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# WEEKLY HEADLINES

As Israelis buried two victims of Palestinian terror Sunday, both in their 20s, another young man was killed in a stabbing attack in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Upcoming Land Day and Nakba Day protests set stage for violence engineered by Hamas from Gaza and abroad. As anniversaries loom, Palestinian 'lone wolf' attacks likely to gain traction

Egypt and Saudi Arabia are leaning heavily on Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to cooperate with American efforts to restart peace talks with Israel, several Arab media outlets reported over the weekend.

If you thought the Trump Administration was favorable towards Israel now, just wait to see what happens with Pompeo in charge of foreign policy.



# 2 SOLDIERS KILLED



A Hamas spokesman on Friday praised what the IDF called a car ramming attack in the West Bank. A Palestinian rammed and killed two soldiers and wounded two other soldiers, one severely, near the Mevo Dotan settlement in the northern West Bank on Friday afternoon.



US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman on Monday slammed the Palestinian Authority for not condemning a spate of deadly attacks that have killed two Israeli soldiers and a civilian in the past four days. "Tragedy in Israel," Friedman posted to his Twitter feed. "2 young soldiers, Netanel Kahalani and Ziv Daos, murdered in the north, and father of 4, Adiel Kolman, murdered in Jerusalem, by Palestinian terrorists. Such brutality and no condemnation from the PA! I pray for the families and the wounded - so much sadness."



# MORE TERRORISM



An Israeli security guard who was seriously wounded in a stabbing attack on Sunday afternoon near the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City, has succumbed to his wounds.



The victim, Adiel Kolman, was a 32-year-old father of four and a resident of Kokhav HaShahar, a small Jewish community located north of Jerusalem in the Binyamin region. According to friends of his, Kolman worked in archaeological digs in the ancient City of David.



# 14 NEW ORPHANS



It goes on and on because from dawn to dark, all the Palestinian Arabs think about is how to kill Israelis. 14 Israeli children have become orphans in just one month ....

In just one month in Israel, the same scene took place three times in three different locations: Har Bracha, Havat Gilad and Kochav Hachachar.

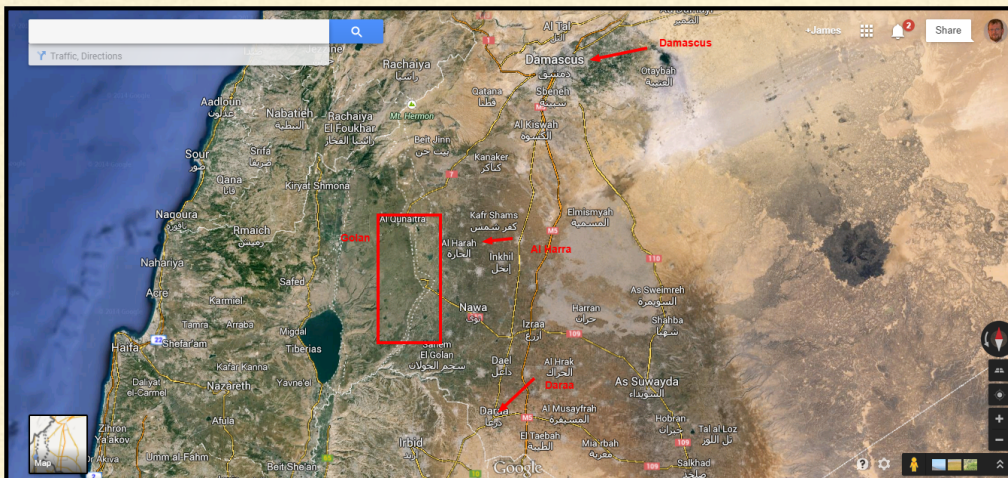
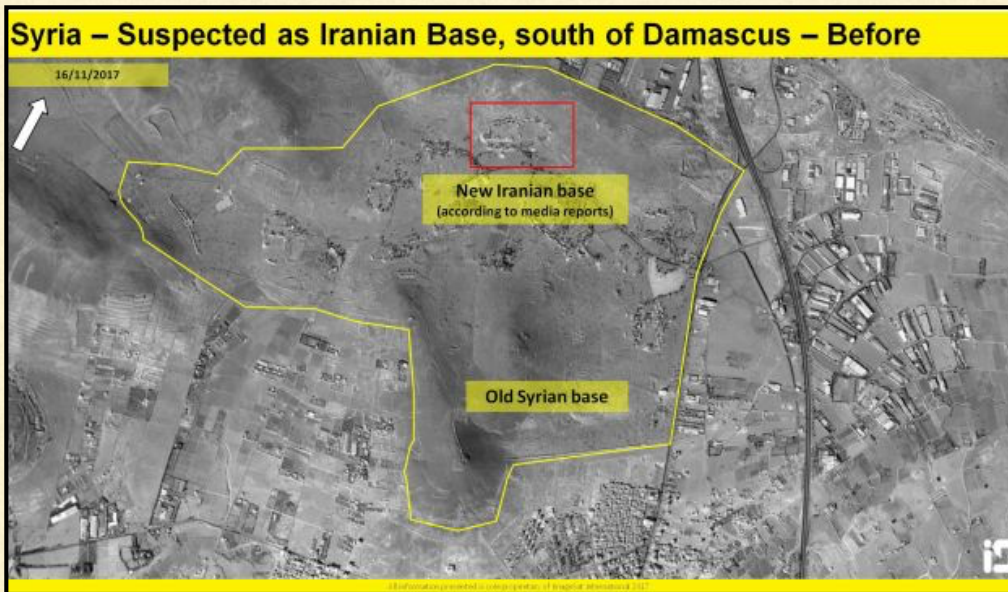
Hundreds of people crowded in a cemetery, sometimes an improvised one. The victims, all young Israelis, civilians, fathers, husbands. Killed by Palestinian Arab terrorists just because they were Jews. Families in agony.

Young wives and mothers in mourning, small communities devastated by the violent death shattering the sense of security.

No condemnation by Palestinian "peace partners".



# DRUMS OF WAR



**“Israel ponders a new war in the Middle East” by David Gardner:** “It is probable that, in the coming days, the Israelis will strike hard at what they describe as an Iranian base in Syria south-west of Damascus. Satellite images of the purported base were broadcast on Fox News at the end of last month. When the BBC reported on what a western intelligence source called an Iranian-backed Shia militia base near Damascus in November, Israel’s air force obliterated it within weeks. Some western officials believe a follow-up is imminent.”



# SON OF A BI\*\*CH



## **MEANWHILE IN RAMALLAH -- Mahmoud Abbas calls US ambassador ...**

"The US ambassador in Tel Aviv is a settler and a son of a dog," Abbas said in comments to Palestinian leaders in Ramallah on Monday... In response to Abbas, Friedman, who is Jewish, told a conference that Abbas's comments could have antisemitic connotations. "His response was to refer to me as 'son of a dog'. Is that antisemitism or political discourse? I leave that up to you," he said."

In all likelihood, Ambassador Friedman's public clash with PA leader Mahmoud Abbas, and his cursing Friedman as the "son of a ???" is likely to shelve the peace plan for the foreseeable future.





# LINDSEY GRAHAM



Senator Graham told Fox News that he is scheduled to meet with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis this week to discuss his concerns about Iran's growing control over Syria and the threat to Israel in southern Lebanon.



Graham said, "I will meet with General Mattis and tell him that seven senators – four Democrats and three Republicans – believe that Israel is in a no-win situation. The United Nations has failed miserably to protect Israel's border regarding Lebanon and southern Lebanon. And it's just a matter of time until Israel has to use military force. And the message is: You need to come up with a policy not just to destroy ISIL but to counter Iran."



# NEW ANTI-SEMITISM

Foreword by **ELIE WIESEL**

## NEVER AGAIN?

The **THREAT** of the **NEW ANTI-SEMITISM**

**Abraham H. Foxman**

This “old” antisemitism, however, has been superseded. “The new antisemitism worries me a bit more,” Friedman said. “It is the irrational, deceitful, and insidious vilification of Israel and its supporters under the guise of political commentary. It is just a cleverly repackaged form of hatred against the Jewish people.”

Friedman also asserted that this new antisemitism is acceptable in polite society in a way the old antisemitism is not. “There are places in Manhattan—where I worked for 35 years—where if you attended a cocktail party and said ‘I hate Jews,’ then you would be politely escorted to the door,” he stated. “But if you said, ‘Isn’t it a shame that after Jews survived the Holocaust, they turned into Nazis themselves against the Palestinians,’ if you said that, you might be offered another drink and invited to hold court on your interesting point of view.”



# POLISH CENSORSHIP



Kiryat Bialik Mayor Eli Dukorsky, who is heading the Israeli delegation and who is the son of a Holocaust survivor, was meant to deliver his speech on Monday along with the mayor of Radomsko, Kiryat Bialik's Polish twin city. However, before Dukorsky could deliver his address, the Radomsko municipality asked to go over his speech in light of a new law criminalizing the mention of complicity by the Polish state or nation in the Holocaust. After authorities reviewed the planned speech, they requested that Dukorsky either omit parts of it that dealt with Poles who turned Jews in to the Nazi occupiers, or blame Ukrainians instead.



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A bitter dispute between Jerusalem and Warsaw over a controversial Holocaust law reached new heights on Monday, as an Israeli mayor was forced to cancel a speech he was planning to deliver to Israeli high school students on a trip to Poland after local authorities censored his prepared remarks.



# MORE ON THE POLES



- 90% of Jews in Poland as of 1939 were murdered by 1945. Ten per cent of the Poles suffered the same fate - FACTS!
- Today, the elected Polish leadership is intent on revising the "narrative" of WWII by making it illegal to attribute any aspects of the Holocaust to Polish complicity. To do so exposes one to three years' imprisonment. The unofficial line is - that if Poles collaborated, then it is because the Germans forced them to do so.



# ANNE FRANK



BDS Supporters at Top South African University Manipulate Image of Anne Frank, Vandalize Campus With Anti-Israel Graffiti



# IDES OF MAY



**Aaron David Miller [tweets](#):** "The Ides of May: Trump withdraws from Iran deal; personally opens the US Embassy in Jerusalem en route to his historic summit with Kim Jong Un; and on way back announces his ultimate deal -- Israel says yes, but; Palestinian say no way; take the hit; and they all live happily ever after."



# SYRIAN WAR



Did YOU KNOW?

500,000 Syrians have been killed in Assad's war, while five million have fled the country and over six million have been internally displaced by the fighting. The Holocaust Museum has warned that - with several cities filled with starving civilians under siege by the Assad government, aided by the Russia and Iran - the worst may still be yet to come.



# GAG RESCENDED



Israel has admitted it was behind an airstrike that destroyed a Syrian nuclear reactor, ending a decade of silence over the attack in September 2007. Military censors lifted a 10-year order of secrecy on the mission, Reuters reported, revealing that Israeli F-15 and F-16 warplanes targeted the al-Kubar facility near the city of Deir Ezzor in the east of the country.



It said the reactor was “an emerging existential threat to Israel and the entire region.” The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) also released newly declassified video footage of the attack—known as Operation Orchard—as well as photographs and intelligence documents detailing the bombing and the planning of the mission, which used almost 20 tons of munitions.

Israel claimed that the reactor was being built with the help of North Korea and was only months away from activation. It kept the strikes a secret to avoid Syrian retaliation and possible escalation into a regional war.





# WEEKLY QUOTE



**Better to fight for something  
than to live for nothing.**

**- George S. Patton**

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# UPCOMING TOURS

EXPERIENCING ISRAEL - APRIL 22-MAY 1  
OFF THE BEATEN PATH - OCTOBER 9-18

