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October 14-24, 2018

Points of interest for this tour include:

Independence Hall, Mount Hermon,
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Shechem, Mt. Gerizim, Mt. Ebal,
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WEEKLY HEADLINES

Some 50 percent of air-defense batteries belonging to the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad have been destroyed after they fired on Israel Air Force jets in recent months during multiple operations.

Assad denies presence of Iranian forces in Syria, but acknowledges advisers. Dictator says upgrading air defenses 'with Russian help' is the only way to deter Israel.

The **Golan Heights** are indeed the highest location in the State of Israel. The most northern part of the Israeli Golan Heights is the Hermon mountain range. Will President Trump make another clear pro-Israel move and recognize Israeli sovereignty of the Golan Heights?

At least 93 of the 112 Palestinians killed during Gaza border riots over the past nine weeks were either members of, or affiliated with, terror organizations.



GAZA ROCKETS



Gaza tensions grew as Palestinians over 100 rockets at southern Israeli towns this week, including one which landed next to a kindergarten (no children were present). More mortars were fired over the course of the day; the IDF retaliated with air strikes on dozens of Hamas and Islamic Jihad targets. As this roundup was published, seven Israelis were reported injured.

Speaking at a conference in northern Israel at midday on Tuesday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel held Hamas responsible for the mortar attacks and that the military would respond "forcefully."



KINDERGARTEN HIT



This morning, there was almost a huge disaster. Gaza terrorist shot over 30 rockets into Israeli communities in the Gaza border. One rocket had a direct hit in the play area right outside an Israeli kindergarten. Thanks God, the kids had not yet arrived, so the building and yard were empty.



However, the trauma that these Gaza rocket attacks cause last a lifetime. Indiscriminate rocket attacks do cause severe emotional damage.



GAZA CEASEFIRE



Israel says Hamas "begged" for cease-fire to end latest conflagration after Israeli aircraft bombed Gaza with unexpected intensity.

Outcome suggests Hamas was dragged into fighting by Islamic Jihad, fearing it would be cast as collaborating with Israel.

"There is no cease-fire agreement with Hamas or Islamic Jihad," one Israeli official said, however. "Israel is not bound by anything; if a new tunnel is discovered, it will be destroyed and if terrorists approach the fence they will be killed."



IRANIAN ROCKETS



Israelis living in close proximity to Gaza were forced to remain within 15 seconds of a bomb shelter throughout Tuesday as Islamist terrorists based in the Hamas-controlled Strip continued to shoot dozens of rockets and mortar shells at Jewish communities in the south.

The IDF has revealed the projectiles fired at Israel in the afternoon were made in Iran.

“The Palestinian Islamic Jihad is a terrorist organization rooted in Iranian ideology,” the IDF spokesperson said in a statement. “Today, they used Iranian-made weapons.”



TERROR TUNNEL



A Hamas terror tunnel that penetrated deep into Israeli territory and ran under the Kerem Shalom crossing - the only land goods crossing between Israel and Gaza was completely destroyed.

The tunnel, described by as the IDF as "unique," stretched some 900 meters (2,950 feet) underground, breaching Egyptian territory before winding back into Israel. The IDF said it was detected while still in its "mining phase," suggesting it had yet to become operational.



This is the second tunnel to compromise the Kerem Shalom crossing and the 10th terror tunnel the military has destroyed since October 2017.

IDF Spokesperson confirmed the tunnel was destroyed, saying it was "a dual-purpose tunnel meant for both terrorist activity and smuggling."



GAZA DRONES



Several days ago, during the night a small drone laden with explosives crossed into Israel from the Gaza Strip. The IDF believes the drone was designed to detonate upon crashing and cause mass casualties, but the mechanism apparently malfunctioned. The fact that a drone loaded with explosives managed to cross Israeli territory, however, proves Gaza's terrorist organizations have made significant technological progress.

Earlier Sunday, IDF Spokesman Brig. Gen. Ronen Manelis responded to recent threats issued by the Islamic Jihad, warning that the terrorist organization was "playing with fire" and "putting itself in danger."



THE UN RESPONSE



Kuwait blocked an initiative to condemn the attack against Israel initiated by Hamas and Islamic Jihad and proposed its own instead calling for “measures” to protect civilian Palestinians.

At the urging of the United States, the UN’s Security Council held an emergency meeting Wednesday afternoon to discuss the rocket and mortar barrage sent into Israel by Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists Tuesday that injured seven Israelis, one moderately.



However, a unanimous consensus could not be reached on the Americans’ draft resolution condemning the indiscriminate attacks.



RUSSIA: IRAN, SYRIA



According to Israeli media reports, Israel and Russia reached a secret agreement to keep Iranian forces away from the Israeli-Syrian border:

Under the apparent agreement, Israel will accept the return of Syrian regime soldiers to the border on the Golan Heights, in exchange for Russia guaranteeing there are no Iranian or Hezbollah forces in the area, Hadashot TV news reported.

Russia will also call on all foreign troops to leave Syria, including not only Iran and the Lebanese terror group, Hezbollah, but also the United States and Turkey, the report said . . .

However, [Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov's] statement suggested Russia was ready to allow Iran to maintain a foothold in other parts of the country.



WEEKLY QUOTE

"If you are not a better person tomorrow than you are today, what need have you for a tomorrow?"

- Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

