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# ISRAELI ISSUES

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gives his blessing to a possible meeting between Israeli and Palestinian presidents

LATE NEWS ... Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas turned down an invitation to meet with President Reuven Rivlin while the two leaders are in Brussels, an Israeli official said Thursday. Rivlin's office told The Times of Israel the Palestinian leader "refused to accept a European initiative to set a meeting between the two."

Netanyahu to meet with Kerry, UN chief Ban next week, then immediately return to Israel to meet with visiting U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon the next day

In an appeal to the European Union on reaching a two-state solution to the conflict with Israel, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas on Thursday said an end to Israeli presence in the West Bank and East Jerusalem would eradicate terrorism across the globe.



# ISRAELI ISSUES

- ❖ In a show of solidarity with Israel and a repudiation of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, Virginia's Liberty University will invest \$5 million in the Jewish state, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported on Monday.
- ❖ The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) adopted a resolution reaffirming the church's support and prayers for Israel as well as condemning the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement. Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, a non-profit that promotes religious freedom and family issues, stressed the importance of the resolution's timing.  
***"There has never been a more important time for Christians to support Israel and its right to exist as a sovereign nation,"*** he said.

# EU - Massive Support



- ❖ BRUSSELS – A top European Union official said the bloc stands ready to provide Israel and the Palestinians with massive political, economic and security support as part of any peace agreement between them.
- ❖ European Council President Donald Tusk said Tuesday that the EU will “back up a peace deal with an unprecedented package of cooperation and support to both Israel and the future state of Palestine.”

# ISRAELI F-35



- ❖ The IAF's fighter jet of the future, the F-35, named "Adir" ("Mighty") in Hebrew, will be unveiled Wednesday in a festive rollout ceremony to be held at the Lockheed Martin plant in Fort Worth, Texas. The aircraft is expected to arrive in Israel by the end of the year. Israel has purchased 33 F-35s so far and intends to purchase 50 altogether, which will comprise two squadrons.
- ❖ Israel will be the first country outside the U.S. to receive the fifth-generation stealth fighter jet, which will position Israel's air force at the cutting edge of technology.

# Anti-Semitism?



- ❖ A new app-based game which invited users to “live like a real Jew in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp” has generated outrage in the Jewish world and was subsequently removed by Google Play. Colette Avital, the head of the Center of Holocaust Survivor Organizations in Israel and a member of the Executive of the World Jewish Congress-Israel, expressed indignation and outrage over the program. “We cannot understand how the top management of Google approved such a cynical game, turning the martyrdom of six million Jews into an object for amusement and enjoyment,” Avital said in a statement.

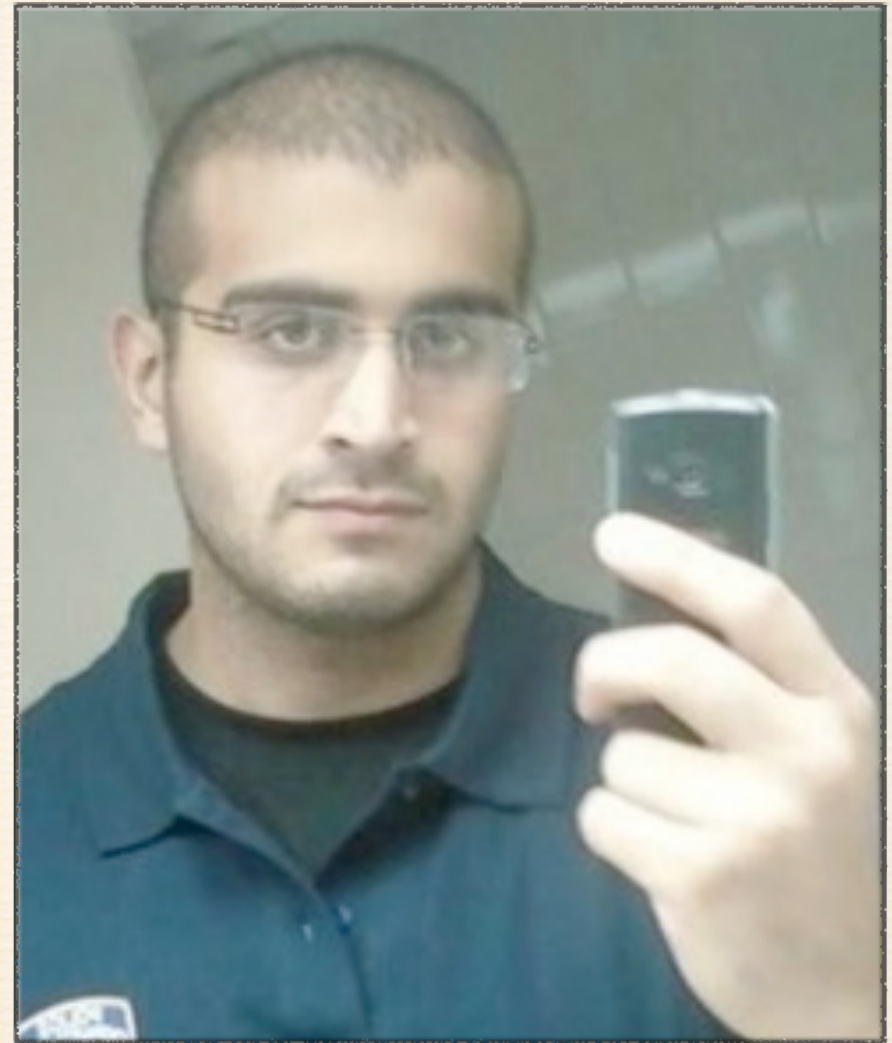
# Anti-Semitism on the Rise?



- ❖ French police are investigating a group of Hungarian soccer fans who were caught on camera performing the Nazi salute during their team's Euro 2016 match against Iceland on Saturday, the UK's Daily Mail reported. A new survey – conducted by the Median Opinion and Market Research Institute on behalf of the watchdog group the Action and Protection Foundation – a full third of all Hungarians hold anti-Semitic views, a phenomenon that jibes with “general xenophobic attitudes found to be rampant in Hungarian society.” In addition, the third largest political party in Hungary is the far-Right Jobbik, which won 20% of the parliamentary votes in the 2014 election. Jobbik is quickly growing in popularity across Hungary, and party leaders have spoken out against what they call “Zionist Israel's efforts to dominate Hungary and the world.”

# Final Comments

- ❖ In call to police, Orlando gunman said he was 'Islamic soldier'. During siege, Omar Mateen pledged allegiance to Islamic State
- ❖ The Florida nightclub killer called himself an "Islamic soldier" and threatened to strap hostages into explosive vests in calls with police during the three-hour siege, according to transcripts released by the FBI on Monday.
- ❖ From inside the gay Orlando nightclub, the gunman, Omar Mateen told police negotiators to tell America to stop bombing Syria and Iraq and that was why he was "out here right now."





# Quotable Quotes

"In the end days it is said that the lion and lamb will lie down together. I think even then I would rather be a lion." *David Ben-Gurion*

"It is better to live one day as a lion and die than to live a thousand as a goat."

"The gospels are full of festivals sanctioned by the Lord. And yet even now, Christians have only a vague glimmer of what significance those times had in His life and His teachings. The problem is that they have made Jesus a Gentile."

*The Gates of Zion - p. 306*



# TORAH CLUB GLEANINGS

**vs. 3 - Exceedingly humble.** Moses was so humble that it was unthinkable to accuse him of considering himself superior to other people.

Because of this humility, Moses would never have defended himself against the charge; therefore, God had to intervene. According to the Sages, Miriam and Aaron had confronted Moses with their criticism, but, in his humility, he did not respond.

The Torah's characterization of Moses as being humble sheds light on the nature of true humility. It is commonly assumed that humble people are afraid to speak up or assert their authority. This surely does not apply to the most humble man on the face of the earth - Moses did not hesitate to confront Pharaoh or castigate the entire nation of Israel; his humility did not deter him from doing what was proper, even if it was unpopular or dangerous. Rather, humility refers to someone's personal assessment of himself. He may feel humble that he had not achieved his potential, or that, even if he has, his greater innate ability puts greater responsibility on him, and no one has a right to feel haughty merely for doing what one is obligated to do.

**DAN - Reminds me of Jesus!**

**In fact the writer of the book of Hebrews draws a lot of comparisons in his writings and one in particular is that of Moses**

**Therefore, brothers whom God has set apart, who share in the call from heaven, think carefully about Yeshua, whom we acknowledge publicly as God's emissary and as cohen gadol. 2 He was faithful to God, who appointed him; just as**

**"Moshe was faithful in all God's house."**

**3 But Yeshua deserves more honor than Moshe, just as the builder of the house deserves more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but the one who built everything is God.**

**5 Also, Moshe was faithful in all God's house, as a servant giving witness to things God would divulge later.**

**6 But the Messiah, as Son, was faithful over God's house.**

**Moses was GREAT ... but Yeshua is GREATER!**





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