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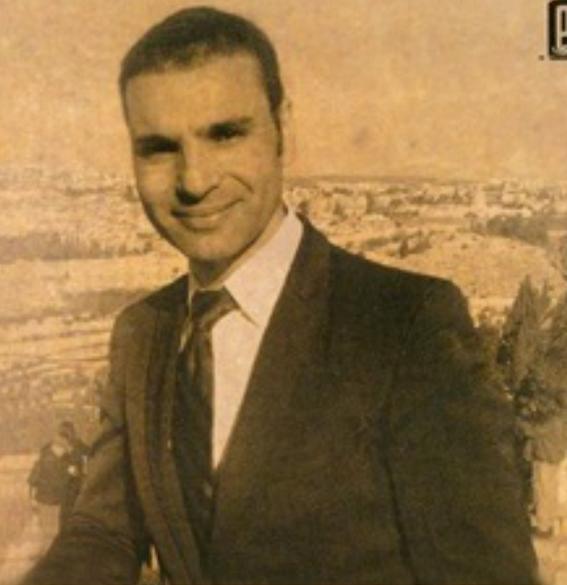
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Guest Speaker:

Amir Tsarfati

Tuesday, September 25
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WEEKLY HEADLINES

- * Senior White House adviser Jared Kushner appealed directly to the Palestinian people, urging them to not let their “scared” leadership reject the Trump administration peace plan, which the Palestinian Authority has yet to see.
- * Education Minister Naftali Bennett expressed cautious pessimism about the new US peace plan, stating that Israel “will study the peace plan out of respect for the US.”
- * Shin Bet uncovers massive terror cell in Nablus and stops major attacks. They prevented what could have been catastrophic for Israel. This goes on every day and every night in Israel.
- * i24 News reports that the US has quietly frozen aid to the Palestinian Authority. This comes in the wake of last month’s Taylor Force Act, which is intended to pressure the PA to end its stipends for terrorists and their families.
- * Polish lawmakers passed changes to a controversial Holocaust speech law on Wednesday, removing criminal provisions for attributing Nazi crimes to Poland.



WAR BREWING



According to an assessment by Israeli defense officials, the Hamas terror group in Gaza appears willing to ramp up armed conflict with Israel, reported *Haaretz* on Monday.

Cooperation from Palestinian Islamic Jihad has emerged as a new tool in Hamas' arsenal, with the two terror organizations sharing responsibility for rocket attacks on Israeli civilian targets. For the time being, it appears that the Islamist groups are willing to work together, at least for the purpose of preparing to battle Israel.



With hopes of marshaling support to rehabilitate the Gaza Strip, Hamas sees an intensified confrontation with Israel as an avenue to address Palestinian humanitarian issues in the coastal enclave.



OLD GOLAN UN



Forces loyal to the regime of Syrian strongman Bashar Assad took control of an abandoned UN post in the no-man's land between the Israeli and Syrian areas of the Golan Heights, Israel's Kan public broadcaster reported on Sunday. The post, abandoned by United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) troops on the Golan, is meant to be free of both Israeli and Syrian troops, according to the cessation of hostilities agreement between the two countries that followed the 1973 Yom Kippur War.



The IDF said in a statement that it was "aware of what is taking place, and views [the takeover of the site and] the infrastructure work at the post as a serious and flagrant violation of the separation-of-forces agreement." The IDF statement suggested Israel might act to remove the forces from the post by



MORE GAZA ROCKETS



Israelis living in proximity to the Gaza Strip spent another sleepless night in bomb shelters when at least 12 rockets were fired early Wednesday morning at the city of Sderot, the Sha'ar HaNegev, Hof Ashkelon, Sha'ar HaNegev and Eshkol Regional Councils. The attacks occurred between approximately 1:45 a.m. and 4 a.m. There were no injuries or damage reported. The IDF's Iron Dome Aerial Defense System intercepted three explosive projectiles.

The IDF announced that Israelis were free to resume their regular routines, despite the violent night. "The Hamas terrorist organization will bear the cost of terrorism and instability," the IDF spokesperson said in a statement.

Palestinian attackers have terrorized Israelis with stabbings, shootings, bombings and car-rammings throughout Israel, with no end in sight.



YOUNG EVANGELICALS



WHY
IS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL
WANING AMONG
YOUNGER EVANGELICALS?

As comforting as it might be to latch onto this view, the sad fact is that there are already some very troubling signs that the younger generation of US Evangelicals may not share the same level of enthusiasm for Israel, as do many of their elders.

Indeed, the findings of a study released six months ago by the Nashville-based LifeWay Research bear this out. The survey, which was conducted among 2,002 respondents, found that while 76% of Evangelicals over 65 have a positive view of Israel, that number drops to 58% among those ages 18 to 34.

In addition, a whopping 41% of younger Evangelicals said they do not have strong views regarding Israel.



DEATH TO PALESTINE

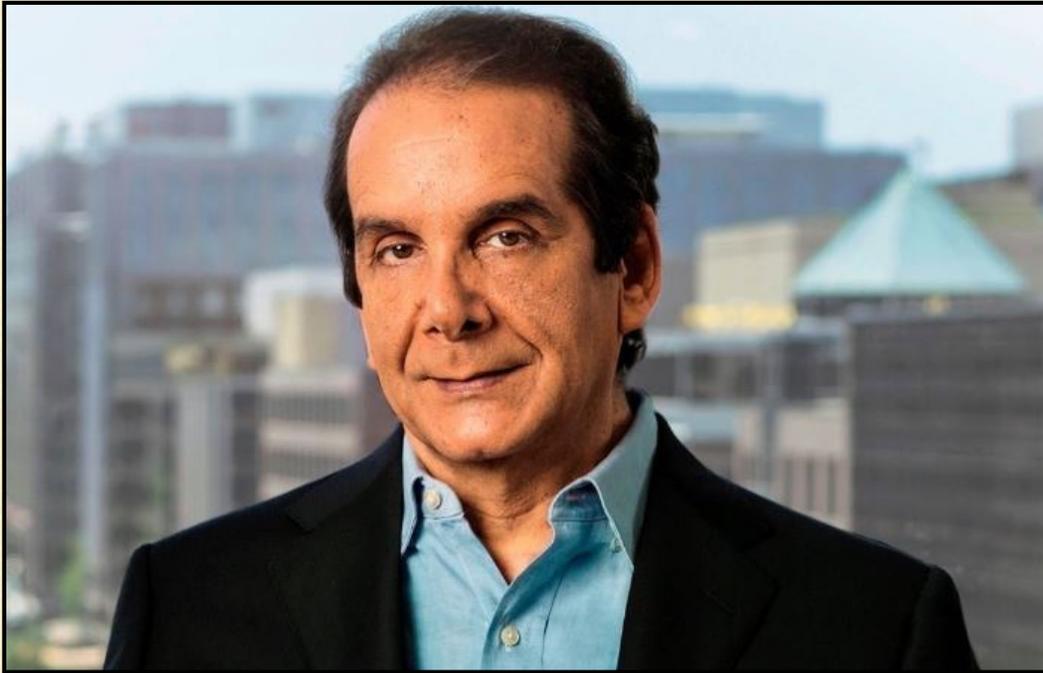


The Iranians are fed up with their horrible economic situation. The Iranian regime did not use the \$150 billion that Obama gave them to help their people or their economy. The Islamic regime of Iran gave that money to Hamas and Hezbollah and other terror efforts around the Middle East. If these protests continue and the Iranian regime falls, the terror groups in the name of "palestine" can say goodbye to all the Iranian funding that they receive.

The Iranian regime is facing a deep, prolonged crisis. The economy is very bad and people are protesting in the streets.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER



I knew I'd always be a Jew, and I'd always be an outsider.

Israel is the very embodiment of Jewish continuity: It is the only nation on earth that inhabits the same land, bears the same name, speaks the same language, and worships the same God that it did 3,000 years ago. You dig the soil and you find pottery from Davidic times, coins from Bar Kokhba, and 2,000-year-old scrolls written in a script remarkably like the one that today advertises ice cream at the corner candy store.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Water Offer Brings Positive Iranian Response

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's video offer of Israeli water technology-sharing with Iran drew 5 million views in its first five days online. Nearly 100,000 Iranians joined Israel's Farsi-language Telegram account within 24 hours. A comment said: **"We wish them death, they bless us with life."**

