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# DAN'S MUSINGS



## Chag Pesah Sameach! Happy Resurrection Day!

I pray that this week will be one in which you have the op to do some deep soul-searching! I watched a video that although was directed to a Jewish audience, I found the message to be very applicable for Christians. Take a look!

<https://www.aish.com/h/pes/mm/Beginning-the-Journey-to-Mount-Sinai.html?s=mm>





# NEWS BITES

- \* An Israeli airstrike on a military position in central Syria early Saturday. According to a report by the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights in Arabic, Iranian “elements” and pro-Iranian militants were killed in the alleged attack, and 17 people were injured.
- \* A cloud of rumors began swirling in Israel Sunday night over the possibility that the remains of Israeli spy Eli Cohen could be returning home. Rumors that Russia removed the body of Israel’s most famous spy cannot yet be substantiated. Israeli officials are neither confirming nor denying.
- \* Trump peace plan to be unveiled after Ramadan in early June, Kushner says
- \* Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) said that cutting U.S. aid to Israel should be considered as a means to signal American disapproval of Israeli policies.





# ISRAEL BOMBS



According to Western intelligence services, Israel's airstrike on the Scientific Studies and Research Center in the Syrian town of Masyaf, Saturday, may have killed more than just Iranian and Syrian military officers. Debkafile – an English language Israeli military intelligence website – claimed that missile scientists from both Belarus and North Korea were employed in different departments in the large industrial complex. Those same Western sources note that Israel has attacked the complex before, however, the scale of this raid was massive in comparison.





# TRUMP DEAL



Israeli news outlets were abuzz on Monday with news of a Sunday evening report in *The Washington Post* that the Trump administration's Mideast peace plan drops the idea of a Palestinian State.

If true, it would explain last Friday's remarks by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's election pledge to annex Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria wouldn't hurt the prospects for 'deal of the century'.



According to the *Post*, the plan, which will be released in the spring or early summer, will offer "practical improvements" for Palestinians but "is likely to stop short of ensuring a separate, fully sovereign Palestinian state," sources say.





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The final batch of polls conducted last week widened its lead over Prime Minister's Office polls, unanimously indicating that the opposition would win the government.

Friday is by law the last day of the election campaign. Tuesday morning.





# ABBAS – TRUMP PLAN



As Israel, the PA and the international community await the publication of the American peace plan, it is clear, based on PA leader Mahmoud Abbas' behavior in previous peace talks, that nothing the United States can offer will be enough for the PA leader.



PLO chief negotiator Saeb Erekat who was present at the negotiations between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Abbas in 2008, recently told PA TV how generous Olmert's offer was on all final status issues. In fact, Olmert literally accepted all of the PA's publicly expressed demands, and even offered Abbas more than the full area of the West Bank and Gaza, and yet Abbas still rejected the offer.



Never forget this important FACT ... it's not the size of Israel that matters, it is the existence of Israel!





# PUTIN AND ABBAS



Palestinian Foreign Minister Maliki says the PA is prepared to hold an Abbas-Netanyahu summit, but only if Russia hosts the meeting. "We have reiterated our readiness and our willingness to President [Vladimir] Putin that any time that he believes there is readiness on the Israeli side we will be more than ready to come and sit and have talks with Netanyahu in the presence of President Putin," Maliki said.



"We are ready to talk with Israelis without any conditions," he added, "as long as the invitation comes from President Putin, as long as President Putin is the host, the one who will create the best conditions for a meeting to take place and for a meeting to be successful."





# HITLER AND SOCIAL MEDIA



## **SIMON WIESENTHAL DINNER SCENE – Disney Chief Bob Iger Calls for Civil Discourse, Warns 'Hitler Would Have Loved Social Media' – by Scott**

**Feinberg:** "'We are losing ground,' warned Disney chief Bob Iger in a fiery speech about the collapse of civility in America as he accepted the 2019 Humanitarian Award at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's annual National Tribute Dinner. 'Hate and anger are dragging us towards the abyss once again, and apathy is growing... consuming our public discourse and shaping our country into something that is wholly unrecognizable,' he told a ballroom full of Hollywood's most powerful players."





# ISRAELI MILLENNIALS



## COUNTERCULTURAL – Israeli Millennials, Tilting Right, Helped Elect Netanyahu – by Felicia Schwartz and Dov Lieber:

"Born close to or after the 1993 Oslo peace accords between the Israelis and Palestinians, and coming of age during a wave of violence known as the second Palestinian intifada, Israel's millennials take a harder line on security and peace than older generations. 'The hope or yearning for peace is foreign to them,' said Yohanan Plesner, president of the Israel Democracy Institute, a think tank in Jerusalem. Mr. Netanyahu saw youth voters as a key bloc of support, said his pollster, John McLaughlin." **[WSJ]**

The pulse of the voters: "While American millennials have a reputation for liberal politics, young Israeli Jews have gone the opposite direction over time."





# HOLOCAUST



A survey conducted by Schoen Consulting in Canada for the Azrieli Foundation and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, also known as the Claims Conference revealed some disturbing data about Holocaust awareness.

- 75 years after the end of World War II, 54 percent of those surveyed did not know that six million Jews were killed during the Holocaust.
- 62% of millennials, people born in the 1980s and '90s, did not know that six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust.
- 22% of millennials haven't heard or are not sure if they have heard of the Holocaust.
- An alarming 52% of millennials cannot name even one of the over 40,000 concentration camps and ghettos in Europe during the Holocaust.

Nearly half (48 percent) say something like the Holocaust could happen in other Western democracies today.



# WAR IN THE GALILEE



The new commander of the IDF's Ground Forces said Thursday the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah was still planning to carry out a surprise invasion of northern Israel, despite the recent Israeli operation to uncover and destroy an extensive network of cross-border attack tunnels dug by the Iran-backed militia.

Maj. Gen. Yoel Strick was tapped to lead the military's Ground Forces in February, amid increased criticism charging that Israeli troops were not prepared for war. His comments came less than four months months after the IDF concluded its anti-tunnel operation along the Lebanese border.



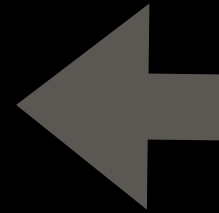
"Hezbollah still has plans to invade the Galilee," he told the Ynet news site in an interview, referring to entering Israeli territory through a cross-border tunnel network. "Of course we won't allow that to happen, we will thwart these plans."



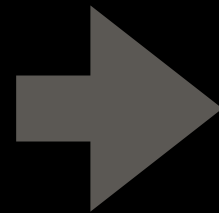




**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**This is  
the  
new  
US Map**





# QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Today, I do not see the possibility of being able to settle the conflict without defeating the regimes and terrorist organizations that still hold the idea of destroying Israel. You cannot defeat them by withdrawal and by disengagement" - **former chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. (res.) Moshe Ya'alon** said it many years ago





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If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our KFIR Global Community, please send them to our website to get signed up. We have had great growth this year but believe God wants to continue growing this Group that seeks to be devoted to the WORD, to PRAYER and to be like the sons of ISSACHAR, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do!

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