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KERRY'S COMMENTS

- ❖ OH my! "We cannot defend Israel if the two-state solution dies" This was no more than a John Kerry lecture to Israel.
- ❖ The Israeli leader said Kerry "obsessively dealt with settlements", which the United States strongly opposes, in the speech. Netanyahu accused Kerry of barely touching upon "the root of the conflict - Palestinian opposition to a Jewish state in any boundaries". 45 minutes on Settlements / 45 seconds on terrorism and incitement ...
- ❖ This admin has been Israel's greatest friend and supporter. IF Obama cares so much about Israel ... why the Iran deal!
- ❖ John ... Nice Job in Syria / how have you done with condemning that PA terrorism.
- ❖ What about incitement with Palestinian children???
- ❖ Key Arab leaders are willing now to be friends with Israel???
- ❖ Bottom line - BLAME ISRAEL! And TRUST the silent masses of Muslim support

ISSUES

An Israeli official launched a furious personal attack on President Barack Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry on Friday, accusing them of nothing less than the “abandonment of Israel,” for scheming behind Israel’s back to push an anti-settlements resolution through the UN Security Council. Using language unprecedented in its anger and personal nature, even by the standards of two terms of friction-filled ties between the government of Benjamin Netanyahu and the Obama Administration, the official declared that “President Obama and Secretary Kerry are behind this shameful move against Israel at the UN.”

UK - At the same time, Britain considers Israeli settlements outside the 1967 lines – including in Jerusalem’s Old City – illegal and an obstacle to peace. Furthermore, he added, Resolution 2334 did not only condemn the settlements, but also called for a stop of violence and incitement.

The Vote Video - <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4639729/un-cheers-passing-anti-israel-resolution>



- ❖ **Kulanu leader Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon** criticized President Barack Obama, saying, "We've talked a lot about the significance of the Security Council resolution, but we need to take note of one thing: how our best friends in the U.N. turned their backs on us at the moment of truth. That's the most shocking part of the story."
- ❖ **'Go Choke on a Latke';** Livid Social Media Users Respond to Kerry's Hanukkah Greeting Issued Shortly After US Failure to Back Israel at UN. Rabbi Loren Sykes was more circumspect, tweeting, "Your holiday greetings are neither needed nor welcome. Your support at the UN was needed & you failed to provide it."
- ❖ **PM Netanyahu:** Israel will overcome shameful Security Council resolution. PM Netanyahu orders Foreign Ministry to suspend \$8 million in funding to five U.N. institutions • Israeli envoys to New Zealand and Senegal are called back for consultations • Israel's friends are "sick of the U.N.'s hostility" toward it, Netanyahu says.
- ❖ **Ted Cruz:** "Spoke with Israeli PM Netanyahu tonight to wish him Happy Chanukah & assure him of strong support in Congress. No US \$ for UN until reversed." [\[Twitter\]](#)
- ❖ **Joe Biden,** America's second-in-command, personally interfered in order to persuade Ukraine to vote for the anti-Israel resolution passed Friday at the UN Security Council, reports indicate.





UN can NEVER 'Sever the Tie between the People of Israel and the Land of Israel' - **Danny Danon addressed the UNSC, and while holding a bible in his hand, he stated that "this book holds 3,000 years of Jewish history in Israel, and no one can dictate or change that fact. This decision will join the list of shameful and anti-Israel decisions made by this organization." "Who gave you the right to condemn the Jewish nation for building homes in its eternal capital?"**



WHAT'S OCCUPIED?

- ❖ **'I won't let us be spit on,' PM vows in wake of UN resolution**
- ❖ "Angry and frustrated" Netanyahu lashes out against Resolution 2334, which defines Western Wall as "occupied territory" • PM to work with incoming U.S. administration to exact economic, diplomatic price from countries that supported the resolution.
- ❖ **"The Western Wall is not occupied, the Jewish Quarter [of the Old City of Jerusalem] is not occupied, and the other places are not occupied either. Therefore, we do not and cannot accept this resolution. We are certain of our future, just as we know our past, and for this reason I ask to light a Hanukkah candle for the eternity of Israel."**



QUOTABLE'S - SELAH

God waits a long time, but he pays with interest in the end.- **Yiddish Proverb**

Eli Lake: "Obama doesn't hate Israel. He just hates the Prime Minister Israelis keep re-electing." [[Twitter](#)]

Ari Fleischer: "President Obama has taken more action against Israel for building houses than he has against Russia for interfering in our election." [[Twitter](#)]

"Krauthammer: Trump should 'put his name on' UN headquarters and 'turn it into condos'" by Pamela Engel: "I think it's good real estate in downtown New York City, and Trump ought to find a way to put his name on it and turn it into condos." [[BI](#)]

Trump urges Israel to 'stay strong' till January 20

Netanyahu tweets his thanks as president-elect slams UN resolution on settlements, saying US can't keep treating Jewish state with 'total disdain'





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