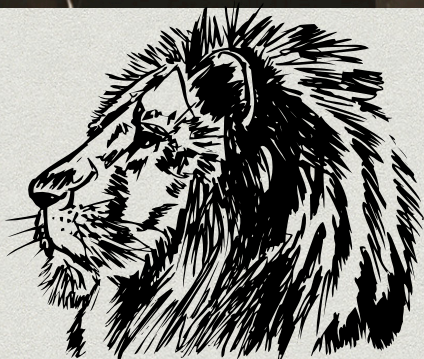
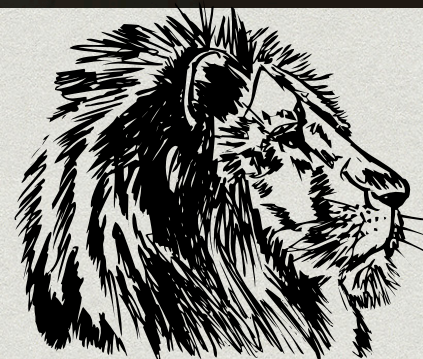


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HEADLINES

* Following the United States' withdrawal from one United Nations body last month, US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley said that unless the Human Rights Council (UNHRC) reforms its Israel-bashing ways, the US will leave it as well. She said that the US would never again repeat the "betrayal" of the Obama administration, which during its last days in power abandoned Israel at the UN by allowing an anti-settlement resolution at the Security Council to pass.

* Rabbi: Texas Church Shooting May Be Sign of End-of-Days Increase in Bloodshed. The horrific mass shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas, killing 26 people while they were praying in their church on Sunday, brought death directly into a house of worship, waging what one rabbi called an "attack on prayer and the Creator."

* DID YOU KNOW - That Arab-Israelis: which make up 21% of the population are involved in 57% of murder cases?



LEBANESE PM QUIT

Lebanon's Prime Minister Saad-al-Hariri resigned suddenly on Saturday, fearing an assassination plot against him and accusing Iran and its Lebanese ally Hezbollah of sowing strife in the Arab world.

His resignation brought down the coalition government and plunged Lebanon into a new political crisis, returning it to the front line of a regional competition between Sunni Saudi Arabia and Shi'ite Iran.

Such instability in Lebanon poses new threats to Israel's already tense northern border, where it has been working to block Iran from setting up military bases on the Syrian side. Israel is also buffering threats on two other fronts: ISIS in Sinai and Hamas in Gaza.



TRUMP'S M.E. PLAN?

Netanyahu: Trump thinking 'out of box' on conflict.

US President Donald Trump's team is taking a fresh approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that could offer hope of progress after two decades of stagnation attempts, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said during his visit to London.

Netanyahu continues to repeat his message that the Palestinian refusal to accept a Jewish state is the root of the conflict between the two peoples.

Netanyahu also makes the argument for a demilitarized Palestinian state, explaining that sovereignty does not have to include military power. **(TOVAH LAZAROFF - J-Post Correspondent)**

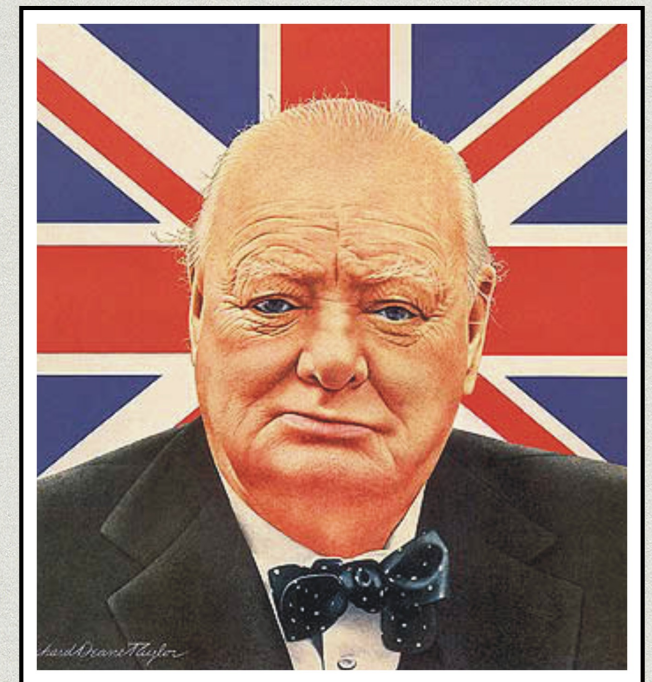


CAROLINE GLICK

Winston Churchill famously said, "You can always trust the Americans to do the right thing, after they have tried everything else."

It would seem that in the face of the Hamas-Fatah unity deal, the Iranian takeover of Iraq and the campaign against the US's Kurdish allies being carried out by the Iraqi government at Iran's direction, that the US has finally exhausted "everything else" in the Middle East.

As we mark one year since Trump's stunning electoral victory, the time has come to try something new. The time has come for the Americans to do the right thing in the Middle East.



TEMPLE MOUNT

Overwhelming Majority of Israelis Want Jewish Sovereignty on Temple Mount, Finds New Think Tank

According to a recent poll, an overwhelming majority - 72 percent - of Jewish Israelis think that Israel should maintain its sovereignty over the Temple Mount in future diplomatic negotiations.

The poll also found that 68 percent of Jewish Israelis think that it is important for Jews to be allowed to pray on the Temple Mount, while only 32 percent believed that Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount is not important.

Unlike Muslims, who enjoy full rights on the Temple Mount, Jews are permitted to visit but may be arrested if caught praying.



SAUDI'S VS IRAN

In another sign of rising tensions between Iran and Saudi Arabia, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani says Saudis are making a "strategic mistake to consider the U.S. and Israel as its friends and Iran as its enemy" He reiterates support for Yemeni rebels.

The statement was another barb traded in the escalating rhetoric between the two countries.

The Saudis have accused Iran of supplying weapons to Yemen's Houthi rebels, who recently fired a missile at the Saudi capital. Rouhani said the missile attack was a reaction to what he called Saudi aggression.



JOHN KERRY

According to a newly revealed recording, former US Sec. of State John Kerry blames Israel for stalled peace talks with the Palestinians, saying that the majority of the Israeli cabinet opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Israel's *Channel 10* on Tuesday published a recording, purportedly made at a conference in Dubai during this past year, in which Kerry can be heard praising the Palestinian Authority (PA) for its commitment to nonviolence. The statement was made amid the wave of Palestinian stabbing, shooting and car-ramming terror attacks that began in the fall of 2015.

"The Palestinians have done an extraordinary job of remaining committed to nonviolence. And in fact, when the [knife] intifada took place they delivered nonviolence in the West Bank," Kerry said.



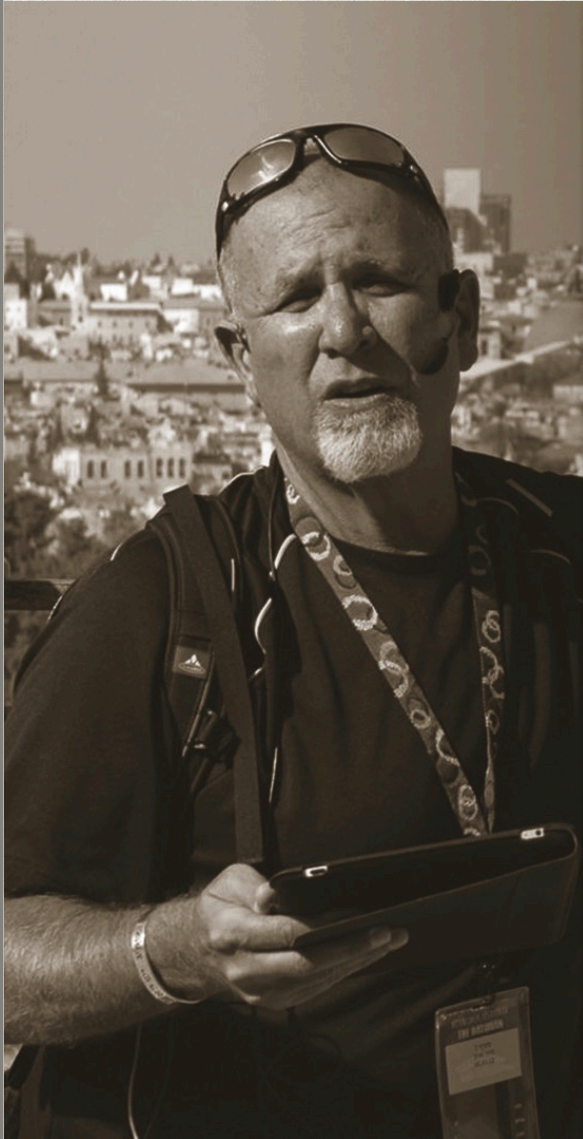
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