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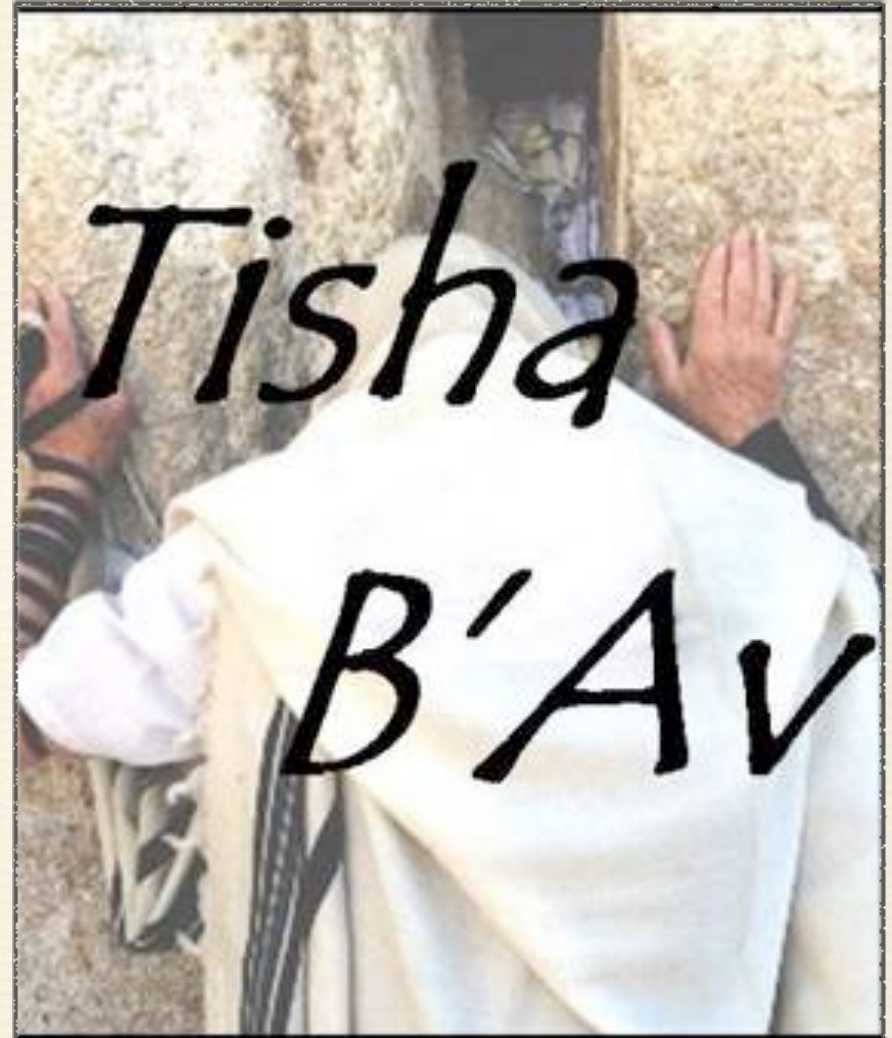
Israel's Olympic judoka Or Sasson said Sunday that he did not expect his Egyptian opponent, whom he defeated en route to winning a bronze medal, to shake his hand, but still decided to extend his own hand to his opponent to show "respect." Likening judo to the state of Israel, Netanyahu said it's a combination of "brains, brawn and heart." Turning to the judokas and their coaches assembled, he added, "You have all exhibited all of those traits."

Is Hamas getting ready to devour the West Bank? Rival factions Fatah and Hamas will use the October Palestinian municipal elections to gauge the balance of power



GROUND ZERO

- ❖ The Sabbath immediately following Tishah B'Av is called Shabbat Nachamu, "the Sabbath of Comfort," because we take time to remember Israel's promised future. After the Jews mourn the loss of their Temples they begin to dream of rebuilding the 3rd Temple!
- ❖ This creates ripples throughout the entire Middle East.
- ❖ Never forget that the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is and always will be GROUND ZERO when it comes to the End of Days.



Abbas - PA Peace Partner?

PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas: "We bless you, we bless the Murabitin (those carrying out Ribat, religious conflict/war to protect land claimed to be Islamic), we bless every drop of blood that has been spilled for Jerusalem, which is clean and pure blood, blood spilled for Allah, Allah willing. Every Martyr (Shahid) will reach Paradise, and everyone wounded will be rewarded by Allah. **The Al-Aqsa [Mosque] is ours, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is ours, and they have no right to defile them with their filthy feet. We will not allow them to, and we will do everything in our power to protect Jerusalem.**"

[Official PA TV and official website of PA
Chairman Abbas



Jordan - Temple Mount

- ❖ Jordanian King Abdullah II pledges to fight "Israeli aggression" at the Temple Mount, affirms commitment to Palestinians. He goes on to add that Israel is to blame for violence on Temple Mount
- ❖ Likud MK Avi Dichter: We will respect the sanctity of the mosque in Jerusalem and will stand up for our rights on the Temple Mount."

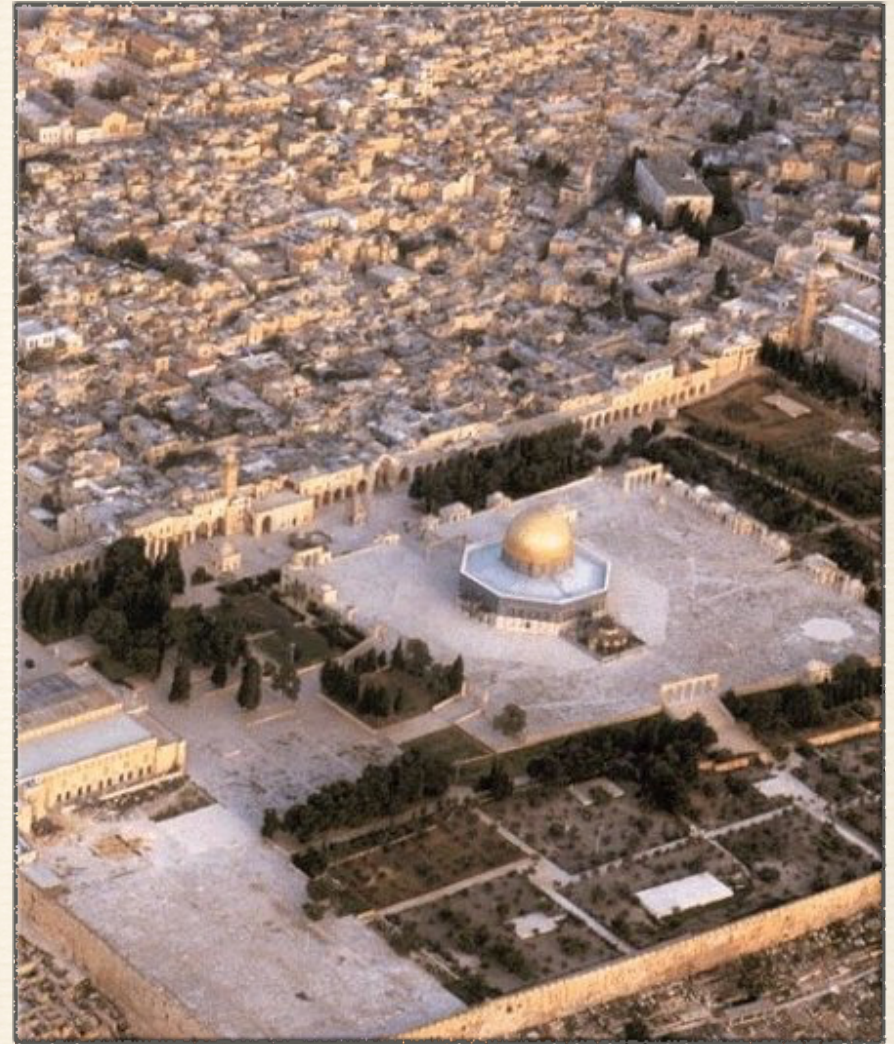


Temple Mount

Praising Jewish G-d not Allowed on the Temple Mount

Jerusalem Police detained seven Jewish visitors to the Temple Mount on Sunday, the 9th of Av, for "breaking the rules" set by the Waqf, the Jordanian charity that runs the compound. They said "Shema Israel" and "HaShem Hu Ha'Elohim." (HaShem, He is G-d)

Another Jewish visitor was arrested for tearing his shirt, a Jewish expression of mourning. As the Jews were being arrested, dozens of Muslims started ganging up on the cops and the visitors, screaming that same incriminating call of faith in God, except in the approved Arabic. (Arabs were not arrested!)



Shocking New US Stance

- ❖ The Obama Administration no longer claims that the PA is working "to control and eliminate" expressions of anti-Semitism in its media outlets. Officials dropped an assertion made in previous years that the PA acted to "prevent preaching" of "sermons with intolerant or anti-Semitic messages."
- ❖ For years, Israeli leaders have accused the PA and its leader, Mahmoud Abbas, of inciting violence and anti-Semitism. Last year amid increasing terror attacks on Israelis, Abbas called for Jerusalem's holy sites to be cleansed of Jews.
- ❖ With the US on the record calling the PA activity anti-Semitism, it could be a step closer to a change in US policy towards the PA, which is overdue,.



Obama - Last Ditch Effort?

- ❖ Israeli diplomats, the prime minister's office and foreign ministry officials are reportedly preparing for the possibility that President Barack Obama will launch a last-ditch diplomatic initiative during the interim period between the elections in November and the swearing-in of the elected president in January.
- ❖ Israel Radio in a Wednesday report quoted an Israeli source that said that the initiative includes a proposal submitted to the UN Security Council (UNSC) on the two-state solution, based on the pre-1967 lines, which could later serve as an opening position for future negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.



Hezbollah & Social Media

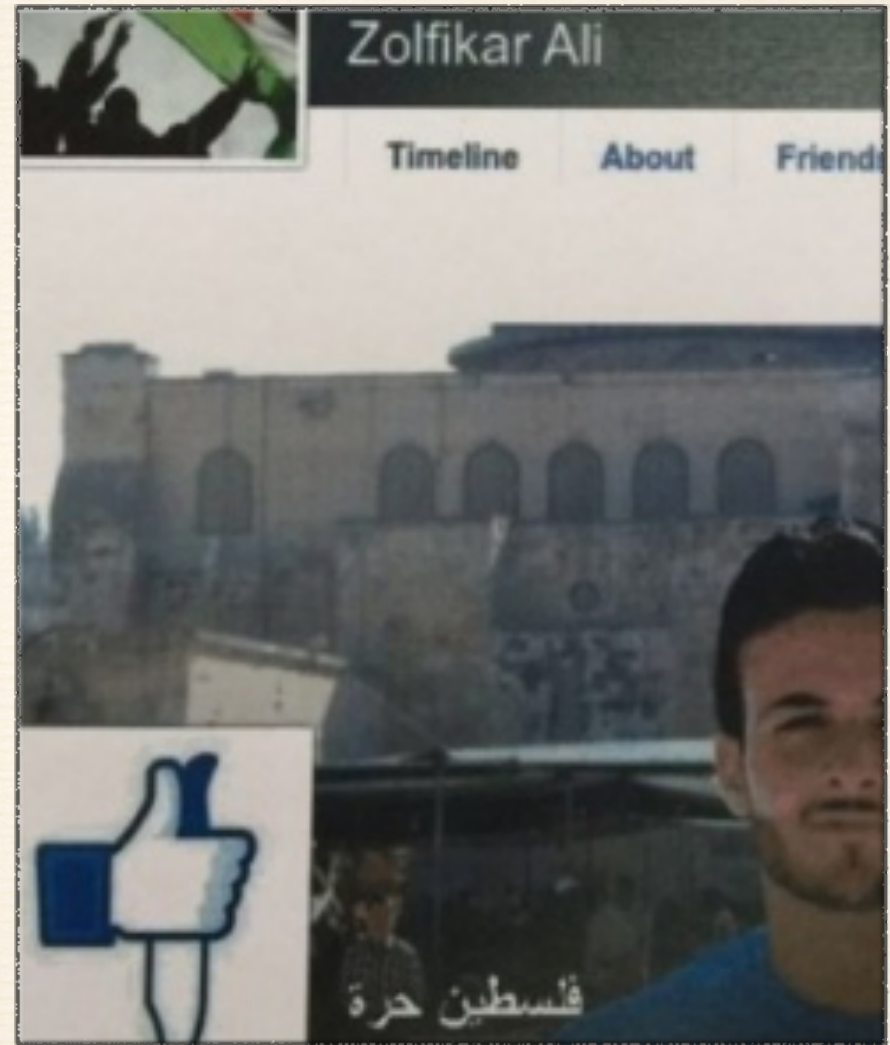
Using social media, the Shiite terrorist group has been trying to recruit Palestinians and Israeli Arabs to form a terrorist network against Israel, says Shin Bet security agency.

"Hezbollah has recently prioritized instigating terrorist attacks, which it does from afar so to conceal its involvement. It is doing this, among other ways, by rousing incitement and inducing the Palestinian population to carry out terrorist attacks, in return for financial payments."

Meanwhile, in response to Hezbollah's recent recruitment efforts, Israeli Ambassador to the U.N. Danny Danon called on the international organization to formally recognize Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.

"The international community must condemn Hezbollah's attempts to harm innocent Israeli civilians, and the Security Council must finally designate Hezbollah a terrorist organization," Danon said in a statement.

"Hezbollah needs to know that any terrorist act against Israel will come at a very heavy price," he said.



TORAH GLEANINGS

Moses then admonished the people to be careful and “keep their soul diligently,” lest they forget their unique identity as God’s covenant people.

Question? How does one keep their soul diligently? Selah

Moses stated the central commandment of the Torah - the Shema - affirming the oneness of the LORD and our duty to love and serve Him with all our hearts. The people were warned to carefully transmit to the next generation the commandments of God - to teach them “diligently” to their children - and to place the commandments as “signs” on their hand and heads (tefillin), and to inscribe them upon the doorposts of their dwellings (mezuzah).

A person demonstrates his devotion to the Torah by what priority he gives it in the education of his children.



Quotable Quotes

It is never too late to change the direction of your life. Take a minute and look where you are, where you are heading. Is this life you are living what you want? Are you living out the passions God had put in your heart? Is the garment of your life cool, and comfortable like linen, or is it heavy, scratchy and irritating like wool? If you find you are unhappy, discontent and not joyfully living ... what are you doing? Change your life!!! God has given you the passions of your heart, the ability to work and move and choose your life ... Stop wallowing in self-pity or being miserable ... Go up the mountain, gather your wood and make the changes you need to make to live the life you dream of, desire and imagine.

For the young people - ACT NOW! Go after what you want no matter how big and scary your dreams are!!! You have so much inside of you... Gifts, talents, dreams and passions... I have no doubt that if you put fear aside you can achieve all you have desired!! God is so big in you... trust that, trust Him... and do the work!!!

For you old-timers - KEEP WORKING!!! Now is not the time to sit back and think 'my work is done, I can just coast on to Heaven'... Now is the time to press in!!! Pray for the young ones, come alongside them and encourage, help, council... do work!!! You aren't dead yet, so don't act like it! Get involved in life!!!

Know my love for each and every one of you ... My deep desire to see you live abundant full lives in the love, power, grace and joy of our LORD!!! He loves you so very much!!! And when you get up here Jesus and I will be the first ones to welcome you home... Now pull up your big girls panties and get to work!!!

Oh and one more thing... KEEP LAUGHING!!!

(Sherry Trebec's note before she went to be with Jesus a year ago)





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