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MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

- * Drought brings Lake Kinneret to a record low for May. As drought continues in the Galilee since 2014, the Water Authority ceases pumping water from the Kinneret.
- * IDF chief says Hezbollah 'hit hard' by fighting in Syria, Iraq. Eisenkot claims 25% of Lebanon-based group's militants killed in last 3 years;
- * Netanyahu vows: We will never leave the Golan Heights. "If we weren't here, radical Islam would be here," PM Benjamin Netanyahu says at Negev and Galilee Development Ministry conference • He urges Israelis to move to Golan
- * IDF Chief of Staff Gadi Eisenkot said on Wednesday that although the Hezbollah terrorist organization suffered a massive blow during its conflict with Israel and in the years since, the group remains Israel's top security priority.
- * At least 7 dead in coordinated terrorist attacks in Iran. Iranian parliament building and shrine of Ayatollah Khomeini infiltrated by gunmen, suicide bombers.



THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

* Parents of Jewish students in California's East Bay school district gathered late last month to discuss their concerns that antisemitism was on the rise following the appearance of swastikas and other Nazi imagery on numerous campuses in the region, the *East Bay Times* reported on Wednesday

* Abbas' appointment of murderer to Fatah's Central Committee means "the prisoners or Martyrs' salaries [won't] be stopped" says Fatah official. Terrorist prisoners are "our pride and the knights of the Palestinian people"



BLAME THE JEWS FOR EVERYTHING

There used to be a saying in the Soviet Union: "If there is no water in a tap, it must be Jews who have drunk it all" - in a word, that means, blame Jews for everything!

Paranoid accusations and anti-Semitic propaganda that Jews are in control of the world have now spread from the Christian to the Muslim world. This technique has always been used by kings, dictators and even by democratically elected governments to control and divert the attention of the mob, sorry population, from the problems that a kingdom or country has been experiencing and their true causes.

Jews have persistently been used as the most effective scapegoat! Some say: "If there were no Jews, they would be invented."

If all these innuendoes that a nation, which numbers less than 0.2% of world population, has so much power over all Humanity are true, Jews must be really the Chosen people!



KEEP
CALM
AND
BLAME
THE JEWS



WEST BANK SECURITY

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that Israel will maintain control over all security aspects in Judea and Samaria regardless of a peace deal with the Palestinians.

Speaking at a Jerusalem ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War, Netanyahu stressed that Israel seeks true peace with its neighbors but has to ensure its own security.

"For that reason, in any agreement, and even without an agreement, we will maintain security control over the entire territory west of the Jordan River," he said.

Despite unprecedented American military aid, Netanyahu said the main lesson from the 1967 war is that Israel cannot rely on its allies for its defense.

"We will never place our fate in the hands of others," he said. "We respect our allies, first and foremost our friend the United States, whose support we greatly appreciate. But in the moment of truth, Israel must be prepared and capable to deliver a serious, even deadly blow to anyone who wants to harm it."



PA TYPICAL DOUBLE TALK

On Saturday, Fatah Central Committee Secretary Jibril Rajoub gave an interview in Hebrew to Israeli TV Channel 2. Rajoub stated that Palestinians understand that the Western Wall is "holy for the Jews," and that it should be "under Jewish sovereignty... We have no argument with that."

However, addressing Palestinians in Arabic, Rajoub denies having made this statement. Rather, he claims to have said that the site should be "under Jewish religious supervision," and wrote explicitly on his personal Facebook page: "I did not mention the word sovereignty or Israel." He also accused Israeli TV of editing out parts of the interview with him.



QATAR - BOTTOMLINE



REACTIONS ON THE HILL -- by Aaron Magid: Representative Vicky Hartzler (R-MO) told *Jewish Insider*, "Anybody that supports Hamas is supporting a terrorist organization and we need to take decisive steps to address that. It's part of the discussion to let them know that this is unacceptable and that we want them to be a peaceful ally in the region and work with their neighbors and us."

Striking a similar tone, Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN) called Qatar's backing of the Palestinian terror group "outrageous." The Tennessee lawmaker added, "We need to reevaluate our relationship with any nation that is engaging in state sponsoring of terrorism."

Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD): "Qatar is trying to play all sides of the game here and they may have been caught finally. But, we got to be careful because the US has some important assets there that assist us in the fight against terror."

Saudi FM: Qatar must cut ties with Hamas to restore diplomatic ties "We believe that common sense and logic will convince Qatar to take the right steps," says Adel al-Jubeir



NIKKI HALEY VISITS ISRAEL

KAFE KNESSET -- Queen Haley lands in Israel -- by Tal Shalev and JPost's Lahav Harkov:

Early this morning, US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley landed in Israel. Haley was greeted by her Israeli counterpart, Ambassador Danny Danon, who will be accompanying her during most of the visit. Haley's first meeting was with the Israeli PM Netanyahu, who expressed his deep gratitude for her "standing by Israel and the truth." The warm embrace of Ambassador Haley was apparent in every meeting she has had in Israel so far. "People appreciate the truth," Bibi told Haley. "We have an ancient Hebrew saying that when people tell the truth, you can sense it and people feel it. They not only understand it, they feel it. And we feel it."



SEARS, WALMART & AMAZON

Calls For #BoycottSears Return Over 'Free

Palestine' Shirts: "Sears is now selling "Free Palestine" t-shirts - and some shoppers are calling for a boycott over the move. The department store's website features more than a dozen search results for the word "Palestine", including shirts that read "Free Gaza", "End Israeli Occupation" and other similar phrases... Perhaps the most controversial item on the site is a shirt that reads "Free Palestine" over an image of the outline of the entire state of Israel. Jewish advocacy group B'nai B'rith issued a statement saying: "We are appalled at Sears jumping into a geo-political issue by selling glib t-shirts that proclaim 'Free Palestine' - seriously?" After reports began circulating on social media, the hashtag "#BoycottSears" reemerged Tuesday morning." [\[CBSLA\]](#)



Home / Clothing / Results For: "free palestine"

14 results found for "free palestine"

sears & marketplace (14)

sears Only

In-store: Set Your Location

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Refine Your Search

Category

Men's Clothing (8)

Women's Clothing (4)

Juniors Clothing (2)

Color

Black (11)

Blue (9)

Brown (2)

Gray (6)

Green (5)

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End Israeli Occupation
Women's Hoodie

Sold by Spreadshirt Inc.

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Spreadshirt Free Palestine
End Israeli Occupation
Women's T-Shirt

Sold by Spreadshirt Inc.

add to compare



\$32.59

Spreadshirt Free Palestine
- End Israeli Occupation
Men's Tank Top by

Sold by Spreadshirt Inc.

add to compare



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End Israeli Occupation
Women's T-Shirt

Sold by Spreadshirt Inc.

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BACKLASH

Sears has pledged to remove anti-Israeli apparel from its online store.

The Sears department store has pledged to remove sweatshirts and t-shirts emblazoned with the slogan "Free Palestine, [End Israeli occupation](#)" and featuring a fist in the colors of the Palestinian flag from its online store.

However, **Amazon** is selling 'Free Palestine' clothes, after Sears and Walmart stop

US online giant continues to offer shirts, hats with pro-Palestinian messages, including 'Free Palestine' shirt showing map including all of Israel



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

--**Rabbi David Wolpe adds:** "Judaism teaches giving. No better system has ever been devised to produce generosity."

Prophecy Conference: In one voice, the members of the nations present told their Jewish friends, "The Lord has done great things for you." The moving moment was a clear proof of a comment by **Rabbi Yehudah Glick** at the opening of the conference: "Today, if you don't see prophecy happening, you better buy yourself a new pair of glasses."



HGE - UPCOMING FALL TOURS

Israel - Off The Beaten Path
with Petra Extension (optional)



Israel - NOV 12-20 / Petra - Nov 20-24, 2017



Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good and walk in it, and find rest for your souls..." Jer. 6:16

There are many paths in Israel. OFF THE BEATEN PATH will take in paths not found on "traditc tours - yet they are important paths, ones that should be seen to take in the full breadth of Israe Dan & Sharon Stolebarger and guide, Jane Ben-Ari as we give you a totally different type of expe Included will be a geo-political Jeep Tour on the Golan Heights - see for yourselves what is truly happening along this strategic border of Israel.



OFF THE BEATEN PATH ITINERARY

DAY 1: Overnight in Tel Aviv right on the Mediterranean Sea.

DAY 2 - 4: Travel to Jerusalem where we will be staying inside the walls of the Old City for three nights. While in Jerusalem, visit **OLD SYNAGOGUE TOUR, RABBINICAL TUNNELS, TEMPLE INSTITUTE, BURNT HOUSE, JERICO** with **ST. GEORGE'S MONASTERY** and **FRIENDS OF ZION MUSEUM**. Also planned is an incredible landscape of the Judean desert on a fully guided **JEEP TOUR**.

DAY 5 - 7: Travel to the Galilee where we will stay for three nights at a kibbutz hotel right on the shores of the Sea, away from the hustle and bustle of Tiberias. Our time in the north includes: **TSIPORI, NAZARETH VILLAGE, CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, MT. ARBEL** (with an option to hike up), **MAGDALA, GAMLA** (with hike to the synagogue) and **MT. BENTAL**. On Shabbat, we will have a Shabbat Service at our hotel. In addition, while in the Golan Heights, we will take a geo-political **JEEP TOUR** to hear and see for ourselves exactly what is happening on this strategic border.

DAY 8: We travel to **JAFFA** for one night. En route, visit the grottoes at **ROSH HANIKRA** and the **VALLEY OF ELAH**.

DAY 9: Before bidding farewell to Israel, we will enjoy a leisurely morning, a tour of **JAFFA**, as well as a **FAREWELL DINNER**. Those departing will be taken to the airport.

BEATEN PATH INCLUSIONS:

Pricing: \$2995 LAND ONLY per person double occupancy

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- ⊞ Hotels: 1 night Tel Aviv, 3 nights Jerusalem, 3 nights Tiberias, 1 night Jaffa
- ⊞ Meals: Breakfast daily, 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners
- ⊞ All Sightseeing and Entrance Fees including two JEEP TOURS
- ⊞ Gratuities for Guide and Driver
- ⊞ Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage per person
- ⊞ All ground transportation

See Registration Form for complete pricing and the Terms & Conditions for the "fine print."





PETRA EXTENSION (optional): Nov. 21-24, 2017
(1 night Jaffa; 2 nights Eilat, 1 night Petra)*

Israel is the land where it all began and **PETRA** just may be the land where the "end" may be centered. It's one thing to see all the sites where prophecy has taken place and has been fulfilled, but then there are the places where the fulfillment is yet to come. During the Tribulation period, God will provide a refuge for His people...many believe that Petra is that place.

Also included is a visit to the replica **TABERNACLE at TIMNA** where you will learn more in 30 minutes about the Tabernacle than you probably have learned in a decade. All this plus the resort city at the southernmost tip of Israel, **EILAT**, where at night you can see the lights of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Egypt, all at the same time. Add to this an overnight in Petra where our hotel is located right across the street from the entrance. This extension is not often offered so take advantage of this departure date.

*NOTE: Those staying on for Petra will spend Nov. 20th in Jaffa before beginning the Petra extension on Nov. 21st.

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