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- This is an “limited” exclusive Tour led by Dan Stolebarger from HGE.
 - We will be hiking the Snake Path at Masada, all the way to the top of En Gedi, down to the ancient synagogue at Gamla as well as a three and one half trek from Nazareth to Capernahum along the Jesus Trail.
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WEEKLY HEADLINES

WHILE WE WERE AWAY... Russia delivered the S-300 system over the weekend, despite Israel's objections... UNRWA evacuated 10 of its international senior employees from Gaza to Israel after they were harassed by local Palestinian staffers over U.S. cuts...

"We cannot allow the world's leading sponsor of terrorism to possess the planet's most dangerous weapons. We cannot allow a regime that chants 'Death to America' and that threatens Israel with annihilation to possess the means to deliver a nuclear warhead to any city on Earth." **Donald Trump.**

Malaysia's Mahathir calls Jews 'hook-nosed': "Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad described Jews as "hook-nosed" on Tuesday and blamed them for creating the troubles in the Middle East..."



RUSSIA / ISRAEL



Russia will arm Syria with S-300 air defense systems and start jamming navigation in the E. Mediterranean. This the first time a major world power has declared electronic war against any country. Moscow rejected Israel's version of the Ilyushin crash with 15 Russian servicemen aboard as untruthful.



Netanyahu says Russian supply of S-300 missiles to Syria 'irresponsible'. **'If someone shoots at our planes, we will destroy them,'** PM warns, but also stresses Jerusalem and Moscow are committed to avoiding clashes in 'very crowded' skies over Syria



GAZA UPDATE



Amid mounting tensions along the Israel-Gaza border in recent weeks, **the IDF chief of staff announced on Thursday that the Israeli military would be reinforcing troops in the border area in anticipation of further escalation.**



In a statement Thursday following a security assessment attended by IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gadi Eizenkot, the IDF Spokesperson's Unit said that it was decided to "widely deploy forces in the southern sector in the coming days and forge ahead with our steadfast policy of preventing terrorist activity and infiltration into Israeli territory along the security fence in the [Gaza] Strip."



SYRIA AND THE GOLAN



Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem recently addressed the UN General Assembly, accusing Israel of supporting terrorism while warning that his country intends to “liberate” the Golan Heights from Israel.

“Israel supported terrorist organizations in southern Syria and intervened to protect them,” Muallem said. “Just as we liberated southern Syria from terrorists, we are determined to restore the Golan Heights to the borders set in 1967.”



THE SIMPLE TRUTH



The condition is not the fate of refugees, the division of Jerusalem, the return to the Green Line, or any of the other oft-cited areas of contention. They can in fact accept something less than full independence and they can agree to any other compromise that may come with the Trump administration proposal, on condition that their close friends, the Israelis, will also be coming along and joining the confederation party. In short, there does not need to be an independent Palestinian state, a capital in East Jerusalem or an arrangement for Palestinian refugees, **as long as there will no longer be an independent entity called the State of Israel.**

Baruch Stein



JERUSALEM, ISRAEL



The Trump administration may be withholding recognition of Israel's capital on passports for the time being because of its much-anticipated Mideast peace plan.

Despite the United States recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital in December and relocating its embassy from Tel Aviv in May, Americans born in Jerusalem are still unable to list "Jerusalem, Israel" on US. passports.



"The president has made clear that the specific boundaries of Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem remain subject to final-status negotiations between the [Israelis and the Palestinians], "We have not changed our practice regarding place of birth on passports or Consular Reports of Birth Abroad at this time."

By: Jackson Richman, JNS.org



TRUMP PEACE PLAN



- **Ambassador David Friedman in an interview with [Arutz 7](#):** "What I've said before and will continue to say is that there is no specific concession that we have asked or will ask from Israel because the embassy moved. It's just that, having done it, having moved the embassy, we're expecting Israel will trust us, recognize that we have their best interests at heart, and engage in negotiations in good faith. It's not more complicated than that."



THINGS TO PONDER



- This is the logic of Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinians: Israel defining itself as a Jewish state is an act of "racism" and "apartheid," while, as a matter of course, the future Palestinian state will be an Islamic state governed by Sharia law, and that, presumably, is not an act of "racism" or "apartheid."
- Before condemning Israel for seeking to preserve its character as a Jewish state, the world needs to explain why it is all right for the Palestinians to plan that their future state will be ruled by Islamic law.



QUOTABLE – SELAH

“Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.” - **Albert Einstein**

The Bible teaches us not to go around spreading slander. Or bearing false witness. It would be good if we heeded these lessons. Otherwise it may soon be we who are prosecuted, and our character maligned. **David C. Stolinsky**

