

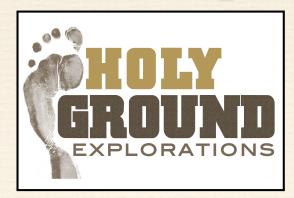


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OCTOBER 6-15, 2015
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OCTOBER 15-20, 2015

Tour Name - SOUTHERN ISRAEL EXTENSION plus PETRA

FEBRUARY 11 - MARCH 2, 2016

Tour Name - SELAH - School of Discipleship (3 Weeks)

APRIL 4-10, 2016

Tour Name - WALKING THE JESUS TRAIL

APRIL 11-21, 2016

Tour Name - ISRAEL - THEN & NOW

APRIL (Following ISRAEL - Then & Now)

Tour Name - POLAND - REMEMBER THE NAMES

JUNE 7-15,2015

Tour Name: ISRAEL ADVENTURE TOUR



Headlines

- U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry: If we walk away from Iran deal, the loss of confidence in U.S. leadership could threaten dollar's position as world's reserve currency
- Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas will be visiting Teheran in the near future in order to strengthen bilateral ties.
- Khamenei said Monday the fate of a historic nuclear deal with world powers is still unclear as lawmakers in both the Islamic Republic and the U.S. review it.
- Iran sending nuke deal money to terror groups on border, Netanyahu warns
- Fatah's military wing in Gaza asks Iran for money for terror war against Israel. Claims 3.5 km ready for next war. PMW
- Lindsey Graham to Synagogue Audience: Lawmakers Will Introduce New Sanctions Against Iranian Military



No Snapback of Sanctions

Violations by Iran of the arms embargo on it or of the restrictions on its missile program would not force an automatic reinstatement or "snapback" of United Nations sanctions under the terms of the nuclear deal reached between Iran and world powers last month, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said on Tuesday. However, he said other options would be available.

"The arms embargo is not tied to snapback," Kerry said. "It is tied to a separate set of obligations. So they are not in material breach of the nuclear agreement for violating the arms piece of it."

However, Kerry goes on to 'assure' Israel that the US has the means available to punish Iran, if and when Iran violates UN resolutions on weapons.

Does this truly give anyone comfort? What has been Iran's track record?



Ernest Moniz



- Despite US Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz's recent appeal to Israelis to support the Iran nuclear deal, he now concedes that Washington expects a rise in terror as a result of the agreement. Appearing last Thursday in a webcast sponsored by the Jewish Federations of North America and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, US Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz acknowledged that the Iran nuclear deal will increase global terrorism.
- Immediately after the signing of the framework agreement on March 31, Israel's Channel 2 already reported an uptick in weapons shipments from Iran to Hamas and Hezbollah, as well as attempts to arm Hamas activists in Judea and Samaria.

Arab States Oppose Iran Deal but ...

US President Barack Obama's statement that all countries that have commented on the Iran deal support it - except for Israel - is misleading. Leaders of the Gulf Arab states oppose Iran deal but don't want to show agreement with Israel. They have chosen to get their message across unofficially through articles in Arab owned-media and by leaking their strong discontent to the Western press.



Danny Danon - UN Ambassador

- Hawkish Likud politician Danny Danon, named Friday by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as Israel's next ambassador to the UN, thanked Netanyahu for "placing his faith in me" at what he called a "challenging period" and promised to "do my utmost to advance Israel's just cause."
- The outgoing envoy, Ron Prosor, welcomed Danon's appointment, saying "his success in the new job will be all of our success." Prosor called the UN a "complex and significant" forum, where Israel will inevitably face many challenges in the future.
- For the record Danny Danon is opposed to any kind of Two State Solution and believes that Israel should consider annexing the so-called West Bank





Iran is Laughing at Obama

- Iranian military leaders this week laughed at American remarks that the military option is still on the table and said they would crush anyone who attacks Iran.
- Top leaders of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the Iranian Army dismissed suggestions by US President Obama that all options, including the military option, are still on the table in the event Iran violates the nuclear deal with the P5+1.
- "We should thank Obama for refreshing us by referring to his 'Options On The Table', including the military one; we just relax and laugh at such ridiculous words," said Brigadier General Mohammad Ali Asoudi.





New Gaza Tunnel

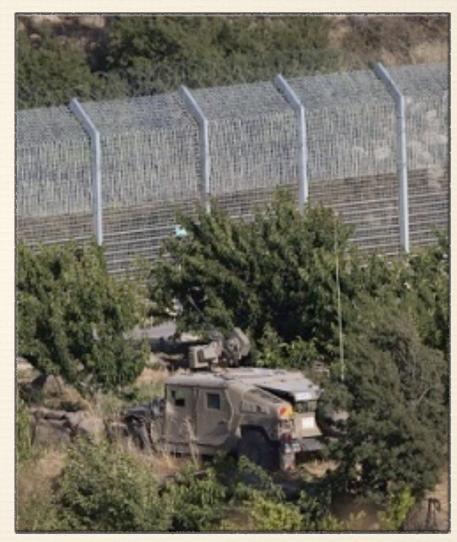
- One year after a bitter 50-day war, Hamas has again dug numerous attack tunnels from Gaza into Israeli sovereign territory, and is gearing up with major Iranian assistance for another conflict, a TV report said Tuesday.
- The Israel Defense Forces has confirmed that "not a small number" of terror tunnels have been dug by Hamas under the border into Israel, including one in the area of the Kerem Shalom border crossing.
- Israel has "information" on the tunnels, and has troops "working around the clock" to grapple with the threat. However, Israel prefers to wait rather than send troops into the Hamas-held Gaza Strip to tackle the tunnel network there, because it knows that if it does so, it will trigger a new war.





Golan Heights

- * "All of the attacks in the Golan Heights sector since December 2013 have been carried out with Iranian direction," a senior IDF Northern Command officer told reporters on Sunday. According to the officer, several hundred Hezbollah operatives are currently active on the Syrian side of the border in the Golan Heights. The officer also said Iran was responsible for the planting of an explosive device on the Israel-Syria border in April.
- Terrorist operatives in the border area have received "clear guidance" from Iran to carry out attacks, the officer said.
- The Israeli military is preparing for a possible ground operation on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights in the event of sustained rocket strikes or coordinated terror attacks against Israel either by Sunni jihadists or Hezbollah operatives.





Temple Mount

- Men wearing the insignia of the Jordanian Waqf stalked and shouted at a delegation of US Congressmen visiting the Temple Mount, claiming that the Americans were not modestly dressed and accusing them of referring to the Jewish history of the Temple Mount.
- "We walked up there, and were almost immediately approached by several men who started shouting," Rep. Keith Rothfus (R-PA) told the Jerusalem Post. "We were tracked the entire time we were there and found these individuals surprisingly intolerant and belligerent."
- The trouble began when Muslim men accosted Elizabeth Jenkins, the wife of Rep. Evan Jenkins (R-WV), and said that she was not dressed appropriately, despite the fact that she was wearing long sleeves and a calf-length skirt. Police were required to disperse the tormenters.





Lone Soldiers

- More than 200 new immigrants from North America arrived in Israel on Tuesday morning on a special Nefesh B'Nefesh charter flight. (lit. Soul by soul), or Jewish Souls United)
- The newcomers were greeted with a festive welcome ceremony at Ben-Gurion International Airport.
- Among the group of new immigrants, there were 59 young adults who will enlist in the Israel Defense Forces as "Ione soldiers" (soldiers without families in Israel). They will be enlisting in the military within the framework of the Garin Tzabar program.

