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The Quiet Struggle Over Jerusalem's Temple Mount

Jordan vs. Turkey

BY JOSEPH PUDER

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There is a quiet struggle going on over control of East Jerusalem's Noble Sanctuary (Haram al-Sharif) or Temple Mount. It is not as you might guess between Israel and the Palestinians. It is actually between two Sunni-Muslim nations, the Hashemites Kingdom of Jordan and Erdogan's Turkey.

To the extent that Israel is involved in this quiet struggle, it is to strengthen Jordan's position against the encroaching Turks, by adding Saudi representatives to the Islamic Waqf Council. The Islamic Waqf Council controls the activities surrounding the Noble Sanctuary or Temple Mount. Israel has engaged the U.S. administration to mediate the issue with the Saudis.

The Hashemites, who once controlled Mecca and Medina, Islam's holiest sites, lost out to the Saudis in the 1920's. The Hashemites are related by a bloodline to the Prophet Mohammad through his daughter Fatimah and her husband Ali, the Fourth Caliph. Hasan, the son of Fatimah and Ali, is the progenitor of the Hashemite line, which is a subdivision of the Quraysh tribe. The consolation prize was control over Islam's third holiest site -The Noble Sanctuary or Temple Mount where the Al-Aqsa and Omar mosques are located.

The Prophet Mohammad is said to have flown from the al-Aqsa mosque to heaven on his horse named Buraq.

Given the historical rivalry between the House of Saud and the Hashemites, Jordanians in the past would not contemplate allowing their Saudi rivals a foothold in Jerusalem's holy places. But now, after 100 years, Erdogan's Turkey is challenging Jordan's control over the Temple Mount. Jordan, under the Hashemite King Abdullah II, is finally relenting to the Saudis out of financial necessity and a looming threat from Erdogan's Turkey.

Even more significantly, Turkey's influence peddling in Jerusalem is not limited to the Temple Mount. In its efforts to bolster the Palestinians, Erdogan's Turkish government delivered a treasure trove of 140,000 pages of microfilm, which includes land registrations under the Ottoman Empire from 1517-1917. The Palestinian Authority (PA) has used it to challenge Israeli ownership of real estate in various parts of the country.

The Turkish development NGO or TIKA, working on behalf of the Turkish government has invested around \$1.3 million annually in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza. The Turkish organization, "Our Legacy," funded by TIKA, has as its goal the "protection of the Al-Aqsa mosque, and the Ottoman legacy in Jerusalem.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey's dictator, views himself as the patron of the Muslim Brotherhood. He also sees himself as the

leader of the Sunni-Muslim world, and as the one to restore Islam's glory throughout Palestine and in Jerusalem in particular. Turkey now sponsors cultural events in Jerusalem, always decked with Turkish Erdogan's Turkey is flags. pursuing "Dawa" or as some might call it "quiet jihad." It is done through charity, Islamic education, and social assistance with the ultimate goal of bringing people closer to Islam.

The Turkish Cultural Center in Jerusalem is cooperating with Jerusalem's Islamic Waqf. It has also funded Sheikh Ekrima Said Sabri, the former Mufti of Jerusalem, who called suicide bombing in Israel "legitimate." Sabri is identified with Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. He is also a close associate of Sheikh Raed Salah, who has been head of the outlawed (by Israel) Northern Branch of the Islamic Movement in Israel.

According to David Koren, former adviser to the mayor of Jerusalem, "Turkish popularity in eastern Jerusalem has grown so much in recent years that leaders of Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and the PA have told Israel that Erdogan was building up spheres of influence in eastern Jerusalem that jeopardized their interests and those of Israel."

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan informed the U.S. and Israel that it would allow Saudi representatives to join the Waqf Council on the following conditions: 1. Jordan is to retain its exclusive status on the Temple Mount. 2. That Saudi Arabia transfers millions of dollars to Islamic NGO's operating in east Jerusalem (to offset Turkey's charities), and 3. Saudi Arabia is to apply diplomatic pressure to expel the Turkish Islamic organizations operating under Palestinian auspices. The Saudis who see Erdogan's Turkey as a rival in the Islamic world, would be happy to comply.

Reuter News reported (March 7, 2018) that the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman (MBS), in an interview with the Egyptian media as reported by the Egyptian newspaper Al-Shorouk, described Turkey as "part of a triangle of evil," along with Iran and hardline Islamist groups. MBS accused Turkey of trying to reinstate the Islamic Caliphate.

Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, and its highest military officer, Gen. Hulusi Akar visited Jordan in February 2018, in what appeared to be an effort to upgrade the two countries bilateral relationship. However, Jordan announced a month later that it suspended its free trade agreement with Turkey. While Erdogan seeks to show that his country is not isolated in the Arab world, Jordan was not going to be another Qatar (Qatar is the exception in being allied with Turkey).

Jordan cannot afford to alienate Saudi Arabia and the other Arab Gulf states who are critical of Turkey, including Turkey's support



of Qatar. Qatar it is being boycotted by Saudi Arabia, and its allies in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Saudi Arabia and its Gulf allies are a vital source of foreign aid for Jordan's weak economy. Jordan has received a \$5 billion aid package from Saudi Arabia and its GCC allies. Moreover, there are about 800,000 Jordanians working in GCC countries, the majority of them in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). A close relationship between Jordan and Turkey could potentially jeopardize Saudi aid to Jordan and may cause the expulsion of Jordanian workers in Saudi Arabia. Jordan depends heavily on the remittances of these workers. Most importantly, Jordan is also concerned with Turkey's support of the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan, which dominates the opposition in Amman.

The U.S., Israel, and Jordan are hoping to involve the Saudis in managing the affairs on Temple Mount and east Jerusalem. As part of such an involvement, the expectations are that the Saudis would effectively compete with the Turkish investments in east Jerusalem. This would restore the now weakened position of the Hashemite Kingdom on Temple Mount, and east Jerusalem, vis-à-vis the Turks.

The combination of Israel, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia working together as an axis would be the fulfillment of the vision the late Israel Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin and the late king Hussein of Jordan. This was expressed during their peace talks in 1994. They envisioned a multi-religious directorship on the Temple Mount that is holy to Jews and Muslims alike.

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Harry S. Truman and Israel, Legacy of a Great Statesman

An act of fortitude that will always be warmly remembered by Israelis and Jews worldwide.

By Ari Lieberman

Dateline: May 14, 2020

May 14, 1948 will mark the 72nd anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel. Israel's War of Independence was arguably its most difficult. Six-thousand citizens out of 600,000 were killed. More than 2,000 of these were civilians.

But the war did not begin on May 14. It actually began on November 30, 1947 one day following a United Nations General Assembly vote in favor of partitioning Mandatory Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. The following day, Arab brigands attacked two civilian Egged buses on route from Hadera and Netanya to Jerusalem, killing six and injuring several more. That incident marked the beginning of the conflict.

In the first four months of conflict, the outlook for the Jews was bleak. Three successive Arab terrorist bomb attacks targeting high profile Jewish targets in Jerusalem inflicted mass casualties and sapped morale. Two of those attacks – the bombing of the Palestine Post newspaper offices and the Ben Yehuda Street bombing – were facilitated by British soldiers. The topography also favored the Arabs, who held much of the high ground and specialized in ambushing Jewish vehicles heading to isolated outposts.

Making matters worse for the Jews were the British occupation authorities, who openly sided with the Arabs. Right up until the end of their mandate, the British zealously enforced immigration quotas against the Jews but turned a blind eye toward organized Arab infiltration. In addition, they attempted to prevent the Jews from acquiring arms while the Arabs were free to purchase weapons on the open market. In one ignominious incident, four Jewish Haganah operatives were disarmed by British soldiers and released into the hands of an Arab mob where they were promptly lynched.

Thankfully, these reversals were temporary in nature and by late March early April, the military initiative swung in favor of the Jews, who launched a series of successful counteroffensives. By May 14, the military situation had improved markedly. Notwithstanding the improved military situation, Israel's Head of Operations Yigal Yadin informed David Ben Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, that the newly formed state had a fifty-fifty chance of fending off the combined might of five Arab armies in the invasion that was sure to come after the independence proclamation.

The political battle was no less important than the military one. The newly created State of Israel needed political recognition and extension of recognition by the world's greatest superpower would amount to nothing short of a monumental success, equal to the victories on the battlefield.

The scale and magnitude of the disaster inflicted upon Europe's Jews during the Nazi holocaust was not lost on President Harry Truman. In May 1946, he urged the British government to accept



The British, who were openly pro-Arab, characteristically refused. In October of that year, Truman publicly declared his support for the creation of a Jewish state.

But Truman faced significant pushback from influential, high-level members of his own cabinet, and the initial reversals suffered by the Jews following the U.N. General Assembly partition vote gave impetus to their viewpoints. Secretary of Defense James Forrestal was an ardent anti-Zionist and predicted that the collective might of the Arabs, with their population of 45 million would throw Palestine's 600,000 Jews into the sea.

Opposition to Jewish independence also emerged from the State Department, where stridently pro-Arab attitudes prevailed among third and fourth level staffers. The general feeling at the State Department was that U.S. interests were better served by siding with the more populous Arabs and their oil. There was no room for morality and ethics in their calculus.

Secretary of State George Marshall was among the Jews' fiercest antagonists and strongly opposed Jewish independence. Instead, he favored a scheme in which the area of mandatory Palestine would be placed under temporary U.N. trusteeship. Truman allowed the State Department to examine the feasibility of such a plan.

Fearing the loss of American political support, the Jewish Agency – the governing body of pre-state Israel – sent statesman Chaim Weizmann to the United States to lobby Truman but Truman initially refused to meet with him. The Jewish Agency then succeeded in reaching out to Eddie Jacobson, who was Truman's longtime friend and former business partner, in a desperate bid to have Jacobson convince Truman to meet with Weizmann. Jacobson prevailed upon Truman to meet with Weizmann, who was then spirited through a side entrance to have his audience with the president.

The Weizmann-Truman meeting took place on March 18, 1948 and Weizmann made a very positive impression. Truman committed himself to the Partition Plan as outlined by the U.N. General Assembly. But Truman was broadsided by his own state department when just the following day, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., Warren Austin, gave a speech in which he stated that the U.S. was Truman was livid as the position enumerated by Austin was contrary to his own. More importantly, on a personal level, Truman did not want Weizmann to think he was a prevaricator, talking from both sides of his mouth.

The final showdown between Truman and Marshall came on May 12, 1948 during a heated meeting between the two. The meeting came at a time when the British mandate was nearing its end and the Jews were preparing to declare their independence, with or without U.S. recognition. By that time, the Jews had gained military dominance over Arab irregulars in Palestine, liberating the cities of Haifa, Tiberias, Safed, and Jaffa and securing a tenuous link to Jewish Jerusalem. The military situation was still far from certain as the Arabs nations were preparing to do battle with the embryonic state and finalizing invasion plans.

Also in attendance at the meeting were special counsel Clark Clifford and Undersecretary Robert Lovett as well as other foreign policy experts. Clifford urged Truman to support immediate recognition. Marshall countered by telling Truman that if he followed Clifford's advice, he wouldn't vote for him in the next election.

Truman wasn't swayed by Marshall's impudence. On May 14, 1948 the Jews declared their independence and the modern State of Israel came into being. That same day, the U.S. extended de facto recognition becoming the first nation in the world to do so. De jure recognition was extended on January 31, 1949.

Truman had a sense of history and understood that Jewish rebirth in the Land of Israel after two millennia of dispersion represented a pivotal moment. He also had a sense of moral conscience which trounced the soon to be discredited concerns raised by Marshall and his political allies. The nascent Israel Defense Forces – the successor to the Haganah – crushed the combined might of the Arab world, a pattern that was to be repeated throughout Israel's history. Truman's decision on that monumental day will forever place him on the right side of history.

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the recommendations of a joint Anglo-American committee to admit forthwith 100,000 Jews, displaced by the war, into Palestine.

reneging on its initial support for partition in favor of the temporary trusteeship scheme favored by Marshall.

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Mandate for Palestine

Sovereignty over the Land of Israel London – July 24, 1924

By Eli E. Hertz. Dateline: June 11, 2020

The Mandate for Palestine, a historical League of Nations document, laid down the Jewish legal right to settle anywhere western Palestine, a 10,000- square-miles area between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. The Mandate's roots can be traced to the founding of modern Zionism in August 1897 and the Balfour Declaration of November 2nd, 1917.

After witnessing the spread of anti-Semitism around the world, Theodor Herzl felt compelled to create a political movement with the goal of establishing a Jewish National Home in historic Palestine, and assembled the first Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland. During World War I, Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour simply expressed Great Britain's view with favor for "the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people." The Mandate is the multilateral binding agreement which laid down the Jewish legal right to settle anywhere in the geographical area called Palestine, the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea, an entitlement unaltered in international law.

The entire League of Nations [Today the United Nations] -51 countries – unanimously declared on July 24th, 1922: "Whereas recognition has been given to the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and to the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country."

The Mandate clearly differentiates between political rights referring to Jewish self-determination as an emerging polity—and civil and religious rights, referring to guarantees of equal personal freedoms to non-Jewish residents as individuals and within select communities.

Not once are Arabs as a people mentioned in the Mandate for Palestine. Nowhere in the document is there any granting of political rights to Arabs.

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'You Are Finished!' Turkey's Growing War on Christians

Once secular, Turks are now born and bred on hating infidels.

By Raymond Ibrahim

Dateline: June 15, 2020



Islamic terror attacks that target Christians in Turkey are not uncommon. Around Christmas of 2011, a large-scale al-Qaeda plot to bomb "all the churches in Ankara" was exposed. Right before Christmas 2015, ISIS issued death threats, including "upsetting videos and pictures," to at least 20 Protestant churches, and warned that "Koranic commandments... urge us to slay the apostate like you."

More spectacularly, a gunman dressed as Santa Claus entered a nightclub in Istanbul during New Year celebrations, 2017, and massacred 39 people. A "heroic soldier of the caliphate," the Islamic State ("ISIS") later claimed, "attacked the most famous nightclub where Christians were celebrating their pagan feast." The statement further characterized the government of Turkey as being the "servant of the cross."

What to make of this? Are attacks on Christians limited to clandestine terrorist organizations operating in Turkey, a nation which otherwise behaves as a "servant of the cross"?

In fact, hate for Christians in once secular Turkey has come to permeate every segment of society—from the average Muslim citizen to the highest levels of government. The examples are many; a few follow.

In late 2019, a Muslim boy, aged 16, stabbed a Korean Christian evangelist in the heart several times; the 41-year-old husband and father died shortly thereafter.

Months earlier, an "86-year-old Greek man was found murdered in his home with his hands and feet tied"; he was reportedly "tortured." Istanbul; the church had been repeatedly attacked previously, including with hate-filled graffiti.

Similarly, when a man opened fire on the Saint Maria Catholic Church in Trabzon in 2018, it was just the latest in several attacks on that church. Weeks earlier, a makeshift bomb was thrown at its garden; in 2016 Muslims crying "Allahu Akbar" (Allah is greater) vandalized the church, including with sledgehammers; in 2011 the church was targeted and threatened for its visible cross; and in 2006 its priest, Andrea Santoro, was shot dead while conducting church service.

Also while shouting "Allahu Akbar" and "Revenge will be taken for Al-Aqsa Mosque," another Muslim man hurled a Molotov cocktail at another church, Istanbul's Aya Triada Orthodox Church, partially setting it on fire. In another incident, four Turks banged and kicked at the door of Agape Church in the Black Sea region—again while shouting "Allahu Akbar!" According to the holed up pastor, they wanted "to go inside and hit someone or attack in some other way."

The growing brazenness of such attacks was on full display when a random gang of Muslims disrupted a baptismal church service in Istanbul. They pushed their way into the church, yelling obscenities; one menacingly waved a knife at those in attendance. "It's not the first, and it won't be the last," a local Christian responded.

Threatening and/or defacing churches is especially common. In late 2019, while shouting abuses and physical threats against Christians gathered at the Church of St. Paul in Antalya, a man said he "would take great pleasure in destroying the Christians, as he viewed them as a type of parasitism on Turkey." Other tactics are resorted to when no pretexts can be found. For example, in an apparent attempt to conceal the online presence of at least one church, authorities labeled it "pornographic," and blocked it. The ban was "horrible," responded a church representative. "It's a shame. It really pains us at having this kind of accusation when we have a high moral standard."

Even ancient churches that predate Islam by centuries—including Stoudios monastery, the oldest Christian place of worship in Asia Minor, founded a millennium before its Islamic conquest in the fourteenth century—are being transformed into mosques. After explaining how the Turkish government built nearly 9,000 mosques over one decade, while banning liturgy in the Sumela monastery—another historic site inaugurated in 386, about a 1,000 years before Asia Minor became "Turkey"—a report adds, "This arbitrary ban seems to be yet another demonstration of the 'unofficial' second-class status of Christians in Turkey."

Hate for Christians in Turkey has reached the point that it pursues these "infidels" beyond the grave: attacks on Christian cemeteries are on the rise, prompting one frustrated Christian to ask: "Is it now the turn of our deceased?" According to a March, 2020 report, 20 of 72 gravestones in just one Christian cemetery in Ankara were found destroyed. In another recent instance, the desecraters broke a cross off a deceased women's grave; days earlier, her church burial service was interrupted by cries of "Allahu Akbar!"

What is behind all these attacks on anything and everything Christian—people, buildings, even graves? An "environment of hate" was the recent response of a journalist in Turkey:

But this hateful environment did not emerge out of nowhere. The seeds of this hatred are spread, beginning at primary schools, through books printed by the Ministry of National Education portraying Christians as enemies and traitors. The indoctrination continues through newspapers and television channels in line with state policies. And of course, the sermons at mosques and talk at coffee houses further stir up this hatred.

Before that, an 85-year-old Armenian woman was stabbed to death in her Istanbul apartment. Lest anyone mistake the motive, her murderer carved a crucifix on her naked corpse. According to the report, that "attack marks the fifth in the past two months against elderly Armenian women (one has lost an eye)."

Perhaps most notoriously, in 2009, a group of young Turks including the son of a mayor—broke into a Bible publishing house in Malatya. They bound, sadistically tortured for hours, and eventually slaughtered its three Christian employees. "We didn't do this for ourselves, but for our religion," one of the accused later said. "Let this be a lesson to enemies of our religion." They were all later released from prison on a technicality.

Much more common than the targeted killing of Christians—but no less representative of the hate—are church related attacks. Most recently, on May 8, 2020, a man tried to torch a church in In early 2019, hate-filled and threatening graffiti—including "You Are Finished!"—was found on the Armenian Church of the Holy Mother of God in Istanbul. Commenting on it, an Armenian activist tweeted, "Every year, scores of hate attacks are being carried out against churches and synagogues."

One of the most alarming instances occurred in 2015: as many as 15 churches received death threats for "denying Allah." "Perverted infidels," one threat read, "the time that we will strike your necks is soon. May Allah receive the glory and the praise." "Threats are not anything new for the Protestant community who live in this country and want to raise their children here," church leaders commented.

Rather than threaten or attack churches, Turkish authorities have the power to simply confiscate or close them (here, here, and here, for examples). In one instance, police, not unlike the aforementioned thugs, interrupted a baptismal ceremony while raiding and subsequently shutting down an unauthorized church. "Turkey does not have a pathway for legalization of churches," the report explained. In other words, once "secular," Turks are now born and bred on hating Christians.

Interestingly, even this is not enough to prevent ISIS from accusing Turkey of being a "servant of the cross," which prompts an important question: Just what, exactly, do so-called "radical" Muslims—between 63 and 287 million Muslims in just eleven polled nations support ISIS—deem as the "proper" treatment of Christians?

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Jacob's Sheep Come Home

By Jonathan Feldstein



Over the past century, Jews and Christians have celebrated the return of the Jewish people to the Biblical Land of Israel, a restoration prophetic proportion. More recently, this return was accompanied by some four-legged friends representing Israel's 3000-year history in the Judean mountains.

This is the modern story of Jacob's Sheep.

Jacob's Sheep are an heirloom (unaltered) breed of ancient sheep, mentioned in Genesis 30. They originated with Jacob the Patriarch working for his father in law, Laban. The sheep are distinct in that they are spotted and speckled, as mentioned in the Bible, and have as many as six horns.

When the Jews were exiled to Babylon, their flocks were also dispersed. Like Israel, Jacob's Sheep spread out around the world: throughout the Middle East, to Spain, and as far as China. In the 17th century Jacob's Sheep arrived in Britain, and from there, the sheep migrated to North America. Now, they have returned home, to the Land of Israel.

The restoration of Jacob's Sheep is a labor of love of Jenna Lewinsky who acquired a flock of 119 sheep while in Canada. She dealt with bureaucracy of importing livestock to Israel for which there was no precedent. As much as she met importing resistance, she also was encouraged by the outpouring of support recognizing the sheep's role in prophesy.

Isaiah explained that the return of the People of Israel to their Land, is comparable to the return of sheep (Isaiah 49). Jeremiah lamented, "Look at those who are coming from the North. Where



was the flock that was given you, the sheep of your glory." (Jeremiah 13:20). Both Jeremiah and Ezekiel prophesied a return of the lost sheep, the nation of Israel, as vital to the final redemption.

Jenna explains that Jacob sheep's first shepherdess was the matriarch Rachel, Jacob's beloved. It's no coincidence that Jacob's Sheep have returned home, in the Judean mountains within sight of Rachel's tomb.

Jenna is meticulous about naming the flock. The patriarch is Isaac. The matriarch is Kallah, "bride" in Hebrew.

"I have a few ways in which I name them. Sometimes they are born with markings that resemble a Hebrew letter, so I name the sheep with a name that starts with that letter. Other times I look into those cute lamb's eyes and a name just comes to me. All the sheep have a Hebrew name and each knows his/her name and responds when he/she is called," Jenna continues with that sense of connection she has with each and every sheep in the herd, though some are somewhat more special to her than others, one special one is Rachel.

"One day, I turned on my computer and saw a donation notification that read: 'Hi, I am from Florida and just loved Rachel (the sheep) in the photos online. Here is \$30 dollars to buy Rachel a bag of grain." Jenna mentions this generosity from a stranger who followed her special relationship with Rachel and the significance of that. Jenna has allowed donors of higher amounts to name a lamb.

The labor of love comes with a price. Jenna has been blessed by the support of many Jews and Christians who are touched by her commitment and the ability to be part of a once in a lifetime opportunity of biblical proportion. For instance, just bringing the sheep to Israel cost \$80,000. She has a vision of making the farm self-sufficient, growing and selling produce and selling the wool Today, Jenna and her flock reside on a pristine 100-acre mountain top farm in the Judean Mountains, just south of Jerusalem. The sheep are kept happy and protected in a weatherproof shelter. Jenna and her baby son, David, live in a small caravan without running water or electricity. To say she lives modestly puts Little House on the Prairie to shame.

While not being materialistic, Jenna does have needs including an upgraded caravan home that has sanitation, shower, and insulation from the elements.

The sheep need grain, hay, water, and veterinary care. Miraculously, none of the sheep died in transit, but shortly after arriving home the herd contracted Bluetongue Disease, an insect born virus. 48 sheep died in the one month, leaving slightly more than half the original flock. Incredibly, none of the lambs died. They are often the most vulnerable.

The specific location of Jenna's farm has rich Biblical significance. The site is named Migdal Eder, "the tower of the flock." It is adjacent to Efrat and Bethlehem, described in the Bible as near the burial place of Rachel. "Thus, Rachel died. She was buried on the road to Efrat—now Bethlehem. Over her grave Yaakov set up a pillar; it is the pillar at Rachel's grave to this day. Yisrael journeyed on, and pitched his tent beyond Migdal-Eder." (Genesis 35:19-21)

Migdal Eder is also identified by the Prophet Micah as the place from which King David's dynasty will be reestablished. Indeed,

she sheers.



these are the same mountains in which David shepherded his flock.

"When I first visited the site, I looked out and, in the distance, I saw Jerusalem. I felt like we were finally home. The sheep receive blessing from the Holy City."

According to Jewish tradition, Jacob buried Rachel on the road leading to Bethlehem, not even taking her to the closest village. The reason for this was that he foresaw that when the Jews would be exiled, they would pass by this road and be comforted by her. Jeremiah prophesied Rachel arising from her grave and crying for her children, until they will be returned to their Land. Today, Rachel must have a smile on her face seeing not only that her children, but the sheep that she protected, have returned.

Jenna and Jacob's Sheep have been blessed by and welcome volunteers from around the world. While she's started modestly, Jenna's vision is great.

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Trump and Churchill

Nick Adams' new book compares two defenders of Western civilization.

By Mark Tapson



I'm a firm subscriber to the "Great Man" theory of history, which posits that the course of history largely (but not entirely) has been determined, for better or worse, by the decisive impact of individuals of unique vision and indomitable will. What would the world look like had Alexander the Great, for example, never been born? Or Jesus Christ? Or George Washington? Or Adolph Hitler, for that matter?

Fortunately for the world, Hitler's impact was checked by the timely emergence of another towering figure who validates the Great Man theory: Winston Churchill.

Now conservative author and speaker Nick Adams has written a book linking Churchill to President Donald Trump as men who share certain qualities that Adams believes confirms their stature as history's two greatest defenders of Western civilization.

If you've ever seen my friend Nick Adams speak in person or in the news media, you know that one would be hard-pressed to find a more enthusiastic cheerleader for America – especially considering that he's from Australia (he describes himself as an American trapped in an Australian body). A legal immigrant, Nick is genuinely so grateful and excited to be an American that by perilous threats, and he predicts that Trump will surpass even Churchill in terms of his historical significance for our way of life. How does Adams see these men as defenders of the West? "I want to make clear," he writes, that one of the first victories for each man was that he stemmed the tide; he defended Western civilization first by halting the expansion of anti-Western, antifreedom ideals, and then by moving the ball back in the other direction. Trump himself is not going to fully restore all respect for free speech, police officers, or the rule of law. But he is first stopping the damage wrought by Obama and then reversing the damage by restoring respect to these institutions and ideals.

Similarly, while Churchill helped stop Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin, he himself could not completely stop the ideology that had infected the people in their countries, as some of that sadly still lives on today. He was able to halt their harm and make progress toward undoing their damage.

Trump, more specifically,

has helped defend Western civilization by promoting true equality, by helping move the country toward better opportunities for all Americans, including Hispanics and African Americans, and especially those in poorer areas who are often ignored by leftist politicians except when campaign season comes around. In this way, Trump has defended Western civilization by helping unify the country around the shared goal of a stronger economy. the rule of law, limited government, religious freedom, and the freedom of speech." Both "took over from weak predecessors" who had left their countries on the brink of crisis, and "both men at different times had to upend traditional 'wisdom." Like Churchill, Trump is known for working obsessively long hours. Also like Churchill, Adams writes, Trump is a flawed man who is nevertheless putting everything of himself on the line for the defense of the country he loves and the Western values he cherishes.

Pointing out that Trump is an admirer of the British leader, Adams notes that, "one of the first acts that Trump took as president was to bring the bust of Winston Churchill back into the Oval Office" after his predecessor Barack Obama shamefully and insultingly returned the gift to England when he took office. Adams goes on to claim he feels certain that Churchill, were he alive today, would be an admirer of Trump as well, partly because he too was "despised by the elites and the resistance of his day" but his "decisions and philosophy were, by and large, proven correct."

In addition to quoting liberally from Trump and Churchill throughout the book, Adams includes fifty pages of rousing speeches from both men in which they defend the values of Western civilization: Churchill's 1938 speech about the Munich agreement before the House of Commons, his 1938 Chancellor's address on civilization at Bristol University, and his 1918 Liberty Day Meeting speech at Westminster; and Trump's inaugural address, his 2017 speech in Warsaw, and his February 2019 State of the Union address.

he founded FLAG, the Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating Americans about the values and principles that make our nation exceptional. Toward this end, FLAG promotes civics education to K-12 students across the country.

Nick has also written a number of books extolling and defending American virtues, *including Green Card Warrior: My Quest for Legal Immigration in an Illegals' System, Class Dismissed: Why College Isn't the Answer, and Retaking America: Crushing Political Correctness.* His latest book, available May 19, is *Trump and Churchill: Defenders of Western Civilization –* "part historical, part rallying cry, part sociological analysis," as he puts it.

Nick examines the former British Prime Minister and America's 45th President through a combination of ten qualities crucial to their greatness, each of which is assigned its own short chapter: genius, patriotism, prescience, instinct, defiance, pugnacity, and ebullience, among others. He asserts that the mix of these qualities enabled Churchill and Trump to rise above adversity, controversy, and overwhelming opposition both without and within their own governments to become the saviors of Western civilization and its values at moments in history when the West was challenged

"Both Churchill and Trump had the weight of civilization on their shoulders, but they never once shrugged," Adams continues. "Instead, like the great leaders they were, Churchill and Trump soldiered on with ebullience, projecting an optimism to the people they were leading as well as their enemies, who surely thought they would be demoralized."

In addition to sharing many qualities crucial to greatness, both men, Adams writes, "recognized the importance of free enterprise,

Adams concludes the very readable Trump and Churchill by reaffirming his prediction that "President Donald Trump is going to be a greater defender of Western civilization than Prime Minister Winston Churchill." That will be left to the judgment of history, of course, but considering the existential threats the Western world is facing – a growing favorability toward socialism among our youth, the subversion of cultural Marxism, leftist totalitarianism, Islamic fundamentalism, and open-borders globalism – if Trump can lead a turn of the tide and Make Western Civilization Great Again, then Nick Adams will be proven right.

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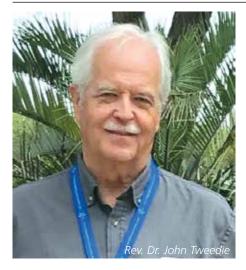
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On the Road to Armageddon

By Rev. Dr. John Tweedie

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"Never was so much owed by so many to so few."

So, declared Winston Churchill, Britain's World War II wartime leader, as the Battle of Britain raged in the skies over the English Channel in the summer of 1940. The U.K. will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the air battle on September 15th (Battle of Britain Day).

Our feature article on the pages following tells the story of this decisive Battle of Britain, and in particular the virtually unknown role of Jews and their commitment and sacrifice in the fight to defeat the Third Reich.

On one side, the planes of the German Luftwaffe hoping for a decisive victory in the air, one that would pave the way for a land invasion of Britain. On the other side, Royal Air Force pilots just as determined to deny Hitler any opportunity to invade the British Isles.

Freedom is not free

The price paid in young lives lost by both sides in this battle for air supremacy was horrendous.

Churchill understood what was at stake; he knew that the battle's outcome would determine the future of the free world for generations to come. Today, some 75 years after the war ended in 1945, a new generation of young people has arisen, not to fight tyranny but to destroy nothing to contribute to society. Perhaps they know this instinctively which is why they are embarrassed by cherished symbols of the nation's accomplishments and victories; this would help to explain the inner rage that has fueled their wanton acts of rebellion against Winston Churchill's statue in London, among other things.

These so-called protesters are very different from the generation that rose to the fight in the 1940s. They are selfish instead of selfsacrificing. Have they not been taught to appreciate the lessons of history? Are they so unaware of the sacrifice of earlier generations, the terrible cost, which today allows them to run riot in the streets, if as destructive barbarians?

As a young man growing up in the British Isles, I once considered a career in London's Metropolitan Police Force but emigrated to Canada instead where I subsequently trained for pastoral ministry. Today, I both admire and empathize with the dedicated men and women of Britain's police forces who, because of political correctness, must serve their cities and nation with one arm tied behind their backs. Yet, they do so with dignity even as disgusting individuals spit in their faces or bombard them with stones and Molotov Cocktails.

America at the brink

America is even worse than Britain when it comes to the breakdown of law and order. Yes, racism still exists in many quarters, and there are some bad actors among the majority of good ones in America's police forces. However, these deficiencies can be and should be fixed within the rule of law, not by citizens taking the law into their own hands. The burning of American Flags, the defacing of war memorials, or the toppling of statues that symbolize the more positive aspects of American history, are nothing less than disgusting acts of rebellion that accomplish nothing. Historic symbols of a nation's positive progress should be preserved and valued, not vandalized!

Unlike earlier times when racial disparities and tensions boiled over, when people took to the streets, and when inner cities bore the brunt of widespread anger, this time of civil unrest seems very different!

During past upheavals, the authorities allowed

could be more readily achieved in the aftermath. Not this time! The more extreme participants behind the recent mayhem took advantage of a federal-municipal political divide, upped the ante, and claimed innercity block areas as police no-go zones. This latest widespread insurrection is different than previous ones - so much so that it could be the fulfillment of a prophecy Jesus gave about the end of days when "lawlessness would abound" (Matthew24:12).

Spiritual Warfare

While Jesus gave several 'Signs of the Times' as harbingers of His coming, including pestilences or pandemics (Matthew 24:7), He also said in the same prophetic discourse that this terminal generation would be as it was in the days of Noah. According to Genesis Ch. 6, violence and wickedness were prevalent in Noah's day - the same destructive social trends we are witnessing in our day!

I believe this breakdown in law and order is the visible manifestation of the spiritual warfare that is raging in the unseen realms as antichrist spirits - as distinct from THE ANTICHRIST – agitate in order to cause worldwide mayhem; these same demonic entities could also be influencing the latest calls to defund or disband police forces, this in preparation for the emergence of Antichrist's lawless kingdom.

But if the Almighty and Sovereign God is allowing this to happen, then it is for His greater purposes!

A Prophetic Perspective

The Apostle Paul, warning of the coming of the Antichrist, referred to him as the "lawless one" (II Thess. 2:8). But in this same prophetic passage, Paul declared that "...God will send them strong delusion that they should believe the lie (v.11). Why? "... that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (v.12).

The perpetrators of these current lawless acts are being deceived into doing the devil's bidding. They are being used to set the stage for the arrival of "the lawless one" - the devil's instrument on earth - whose primary goal is to displace and replace the true Christ or Messiah. Nearly 2000 years ago, the Apostle John was allowed to see a prophetic panorama of the distant future. Christ told John to write down what he saw and heard. The last book in the Holy Bible, The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, records what John was privileged to see including the prophetic events that would lead to the mother of all battles at a place in Israel called Armageddon.

But where exactly are we in this timeline of end-time events as the social fabric of nations is torn apart by criminals and thugs? I believe we may have entered that final phase of human history John describes as the third "WOE."

"Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows he has a short time" (Revelation 12:12).

The devil's final evil acts on earth fall under the last of John's three "woes" ((Rev. 8:13; 9:12; 11:14; 12:12). The fact that our world has been turned upside down in a matter of months could well be a fulfillment of John's prophetic words. Jesus revealed the distant future to John, then told him to write what he saw and heard, presumably for the benefit of all future generations of Christians, and more specifically for the generation of believers living on the earth immediately prior to His return.

These troubled times are a wake-up call that should prompt in all of us a sense of urgency to fulfill our God-given mandate: which is to declare HIS TRUTH to all nations before He comes or, as Jesus put it: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14).

And if we must kneel, let it be before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! (Philippians 2:9-11).

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!



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a way of life others fought bravely to defend and preserve. These goons have their rage, in the belief that a return to normal *Editor of Israel: The Prophetic Connection.*



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Unsung Jewish heroes who helped UK to victory in Battle of Britain finally heard

As the battle's 80th anniversary approaches, London's Royal Air Force museum seeks to capture the stories of Jews who risked their lives to help repel the massive Nazi invasion

By ROBERT PHILPOT

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RAF bombers in action during a daylight attack on a German secret weapons site in occupied France. (Public domain)

LONDON — When British novelist Alan Fenton told a business acquaintance that his two much older brothers had died in World War II, he encountered a surprised response.

After what Fenton recalled as an "embarrassed pause," his lunchtime companion said: "I didn't think Jews fought in the war." As Fenton later wrote, "Those words were like a blow to the stomach."

The twins, Basil and Gerald Felsenstein (as the family were then called), volunteered to join the Royal Air Force as aircrew at the war's outbreak in September 1939. Their horrified father tried to talk them out of it and persuade them to opt for potentially less dangerous options, such as joining the army or RAF ground crew. But the teenagers were adamant and, as Jews, determined to get into the thick of the fight to defeat the Nazis as soon as they could. Neither young man survived the war. Gerald — whose role was to lie flat in Halifax bombers and direct the pilot until its explosive cargo was released on enemy targets — died in a raid over Germany in March 1943. Just under two years later, Basil died in a patrol over Japanese-occupied Burma.

"They fought for a cause they believed passionately in. And they died for it. I am enormously proud of them," said Fenton, who was born seven years after Basil's death.

Their stories are among those being collected by London's RAF Museum as part of its new Jewish "Hidden Heroes" project. As the UK prepares to mark the 80th anniversary of the "Battle of Britain" this summer — when the country's air force successfully repelled a planned German invasion — the program aims to raise awareness about the role played by Jewish personnel in the RAF during WWII.

The museum is asking surviving Jewish RAF veterans, together with their families and friends, to submit their stories so they can be preserved and shared online. More than 50 have already been received. It also intends to use the stories — some of which are being drawn from the RAF archives — in videos and displays at the museum's galleries. A digital storytelling site, featuring Jewish former air force personnel and their families, is now online and a program of community talks, including in schools, is planned to take place over the next three years.

The project is being sponsored by Chelsea FC and owner Roman Abramovich as part of the football club's effort to fight anti-Semitism. The Chelsea Foundation launched the "Say No To Antisemitism" campaign in January 2018.

"Chelsea FC and club owner Roman Abramovich are committed to tackling anti-Semitism through education and the Jewish 'Hidden Heroes' tells important stories about the bravery of Jewish RAF personnel during the conflict," Chelsea chairman, Bruce Buck, said in a press statement when the partnership between the club and the museum was announced in December. "There can be no place in our society for anti-Semitism or any form of discrimination — and we are determined to join with others to tackle this vital cause," he added.

Significant, overlooked, roles

One of the stories already submitted to the museum is that of Michael Oser Weizmann, son of Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president. A scientist like his father, Weizmann was also an RAF pilot and worked for the Coastal Command Development Unit. Its job was to develop new technologies and tactics for coastal command aircraft in the Battle of the Atlantic.



Illustrative: An air observer keeps watch during the Battle of Britain. (Public domain)

Luftwaffe Heinkel planes during the Battle of Britain. (Public domain)

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Weizmann, who flew Whitley bombers, was killed at the age of 25 in February 1942, when a plane he was traveling in developed engine failure and ditched in the Bay of Biscay. Weizmann's body was never recovered but he is commemorated, along with the five other men he died with, at the Runnymede Air Forces Memorial.

While largely untold, the role British Jews played in the RAF was significant. The museum has calculated that about 20,000 Jews — six percent of the UK Jewish population at the time — served in the RAF during the war. Of these, 900 lost their lives. Moreover, the proportion of Jews who participated in the Battle of Britain is believed to have been more than double their 0.5 percent of the UK population.

"Jews were not merely the passive victims of the Second World War. Jews fought back – and nowhere can this be seen more clearly than in the actions of the Jewish men and women of the wartime Royal Air Force," the project's historian, author Joshua Levine, wrote in a feature for the RAF Association magazine this month.

The tales Levine — whose uncle, Sam Levine, volunteered and became a pilot — unearths underline that the Felsenstein brothers' desire to fight the Germans was widely shared by many Jews.

"Sir, I am a Jew, and my war with the enemy began long before September 1939," Bernard Kregor told an officer who asked him why he was volunteering for the especially perilous task of navigating bombers.

Unsurprisingly, many other Jews similarly felt that Germany had been at war with them for many years.

Sam and Doris Miara, for instance, abandoned their Cardiff home and clothing business after Kristallnacht to join the RAF. Doris rose to become a corporal in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Sam's Wellington bomber, however, did not return from a raid over the Libyan port of Derna during the 1941 Middle East campaign.

Not only British Jews enlisted to RAF

William Nelson, a young Jewish Canadian, signed-up even earlier than the Miaras, volunteering for the RAF two years before the outbreak of war. When the inevitable conflict came, he wrote to his parents: "I thank God that I shall be able to destroy the regime that persecutes the Jews."

Nelson was, in the famous words of Winston Churchill, one of "the few" — the fighter pilots who battled to maintain air superiority over southern England in the summer of 1940 — to whom "the many" owed so much during Britain's moment of maximum peril. Like Sam Miara, he too paid with his life, shot down a day after the Battle of Britain officially ended in October 1940.

Nelson, who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, symbolizes the fact that it wasn't just Britons who helped to frustrate "Operation Sea Lion," Hitler's code name for the invasion of the UK. In all, pilots and aircrew from 16 nations, including Poland, New Zealand, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Belgium, South Africa and France, participated in what was an international effort.

Alan Waxman, whose Polish parents were living in Germany at the time of Kristallnacht, was one of the thousands of young Jews rescued by the Kindertransport and brought to Britain in the months before the outbreak of war. his son recalls in a video interview for the project. His certificate of service from the Air Training Corps, in which he enrolled in in 1942 described him as "a Polish subject but very anxious to join the RAF" and noted that he "showed exceptional aptitude [and] should make a good pilot."

As his son suggests, Waxman also displayed a high degree of chutzpah. To join the RAF, he needed the permission of the Polish Embassy in London. Waxman traveled down to the capital from the north of England with only enough money for a single fare. He left the Polish Embassy with the permission he required — and the money for his return fare back to Yorkshire.

A large dose of chutzpah

Similar chutzpah was shown by Georg Hein, another refugee from Nazi Germany, as Levine recounts in a retelling of his story. Hein came to Britain in 1934 and, after several years of schooling and a stint at the London School of Economics, he had developed an English accent.

"He was indistinguishable from an English boy, the only difference was his name," suggests Levine. But a brush with the law in the late 1930s landed Hein in prison. On his release soon after the war began, he was told to immediately register as an "enemy alien" with the police. Enemy aliens were the citizens of countries with which Britain was at war, but who resided in the UK.

Hein, however, had no intention of doing so. Instead, he visited a local graveyard where a dead schoolfriend, Peter Stevens, was buried. Having ascertained Steven's date of birth, he went to a government office and, posing as the dead boy, obtained his birth certificate. With that vital document in his hands, Hein went to the RAF enlistment office and joined the air force as Peter Stevens. Having done, in Levine's words, "exceptionally well," Stevens graduated from navigator to pilot.

The British police, however, were by now on his trail and were close to apprehending him. Before they were able to do so, in September 1941, Stevens was shot down over Holland and captured by the Germans.

He then undertook a number of escape attempts, on one occasion absconding from German military police by dropping on to the railway tracks from a moving train. On another, he audaciously took a shower with prison guards as part of a bid to slip away with them. He also assisted the famous "Wooden Horse Escape," when three Allied prisoners of war broke out of Stalag Luft III in 1943. And, through all of this, the Germans never discovered that Peter Stevens was, in fact, Jewish refugee Georg Hein.

When the war ended and he returned to Britain, Stevens's deceit went unpunished and his daring and bravery were rightly rewarded. The RAF awarded him a Military Cross, promoted him to squadron leader and allowed him to retain his identity as Peter Stevens.

Doubled risk if captured

The risk taken by Jews who joined the RAF was particularly high. If they were shot down over enemy territory and survived, an uncertain fate awaited them if it was discovered they were Jewish. Some Jewish airmen chose to remove their identity disc, which displayed their religion, before they took off from the UK.

Others, however, refused to. Alfred Huberman, who took part in 38 operations, is still alive at the age of 97. "I was born a Jew and I'll die a Jew," he said of his decision not to remove his disc. He is blunt about his reason for signing up for the RAF: "It was heroic to be in the air force and I wanted to get my own back on the

Of course, those performing vital tasks on the ground also played a role in the Battle of Britain. A member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, 21-year-old Joan Myers was based at Biggin Hill in Kent — the busiest airfield during the battle — in the summer of 1940.

Working in the operations room, her job was to use information from radar stations to place counters on a plotting table which pinpointed and tracked the location of enemy aircraft. Spitfires and hurricanes could then be dispatched on a particular course and sent to engage the German planes.

As Levine says: "These plots proved to be so accurate that the Germans actually believed the British to have many more fighters than they really had because there always seemed to be fighters up to meet them whenever they came over. This was how the Battle of Britain was fought."

Nor were those who worked at Biggin Hill — "my strongest link," as Churchill called it — free from danger. It was bombed heavily by the Luftwaffe, with one raid in late August 1940 killing 40 base personnel.

Living memory is fast turning to history

Myers, however, survived, and lived until 2011. But, as Levine writes of the "Hidden Heroes" program, "we will soon be at a point where there is nobody left who can recall these events."

"Living memory is fast turning to history. This is why it is so crucial that we remember the stories of these Jewish men and women who have helped to preserve freedom for those of us who came after them. They did fight back — the evidence is here. We owe them so much. And the importance of this project cannot be overstated," writes Levine.

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Gerald Felsenstein. (Courtesy RAF Museum)

The teenager was "exceptionally determined" to join the RAF, as Germans. I wanted to have a go back at them."



Bernard Kregor with his cousin Lionel Kreger. (Courtesy RAF Museum)

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Blessed art thou, O Lord, Who hearest prayer. Into thy hand I commend my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Bleased be his name, whose glorious kingdom is for ever

Bernard Kregor's prayer book. (Courtesy RAF Museum)

PRAYER FOR MEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

G^{OD} of the spirits of all flesh! Those art our refuge and strength, our very present help in war as in peace. Our lives are in thy leands, and thou art the master of our destinies. O endow us with courage and steadtastness loyally to do our duty as true Israelites to King and Country, and to take our full share in this War for Freedom and Righteoumeas. O keep us far from what those hatest; and bring us near to what those lovest. Shield us from sorrow and hurt, and deal mercifully with us for thy Name's sake, O God, who alone art our Guardian and Deliverer forever. Amen.



Basil Felsenstein. (Courtesy RAF Museum)

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Prayer Points for Israel

Russia, Turkey, and Iran Coordinate Anti-US Syria Policy Slamming Israel

To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. —Proverbs 21:3

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Russia, Turkey, and Iran held a virtual meeting on Wednesday (July 1) to coordinate efforts in Syria. They have been holding similar meetings since 2017 as part of what is called the Astana process. Their goals have increasingly converged and their statement this week appeared aimed at undermining the US role in eastern Syria and isolating US partner forces.

In October 2019, Turkey threatened US forces in Syria and ordered the US to leave, attacking the SDF until Russia and the Syrian regime brokered a ceasefire with Ankara that saw Russia deploy forces to areas formerly under US influence.

US President Donald Trump has vowed to withdraw from Syria but has been critiqued for abandoning US partners who sacrificed thousands of lives fighting ISIS. (JPost / VFI News)

After many days you will be called to arms. In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. They had been brought out from the nations, and now all of them live in safety. —Ezekiel 38:8

Prayer: "God, we ask that you watch over the people of Israel—that you fulfill your promise to them to make them victorious against their enemies, and to restore peace once more."

Belgian Chamber of Representatives Rebukes Netanyahu's Annexation Plans

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also." —Matthew 5:38-39

The lower house, the Chamber of Representatives, passed a nonbinding resolution Friday morning (June 26) calling on the Belgian government to push for the European Union (EU) to draw up a list of countermeasures against Israel if it "annexes occupied" territory.

Though likely a symbolic gesture, it's the first official public reference to sanctions on Israel by a legislative branch of an EU member state.

There were no votes against the resolution in the chamber, which has 150 members — 101 lawmakers voted for it and 39 abstained.

The European Union has expressed its opposition to Israel's stated plans to apply Israeli civilian law to parts of Judea and Samaria that Israel now controls under military law. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has said the annexation could start as early as July 1.

Prayer: "Lord, we ask that you change the hearts and minds of anti-Israel European politicians."

MI5: Far-Right Extremism on the Rise, But Majority on Watch List are Islamists

Britain's top anti-terror officer, Neil Basu, has repeatedly said that right-wing extremism poses the fastestgrowing terror threat to the UK. But while MI5's watchlist—a cumulative tally of all cases, both open and closed—has doubled to 43,000 this year, experts say nine-tenths of these are jihadis.

New separate statistics from the Home Office on terrorists in custody, also show that of 238 people held for terrorism in Great Britain, 183 were Islamist extremists while just 44 were far-right. It is an increase of just 11 people from the same period last year.

The numbers came a day after senior military and intelligence expert Colonel Richard Kemp told the MailOnline he believed the focus on far-right terror was a 'false emphasis'.

Both sets of figures emerged in the aftermath of the Reading terror attack, which killed three people and saw another trio seriously hurt. (Daily Mail / VFI News)

No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall confute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, declares the Lord." —Isaiah 54:17

Prayer: "God, we ask that you quell the hatred in this world—in all its forms—and that you cause those who would do harm to turn to you instead."

Hadassah Treats First COVID-19 Patient with New Concentrated Passive Vaccine

Hadassah Medical Center has treated its first COVID-19 patient with a new "passive vaccine" that the hospital developed in conjunction with Israeli biopharmaceutical firm Kamada. According to Hadassah's head Zeev Rotstein, "the patient reacted positively."

He said: "She started to improve hemodynamically... We have our fingers crossed for the successful treatment of this patient."

Though he could not share details about the patient, he described her as a young woman suffering from several underlying medical conditions. She has been hospitalized for weeks and is intubated. He said other treatments have not shown any results.

The antibody (immunoglobulin or IgG) concentrate was developed using plasma that Hadassah harvested from recovered corona patients: those who had the disease and now test negative for the virus. (JPost / VFI News)

They will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover. —Mark 16:18

Prayer: "God, we ask that you bring complete healing to this patient and that the promise of this and other treatments gradle a quick receivery to these most of rick during this pandomia."

Do you have a Question?

Dear John,

Q. I have heard rumors that the Third Temple is already being built underground in Jerusalem. Is there any truth to this? If not, can you tell me what the situation is surrounding the Temple?

A. The Third temple has not been built. This rumour may stem from the fact that some years ago there were plans to excavate and build a large mosque under the Temple Mount in the vicinity of Solomon's Stables, which date from the First Temple period.. Here is a headline and an excerpt from the Guardian newspaper in October, 2002 about the project and its ramifications:

"Al-Aqsa mosque 'may collapse'

Muslim veto on repairs leaves Sharon in dilemma

Ariel Sharon risks provoking another Palestinian backlash over control of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem as he decides in the coming days what to do about a large and unstable bulge in a wall of one of Islam's holiest sites.

Archaeologists have warned the prime minister that without urgent repairs the mount's southern wall and buildings attached to it - including the al-Aqsa mosque could collapse on some of the hundreds of thousands of Muslim worshippers who are expected to visit during Ramadan, which begins next month...



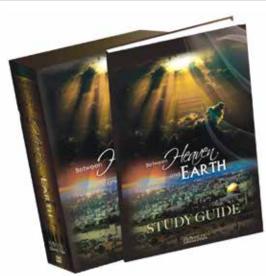
Some archaeologists blame Wakf (Muslim Authorities) for causing the problem with the wall by converting an adjacent ancient building inside the mount, known as the Stables of Solomon, into the largest mosque in Jerusalem. Most of the worshippers who visit at Ramadan are expected to pray at the mosque, which has the damaged area as its southern wall..." (Source: Chris McGreal in Jerusalem. The Guardian Friday, Oct. 4, 2002)

The excavations made the area very unstable and even caused cracks in the foundation walls. As far as I know, all work on the proposed mosque has ceased.

There are also rumours of various Jewish groups having plans and funds to begin building a Third Temple; however, this is very unlikely to happen in the near term because of current political realities and the inevitable risk of conflict between the factions.

This hasn't stopped a group called the Temple Institute from preparing the utensils, musical instruments, and robes for the priests that will all be necessary once the Third Temple is built. I have also heard they are training young men who qualify to serve in the priesthood.

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The Death of Europe

When a death-wish gets what it wants.

By Joseph Puder

Dateline: June 19, 2020



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Douglas Murray is a rare commodity on the European scene, a conservative intellectual and author of numerous best-selling books. His recent (2017) book, The Strange Death of Europe, is a dire warning to the European elites of their impending demise. Murray's book is a personal account of Europe caught in the "act of suicide." He addresses the dismal failure of multiculturalism, the lack of repatriation of the migrants, existential tiredness and guilt.

In an interview Peter Robinson (of the Hoover Institute Uncommon Knowledge Program) had with Douglas Murray (October 7, 2019), he quoted from Murray's book, "Europe today has little desire to reproduce itself, fight for itself, or even take its own side in an argument. By the end of the lifespan of most people currently alive in Europe, Europe will not be Europe, and the peoples of Europe will have lost the only place in the world we had to call home."

The symptoms of Europe's terminal diseases were not new or first revealed by Douglas Murray, they go back for at least a generation. Murray simply confirmed the diagnosis. In his 2009 book, Reflections on the Revolution in Europe: Immigration, Islam, and the West, Christopher Caldwell writes: "In the U.S., there was a 'race problem', and there was an 'immigration problem,' and the two did not always have much to do with one another. Even if they were sometimes confused, they could generally be disentangled by the people of good faith. In Europe, the immigration problem was the race problem.

So, declaring immigration a success and an 'enrichment' became the only acceptable opinion. To hold immigration a failure was to reveal oneself a racist; to express misgivings about immigration was to confess racist inclinations... People still talked about experienced one in Stockholm, Sweden, where the garb, language, and interactions remained largely within the ghetto.

Diversity and multiculturalism became the new European religion, except that Europeans knew little about the culture of their Muslim immigrants. So, the European elites were busy rooting out European traditions that excluded people and supposedly restricted the liberties of their Muslim immigrants. Christianity and churches were considered stupid and superstitious but not mosques and Islam. Colonial guilt drove European obsession with Third World causes. While the Muslim immigrants could freely express their hatred, and their solidarity with repressive regimes in the Middle East and South Asia, Europeans were not to express pride in their culture, history, and mostly national pride, i.e. nationalism (except on the soccer fields). The creation of the European Union further stifled European nationalism. Unable to embrace their own sense of nationalism, Europeans adopted others, especially Palestinian nationalism, which, in its radical versions, allowed Europeans to reconnect with antisemitism in the guise of anti-Israelism.

In Europe today, "freedom of religion" means simply freedom of Islam. European governments proscribe interference in the affairs of measures. Europe is waiting

the affairs of mosques. Europe is waiting for Islam to modernize, but the European political elites wouldn't, for example, dare

apply the 18th Century Enlightenment attacks that were leveled at Christianity on Islam. In today's Europe, the ridicule in which Voltaire treated Christianity (and Judaism) is forbidden to be used against Islam. produced antisemitic texts and have perpetrated violence against Jews throughout Europe with impunity, whether in, Brussels, Copenhagen, London, Lyon, Malmo, Paris, or Toulouse. In an interview with Fox News (January 2008), Gilders called Islamic culture "retarded." He made a distinction however, between Islam and Muslim people. He said, "We should stop being tolerant towards people who are intolerant towards us."

Enoch Powell, the British Conservative Member of Parliament, warned as early as 1968 of the consequences of unrestrained non-European immigration. Speaking at a London Rotary Club he said: "The urban part of whole towns and cities in Yorkshire, the Midlands, and the Home Counties would be preponderantly Afro-Asian in population.

There would be several Washingtons (alluding to U.S. black ghettos) in England. From those areas the indigenous population, the people of England, who fondly imagine that this is their country, and these are their hometowns, would have been dislodged." Powell added: "The English as a nation have their own peculiar faults. One of them is that strange passivity in the face of danger or obscurity or provocation."

Perhaps the best example of European 'death-wish' is the 2015 decision by German Chancellor Angela Merkel to invite and welcome over a one million migrants from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa. All of the arriving migrants were from non-democratic countries. The vast majority of them were from Muslim societies, where western concepts of diversity, human rights, the rule-of-law, and tolerance are non-existent. Moreover, many of them are with learned prejudice and hatred towards Jews. Ironically, Merkel's attempt of atonement for Nazi crimes against Jews is likely to bring out increased antisemitism, and violence against Jews and

immigration and its consequences, but only along preapproved lines. Real discussions – about increasing 'diversity' of European society, and whether it was a good or bad thing – were all but shut down."

Europe has undergone a demographic revolution it never expected. After WWII, shortage of labor compelled European industrialists to import foreign labor. Millions came to Germany from Turkey, virtually all of them Muslim. They were not just religiously different, but culturally as well. Many came from rural areas who never integrated into Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's secular Turkey. Former colonial subjects, Algerian, Moroccan, Tunisian Arabs, and some Berbers, all of them Muslims, flooded France. Britain brought former colonial subjects from Pakistan and India, and once again, many of them Muslims.

When these immigrants/workers arrived, they were not required to adopt European values including secularism, tolerance, and equality. Many of those immigrants in Britain, France and Germany took their inspiration and values from their mosques and imams, and not from the European societies they lived in. Lack of integration (unlike America's "melting pot") created Muslim ghettos that resembled their home countries. This writer Ridiculing Islam has been considered racist and xenophobic. Caldwell writes: "The reasonableness of Christianity was attacked over the centuries, and continues to be attacked, with utter ruthlessness. No socially acceptable way has yet to emerge for attacking the reasonableness of Islam in any way at all. In fact, Islam increasingly receives legal protection against criticism."

To understand the extend of European degeneracy, consider the 2009 indictment of Geert Wilders, a Dutch Member of Parliament, and leader of the Freedom Party. He was charged with inciting violence in showing the film Fitna, in which he called the Quran a fascist book and compared it to Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.

The politically correct Dutch government tried to prevent its viewing, a clear sign of stifling free speech for Dutch people. Conversely, Muslim communities in Europe have others.

It seems that the only outrage the European elites and their followers clearly express is toward the Jewish state and America. They resent being reminded of their role in the Holocaust that was preceded by centuries of antisemitism. Israel reminds them of their inequities. Additionally, European elite's frown upon Israel's proud nationalism.

They hide their latent antisemitism by condemning Israel, for alleged "mistreatment of Palestinians," and in this they find their moral refuge. Likewise, they hate the Trump administration for its pride in America, and American exceptionalism. In the final analysis, the death of Europe might very well be G-d's punishment for the Holocaust.

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In the race for a coronavirus vaccine, first doesn't mean best

A vaccine is seen as the Holy Grail of coronavirus research, but the first vaccine out to market may not be the one you want to take.

By Abigail Klein Leichman

Dateline: MAY 25, 2020

Although the frontrunners in this race are American, British, Chinese, Japanese and German, Israel also has a few contenders. See our companion story, "6 coronavirus vaccine developments from Israel to watch," to find out more on these.

Israeli vaccine progress could be aided by a \$60 million government pledge to support research on diagnosing, treating and preventing Covid-19. Israeli technologies may also speed the race, such as Flaskdata.io's AI platform enabling more efficient clinical trials.

However, vaccine development, like drug development, is a long and complicated process. And it doesn't always succeed, explains industry expert Ron Ellis, editor in chief of Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics and a consultant for Israeli vaccine development company MigVax.

"In 1984, the US Secretary of Health and Human Services announced that an AIDS vaccine was right around the corner, yet 35 years later we're not remotely close to an AIDS vaccine," Ellis tells ISRAEL21c.

An Israeli resident since 2008, Ellis was the project leader for six successful vaccines — including Gardasil for human papilloma virus, VARIVAX for varicella (chickenpox) and RotaTeq for rotavirus — that cumulatively generate about \$5 billion in sales annually.

He admits he's also "presided over many failures" in his long career. That's the nature of this business.

'We don't know if it's possible'

"We don't know yet that it's possible to make a coronavirus vaccine," Ellis acknowledged.

"It requires perfection. There are at least eight types of vaccines being developed. We'll only know when the first one succeeds in preventing infection."

The road from discovery to market for the rotavirus vaccine was about 15 years; for the varicella vaccine, 25 years.

"You can slice years off of clinical development — if you don't worry about fully proving safety and efficacy," remarks Ellis. "If you do it by the book, it takes many years."

In the clinical phase alone, assuring that a vaccine doesn't cause adverse effects in more than 1 in 10,000 people ordinarily requires safety trials on more than 30,000 participants. (In fact, in the United States, AstraZeneca and the federal Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority plan to test an investigational vaccine on 30,000 volunteers this summer.)

"There have been vaccines that caused a 1 in 10,000 risk of a serious side effect and were taken off the market because that's too high," Ellis says, citing the 1976 swine flu vaccine as one example.

"For a worldwide pandemic, the acceptable risk tolerance may be set lower. It's a very hard moral dilemma between what's good for the public now and what's safe in the long run."

First vaccine may protect 50%

Hebrew University virologist Prof. Amos Panet believes at least one Covid-19 vaccine could be on the market within 12 to 18 months.

That's because so many labs are working toward a solution with immense governmental and foundation investment, and



Researchers working on a Covid-19 vaccine at MigVax. Photo courtesy of OurCrowd

because regulatory agencies are willing to fast-track approval processes.

However, the first Covid-19 vaccines "might not be the best, and might work in 50% of those vaccinated," Panet predicts. They would likely be given to people at risk: healthcare workers, older people and those with underlying diseases.

"Usually, if a vaccine doesn't reach 95% efficacy in the population it is not approved. For corona there will be a lower threshold. And then better vaccines will come to market perhaps two years later."

He tells ISRAEL21c that one reason vaccine development usually takes so long is that vaccines are for healthy adults and children — as opposed to drugs for illnesses where benefits may outweigh risks.

"The level of safety has to be 100 percent, not 99," he says. "With a vaccine you take no risks."

Some vaccines are risky because they have an added adjuvant – a compound that stimulates the immune system but can stimulate it too much and cause damage.

"With corona, we don't know yet if we need the adjuvant or not. If not, I expect the development process will be much faster," says Panet, whose lab is studying why some coronavirus patients suffer a severe immune reaction in their lungs, and which drugs could block it.

He also observes that although sub-strains of Covid-19 have evolved in different countries, the virus changes slowly enough that probably "we can develop a vaccine against it that lasts" in contrast to the yearly flu vaccine.

Vaccines for the masses

In the end, how fast a vaccine will get to market largely depends on how regulators handle issues of efficacy and safety. "Proving vaccines work means preventing infection," says Ellis. "Usually you wait for the next outbreak and do a field study of the vaccine versus a placebo. You immunize thousands of people and hopefully show that you have fewer cases in the vaccine group than in the control group. But we don't know when the next corona season will be, so some people say it doesn't make sense to wait."

An alternative method is a challenge study, where the vaccine or placebo is administered to large groups of healthy young people followed by administration of live virus to see if infection is prevented.

Ellis says clinicians and regulators would need to decide on an ethical way to perform a coronavirus challenge study, as has been done in the past for influenza.

Once a vaccine is proven effective, the story isn't over.

"It's one thing to have credible vaccine and another to prepare millions of doses," says Panet.

Big pharma such as J&J are already preparing for mass production of a corona vaccine. Smaller labs and companies will probably license their vaccines to big pharma companies with the necessary scaleup and production capability.

Panet adds that the Israeli government is considering building a large vaccine production facility that could be ready within half a year to manufacture vaccines developed domestically.

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Mohammad Massad, a Palestinian Fed Up with the Massively Corrupt Palestinian Authority

A militant member of Fatah has a change of heart.

BY Hugh Fitzgerald

Dateline: May 19, 2020

A Palestinian who was once a militant member of Fatah has had a change of heart and wants the Israeli government to stop giving money to the dictatorial and corrupt PA.

His extraordinary challenge to the PA is reported in the Jerusalem Post here:

Mohammad Aref Massad, a former Palestinian security prisoner, has demanded that Israel stop transferring tax-revenue funds to the Palestinian Authority on the pretext that the money is being used to fund terrorism and corruption.

Massad, who currently lives in Haifa, made his demand in an urgent petition he filed last week with the High Court of Justice against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon and the Knesset Finance Committee.

The petition demanded that the funds be directly transferred to Palestinian workers and needy families.

Massad was born in a small village near Jenin and by the age of 13 had joined the ruling Fatah faction. At one point, he even became a member of Fatah's armed gang, "Black Panther," whose gunmen carried out numerous attacks against Israelis and Palestinians during the First Intifada. He was arrested by the IDF and spent more than seven years in prison.

In his petition, filed through lawyer Michael Litvak, Massad asked the court to order the Israeli government to explain why it won't halt the transfer of tax-revenue funds — collected by Israel on behalf of the Palestinians — to the PA.

Massad told The Jerusalem Post he decided to file the petition out of concern for Palestinian workers in Israel and their families.

"These people are being deprived of the money," he said. "We want the money to go directly to the workers and needy families. The Palestinian Authority government is very corrupt, and there is no reason why Israel should be transferring millions of dollars to this government."

Massad said he wanted the court to order the Israeli authorities to explain why they won't devise a mechanism to transfer the funds directly to Palestinians workers and merchants and their families. "The PA is pocketing the funds and using them as it wishes in contravention of the law," he said.

Massad, who describes himself as a political and community activist, said he represents tens of thousands of Palestinians "who fear for their lives once they are exposed for their activities against the Palestinian Authority."

Massad himself is very brave. He may live in Haifa, but that is no guarantee of safety. There are plenty of PA loyalists in Israel proper and the West Bank who could permanently silence him if Mahmoud Abbas, or one of his cronies, gave the word. Massad has been pushed by his own outrage and frustration to publicly denounce the corruption in the PA.

And he asks a good question of the Israeli government: why should the taxes you collect on behalf of the Palestinians be transferred to the PA, whose leaders steal what they want of those revenues, when those monies could be given directly to those he describes as "the workers and needy families"? Massad is petitioning the Israeli government to devise a way to make sure money goes to those for whom it is intended, and not to Abbas and his grasping cronies. Furthermore, it is not only tax revenues that are being stolen by the PA big shots. They also help themselves to foreign aid money, and to wages earned by some Palestinians working in Israel that are paid to the PA.

The petition was filed to help Palestinians working in various fields in Israel, including construction, agriculture, industry and trade, he said. Noting that the last Palestinian (parliamentary) election was held in January 2006, Massad said the PA government was an unelected and illegal government.

"It seizes power without holding democratic elections, rules

over its people through dictatorship and abuses its opponents," he said. "This is a corrupt government that does not care about its residents and passes on most of the funds to government officials and their supporters, as well as to corrupt people and terrorists." Of course the PA long ago gave up any pretense of democracy. It's a dictatorship, though not of one man; Mahmoud Abbas shares his dictatorial powers with a handful of cronies, though he is primus inter pares, first among equals. They all have their hands in the government till, which contains various sources of funds: taxes collected by Israel for the PA and then transferred to it; the wages of some Palestinian workers in Israel; finally, the vast amounts of aid money donated to the Palestinians that never reach the people those funds are intended to help.

When Mahmoud Abbas stood for election in 2005, he was running for a four-year term as president. But no other election has been held since, and he's still in power, eleven years after his term was to end. And this is despite, too, the law that limits any president to two terms in office – that is, a total of eight years. He's on his fifteenth year. That's how things stand with the executive branch.

As for the legislative branch of the PA, the Palestinian Legislative Council members are supposed to serve for four years, but none of them has had to run for office since first being elected in 2006. These are the Palestinian big shots, amassing fortunes from the aid money supplied to the PA. At the top of the list of the corrupt is Mahmoud Abbas himself, who, with his two sons Tareq and Nasser, has acquired a fortune of more than \$400 million.

One reason for Abbas clinging to office is that he wants to amass



Mohammad Massad, a militant member of Fatah has a change of heart.

Abbas feels he has some catching up to do. It's not fair that he should leave office with only a paltry \$400 million. After all, his predecessor Yassir Arafat managed to acquire, according to estimates, three billion dollars during his time as head of the PLO. Why shouldn't Abbas be in the same league?

The PA has for many years been "undemocratically controlling its people by force and without elections, and therefore, the agreements signed by the Palestinians and Israel — and which resulted in the creation of the PA — are no longer relevant. It is not an elected government, and there is no obligation to transfer the funds to it," Massad said.

It's good to have a Palestinian tell the truth about the PA. You might ignore what Israelis say, but a Palestinian Arab, and one who was once a member of Fatah's "Black Panthers" to boot, cannot be similarly dismissed. The rage with the PA that Massad expresses is, we know from opinion polls (where the respondents are anonymous), widespread among Palestinians in the West Bank. They are understandably fearful; Mohammed Aref Massad, who appears to believe he's no longer got anything to lose, is not.

It would be nice to think that this brave man's cri de coeur and his petition will get wide attention in the Western media. But I doubt it will. He'll be vilified by the PA as "a Zionist agent." The Israelis tolerate the PA, up to a point, because it's less violent than its rival, Hamas, and it cooperates on some security matters, especially when those matters involve helping Israelis foil, or find, Hamas terrorists. They likely won't act, therefore, on Massad's petition.

But the Israeli media will give Massad that attention, and so will the media in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Egypt, all of which have their own reasons for wanting to expose the PA leaders for the grasping crooks they are. Mohammad Aref Massad, once violently anti-Israel, has recognized the unappetizing truth about the PA, and having endured so much (including seven years in an Israeli jail, which may have been the least of his travails) is not about to shut up. Other Palestinians may emulate his bravery. Only good can come of this.

Source: FrontPage Magazine

more money while he still can. He is well aware that two Hamas leaders in Gaza, Khaled Meshaal and Mousa Ibn Marzouk, each amassed fortunes of at least \$2.5 billion. This naturally rankles;

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Fearing Israeli sanctions, banks refuse to pay out Palestinian terror stipends

Military decree set to take effect, applying anti-terror law to West Bank and holding banks liable for PA payments to attackers and their families

By TOI STAFF

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Four banks are again refusing to dispense stipends that the Palestine Liberation Organization pays to convicted terrorists, ostensibly for fear of Israeli sanctions that go into effect in mid-July, according to a Monday press statement put out by the Palestinian Authority's official news agency, WAFA.

The statement, which was republished by many Palestinian news outlets, did not name the four banks. One bank that was previously said to have taken a similar measure in May is the Jordan-based Cairo Amman Bank.

Palestinian Prisoners' Affairs Commission director Qadri Abu Bakr was quoted as saying he was demanding that the banks pay the stipends, adding that the banks were violating the instructions of the Palestinian Authority government.

The refusal to dispense the money came after two months in which the Palestinian Authority has been unable to pay any of its employees due to a massive fiscal crisis.

The Israeli government has long decried the tens of millions of dollars the PLO pays every year to Palestinians convicted of terrorism and to families of dead assailants, which Israel says encourages terror attacks by offering a direct incentive to carry them out. After an Israeli military edict that criminalized PA government funding for convicted terrorists, several banks closed or froze prisoners' accounts in the West Bank and Jordan in early May. Abu Bakr later announced that the salaries had been dispensed, and Israel's

Kan public broadcaster reported that Defense Minister Benny Gantz had suspended the implementation of the edict until mid-July.

Abu Bakr also said at the time that efforts were being made to create a financial institution directly controlled by the PLO to handle the prisoners' accounts, rather than placing them in private banks. This measure, Abu Bakr indicated, would allow them to skirt Israeli sanctions.

Ramallah has vowed to continue the payments, describing them as a form of social welfare and compensation for what it claims is an unfair military justice system.

The military order, signed in February, applies substantial parts of Israel's anti-terror law to the West Bank. The law states that any



Palestinians receive their salary in a bank in Ramallah, West Bank, on May 17, 2011. (Issam Rimawi/ FLASH90)

person or body handing financial aid to anyone, with the purpose being to facilitate, advance, fund or reward terror-related offenses, is committing a crime that carries a punishment of up to 10 years in prison and a fine.

Israel has previously deducted the presumed total worth of the stipends from tax revenues it collects on behalf of the PA, prompting a long standoff with Ramallah.

There are 13 banks operating in the West Bank areas ruled by the Palestinian Authority. Seven of them are Palestinian-owned, five are Jordanian and one is Egyptian.

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Archbishop of Canterbury calls to reassess depictions of Jesus as white

'You see Jesus portrayed in as many ways as there are languages, cultures and understandings,' says Justin Welby amid criticism of portrayals of Levantine Jesus as European

By TOI STAFF

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The Archbishop of Canterbury said Friday that Western churches should reassess portraying Jesus as white, amid a debate over symbols as part of the Black Lives Matter protests.

In a radio interview with the BBC, Justin Welby also said the Church of England would "very carefully" review church statues for any slavery links following global protests in the wake of George Floyd's death in Minneapolis police custody.

Welby was asked if there was a need for the "Western church" to rethink how it depicts Jesus, with the interviewer highlighting US activist Shaun King's call to remove statues and murals depicting him as European.

Jesus is frequently portrayed with pale skin, long flowing hair and European features, despite being a Levantine Semite from 2,000 years ago.

"Yes of course," Welby said, noting the Anglican Church has houses of worship across the globe. "You go into their churches; you don't see a white Jesus, you see a black Jesus or a Chinese Jesus or a Middle Eastern Jesus - which is of course the most accurate."

"You see Jesus portrayed in as many ways as there are languages, cultures and understandings," he continued. "I do think saying 'that's not the Jesus who exists, that's not who we worship,' it is a reminder of the universality of the God that became fully human," said Welby.

Earlier in the interview, Welby was asked if rather than taking down statues it was possible to forgive those depicted for their "trespasses."

"We can only do that if we have justice, and that means the statue needs to be put in context. Some will have to come down. Some names will have to change," he said.

Welby stressed the decision was not his and said all statues would be reviewed "very carefully" to see "if they all should be there." Hundreds of thousands of people have held mostly peaceful protests across Britain since the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, urging the UK to confront its own history of imperialism and racial inequality.

After some protesters scuffled with police and defaced a statue of wartime prime minister Winston Churchill in London, and demonstrators in Bristol toppled a statue of slave trader Edward Colston, counter-protesters rallied in recent weeks with the stated aim of protecting monuments.

Hundreds of soccer hooligans and far-right activists clashed June 13 with police near the Churchill statue, which had been boarded up for protection.

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced he is setting up a commission to look at what more can be done to eliminate racial injustice, but opponents accuse the Conservative government of opting for talk rather than action.

AP (Associated Press) contributed to this report.

Jesus Christ supporting an English flag and staff in the crook of his right arm depicted in a stained glass window in Rochester Cathedral, Kent. (Wikimedia commons/CC BY-SA 3.0/Dlloyd)



Altar girls carry a Sacred Heart painting of Jesus during a procession before Palm Sunday Mass in El Alto, Bolivia, April 14, 2019. (AP Photo/Juan Karita)

Source: The Times of Israel (Courtesy: www.timesofisrael.com)

Netanyahu's sovereignty plan on ice, US 'is not listening' now

By David Isaac, World Israel News Dateline: July 14, 2020

Sovereignty plans have been halted, at least for now, said the head of Israel's delegation negotiating the plan with the U.S. on Tuesday.

Knesset Speaker Yariv Levin made the comments in a closed-door meeting, reports Army Radio. He said the U.S. "is not listening" and not open to sovereignty talks at the moment, according to the report.

On Sunday, Kan public broadcasting reported that the U.S. introduced new conditions to its support for sovereignty, requiring first the agreement of Likud's coalition partner in the unity government, the Blue and White party. The report also said that the U.S. wants concessions from Israel to use as a carrot to entice the Palestinian Authority to the negotiating table.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised to extend sovereignty on the Jordan Valley and parts of Judea and Samaria in September 2019, before the second of what would be three

back-to-back elections. He included a clause in the unity government deal allowing him to push legislation forward on the matter starting on July 1. However, the date came and went without action. The government has said it won't move forward without U.S. backing

In a challenge to Netanyahu, the Land of Israel Caucus proposed a law in the Knesset on Monday to extend sovereignty over parts of Judea and Samaria. The goal of the caucus, one of the most active in Israel's parliament, is to strengthen Israel's hold over those territories.

The proposal, which has the support of some Likud party members, including the head of the caucus, MK Haim Katz, would also prevent land grabs in Area C by the Palestinian Authority, which has been trying to create facts on the ground through illegal building and farming, often supported by European funds.

Katz said, "The time for sovereignty has already arrived for some time. I hope Israel will be wise enough to exploit this window of opportunity with the Americans... The longer we delay, the reality on the ground will become more complicated."

Caucus Co-Chairman Bezalel Smotrich of the Yemina party said, "It was a few years ago that our lobby put the sovereignty law on the Knesset table and made the issue one of the main ones on the agenda of Israeli governments. Unfortunately, the government's promises of sovereignty have not been fulfilled so far."

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By Rev. Dr. John Tweedie

It was late December 2017 when an online church appeal from Jerusalem caught my attention. King of Kings, a Christian congregation in the heart of the Holy City, was running low on the funds necessary to maintain its meal distribution programs for the holy city's less fortunate people.

Jerusalem was already in the grip of colder winter months, days that are especially hard on the hungry and the homeless. Still, the church leaders felt they had no choice but to take the heart-wrenching decision of reducing the regular 3-days per week kosher meals served in its Manna Kitchen down to one unless they could find a quick infusion

of financial support. The matter was committed to prayer, and a broad appeal for funds sent out far and wide. C4i responded to the call.

Coincidentally, or perhaps providentially, C4i's Treasurer and I had already scheduled a trip to Israel for January so we could visit our various charity projects as required under the terms of our charity mandate. We added King of Kings to the itinerary and arranged to meet with church leaders to determine how we could help them - and quickly! The rest, as they say, is history.

C4i added the Manna Kitchen to its list of Israeli charities with the commitment that, with God's help and the ongoing support of our faithful donors, we would continue to support the Manna Kitchen meals program year after year. Our help continues in 2020 as before...

In retrospect, we can see the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all of this. Our support for the Manna Kitchen came at just the right time. Because C4i's supporters had already blessed



us during that particular Christmas season, we, in turn, were in a strong position to help King of King's congregation with its outreach programs.

Now, as the COVID -19 pandemic continues to ravage Israel, and everywhere else on the planet for that matter, it's good to know that at the heart of Jerusalem today, there are Christians serving God by serving Manna (food) to the hungry and homeless.

We thank the Almighty God for giving us yet another wonderful opportunity and privilege to make a significant difference in the lives of the less fortunate. But we also want YOU to think of C4i and the eight charities we support in Israel as being YOUR generous hands extended toward the hungry even as You bring hope to many of the sometimes hope-less citizens of the Holy City.

Thank you for standing with us for the benefit of God's Chosen People!

Poverty Increases in Israel during 2019

The latest report for end-of-year poverty figures in Israel revealed that some 2.3 million Israelis, including one million children, were living beneath the poverty line. Additionally, child poverty had climbed year over year by two percentage points, from 27.1% to 29.1%. Poverty among the elderly also increased, from 17.2% to 18.8%.

The report also found that nearly one-fifth of Israelis, over 1.6 million people suffer from food insecurity, a 2-point increase over the previous year. It warned that those trends will likely increase again in 2020 and accused the government of "a continued policy that forsakes a quarter of Israeli citizens and a third of its children."

Vered Windman, executive director of the Israel National Council for the Child, said the report showed the failure of the government's economic and social policies. She also blamed the lack of a functioning government over the past year amid repeated elections. "There must be a dramatic change in Israel's socioeconomic policy which dooms almost one in three children to lacking health, education, and welfare and harms their human dignity." She warned that such disparities "will have far-reaching social consequences in the future."

Of course, these latest figures for 2019 were released before COVID - 19 and its devasting impact on the Israel economy - tourism in particular. A formerly booming tourism industry is now in tatters causing hundreds of thousands more - including children -to be added to the poverty rolls.

The latest children's poverty rates for 2019 had already placed Israel – even before COVID'S arrival – as second to the highest in the OECD, countries with only Turkey ranking higher. The poverty line in Israel is defined as an income of NIS 3,593 (\$1,040) a month for singles and NIS 5,750 (\$1,664) for couples. The poverty crisis is compounded by the fact that the cost of living in Israel is among the highest of developed nations. Source: VFI (Vision for Israel) News.



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They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. Rom 15:27

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