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MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

- * Israeli-Palestinian conflict may not be solvable, Kushner says on tape. In leaked conversation with congressional interns, White House senior adviser says he doesn't know what administration can do that is unique to bring peace.
- * Poll: Over 70% of Jewish Israelis support executing terrorists
- * Several hundred Jordanian protesters held a demonstration near the Israeli Embassy in Amman on Friday where they called for the cancellation of the Hashemite kingdom's 1994 peace treaty with the Jewish state.
- * The Palestinian Authority's (PA) top negotiator, [Saeb Erekat](#), is reportedly suffering from a serious lung disease and is awaiting a lung transplant in Israel.
- * Meanwhile, Abbas's own health has recently been the subject of rumors and reports. [Abbas was hospitalized](#) last weekend near Ramallah, undergoing "routine checks" such as blood tests and X-rays. PA officials said Abbas had suffered from exhaustion following the Temple Mount crisis.



IRAN INVOLVEMENT

The Islamic Republic of Iran reportedly provided aid to Palestinian protesters demonstrating against new security measures at the Temple Mount last month.

The aid reportedly included boxes of food and drink, which came with a flyer attached depicting the Dome of the Rock and a quote attributed to Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei reading, "With the help of God, Palestine will be freed. Jerusalem is ours."



MORE LIES TO FUEL THE FIRE

PA officials ensure Palestinian anger continues, repeat libel that Israel wants to "destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque" in order to "build the alleged Temple"

PA Minister of Religious Affairs: Israel "plans to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque and establish the alleged Temple in its place"

Fatah youth movement encourages more conflict, calls for "widening confrontations with the occupation"; if Jerusalem is "harmed," "it means opening the gates of hell before the occupiers"



THE 'AL-AQSA' LIBEL LIVES ON

The Temple Mount, we have been warned, is going to set the Muslim world on fire. There are already protests in different corners of the world. And here, in Israel, a Palestinian picked up a knife and went out to murder three Jews. If we had only acted a bit nicer, if we hadn't annoyed them, it wouldn't have happened.

Don't you just love that self-deception, which repeats itself every time another wave of violence threatens to destroy them? Yes, to destroy them, not us. Because they regularly threaten us and hurt themselves. It didn't start today. It's tradition. It's history.

Terror doesn't appear because it wants to improve something. It doesn't seek peace. And in our case, it doesn't seek two states for two people, it doesn't want an end to the occupation. Terror appears because of incitement and hatred and blood libels. It seeks destruction and ruin, and it will find any excuse to reappear.



TAYLOR FORCE ACT



NY Post editorial... Palestinian Authority now uses half of all foreign aid to reward terror: "The total, \$344 million, equals 49.6 percent of all foreign aid to the PA. In other words, cash from Uncle Sam, Europe and even Israel is subsidizing "welfare for terrorists." ... The PA budget is a clear "no" to Trump's demand. Ball's in your court, Mr. President." [[NYPost](#)]

BREAKING NEWS Taylor Force Act Advances Through Committee With Support of Democrats. Bill aimed at stopping Palestinian funding of terrorists passes on 17-4 vote



RIGHT WING RESPONSE

When Jews visit the Jewish holiest site in the world, not the fake third holiest one, they have to go through metal detectors and sometimes they are body searched, so are Muslims enraged over this necessary procedure, especially since it was they who have broken the status quo by bringing machine guns in and murdering Israeli police?

Are you tired of seeing Israel being humiliated and endangered by a government whose only policy is capitulation to enemies and paralysis? Why would the Arabs ever think of making peace with Israel when they see very clearly that even minimal violence works wonders, every time?

Member of Knesset Bezalel Smotrich (Jewish Home) said "The message to an Arab street and the terrorists is clear: terrorism pays off."

The Zionist leaders of Israel, if there some, must set their egos and their political differences aside and unite - join forces to save Jerusalem and Israel! Bibi has lost his nerve - it is time to see he leave his job and true Zionist government do what must be done to secure future of Jewish people.



THE '9th of AV' RAID?

Following the capitulation by the Israeli government over security measures on the Temple Mount, the Palestinians have embarked on the next stage: protesting Jewish "raids" on the "Al Buraq Wall", more commonly known as the Western Wall or Kotel.

"Last night, thousands of settlers desecrated the Plaza of Al-Buraq Wall, the western wall of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque," Wafa, the Palestinian news agency, reported on Monday, noting that the raid "coincided" with the "Ninth of Av, or the so-called destruction of the Temple."

Wafa stated that the raid took the form of organized ceremonies and prayers, and the settlers' "improper behavior" was protected by "the occupation forces."

The "raid" Wafa reported was actually the annual arrival of thousands of Jews at the Western Wall on the Ninth of Av, a day of fasting and mourning commemorating the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE. Many worshipers spend the entire night at the Kotel, reciting Lamentations and traditional elegies.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK



The Shema has two meanings. First, to gather; then to listen. Gather your thoughts and all your dimensions, so that you are in one place and ready to focus. Now that you have returned, now that you are here, welcome home. We are about to declare our faith in G-d. G-d is our Lord, G-d is one. So Shema, pay attention. It is time to listen.



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.

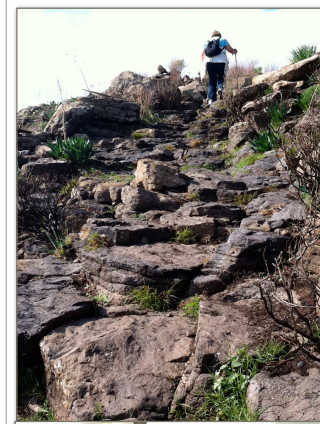
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PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- ⊞ 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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