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# DAN'S MUSINGS



## THE VALLEY OF VISION

Lord, High and Holy, Meek and Lowly,

Thou hast brought me to the Valley of Vision, where I live in the depths  
but see Thee in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy  
glory.

Let me learn by paradox  
That the way down is the way up,  
That to be low is to be high,  
That the broken heart is the healed heart,  
That the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,  
That the repenting soul is the victorious soul,  
That to have nothing is to possess all,  
That to bear the cross is to wear the crown,  
That to give is to receive,  
That the valley is the place of vision.

Lord, in the daytime the stars can be seen from the deepest wells  
And the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine;

Let me find thy light in my darkness,  
Thy life in my death,  
Thy joy in my sorrow,  
Thy grace in my sin,  
Thy riches in my poverty,  
Thy glory in my valley.





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# NEWS BITES

Most Israelis say Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has improved Israel's international standing and strengthened its national defense, but has failed to reduce economic and social gaps and remains tarred by corruption suspicions, a survey has found.

Iran said increasing Hamas funding to \$30m per month, wants intel on Israel. In exchange for massive cash boost, Palestinian terror group will reportedly supply Tehran with information on location of Israel's missile stockpiles

"Peace with Iran is the mother of all peace, war with Iran is the mother of all wars," Rouhani said. The Iranian president's words were directed at the West, in particular the U.S., which reimposed sanctions last May and has been ramping up the pressure on Iran ever since.





# JORDAN / ISRAEL



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently requested a meeting with Jordan's King Abdullah II but was turned down, the al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper reported Saturday.

According to the London-based Arabic outlet, a follow-up request for a telephone conversation between the two leaders was also refused.

A Jordanian official cited in the report said the rebuff was made "in light of the difficult relations between Jordan and Israel," due to Israel's upcoming elections and US President Donald Trump's peace plan.

The newspaper also reported that Jordan is not interested in attending an upcoming Camp David conference with Arab leaders reportedly being planned by the US, during which Trump would roll out his political plan for Israeli-Palestinian peace.





# AARON'S TOMB



The Jordanian Waqf, the Islamic trust in charge of Muslim holy sites in Jordan as well as the Temple Mount in Jerusalem – Judaism's holiest site and Islam's third holiest – announced the closure of Aaron's Tomb on Thursday after Israeli tourists had entered the site and prayed there, according to several Hebrew-language media, citing *Sky News* in Arabic reports.

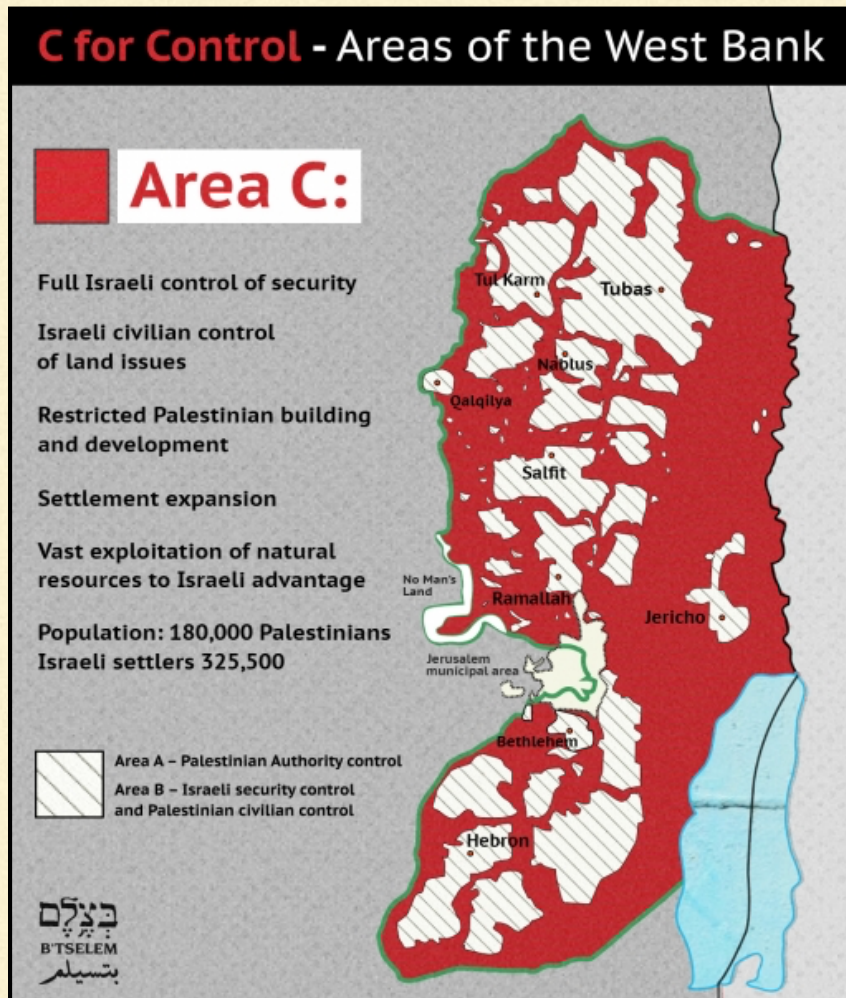
The site is located at the top of Mount Heron, west of Petra City in southern Jordan.

The tour guide told Ynet that the Jordanians "stripped down everyone." Women's hair coverings and men's skull caps were removed. In addition, all religious items were taken away.





# PA AND AREA C



PA Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh said on Sunday that the Palestinians will deal with all territories in the West Bank as if Ramallah maintains security and administrative control over them.

Shtayyeh made the comment while meeting members of the Defense of Wadi Hummus Committee, including PA Local Governance Minister Majdi al-Saleh and Jerusalem Affairs Minister Fadi al-Hadami, at his office in central Ramallah, the official PA news site Wafa reported.

"Israel no longer respects any of the signed agreements and has started to deal with all places as if they are part of Area C. Therefore, we will deal with all places as if they are part of Area A," Shtayyeh said.





# SETTLEMENT TERROR



The body of a yeshiva student who had been stabbed to death was discovered outside a settlement in the Gush Etzion area of the West Bank in the predawn hours of Thursday morning, prompting a massive manhunt for the killer.



The victim, who was later identified Dvir Sorek of the Ofra settlement, was studying at the Machanayim religious seminary in the Migdal Oz settlement, and had joined the military while continuing his studies, in a program known in Hebrew as *hesder*.

Though formally a soldier, he was unarmed and not in uniform at the time of the attack, nor had he undergone military training.





# RELOADING



It seems, then, that for Islamic Jihad and Hamas, the ceasefire understandings, reached under the auspices of Egypt and the UN, are meant to give the Gaza-based groups a chance to continue building their military capabilities without having to worry about Israeli retaliatory measures. Iranian media quoted Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as expressing satisfaction over the "progress" the Palestinians have made in the past few years. The "progress" Khamenei is talking about is not related to the building of a new hospital or school or a medical breakthrough in the Gaza Strip. Instead, the "progress" the Palestinians have achieved -- according to Iran's Supreme Leader -- is that "while the Palestinians used to fight [Israel] with rocks, today they possess precise rockets."





# SHIN BET



The Shin Bet security service says it thwarted plans by Hamas members from Hebron to conduct a bombing attack in Jerusalem earlier this summer, retrieving the three-kilogram explosive device they intended to use.

The Shin Bet says the cell, along with others arrested by Israeli forces in recent months, had been directed to carry out attacks against Israeli and Palestinian Authority targets by Hamas's military wing in the Gaza Strip.

"The operatives in the West Bank were instructed to form cells in order to carry out kidnappings, shootings, stabbings, purchase weaponry and to find and induct additional operatives for terrorist activities," the Shin Bet says in a statement.





# HERE COMES THE DEMS



AIPAC is sponsoring two groups of U.S. legislators from the House of Representatives on visits to Israel. The first, a Democratic delegation, arrives on Monday. The second, made up of Republicans, is scheduled to arrive later in the week. Both will come for a week-long tour. They will also visit the Palestinian Authority.



The Democratic delegation will include 41 House members and is led by House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland.

In a statement issued by his office, he said "Members will visit Israel's borders with Lebanon and Syria and see an Iron Dome battery.

The delegation will also visit important historical and cultural sites, including Yad Vashem."



IDF Spokesperson



The Nazi Swastika flag a symbol of murder and sheer hatred raised yet again at a Hamas riot inside Gaza. In the face of this hatred stand IDF soldiers alert and determined ready to defend Israel today and every single day.





# KFIR

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS  
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