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ISSUES

In November, Trump told Netanyahu that if elected, "a Trump administration would finally accept the longstanding Congressional mandate to recognize Jerusalem as the undivided capital of the State of Israel." During the campaign, Trump called Jerusalem "the eternal capital" of Israel and said he was "100 percent for" moving the embassy there.

PA Ambassador to the UN: If Trump moves the embassy to Jerusalem, that is an "aggression" and "an attack"

A first group of 127 UN peacekeepers returned Monday to a camp on the Syrian-held side of the Golan Heights, two years after withdrawing amid clashes with Al-Qaeda-linked Syrian rebels. UN spokesman Farhan Haq said more troops from the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) would return to camp Faouar this week and that both governments in Israel and Syria supported the move.



MOVING THE US EMBASSY



The Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 is a public law of the United States passed by the 104th Congress on October 23, 1995. It was passed for the purposes of initiating and funding the relocation of the Embassy of the United States in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, no later than May 31, 1999.

The act also called for Jerusalem to remain an undivided city and for it to be recognized as the capital of the State of Israel.

The proposed law was adopted by the Senate (93-5), and the House (374-37). Since passage, the law has never been implemented, because of opposition from Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama, who view it as a Congressional infringement on the executive branch's constitutional authority over foreign policy; they have consistently claimed the presidential waiver on national security interests.



Advocacy for the Jerusalem Embassy Act asserted that every country has a right to designate the capital of its choice, and that Israel has designated Jerusalem. The act notes that "the city of Jerusalem is the seat of Israel's President, Parliament, and Supreme Court, and the site of numerous government ministries and social and cultural institutions." Jerusalem is defined as the spiritual center of Judaism. Furthermore, it stipulates that since the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967, religious freedom has been guaranteed to all.

Since 1998, the relocation of the embassy from Tel Aviv has been suspended by the sitting President semi-annually based on national security concerns. Obama issued his last waiver in June, following in the footsteps of predecessors Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

(Will President Obama do it again in January, or chose to make history? The question we must ask now will President Trump join the ranks of hypocritical and anti-Semitic US Presidents, who served before him, or will be true to his word and make the history by moving the US embassy to Jerusalem?)

TWISTING THE LION'S TAIL

- ❖ A senior Iranian cleric warned US President-elect Donald Trump during prayers on Friday “not [to] play around with Iran,” and vowed that the Islamic Republic would “resist until our last breath” if any actions not to the regime’s approval are undertaken, the country’s semi-official news agency Fars reported.
- ❖ Addressing a congregation on the campus of Tehran University, Ayatollah Seyed Ahmad Khatami - a member of the Assembly of Experts, which appoints and dismisses the country’s supreme leader (currently Ayatollah Ali Khamenei) - said Trump should “be careful not [to] give the lion’s tail [Iran] another twist,” or suffer the consequences.



ISLAMIC DISUNITY

- ❖ The United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Sudan, Morocco, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Yemen signed a letter to the UN General Assembly in which they decried Iran's support for Shiite Houthi rebels in Yemen and the Shiite Hezbollah terror group in Lebanon.
- ❖ Eleven Middle East and North African countries accused Iran of sponsoring terrorism and constantly interfering in the internal affairs of Arab nations, sparking tension and instability in the region.
- ❖ In a letter to the United Nations General Assembly circulated Monday, the 11 countries cited Iran's support for Shiite Houthi rebels in Yemen and the Shiite Hezbollah terror group in Lebanon which has sent fighters to support the Syrian government.



US PROTESTS

- ❖ As nationwide protests continue to rage, middle and high school students from California to Maryland march against Donald Trump's presidential win
- ❖ Protests were held in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Portland, Massachusetts and other major cities on the East and West coasts. Most rallies and marches were peaceful, police in those cities said.
- ❖ Portland Mayor Charlie Hales said some of the protests were being used as cover for "outrageous, bad, criminal behavior."
- ❖ Organizers told Fox News protesters wanted to show support for immigrants, Muslims, gay people and other communities they claimed would be vulnerable under a Trump administration.
- ❖ While young people in the Middle East have to deal with terror threats, U.S. college students are coddled with hot chocolate and cry-ins because they are too fragile to accept that a candidate they don't like won the elections.
Ruthie Blum | American cry babies



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Food for Thought by Steven Shamrak

According to many military experts, Israel is the 4th greatest military power in the world. The government of Israel must realize it and act accordingly - with self-respect and Zionist determination!

The change is coming - Israel must be ready and become active participant and facilitator of its destiny!



HALLELUJAH!

- ❖ The Knesset's Ministerial Committee on Legislation approved on Sunday a law that prohibits the use of a public address system to call worshippers to prayer or to convey religious or national messages.
- ❖ The Palestinians are threatening to go to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to stop the legislation.
- ❖ Nabil Abu Rudeineh, spokesman for Palestinian Authority (PA) Mahmoud Abbas, described the situation as "grave" and warned that such legislation "is going to bring disasters to the region."
- ❖ The Hamas terror organization also condemned the proposed legislation as hindering Muslim freedom of worship and which contradicts international law.



OUR WEEKLY OBAMA WATCH

Aides to President-elect Donald Trump are cautioning outgoing President Barack Obama to refrain from moving forward with any end-of-term initiatives – including a potential Israeli-Palestinian peace push – that Trump opposes, Politico reported on Thursday.



TORAH PORTION

This week's Torah portion contains what I call the Gospel according to Moses!

One of things we want to do in our KFIR Torah Study is to always be sensitive to the "footprints of Yeshua" and it is here that we can clearly see the prophecy regarding God who will 'Provide himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world,' in a clear light!



QUOTABLE'S - SELAH

"In seeking wisdom the first step is silence, the second: listening, the third: remembering, the fourth: practicing, the fifth: teaching others. " ~~ Ibn Gabirol



LIST OF TRUMPS PROMISES TO ISRAEL

Each of following positions has been discussed with Mr. Trump and the Trump campaign, and most have been stated, in one form or another, by Mr. Trump in various interviews or speeches given by him or on his social media accounts:

1. The unbreakable bond between the United States and Israel is based upon shared values of democracy, freedom of speech, respect for minorities, cherishing life, and the opportunity for all citizens to pursue their dreams.
2. Israel is the state of the Jewish people, who have lived in that land for 3,500 years...
3. Israel is a staunch ally of the US and a key partner in the global war against Islamic Jihadism. Military cooperation and coordination between Israel and the US must continue to grow.
4. The American people value our close friendship and alliance with Israel - culturally, religiously, and politically. While other nations have required U.S. troops to defend them, Israelis have always defended their own country by themselves and only ask for military equipment assistance and diplomatic support to do so. The US does not need to nation-build in Israel or send troops to defend Israel.
5. ...A Trump Administration will ensure that Israel receives maximum military, strategic and tactical cooperation from the United States... Israel and the United States benefit tremendously from what each country brings to the table – the relationship is a two way street.

6. The US should veto any United Nations votes that unfairly single out Israel and will work in international institutions and forums, including in our relations with the European Union, to oppose efforts to delegitimize Israel, impose discriminatory double standards against Israel, or to impose special labelling requirements on Israeli products or boycotts on Israeli goods.

7. The U.S. should cut off funds for the UN Human Rights Council, a body dominated by countries presently run by dictatorships that seems solely devoted to slandering the Jewish State... and is further evidence of the enormous anti-Israel bias of the United Nations.

8. The US should view the effort to boycott, divest from, and sanction (BDS) Israel as inherently anti-Semitic and take strong measures, both diplomatic and legislative, to thwart actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel... The false notion that Israel is an occupier should be rejected.

9. The Trump administration will ask the Justice Department to investigate coordinated attempts on college campuses to intimidate students who support Israel.

10. A two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinians appears impossible as long as the Palestinians are unwilling to renounce violence against Israel or recognize Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state. Additionally, the Palestinians are divided between PA rule in the West Bank and Hamas rule in Gaza so there is not a united Palestinian people who could control a second state. Hamas is a US-designated terrorist organization that actively seeks Israel's destruction...

11. The Palestinian leadership, including the PA, has undermined any chance for peace with Israel by raising generations of Palestinian children on an educational program of hatred of Israel and Jews...

13. The US cannot support the creation of a new state where terrorism is financially incentivized, terrorists are celebrated by political parties and government institutions, and the corrupt diversion of foreign aid is rampant...

14. The US should support direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians without preconditions, and will oppose all Palestinian, European and other efforts to bypass direct negotiations between parties in favor of an imposed settlement. Any solutions imposed on Israel by outside parties including by the United Nations Security Council, should be opposed...

15. Israel's maintenance of defensible borders that preserve peace and promote stability in the region is a necessity. Pressure should not be put on Israel to withdraw to borders that make attacks and conflict more likely.

16. The US will recognize Jerusalem as the eternal and indivisible capital of the Jewish state and Mr. Trump's Administration will move the US embassy to Jerusalem.

17. Despite the Iran Nuclear deal in 2015, the US State Department recently designated Iran, yet again, as the leading state sponsor of terrorism - putting the Middle East particularly, but the whole world at risk by financing, arming, and training terrorist groups operating around the world including Hamas, Hezbollah, and forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The US must counteract Iran's ongoing violations of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's quest for nuclear weapons and their noncompliance with past and present sanctions, as well as the agreements they signed, and implement tough, new sanctions when needed to protect the world and Iran's neighbors from its continuing nuclear and non-nuclear threats.



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