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DAN'S MUSINGS



This week has been FULL! We just finished our Jesus Trail Hike and had a joyful encounter with an explosion of colors as all the wild flowers of Israel seemed to be in full bloom! It really was amazing!

In the Land this week the buzz seems to be about the real possibility of Bibi being defeated by the Blue and White coalition. For the sports minded, the best illustration I can use is that it just seems like it's time to fire the Head Coach and get a fresh start. Now at the same time Jared Kushner has "leaked" some news about Trump's so-called ULTIMATE PEACE PLAN, that has the political right up in arms! Only time will tell and we still have three more tours here in the Land!



NEWS BITES

While most of the U.K.'s parliament voted to ban Hezbollah in its entirety, Jeremy Corbyn's party failed to see the need to take action against the internationally recognized terror group.

Faced with massive cuts in tax revenues based on the Palestinians' pro-terror pay-for-slay policy, Abbas declared he would continue paying terror stipends, even if these payments exhausted all PA funds.

Education Minister Naftali Bennett accuses PM Netanyahu of conspiring with Trump adviser Jared Kushner to establish a Palestinian state • Trump is leaving Israelis in the dark before a crucial election and "friends do not keep secrets," he says.

A decision by the attorney general to press charges, pending a hearing, in the criminal investigations against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu could have a game-changing impact on the April 9 elections, a new Times of Israel poll shows. The ruling Likud party would lose both a significant chunk of support, as well as its ability to form a coalition after the vote, the survey, published overnight Wednesday-Thursday, finds.



JARED'S RUMOR?



On Sunday, Israeli Education Minister Naftali Bennett sounded the alarm on the upcoming peace proposal: "[Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu and President Trump have agreed to come out with the plan to establish a Palestinian state on 90 percent [of the West Bank],"

He added, "They've agreed not to present the plan before election day so that it doesn't hurt Netanyahu, but a day or two after election day the plan will be presented, and will include the division of Jerusalem."

Netanyahu dismissed Bennett's claims: "It's natural for him to be anxious, and to get a little confused. It goes without saying that elections can do funny things to small parties."



DOUBTS OVER PEACE PLAN SURFACE



Trump's team has begun a public relations campaign for its Israel-Arab peace deal, with the president's son-in-law and point-man Jared Kushner offering tantalizing details on Monday about the long-awaited proposal, both he and those working on the deal are pessimistic about its chances of success given Palestinian intransigence, the Israeli daily reports.



Although the Palestinians are expected to be the main stumbling block, having broken off relations with the Trump administration after it moved the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, it is not the only one.

According to *Israel Hayom*, the plan faces "fierce opposition from the Evangelical community in the United States," which opposes pressure on Israel.



ABSOLUTE DISGRACE



In addition to regular violent terrorism, the Arab Muslims also engage in eco-terrorism. Just this weekend, Arab Muslims uprooted a newly forest planted in memory of Ori Ansbacher hy"d, the 19-year-old girl from Tekoa who was brutally terrorized, raped and murdered a few weeks ago. The Arabs came on Shabbat, when the Jews were in Synagogue or in their homes, uprooted the trees and stole the trees in the middle of the day! The trees were planted between the West Bank settlements of Tekoa, where Ansbacher lived, and Nokdim, during which a confrontation sparked between local Palestinians and the settlers, with the Israel Defense Forces having to intervene.



ANNEX THE GOLAN



The time is actually ripe for Israel to annex the Golan once and for all, and end any discussion about its future status. Even though there are historical reasons for this, it should be couched as a purely defense-based decision. Without the Golan Heights, nearly all of Israel's north is under direct threat from an enemy that is completely unstable and dangerous. The Syrian Civil War should have proven to everyone that Israel cannot play games on their North-eastern border.



KELLY CRAFT



Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon welcomed the nomination of Kelly Craft to replace Nikki Haley at the United Nations on Tuesday. "With her previous experience as part of the US delegation to the 61st General Assembly, Craft is no stranger to the United Nations," Danon told *Jewish Insider*. "I have no doubt she will continue the strong positions Ambassador Nikki Haley took and look forward to working with her to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship," he added.



GPS UPGRADES

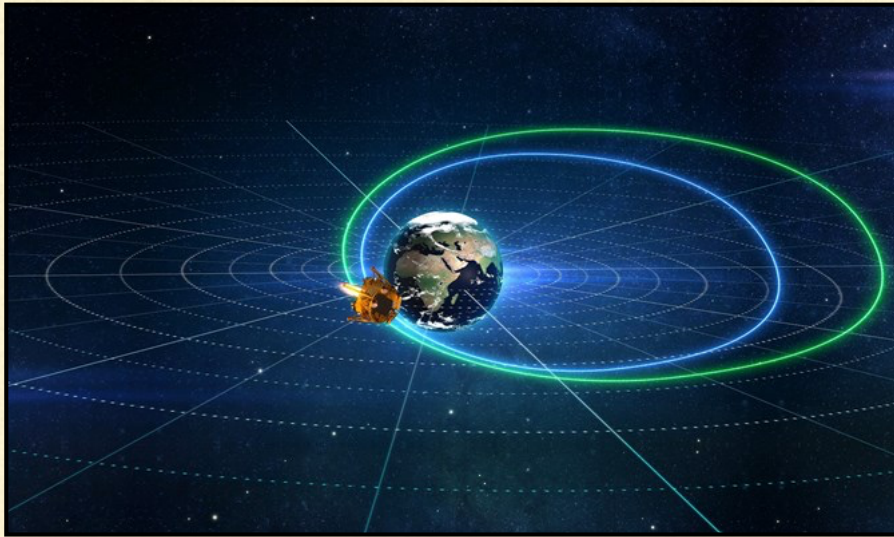


Israeli military sources recently expressed alarm over Hezbollah's plan to retrofit conventional rockets with global positioning system (GPS) kits, turning the terror group's massive collection of around 150,000 projectiles into a deadly arsenal of precision-guided missiles. According to the *Daily Beast* report, Iran has been forced to stop transporting heavy weapons due to Israeli strikes, with the Jewish state's air force now focused on cutting off the flow of GPS components, which appear to be the key to Hezbollah's ability to strike precise targets deep within Israel.

The unnamed officials who spoke to *The Daily Beast* warned that Hezbollah's "dumb unguided rockets" are being transformed into "smart precision-guided missiles" with daunting accuracy. Unlike heavy weaponry, GPS components can even be smuggled into Lebanon via civilian flight routes, a phenomenon *Fox News* exposed last year. Right now, Israel is "running after suitcases," the senior officer said.



BERESHEET SPACE-IL



Problems - with malfunctions reported in the spacecraft's star tracker navigation system. Last Monday night the spacecraft failed to execute a scheduled maneuver, after the onboard system reset itself in an apparent glitch. The setback raised questions Tuesday morning about the spacecraft's ability to complete its mission to the moon on time - or at all. Spacell, the private company behind the launch, is still confident that Beresheet will complete its lunar landing on schedule, reaching the moon's surface on April 11th. Spacell CEO Dr. Ido Antebi said that at least for now, it does not appear that the malfunction will prevent the spacecraft from landing on the moon on schedule. "If we succeed in fixing the malfunction within a day or two, there's no reason why the glitch should force a change in the date of arrival at the moon."



WORDS TO PONDER

We worship Him not by employing figures of speech but by shaping our actual lives according to His pattern. - Abraham Joshua Heschel

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