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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

At Kremlin, PM says modern Iran threatens the Jews as the ancient Persians did in the Purim era. Netanyahu tells Putin that Iran must not replace IS in Syria.

Palestinians say Trump to make 'historic' offer to Abbas next month
Senior Fatah official claims US president will propose a restart to peace talks in exchange for a halt in settlement expansion and a promise not to relocate US Embassy

Jewish Community Centers (JCC) in the US and Canada were hit with another round of bomb threats during the Purim holiday on Sunday, the seventh such wave of threats since the beginning of the year.



RELEASED!



- ❖ AMMAN, Jordan – A Jordanian soldier who killed seven Israeli schoolgirls during a class trip to his country was released Sunday, after serving 20 years in prison, an official said.
- ❖ Ahmed Daqamseh had killed the eighth graders in a 1997 shooting rampage at the scenic “Island of Peace” border post where he was stationed. Seven other girls were wounded at the time.
- ❖ The late-night release comes a day before the 20th anniversary of the massacre.

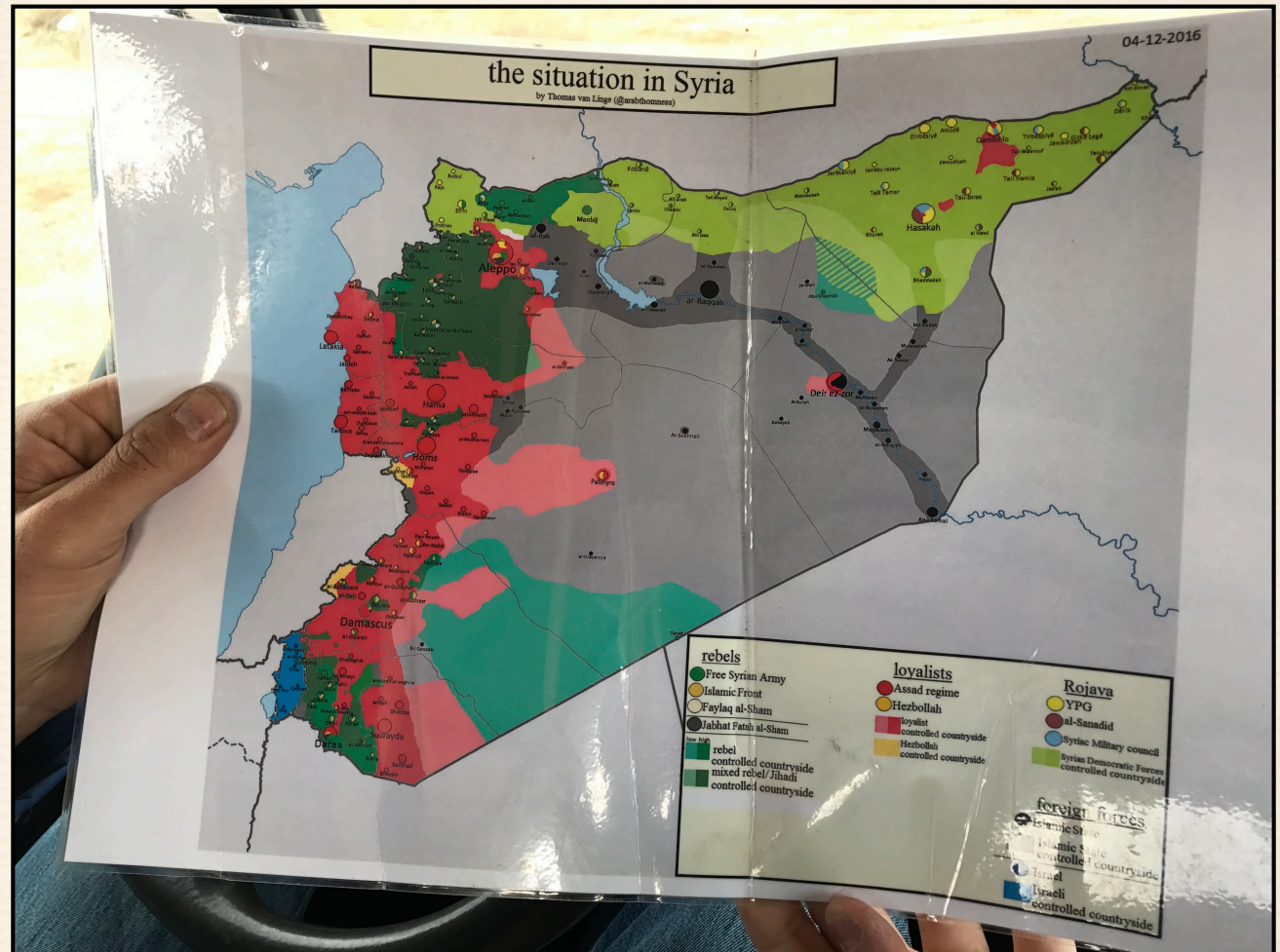


THE “NEW” SYRIA BORDERS

Iranian Threat is Real

The Iranian Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) are now reported to be present in Syrian-government controlled territory along the 1967 ceasefire line in the Golan Heights, which has seen months of Israeli air strikes met with rockets fired towards the Israel Defence Forces (IDF). Benjamin Netanyahu has accused Iran of using the Syrian civil war to “gain a foothold to fight Israel”. (Iran is intentionally inciting tension in preparation for a war with Israel!)

The photo of the map (right) is the latest from Israeli intelligence



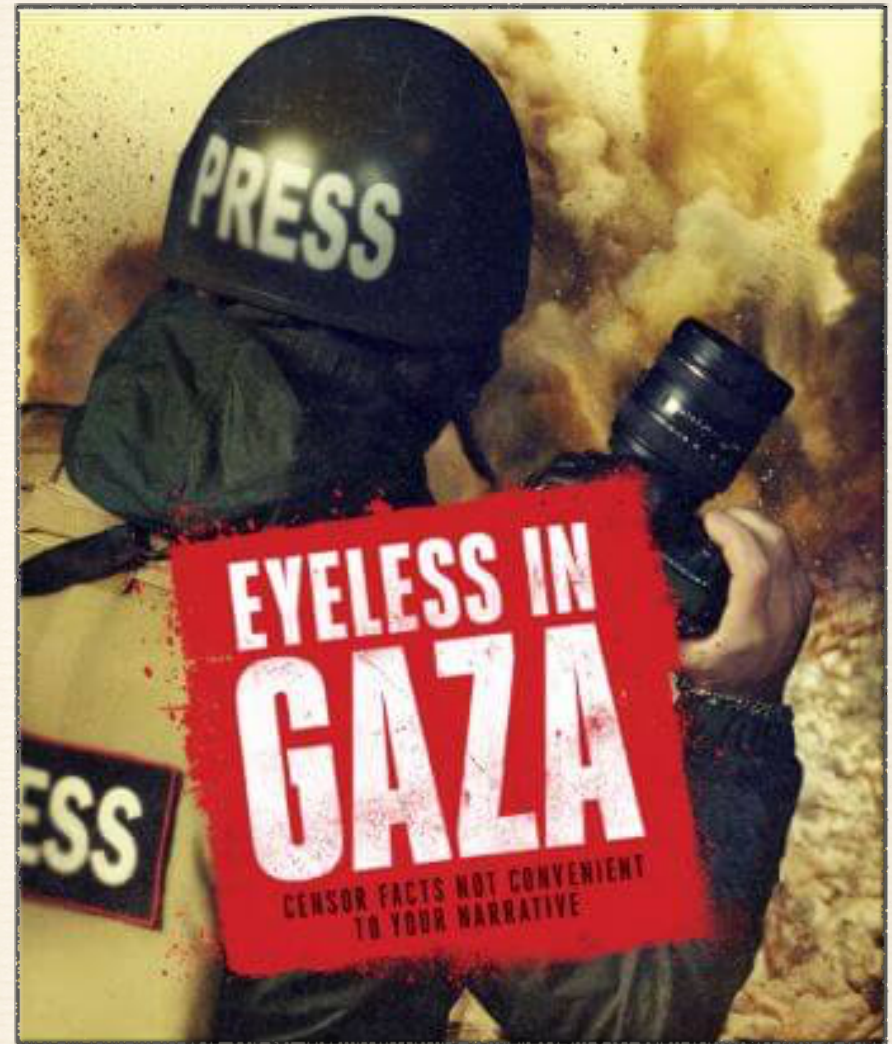
THIS WEEK'S JCC THREATS

- ❖ Jewish community centers (JCC) and schools in New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, Wisconsin, Maryland, Oregon, Florida and Alabama were threatened either over the phone or by email on Tuesday. Two Canadian JCCs - in Toronto and London, Ontario - were also threatened.
- ❖ On Wednesday, three JCCs in the US were targeted - in Delaware, Colorado and Connecticut - and one in Vancouver, Canada.
- ❖ Since January, over 140 bomb threats have targeted Jewish institutions in 36 US states, including JCCs, schools, synagogues and Anti-Defamation League (ADL) offices in New York, San Francisco, Atlanta, Boston and Washington, DC.



EYELESS IN GAZA

- ❖ "They're calling it a massacre." "Children and civilians comprised the vast majority of the 200 killed." "Israel is targeting... hospitals." These quotes come directly from international media reports on the 2014 Gaza War. All of them are incorrect, yet they were used to create the narrative that the world, to a great extent, accepted - A narrative that saw Israel as the aggressor. Interviewing Israeli soldiers and Hamas terrorists, administrators and civilians, along with analysts, journalists and aid agency officials on the ground, "Eyeless in Gaza" sets out to find out how this narrative arose, and arrives at a very troubling conclusion.
- ❖ Here is the promo link - <http://www.israelvideonetwork.com/a-two-year-investigation-reveals-media-lies-in-gaza-like-never-before/?omhide=true>



ABBAS - TRUMP



"Abbas: Trump told me he wants two-state solution" by Sue Surkes and Alexander

Fulbright: "Speaking in Ramallah, Abbas on Sunday said that his phone conversation with Trump... was "constructive" and that Trump "confirmed his full commitment to the peace process and the two-state solution." He added: "We will continue to cooperate with [Trump], in order to arrive at a comprehensive and just peace that will bring security and stability to everyone." Other Palestinian sources said that Trump told Abbas he wanted to broker a deal, and that he referred to Abbas as a "partner.""

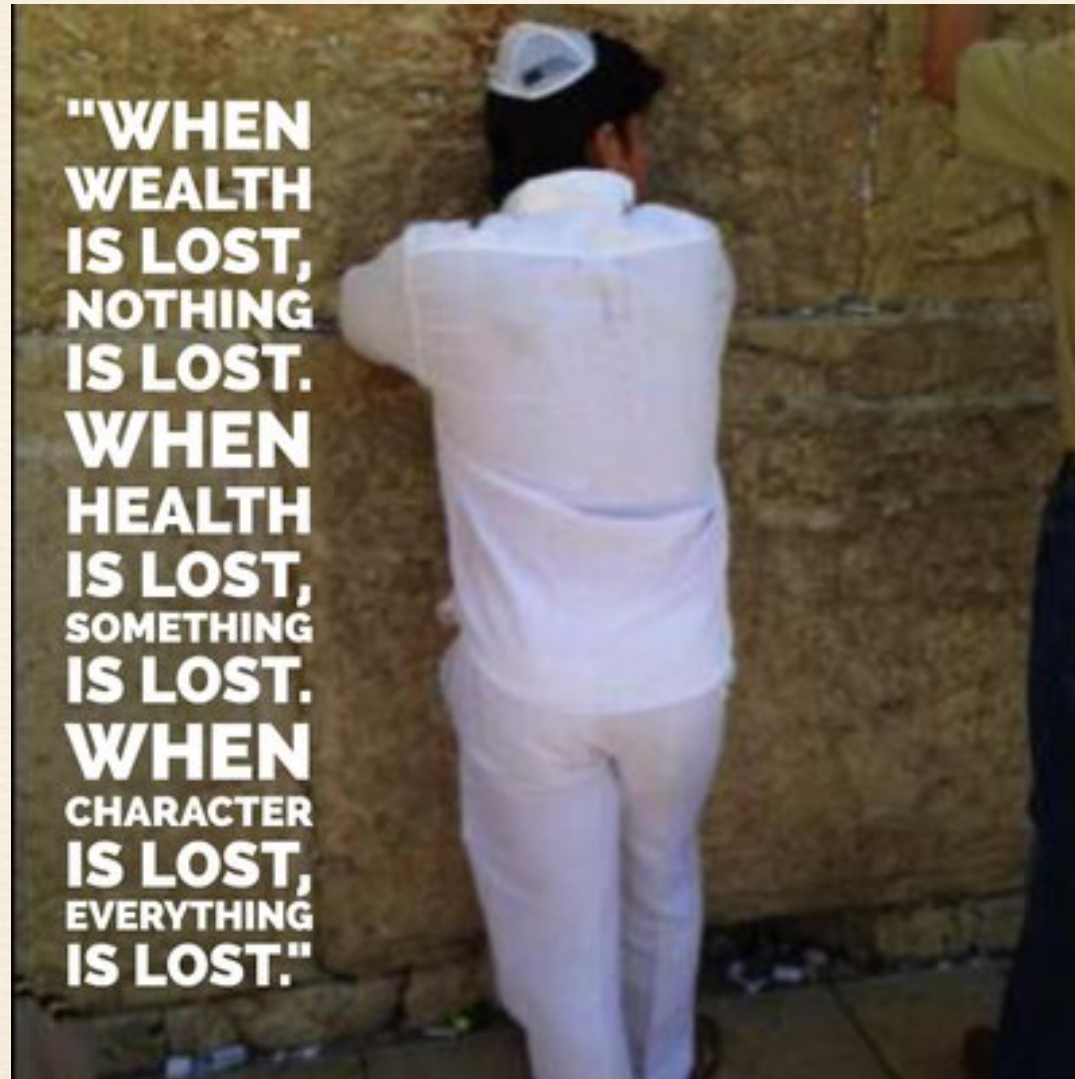


USA - PA TALKS

Greenblatt's second day on his first visit to the Middle East region included a lengthy meeting with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, touring a Palestinian refugee camp, and a roundtable with Palestinian university students in Bethlehem. The U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem, in a joint readout of the meeting, noted that "President Abbas committed to preventing inflammatory rhetoric and incitement... President Abbas assured Mr. Greenblatt that he is fully committed to creating an atmosphere that is conducive to making peace and would heighten his outreach efforts to the Israeli public." *(Jason Greenblatt is an American lawyer. He was the executive vice president and chief legal officer to Donald Trump and The Trump Organization, and his advisor on Israel)*



QUOTE OF THE WEEK





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