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# DAN'S MUSINGS



In 1995, Congress passed the Jerusalem Embassy Act, which ordered the embassy relocated from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. It was approved by overwhelming bipartisan majorities in both the House (374-37) and the Senate (93-5). And in every subsequent election, every presidential candidate, whether Republican or Democratic, pledged to honor this directive.

Yet despite this consensus, it still took more than 20 years for the move to happen. Successive presidents, both Republican and Democratic, proved reluctant to defy international opposition. Consequently, they exercised a provision of the law allowing the move to be postponed due to national security considerations. These presidential waivers were renewed every six months for more than two decades.





# NEWS BITES

- \* The latest study of American campuses shows that nearly 40 percent of the colleges surveyed did not have even one professor on their faculty who identified as Republican - confirming that liberal indoctrination in classroom politics is no myth.
- \* Amid a wave of hot and dry weather, nine fires were caused in southern Israel on Wednesday by incendiary devices launched by terrorists in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip.
- \* Mike Pompeo, The Secretary of State promised that President Donald Trump's "deal of the century" would be unveiled this summer.
- \* Trump warns if Tehran attacks, it will be 'official end of Iran'. Amid soaring Gulf tensions, US president issues stern warning to Islamic Republic: 'Never threaten the United States again'

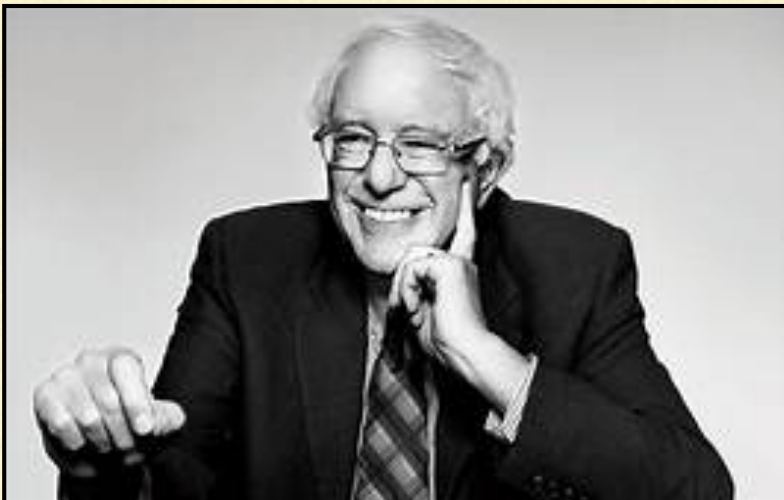


# FEEL THE BERN



In an interview on *NBC News Meet the Press*, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), a leading candidate for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination, was asked if he would move the US embassy out of Jerusalem. He hesitated and stumbled but eventually answered in the affirmative that he would move the embassy in order to “bring people together and try to bring peace.” Last month, Sanders called the current administration of Israel headed by Benjamin Netanyahu a “racist government.”

Sanders was born to Jewish parents and volunteered for several months on the Israeli kibbutz Sha’ar HaAmakim when a young man.





# SYRIA CHEMICAL ATTACK



"Unfortunately, we continue to see signs that the Assad regime may be renewing its use of chemical weapons, including an alleged chlorine attack in northwest Syria, the last rebel stronghold, on the morning of May 19," State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus said in a statement on Tuesday.



"We are still gathering information on this incident, but we repeat our warning that if the Assad regime uses chemical weapons, the United States and our allies will respond quickly and appropriately," she said.





# IRAN – US – ISRAEL



Tensions between Tehran, Washington reach new high. Iran's youth will witness the demise of Israel and American civilization, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said in comments published on his official website.



This comes against the background of increasing US-Iran tensions as the Pentagon will reportedly present plans to the White House to send up to 10,000 more troops to the Middle East, in a move to beef up defenses against potential Iranian threats.



"The way (the nuclear deal) was put into action, I didn't have much faith [in it]," Khamenei. Two weeks ago, Iran notified the remaining signatories to the deal - China, France, Germany, Russia and the United Kingdom - that it would halt some commitments under the nuclear deal, a year after the United States unilaterally withdrew from the accord.





# CEASEFIRE ???



Israel and Hamas have reached an agreement for a six-month ceasefire... According to the report, the agreement includes a Hamas obligation to halt violent incidents along the border fence, maintaining a buffer zone 300 meters from the border; an end to the launching of incendiary balloons at Israeli communities and nighttime clashes between Gazans and security forces; and a stop to flotillas trying to break through the maritime border between Gaza and Israel.

In return, Israel will once again allow fishing at up to 15 nautical miles off Gaza's coast, enable United Nations cash-for-work programs, allow medicine and other civil aid to enter the Strip and and open negotiations on matters relating to electricity, crossings, healthcare and funds.

**NOT SO FAST!** This so-called ceasefire did not last one day!





If you want your children to turn out well,  
spend twice as much time with them,  
and half as much money.

– Abigail Van Buren







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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!