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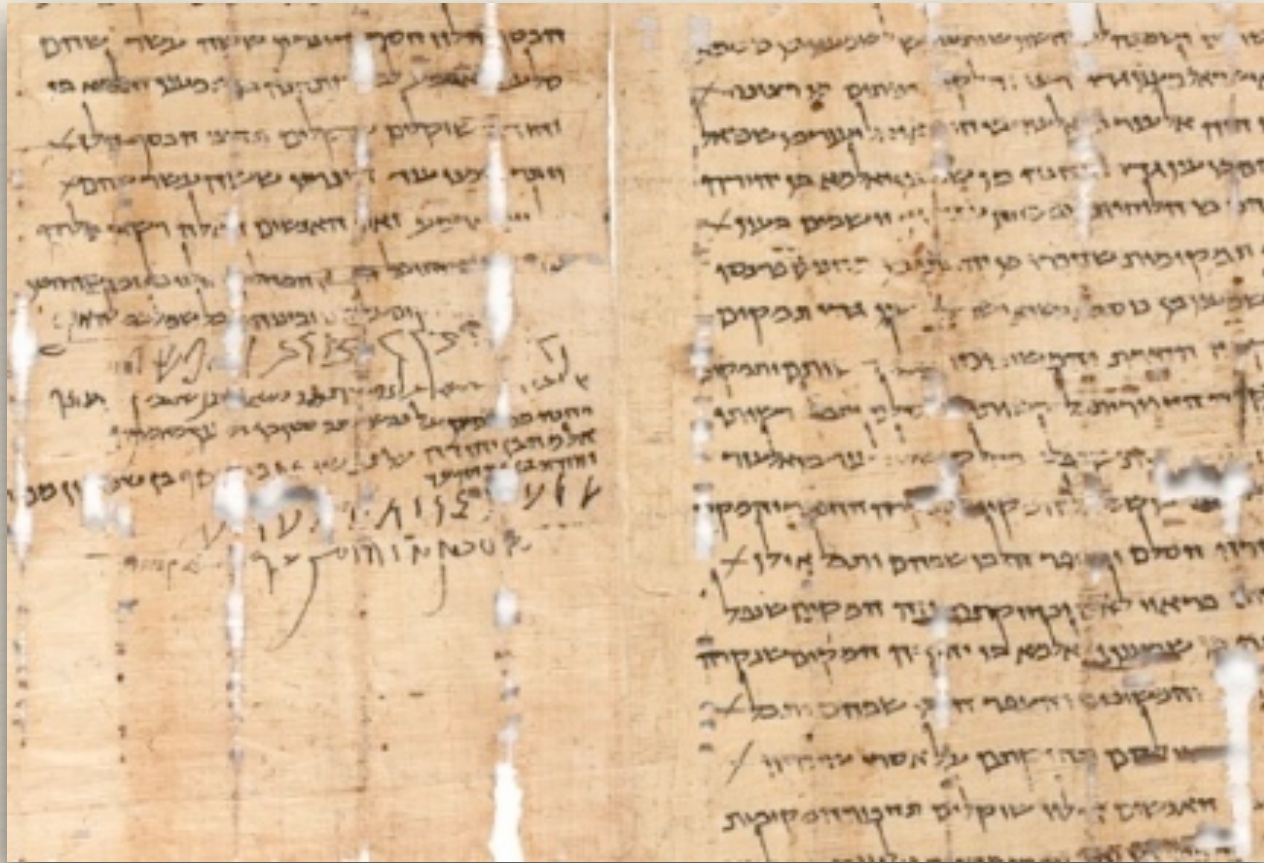
Arabs view US election with indifference or loathing. Trump seen as hostile to Muslims, unpredictable, while some blame former secretary of state Clinton for regional problems

A Palestinian policeman opened fire at a checkpoint at the entrance to Ramallah. Attacker arrived at Ramallah checkpoint on foot after shift at Palestinian parliament building, opening fire at IDF troops using a Kalashnikov rifle. (The PA security personnel are armed terrorists!)

Iraqi forces closing in on Mosul, Islamic State's main stronghold in the country, made a gruesome discovery Monday, stumbling upon a mass grave with some 100 decapitated bodies near the Agriculture School on the outskirts of Hammam al-Alil, a town liberated from the jihadis' grip earlier in the day.



UNESCO - Can of Worms



- ❖ In UNESCO, Palestinians claim ownership of Dead Sea Scrolls. Palestinians say that as the Qumran Caves, in the Judean Desert, are beyond the Green Line, Israel has taken possession of the ancient texts illegally. Israeli envoy to UNESCO: This is another provocative attempt by the Palestinians to rewrite history.



Are the Palestinians Ready for Peace?

Palestinians, like others in the world, have become active internet users. Nearly two-thirds report having a computer and half use a smartphone. Young people form the majority of users. With this level of penetration, the Internet is already playing a significant social role in their lives.

What has been trending in Palestine? The report analyses 18 campaigns that tell us something about the Palestinian mood.

The most popular recorded campaign was "#it_will_not_be_divided," centered on thwarting imagined secret Israeli plans to divide or even destroy al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, a popular theme of Islamist leaders who incite violence.

Other hashtags advocate violence more explicitly, such as #the_intifada_continues, #Palestine_resists and #the_intifada_of_knives.



TEMPLE MOUNT



- ❖ Temple Mount activists convene in Knesset, urge PM to 'open gates' to Jewish prayer. Two years after he was almost assassinated at event calling for right to pray at Judaism's holiest site, Yehuda Glick is now a Likud MK, and his cause has entered the halls of power



TRUMP - CLINTON - ISRAEL?



What a Trump presidency would mean for Israel? If the GOP nominee wins, his key advisers say, he'll move the US embassy to Jerusalem, won't tell Israel where it cannot build in the West Bank, and might not push a two-state solution; he would also warily honor the Iran deal... for now

Israelis think Trump better for them, back Clinton anyway - pollSurvey contrasts with findings among dual citizens who voted in the election, who leaned toward the GOP candidate.

Remember ... where there are two Jews there are three opinions!



OUR WEEKLY OBAMA WATCH

"Clinton? Trump? Palestinians Hope Obama Makes Final Push for Peace" by Amira Hass: "Of the two main candidates for U.S. president, the Palestinians prefer a third, says Husam Zomlot, strategy adviser to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. "Our best candidate right now is neither Trump nor Clinton, but Obama," he said. "In his remaining time in office he has a golden opportunity to determine the next administration's position towards the Palestinian issue," Zomlot said." [[Haaretz](#)]

On the possibility President Obama will re-engage on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict before leaving office: "I am deeply, deeply concerned that the president will stick it to Israel one more time on his way out of office. I think he would have been even more hostile to Israel than he has periodically been if it wasn't for pressure from some major donors in the Democrat party, as well as from the American people, who remain overwhelmingly pro-Israel. I think it's a huge danger.



TORAH PORTION

God would make him a great nation and would bless Abram and make his name great so that he would be a blessing.

God promised to bless those who blessed Abraham, but to curse the one who treated him lightly, for in him would all the families of the earth be blessed.



QUOTABLE'S - SELAH

The Subject is JOY

The Question is ... "what is it?"

Here's a list to consider

- * An emotion
- * An attitude
- * An expression
- * A mindset
- * Laughter, Cheerfulness and Optimism

- * or just an understanding that "GOD is" and that no matter your lot in life, He has promised to be with you ... "in the midst of."





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