vulnerable to the same treatment are the more than 200,000 Palestinian-origin Jordanian migrant workers expelled from Kuwait in 1991 in the wake of Operation Desert Storm.

Jordan claims its citizen annulment policy is motivated by a desire to reinforce the victims’ “Palestinian birthright” and their right to return to the “West Bank.” Insiders suspect the real reason is the monarchy’s desire to rid itself of excess population weight on a stagnant economy, with the eventual hope of unloading the problem on Israel’s doorstep as part of a Middle East peace agreement. Meanwhile, the newly minted non-citizens face a bleak future. Jordanian law prohibits the state from employing them. A similar law, requiring proof of nationality, virtually disbars them from employment in the private sector. The outlook for professionals is classical Catch 22. They can’t practice law, medicine or any other calling without being members of the corresponding professional associations. And the latter can’t admit them unless they’re Jordanian citizens.

The United States, King Abdullah’s chief political and financial prop, has consigned its humanitarian instincts to cold storage in the face of this brutal Jordanian onslaught against its citizenry. As far as the Obama White House is concerned, the Hashemite monarchy, the only true second party to its vaunted “two-state solution,” remains not only free of involvement, but free to further exacerbate the problem it was ostensibly designed to resolve. That charade must end. Moreover, having made the Palestinian issue the fulcrum of its Middle East policy, the United States should bring every material and

diplomatic resource at its disposal to the aid of its favorite king in fulfilling his national obligation. That might well be worth the institution of a modern-day “Marshall Plan” to finance the repatriation and resettlement of the Palestinian Arabs in their homeland on the east bank of the Jordan.

There is no better time than now to begin that process.

---

## **From The Editor**

### **EU Chutzpah**

Under terms of the Oslo Accords, Judea and Samaria are divided into three areas: area A fully controlled by the PA, which Israelis cannot even enter; Area B, under Israeli security control, but otherwise controlled by the PA; and Area C, consisting mostly of the Jewish “settlement blocs,”—90% of Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria are in Area C while the Arab population is barely 6%. The EU has decided to change that by creating “facts on the ground”—by funding building projects for PA Arabs.

Israeli law requires all building in Area C to have permits but while authorities are vigilant in enforcing the law against Jew, they are lax when it comes to Arabs. On Arutz Sheva, David Lev says that Jewish residents of Samaria believe the EU initiative—which flouts the Oslo accords and Israeli law— is too much for even Israel to ignore, and that if Israel does not declare sovereignty on Area C —and settle tens of thousands more Jews there—the EU will turn Area C de facto into an extension of Area A, fully controlled by the PA. Thus far Israeli governments have been notable for their spinelessness when it comes to confronting the EU. We shall see how they respond to this latest challenge to Israeli sovereignty.

### **Shimon Babbles**

A reader of Outpost sent this to us, noting that while he has long known Israel’s President Shimon Peres was a madman, he still finds it startling each time he reads his latest “ludicrous ruminations.” This is from an interview Peres gave to Asharq Al-Awsat, the pan-Arab daily published in London. Asked about his claim the Moslem Brotherhood would not succeed when they had won the highest number of votes, Shimon declared: “Even if they win the elections, the people want their problems to be solved....I have confidence in globalization and in the economy. Globalization has destroyed racism and struck a critical blow to national intolerance...Whoever acts in a racist way, will become bankrupt. This is a new world, and the Arab youth are a part of it. “

The interviewer gives him another chance to enter the real world, asking what about those who warn that Arab youth harbor deep animosity toward Israel. Peres replies: “I do not think there is a sincere basis for this hatred. They should hate terrorism and extremism...terrorism is what prevents peace. We have withdrawn from the Gaza Strip, but it does not want to leave us. It pursues us with rocket attacks.”

Asked about Abbas, Peres rejoins: “Abbas is a civilized leader who truly loves peace and who we can reach peace with. I respect him a lot. I always sense his dedication to the cause of peace.”

Infrastructure Minister Uzi Landau offers an alternative—rational—view of Abbas: he is a “snake” and a “terrorist who is dressed in a European suit.”

### **Churches Demonizing Israel**

In March the Bible College in Bethlehem will host dozens of U.S. theologians and activists for the “Christ at the Checkpoint 2012 Conference.” Italian journalist Giulio Meotti writes that this is intended as a major religious and political event designed to demonize Israel. Among U.S. participants are Samuel Rodriguez, President of the U.S. Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference and popular preacher and “spiritual adviser” to Bill Clinton, Tony Campolo. The Conference’s “Bethlehem Call” manifesto has been

published on the websites of the World Council of Churches, the Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ. The manifesto defines Israel as an “illegal regime” and a “crime against humanity,” calls for “international boycott, divestment and sanctions campaigns” against Israel, labels churches that fail to join in as “accomplices in crimes against humanity” and attacks Christian Zionism as “a crime and sin defying the core of the Gospel.”

As Meotti observes, what we have here is a return to “replacement theology,” the medieval view that the Church has replaced Israel in God’s plan and all biblical references to Israel refer to the “new Israel”—that is to Christians. Writes Meotti: “Replacement calumny has changed its language, yet still is basically a death sentence for the Jewish people. Now it is Israelis, like Lucifer, who were God’s chosen but were cast out for their rebellious and evil ways, and deserve to be obliterated from the ‘Holy Land.’”

### **Christians Next?**

*Eurabia* author Bat Yeor sees the behavior of those Middle Eastern Christians involved in the Bethlehem Call (and their Western supporters) as an attempt to buy off Islamic rulers by showing obedience to the dictates of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). If so, it is a doomed strategy. Living as a Christian minority in Middle Eastern states is rapidly becoming, as Lee Smith puts it, “unbearable.” The Christian population of “democratic” Iraq has been emptying out and in the wake of the miserably misnamed Arab “spring,” Egypt’s Copts are on the move (at least those with funds and connections to get out).

Less noticed, the situation of Lebanon’s Christian community, Smith writes, is deteriorating, not least because of internal fractures between Maronites, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic etc. Lebanon’s Maronite community was once the region’s Christian citadel. No longer. The Maronites had resisted turning Lebanon into an operating base for the PLO. They lost out and soon the Christians were facing off against each other, aligned with different Moslem factions in the Lebanese civil war. Now the head of the Maronite church is speaking up on behalf of Syria’s Assad—the same Syrian regime that waged a campaign of terror against Lebanon’s Christians starting in 2005. The majority of Christians today, under the leadership of Michel Aoun, former head of the Lebanese army, have partnered with Hezbollah, a poor reed indeed for Christians to count on for the long haul.

Smith sums up: “Those inclined to discount the possibility of a Christian-free Middle East would do well to remember that Jews, in the recent past, had a significant place in the Ottoman Empire and Iran. Were it not for the birth of a sovereign Jewish state that took in Jewish refugees thrown out by countries that turned against them, this regional minority might well have disappeared half a century ago. Without an Israel of their own, if the Christians don’t get it right, their era in the Middle East may be coming to an end.”

---

## **Kiryat Arba**

Jerold Auerbach

*Editor’s note: AFSI will be running a series on the Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria. Those who live in them are Israel’s most courageous and patriotic citizens, not “occupiers” but people with the faith and determination to recreate Jewish communities in the land of their forefathers who “settled” there millennia ago. We are giving them the voice denied them in an overwhelming hostile media (shockingly, in Israel as well) which depicts them as zealots, fanatics and chief barriers to peace.*

Kiryat Arba is connected to the ancient holy city of Hebron by the umbilical cord of Torah and a miraculous moment in modern Israeli history.

In Kiryat Arba, which is Hebron (Gen. 23:2), Sarah died and was buried in Ma'arat HaMachpelah, the cave in the land that Abraham purchased from Ephron the Hittite for four hundred silver shekels. Meaning 'the city of four', Kiryat Arba was variously identified with four confederated tribes who resided there and with Arba, said to be the father of the fearsome giants encountered by the spies sent by Moses to scout the land.

According to the Babylonian Talmud, Arba was 'the city of four couples' who were entombed in Machpelah: Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Leah. But during the centuries of Muslim rule, between 1267-1967, Jews were not permitted inside the Machpelah enclosure.

Kiryat Arba virtually disappeared from Jewish history. In the spring of 1968, nearly a year after the Six-Day War brought biblical Judea and Samaria under Israeli control, Rabbi Moshe Levinger rented the Park Hotel in Hebron for the Passover Seder. But it was not for one night only. He intended to rebuild a Jewish community in Hebron, restoring a Jewish presence in the venerated city that had been Judenrein ever since the horrific 1929 massacre.

After the holiday ended, several dozen Israelis refused to leave the hotel. Following six weeks of negotiation with an Israeli government that was apprehensive about conflict with hostile local Arabs, the persistent settlers were relocated to a nearby military compound overlooking the city. There a dozen families, joined by a cohort of yeshiva students, lived in cramped quarters for two years.

Early in 1970 the government authorized the establishment of an 'upper Hebron', to be named Kiryat Arba, on an empty hilltop site overlooking the city. In an attempt to satisfy the settlers and mollify hostile Arabs it would be located near Hebron but not in it intended as 'an uneasy compromise between security, demography, emotion, and history.' The following year, just before Rosh Hashanah, fifty families moved to Kiryat Arba, a ten-minute downhill walk to Hebron. Planned as a small community with 1,000 dwelling units, it grew slowly. Kiryat Arba resembled other Israeli development towns, remote from main population centers and economically precarious. After five years the population reached nearly 1,500, including 140 yeshiva students, but many apartments remained empty. A diverse community, its primary cohort was Orthodox. There were immigrants from Arab countries, Americans, refuseniks from the Soviet Union, and several hundred Ethiopian newcomers living in an absorption center at the entrance to the town. But from the beginning, Kiryat Arba was intended by its founders to be a way station for the return of Jews to Hebron. Led by Rabbi Levinger, Kiryat Arba residents probed for opportunities to rebuild a Jewish community down the hill. They secured government permission to pray in Machpelah. Baruch and Sarah Nachshon, who had attended the Passover Seder in the Park hotel and decided to stay, secretly held a bris for their infant son inside the ancient shrine.

Six months later, the Nachshon baby suffered crib death. Despite Israeli government opposition (lest local Arabs be offended), Sarah was determined that he be buried in the ancient Jewish cemetery in Hebron. After the funeral she declared: 'If we open the Jewish cemetery, we open the gates to the city.'

Soon after Passover in 1979, in the middle of the night, ten Kiryat Arba women led by Sarah Nachshon and Miriam Levinger, accompanied by thirty-five children, climbed into Beit Hadassah, the old Jewish medical clinic in the heart of Hebron. Once inside, the excited children sang v'shavu banim l'gvulam, God's promise of return to Zion. A four-year-old girl explained to a surprised Israeli soldier: 'Jacob, our forefather, built us a ladder and we came in.' Hebron, Miriam Levinger announced, 'will no longer be Judenrein.'

Kiryat Arba residents would pay a high price for their determination to rebuild a Jewish community in Hebron. Nine months later a yeshiva student was murdered in the Hebron market. The next day, men from Kiryat Arba seized five empty Jewish-owned buildings in Hebron and demanded the right to inhabit them. Not long afterward several dozen Jews, returning to Kiryat Arba from Machpelah, were ambushed as they neared Beit Hadassah. Caught in a cross-fire of grenades and bullets, six were murdered.

Kiryat Arba and Hebron residents remained vulnerable. In 1994 respected Kiryat Arba doctor Baruch Goldstein, distraught and infuriated by unrelenting Palestinian terrorism following the Oslo Accords, was warned by Israeli military commanders of an impending Arab attack in Hebron.

Determined to prevent it, he killed 29 Muslims at prayer in Machpelah before he was beaten to death. Buried near the entrance to Kiryat Arba, he was eulogized by chief rabbi Dov Lior as a righteous man driven to desperation by the government failure to confront Palestinian terrorism.

Nearly a decade later, as a group of Kiryat Arba residents was returning home from Shabbat prayer in Machpelah, they encountered a fusillade of bullets and grenades near the gate to their community from three Palestinian members of Islamic Jihad. Four Israeli soldiers, five border policemen, and three members of the Kiryat Arba emergency response team (including a father of seven) were murdered.

Yet despite the terror, trauma and sorrow, Kiryat Arba has become a normal Israeli community located in an abnormal place that is layered with Jewish history, both ancient and modern. Now home to nearly 8000 residents who have made aliyah from the Middle East, Africa, Europe and North America, it is a thriving suburb of Hebron with modern apartment buildings and schools, the respected Nir yeshiva, lovely parks, shops, and synagogues. Its mayor, Malachi Levinger, is the son of the founding rabbi of the Hebron community. I first visited Kiryat Arba some twenty-five years ago. In the apartment of an oleh from Kentucky who was evidently accustomed to welcoming strangers with tea and sweets, I met Rabbi Eliezer Waldman, one of the founders of the Hebron/Kiryat Arba community and head of Nir yeshiva.

After a few minutes of conversation I sensed that he was my religious Zionist Other. Growing up in the ultra-Orthodox Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn (while I was growing up in the ultra-assimilated Forest Hills neighborhood of Queens), he studied at the Flatbush Yeshiva (while I played basketball at the Horace Mann School). Then he returned to Israel (he was born in Petah Tikva, a year after my birth in Philadelphia) to learn in a Bnei Akiva yeshiva. I set off for college in Oberlin, Ohio.

Rabbi Waldman did not suffer Diaspora fools gladly. In response to my first question about the legality of Jewish settlements, he suggested that illegal settlements were to be found in Boston (where I lived) and New York, not in Hebron or Kiryat Arba. He reminded me that the largest Jewish settlement in the Middle East was the State of Israel.

It was not an auspicious start, but he mellowed and I was sufficiently stimulated to return for another visit several years later, shortly after the arrest of two dozen settlers--including several from Hebron and Kiryat Arba--for belonging to a terrorist underground group. Seated together in his study, he guided me through the distinction between understanding the settlers' violence (which he did) and justifying it (which he did not), an illuminating example of Talmudic exegesis applied to life in contemporary Israel.

Some years later, in the attractive Kiryat Arba neighborhood of Har Sina, I was welcomed into the home of Elyakim Haetzni, another founder of the Hebron community. Severely wounded in the Independence war, he became a lawyer in Tel Aviv, joined Moshe Levinger and Hanan Porat in planning the return to Hebron (where, he would say, "I am at home, in the bosom of Abraham"), and moved to Kiryat Arba, where he has lived ever since.

Surrounded by shelves overflowing with books in four languages, he patiently answered my questions about the Hebron community. Then, inviting his wife to join us for the ride, this sprightly eighty-year-old gentleman strapped on his pistol for our safety and drove down the hill to Beit Hadassah, where he chatted briefly with old friends before returning home.

Kiryat Arba, still linked to Hebron after four thousand years, is a distinctive community whose modern history as a pioneering settlement provides a bridge to the biblical past. For more than thirty years its residents have assumed enormous personal risks in their ceaseless determination to restore a Jewish community in Hebron. It is a historic achievement, for which lives have been sacrificed. Yet the

normality of daily life in Kiryat Arba and the vitality of the Jewish community in Hebron testify to their remarkable achievement.

*Jerold S. Auerbach is the author of Hebron Jews: Memory and Conflict in the Land of Israel (2009), from which portions of this essay have been taken. His recent writings about Israel can be found at [jacobsvoice.tumblr.com](http://jacobsvoice.tumblr.com)*

---

## A Lesson From Kosovars and Palestinians For Atlasians

Gerald A. Honigman

*Editor's Note: This is an updated version of a chapter from Mr. Honigman's book *The Quest For Justice In The Middle East: The Arab-Israeli Conflict in Greater Perspective*.*

With the Middle East and its environs imploding and exploding these days, a few key issues need to be placed into their proper perspectives...

Now tell me, what would you do in the age of nationalism—which came relatively late to the Middle East—if your national group already had almost two dozen states on over six million square miles of territory (conquered mostly from *other* national groups), wanted to create at least one more, but another people's sole, tiny, resurrected nation state stood in the way?

Well, please take a look—like many of us have over the decades—at the answer through the oft-quoted words of a spokesman for that above national group itself, PLO executive committee member Zuheir Mohsen, on March 31, 1977, in the Dutch newspaper *Trouw*.

*The Palestinian people does not exist. The creation of a Palestinian state is only a means for continuing our struggle against the state of Israel for our Arab unity. In reality today there is no difference between Jordanians, Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese... Only for political and tactical reasons do we speak today about the existence of a Palestinian people, since Arab national interests demand that we posit the existence of a distinct 'Palestinian people' to oppose Zionism...*

Before having to deal with the politics and sensitivities of at least some folks in the West, Arabs simply gave no thought to Mohsen's tactics.

As I deliberately like to reemphasize time and again (for those who like to place Israel under the high power lens of moral scrutiny while playing deaf, dumb, and blind to what surrounds it), millions of native peoples were simply conquered and forcibly Arabized in the name of the Arab Nation and the spread of its *Dar ul-Islam*—imperialism and colonialism, pure and simple—and millions of native Egyptian Copts, black Africans, Kurds, Imazighen (Berbers), Jews, and others are still suffering the consequences of this murderous subjugation to this very day.

In a post-Holocaust age, however, in the struggle to win over hearts and minds from abroad, how could Arabs demand *twenty-two* states while denying Jews their one?

The answer—as Mohsen so correctly stated above...*reinvent yourselves*.

From now on, you're no longer Arabs— you're "Palestinians." And then depend on the ignorance of most of the rest of the world to back your claim, "If Jews can have a state, why not Palestinians?" And, furthermore, don't you know, "Palestinians" are the new formerly stateless Jews.

Forget the facts...

Like most Arabs never saw the land of the Jews—*Judaea*—until their own murderous imperial conquests brought them out of the Arabian Peninsula in the 7th century C.E. when they spread out in all directions.

Or that the very name "Palestine" was dubbed upon *Judaea* by the Roman Emperor Hadrian after the Jews' costly *second* revolt for freedom. To pour salt onto their wound, he renamed the Jews'

land after their historic enemies, the Philistines—a *non-Semitic* sea people (i.e. not Arab) from the area around Crete. Tacitus, Dio Cassius, Pliny, and other contemporary Roman historians wrote all about Judaea and Judaeans—not “Palestine” or “Palestinians.” Here’s one of my favorite telling quotes again about the Jews’ first revolt in Vol. II, Book V, *The Works of Tacitus*:

*Vespasian... succeeded to the command.... it inflamed his resentment that the Jews were the only nation that had not yet submitted... Titus was appointed by his father to complete the subjugation of Judaea... he commanded three legions in Judaea itself... To these he added the twelfth from Syria and the third and twenty-second from Alexandria... amongst his allies were a band of Arabs, formidable in themselves and harboring towards the Jews the bitter animosity usually subsisting between neighboring nations.*

Or that, not having endured the forced exile and diaspora of many of the Jews (but not all—many still remained in the hill country and elsewhere clear up to the Arab conquest), still, so many Arabs were newcomers themselves to the Mandate of Palestine after World War I and the breakup of the Ottoman Turkish Empire which had controlled the land for over four centuries, that when the United Nations Relief Works Agency—UNRWA—was set up to assist Arab refugees (after a half dozen Arab states invaded a nascent Israel in 1948 to nip it in the bud and their attempt backfired), the very word “refugee” had to be redefined from its prior meaning of *persons normally and traditionally resident* to those who lived in the Mandate for a minimum of only *two years* prior to 1948 to assist these people. Hamas’s own patron saint, for whom its terror brigade and rockets are named for, Sheikh Izzadin-al-Qassam, was born in Latakia, Syria. Arafat was from Egypt. And both “native Palestinians” had plenty of company, pouring into the Mandate because of the economic development going on due to the Jews.

And so forth... Now, using this same tactic, Serbs have been similarly shafted .

Albania is an independent nation southwest of the former Yugoslavia. The Serbs fought their first major battle for Kosovo against the spread of the Dar ul-Islam (this time led by Turkish imperialism) in 1389—over six centuries ago.

Albania had become at least nominally converted to Islam via the Ottoman conquest. Over the centuries, ethnic Albanians encroached upon traditionally Serbian lands.

Enter the late 20th century... Everyone knew that with the death of Marshal Tito, Iraq’s twin, artificially glued together state of Yugoslavia would fall apart.

Now, if you’re an *Albanian* in *Serbia* and you already have an ethnic Albanian state in existence (so you can’t claim “statelessness”), how do you stake your claim for additional territory—at another people’s (Serbs’) expense?

Hitler played a somewhat similar game with the large population of ethnic Germans in Czechoslovakia’s Sudetenland. World War II soon followed, as his sights were set far beyond the Czechs’ and Slovaks’ domain.

According to this reasoning, America also better watch its own southwest very carefully—especially since it really was once part of Mexico anyway. And what’s Russia up to these days, since we’re on this subject? Think non-Russian peoples’ lands, with Russian ethnic minorities, and how this game could be played out.

The answer, however, regarding Albanians in Serbia is...

*You follow the advice of the Arabs’ Zuheir Mohsen’s above.*

But instead of renaming yourselves “Palestinians,” you, of course, call yourselves *Kosovars* instead. And then get assorted *Jihadis* from the rest of the Arab/Muslim World to assist you—along with America and NATO.

There is no doubt that too much of the conflict regarding the breakup of Yugoslavia was deliberately biased against the Serbs. Atrocities occurred (as they had for centuries)—but on both sides, with Serbs often the victims... victims the American State Department ignored as it sought Muslims it



could point to as championing while America was fighting others in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. American bombers led the final dismemberment.

There's a lesson here...and Jews, Kurds, Imazighen, and others need to pay close attention. Instead of demanding just the rebirth of their one state, Jews need to demand others as well.

Jews have a long history in Morocco, as just one example—long before Arabs conquered both Jews and Imazighen (“Berbers”) alike there. Over 600,000 Moroccan Jews now live in Israel—part of the *other side* of the Middle East refugee problem few ever talk about...more Moroccan Jews than Arabs who got their own nation states in Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, etc. when they were created. Additionally, many more Moroccan Jews live in America, France, and elsewhere today—including Morocco.

Why multiple states for Arabs, but not for Jews?

As early as Roman times, Jews fleeing the Roman wars in Judaea began to travel inland in North Africa and forged both economic and cultural ties with the Imazighen—especially in the Atlas Mountains. Some of the latter folks even adopted the faith of their Jewish neighbors.

When Arab Muslims invaded, Jews and the Amazigh people fought them together. Across the Atlas Mountains, Queen Dahlia al Kahina (whom the famed Muslim scholar, Ibn Khaldun, called “the Jewess”) led both Jews and Imazighen in battle against invading Arabs, who would later massacre and subjugate both peoples.

Why not states for the *Atlasians*...at least one for Jews and one for the Imazighen...in North Africa?

Why “Palestinians” and “Kosovars,” but not “Atlasians?”

While we're at it, some thirty-five million stateless Kurds need to jump aboard as well. Kurds predate Arabs in “Arab” Syria as well as in “Arab” Iraq...and in “Turkish” Turkey. But we all know what happened/happens when Kurds try to assert their rights there. Their best hope right now is in the place where they were indeed promised independence after World War I—in northern Mesopotamia, part of today's renamed *Iraq*.

While I don't really expect that much of the above will happen, it's worth asking those academics, State Department folks, left-wing know-nothings, and other hypocritical practitioners of the double standard...*Why not* ?

If Kurds played the Arab game regarding trading the name “Arab” for “Palestinian,” how many Kurdish states might they be entitled to? The reality, of course, is that all of these oppressed peoples are still struggling to maintain or obtain basic political and human rights in what Arabs simply and exclusively call “purely Arab patrimony.”

That others buy into their subjugating mindset is the real travesty.

---

## Double Standards – Crossing the Line Of Decency

Marilyn Penn

We live in times when Holocaust denial or diminution is openly pervasive , not only in the Muslim world, but also in the halls of the UN, and classrooms and auditoriums of some of America's most prestigious academic institutions. In New York, the president of Columbia University and subsequently, Columbia students have repeatedly invited Ahmadinejad to address their groups.

We cringe as the frequent comparisons of Israel to Nazi Germany and South Africa receive thoughtful consideration instead of ridicule and rebuke. Campuses across the U.S. and Canada have been flooded with events such as the BDS Conference (Boycott, Divest, Sanction Israel) which is scheduled at the University of Pennsylvania in early February. This, along with Israel Apartheid Week and Palestine Awareness Week is the politically correct default position of academia , supported by

students and faculty alike. Too many Jews and even Israelis aid and abet in this travesty of history, railing at the sins of their own people and proscribing what further land Israel needs to cede, and what further concessions it must make to Palestinians while remaining silent about the murderous rampages committed by Muslims across Africa, Asia and the Middle East. While there are no student organized marches urging western intervention to save the Christian and non-Islamic populations of these countries, vocal threats and placards are commonly seen at anti-Israel and Occupy Wall Street events urging another Holocaust to finally eliminate the Jews. At the London School of Economics last week, students played a Nazi drinking game and broke the nose of the Jewish student who refused to participate in saluting Hitler with Sieg Heil!

Notwithstanding the reality of this inflamed atmosphere, the latest version of Shoah parody is the new novel by Shalom Auslander entitled "Hope: A Tragedy." Well reviewed by the Times and the Wall Street Journal, the book presents Anne Frank as a potty-mouthed survivor who can't fess up to the truth of her existence without jeopardizing her book sales and exalted reputation. "I'm Miss Holocaust, 1945," Anne explains, "The prize is a crown of thorns and eternal victimhood. ...I'm the Jewish Jesus." The author mocks Shoah business and the abuse of it by those who are not even bona fide survivors. Auslander explains in an interview that he's been trying to divest himself of his own preoccupation with the Holocaust and one of his techniques is to make fun of it. "If you laugh, you win. Life, or God, or whatever, is just one banana peel after the next."

How easy it is to satirize what has sadly become an acceptable subject of derision – and how safe. Mr. Auslander should ask Salman Rushdie what it's like to offend Muslims in the west. Still living under the fatwa issued for his sin of writing "The Satanic Verses" in 1988, Mr. Rushdie has just been forced to withdraw from a literary festival in Jaipur because the democratic government of India cannot protect him against his possible assassination. Or perhaps Auslander might ask Kurt Westergaard, the artist who drew some of the famous cartoons satirizing Mohammed, what it was like to have an axe-wielding Muslim try to enter his home to kill him for his attempt at humor in his native, western country of Denmark. On our own shores, the same newspapers which found Auslander's novel chuckle-worthy, found nothing funny in the Danish cartoons and were too cowardly to publish those very newsworthy subjects for their own fears of repercussion. It's too late to ask Theo Van Gogh, the Dutchman who was stabbed to death on the street in Holland for having produced a film called "Submission" that was critical of Islamic circumcision and enslavement of women.

The woman who collaborated with Van Gogh is Ayaan Hirsi Ali, the subject of another new book reviewed in the Times this week. "Wanted Women - Faith, Lies & The War On Terror: The Lives of Ayaan Hirsi Ali and Aafia Siddiqui" is a dual biography of Ms. Hirsi Ali and a woman who came to the U.S. as a student, completing her undergraduate degree at MIT and getting a Ph.D. in neuroscience at Brandeis. Deborah Scroggins, the author, attempts to show the parallels between the two western educated Muslim women, one who renounced her religion and has tried to alert the west to the inherent dangers of Islamic jihad while the other became increasingly radicalized, marrying the nephew of Khalid Sheik Mohammed and working with Al Qaeda to promote terrorism against the United States. Siddiqui, who returned to her native Pakistan and then vanished along with her children, was eventually apprehended by the FBI in Afghanistan. In her handbag was a computer drive with instructions for making bombs and weapons of mass destruction, lists of New York landmarks suitable for attack and two pounds of cyanide. After shooting at her interrogators, she was convicted of attempted murder in the U.S. and sentenced to a term of 86 years. Though there is nothing humorous about this book, it illustrates which subjects are sacred cows for American journalists. Scroggins reserves her rage not for the woman who parasitically benefited from her time in our country and then attempted to destroy it, but for Hirsi Ali, the Member of Parliament who "made it possible to appeal to the Dutch xenophobic vote in a socially acceptable way." Dwight Garner in reviewing this book in the Times, agreed with the author that "East and West need voices of reconciliation, not merely stern condemnation." How ironic that his newspaper

which respectfully declined to offend Islam by publishing the Danish cartoons or the pictures of what Muslims had done to journalist Daniel Pearl, reveled in the photo- reportage of four U.S. marines urinating on dead Taliban militants – hardly equivalent to decapitation or sexual mutilation.

Railing at the west, calling Jews Nazis, turning the genocide of six million people into a burlesque are all acts of perversion of conscience. While liberal western writers and media are afraid to point fingers at the enemy threatening freedom throughout the world, while liberal politicians are more concerned with American Islamophobia than with the murderous Islamic violence that precipitates our very rational fears, our western world has once again become tolerant of fanning the familiar flames of anti-semitism. Perpetuating this twisted double standard can only enable the further tolerance of abhorrent views and practices. The long-term consequences of our politically correct short-sightedness will surely be no laughing matter.

[FamilySecurityMatters.org](http://familysecuritymatters.org) Contributing Editor Marilyn Penn is a writer in New York who can also be read regularly at [PoliticalMavens.com](http://PoliticalMavens.com). This column appeared at [http://familysecuritymatters.org/publications/id.11272/pub\\_detail.asp](http://familysecuritymatters.org/publications/id.11272/pub_detail.asp)

---

## **An Interview With Mordechai Ben Menachem**

Ruth King

Who is Mordechai Ben Menachem? Good question. For starters, he is a former researcher/lecturer at Ben-Gurion University, a scholar and an author of 30 books and more than 300 papers ranging from engineering to poetry and myriad articles on Iran, ancient Persia, the wages of nuclear war in the Middle East, Islam and Jihad. He is also an ordained rabbi. Most important, he is a Zionist and Israeli patriot in the mold of Zeev Jabotinsky.

Most recently, Ben Menachem has written a two volume book “History is Now”- Volume one is “Sacred Land”- Volume two is “Muslim Winter.” Both are available as internet books and highly recommended. Links are included below.

The author discusses what he correctly terms the Israel-Arab/Jewish-Moslem nature of the conflict. In a first person account which includes his personal involvement in Israel’s history, Ben Menachem discusses the issues of Islam and the Arab masses and collective mind and spurious Arab claims to Palestine.

He meticulously catalogues centuries of Moslem hatred and persecutions of “infidel” minorities. He includes a “Jihad Glossary” an extensive examination of unrelenting faith driven terrorism against the Jewish state, and Western appeasement that is willfully blind to history and facts.

Ben Menachem also expounds on the so called “Arab Spring” and the genesis of the constant and uncontrolled “rage in the Moslem street.” In his pithy words he bemoans the fact that When Muslims do something outrageous and horrific like public beheadings or blow up ancient Bhuddist, Hindu, Christian and Jewish art and shrines, the world, including the Jews, voices its “deep disappointment.....but when some jerk says something irresponsible or even silly, Moslems all over the world go on a murderous rampage.

Ben Menachem posits that economic, demographic, geological and energy related politics and trends will lead, in the long term to the end, rather than the success of Arab hegemony and jihad butthe short-term danger is very much there)

He does not, however, discount the possibility of a nuclear war in the area and analyzes the results of a putative war between Israel and Iran, the possible outcome for Europe, the ecologic effects of a nuclear war, and the limits of diplomacy and negotiations.

Mordechai Ben Menachem is blunt and tough and bases his opinions on history, logic, faith and an enduring love for Israel and Zionism.

Read the book: It is available at Amazon.

And, while you are at it check out all his other books.

It is a pleasure to interview Mordechai Ben Menachem for Americans for a Safe Israel and *Outpost*.

**RK:** Please tell us what your thoughts were about the Camp David Accords. Did Israel buy time to develop its economy? Any other benefits to that treaty?

**MBM:** The Camp David Accords were the first real attempt at long-term Peace with a major Arab conflict state. A great deal of leeway can be given in a first attempt. Unfortunately, the Accords failed and the treaty with Egypt is a farce. All subsequent negotiations should have taken that into account, and they have not.

**RK:** How about the Oslo agreements?

**MBM:** I have an extensive chapter on the Oslo Debacle. There is simply nothing good or positive to say about it. It was the epitome of stupidity, from the start.

**RK:** What about leaving Gaza?

**MBM:** I could understand had the Government decided to evacuate Netzarim, or even that and Kfar Darom. The evacuation of the three northern Gaza settlements, Gush Katif and those settlements in Samaria was simply inexcusable. In addition to the basic bad thought process, it was also very poorly planned and executed. Inexcusable, from beginning to end. The Gush Katif story is a fascinating study in man-against-man and man-as-subservient-to-Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

In 1967 it was a totally barren desert. Not even scrubs grew. Jews came and settled it. By the time we evacuated, Gush Katif was exporting \$100 million dollars in agricultural exports per year. Nearly 4,000 Gazans were employed by these farms, in what was historically, the most successful display of Jewish-Arab cooperation ever performed. Then, Israel unilaterally evacuated. In what can only be called a biblical miracle, two weeks later – 14 days – the entire area had returned to being the desert it had been before we returned to it. The same workers who had worked there for two decades were still there. All of the equipment remained. The interlopers were rejected by the Land. The Book says this land belongs to Jews and everyone else is rejected. Believe or disbelieve, as you like. Facts tell their own story.

Dear reader, you “don’t like” paying attention to what the bible says? That is your prerogative, but the bible also has one and it just slapped you in the face. Facts can be stranger than fiction. I could not have invented such a history.

**RK:** How do you feel about the government’s destruction of Jewish homes in Judea and Samaria?

**MBM:** Totally misplaced, and inexcusable.

**RK:** Any comments on the Stuxnet or the targeted assassination of Iran’s nuclear scientists?

**MBM:** The War with Iran began quite some time ago. The media goes on all the time about an air strike against Iran. That is certainly not the only option and so far, it is not the option that has been chosen. I think the Government is working very well in Iran and they should keep it up.

Of course, none of us know who did the Stuxnet cyber weapon, so I do not pretend to speak for Israel. We also do not know that the series of assassinations in Iran, and the seemingly parallel series of explosions, are anything to do with Israel. But, in both cases, I hope and assume that we are responsible.

I claim that the media ‘thing’ with a massive Airstrike against Iran is not the optimal policy option. Many other, alternate, options exist and I think that Stuxnet and assassinations show what some of these possible options may be.

**RK:** How likely is war in the region and how will it affect Israel?

**MBM:** 100% likely. There is no doubt that there will be war.

The questions are: When? How many? With whom? How big? Will the US openly attempt to block and weaken Israel?

**RK:** You were associated with Ben Gurion University for a long time. What do you make of the appalling number of Israeli academics who side with Israel's enemies?

**MBM:** Firstly, the 'appalling number' is not as large as the media present it. The traitors are in political science and other such departments. BTW, I studied with Neve Gordon's parents (both) and know him since he was a child. He really is as idiotic as he makes himself out to be. Furthermore, his academic credentials are terrible. That is the real scandal. That he is kept on for political reasons, and not for achievements. There is no political activity in Life Sciences, Engineering, Medicine or Natural Sciences. Some 90% of the university people are normal.

**RK:** What politicians in Israel today are capable of confronting the enemy and resisting appeasement?

**MBM:** A bit of a nasty question. Netanyahu has many 'warts'. He is far from the world's greatest genius or the most worthwhile person imaginable. However, I am convinced that he is the best PM that we have ever had – ever! I am also convinced that this government is doing a better all around job than any government has ever done before.

Thank you. Is there any comment you wish to add?

**MBM:** The main conclusion. Basically, the Muslim threat is over; the war is won. Threats are short-term, not long-term, though admittedly, these are legion. All we need to do is continue 'steady as she goes' and avoid major blunders

It is our war to lose now. They can cause mayhem, but only we can cave.

---

## **You are Invited to Join AFSI on our Spring Chizuk Trip To Judea And Samaria – April 22 to May 1, 2012**

See the AFSI website for reports and photos of past trips.

The cost of the trip is \$1800 per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy is available at an additional \$400. This covers all hotels, most meals, entrance fees, private bus and driver, and guides. Flight arrangements are up to the participants.

Call AFSI to make your reservations: 1-212-828-2424; 1-800-235-3658.

### **Outpost**

**Editor: Rael Jean Isaac**

**Editorial Board: Ruth King**

Outpost is distributed free to Members of Americans For a Safe Israel

Annual membership: \$50.

**Americans For a Safe Israel**

1751 Second Ave. (at 91<sup>st</sup> Street)

New York, NY 10128

Tel (212) 828-2424 / fax (212) 828-1717

**Email:** [afsi@rcn.com](mailto:afsi@rcn.com)