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Guest Speaker:

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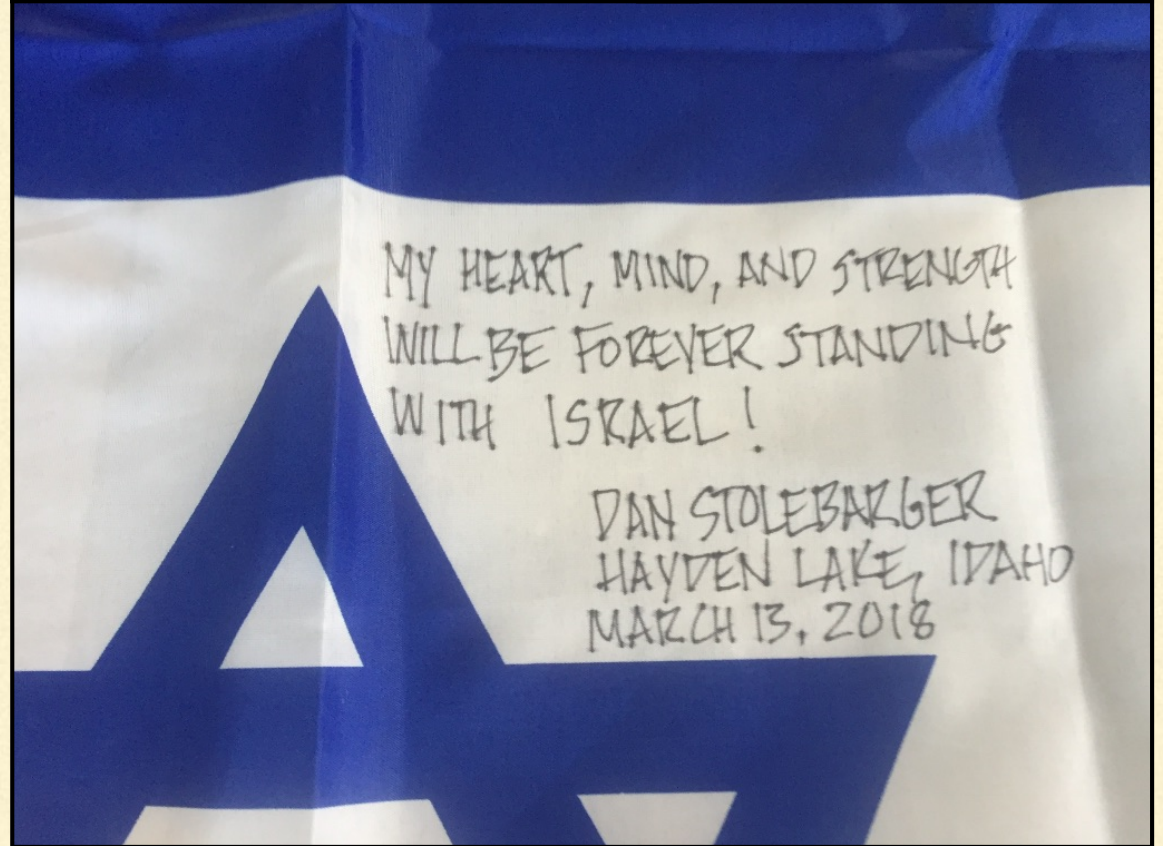
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DAN IN ISRAEL

About six months ago Sharon and I got the idea of bringing our oldest grandson to Israel. Looking back I now know that this was not just our idea but God's invitation to Jackson to come see, come hear, and come experience the Land of Israel.

Over the past few years our lives have been far from smooth and kept us from becoming a traditional Holy Land Tour Company. We have discovered the joy of bringing hosting a variety of types of tours ranging from the foundational first timers tour that we call Revealing Israel to Hiking Experiences, Extended family tours, we have also done tours for schools and businesses as well as our yearly work project tour that we call Talmidim. In the Fall of 2019, we will also be resurrecting an old idea for a tour that we call our Issachar Tour which will be geared more towards experiencing the Israel of today. But now after this experience with Jack I see this idea becoming another type of tour we offer. So keep an eye out because our grandkids (and kids) need to experience this Land for themselves and not let the biased social media shape their opinions!



Shalom - Dan Stolebarger
Founder of HGE and KFIR



WEEKLY HEADLINES

Trump vows 'no concessions' with Turkey over detained US pastor
American president says will not accept any demands from Turkey to release detained American pastor as he thought he had a deal with Ankara when he helped persuade Israel to free a detained Turkish citizen • Turkey is making a "terrible mistake," he says.

U.S. President Donald Trump plans to introduce his Middle East peace plan, dubbed the "deal of the century," during the U.N. General Assembly meeting in New York next month, the Palestinian daily *Al-Quds* reported on Monday.

The 73rd General Assembly session will be held from Sept. 18 to Oct. 5, and will feature speeches from prominent world leaders, including Trump, who is set to address the assembly on Sept. 25.

SodaStream CEO Daniel Birnbaum, who [sealed a \\$3.2 billion agreement with beverage giant PepsiCo](#) on Monday, hailed the deal as a [victory over the anti-Semitic Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions \(BDS\) campaign](#), which advocates for the destruction of the Jewish State, *The Times of Israel* reported.



RIGHT OF RETURN



The Trump Administration will announce in the next few days that it rejects the long-standing Palestinian demand for a “right of return” for million of refugees and their descendants to Israel, an Israeli television report said Saturday night. The US will announce a policy that, “from its point of view, essentially cancels the ‘right of return,’” the report said.



The “right of return” is one of the key core issues of dispute in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Palestinians claim that five million people – tens of thousands of original refugees from what is today’s Israel, and their millions of descendants – have a “right of return.” Israel rejects the demand, saying that it represents a bid by the Palestinians to destroy Israel by weight of numbers. Israel’s population is almost nine million, some three-quarters of whom are Jewish. An influx of millions would mean Israel could no longer be a Jewish-majority state



JERUSALEM



Former Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat also rejected Trump's comments, as long as Jerusalem remains off the negotiating table, there would be no chance for peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

"When someone says to me that Jerusalem is off the table, it's as if they were telling me that my lungs are being removed from my body, but that I will continue to live a good life," said Erekat.



Al-Tamimi reiterated Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas' absolute rejection of the American administration's yet-to-be-submitted peace plan, the so-called "deal of the century," stating that "absolutely no Palestinian would accept it."



CEASEFIRE



Any cease-fire deal with Hamas must include the return of the two Israeli captives and the bodies of two Israeli soldiers held by the terrorist group ruling the Gaza Strip, Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said Tuesday.

Lieberman, who spoke with reporters after observing a military drill in the Golan Heights, said that since the Egyptian-brokered cease-fire efforts have gone into high gear, "there has been a dramatic decrease in security incidents on the border."



ISRAEL GUN CONTROL



Israel eases gun controls following lone-wolf attacks: "Israel has changed its gun regulations to enable hundreds of thousands more civilians to apply for licenses, a move authorities say will increase security but others argue will stoke violence..."

A source in the public security ministry, however, estimated that only 35,000 people will be interested in applying for gun licences under the new regulations." [[YahooNews](#)]



UN – GOLAN



Ever since the withdrawal, UNDOF troops have largely been stationed on the Israeli side of the Golan Heights border, where they report to the U.N. on the movement of IDF forces. One small UNDOF stronghold stayed in territory that remained under Syrian President Bashar Assad's control.



With Assad's forces having regained control of the Syrian Golan Heights, Israel wants UNDOF to return to the Syrian side of the border. To this end, Israel has asked the United Nations to increase the number of troops in the region from 1,000 to between 1,200 and 1,300.



AMERICANS – BIBI



AMERICANS' VIEW OF BIBI – 17% of Democrats, compared to 64% of Republicans, have a favorable view of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: "Americans' views of several of the leaders measured are highly partisan. Republicans are far more likely than Democrats to feel positively about Netanyahu, reflecting their greater support for Israel and perhaps Trump's own close relationship with the Israeli leader... Netanyahu's current 37% favorable rating is similar to Gallup's last several measurements, taken between 1999 and 2015."



ENVIRONMENTAL



Hamas has been engaging in a new type of terrorism: environmental terrorism. They have destroyed Israeli land. Thousands and thousands of acres of land and food are completely burned by fires. The destruction is devastating and terrifying. It's heartbreaking to see what was lost and hear what Israelis have to say. Does the world care?

