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# DAN'S MUSINGS



I'm here in Israel for Sukkot and am reminded of the meaning of the the four species (Lev 23:40) that are a part of this feast.

If ever there was a time for 'religion' to provide the means for action it is NOW!

Take a look at what these offering symbolize:

**ETROG** - lemon-like citrus ... symbolizes the humble heart

**LULAV** - palm frond ... backbone of a person - conviction and strength

**HADAS** - three myrtle branches ... shape of the eye - vision

**ARAVAH** - leafy branch of a willow tree - ultimate victory over enemies



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# JUST IN ...

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The U.S. and Turkey agreed Thursday to a five-day ceasefire in the Turks' attacks on Kurdish fighters in northern Syria to allow the Kurds to withdraw to roughly 20 miles away from the Turkish border. The arrangement appeared to be a significant embrace of Turkey's position in the weeklong conflict.

After more than four hours of negotiations with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence said the purpose of his high-level mission was to end the bloodshed caused by Turkey's invasion of Syria. He remained silent on whether the agreement amounted to a second abandonment of America's former Kurdish allies in the fight against the Islamic State.

Turkish troops and Turkish-backed Syrian fighters launched their offensive against Kurdish forces in northern Syria a week ago, two days after Trump suddenly announced he was withdrawing the U.S. from the area.

Pence and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo lauded the deal as a significant achievement, and Trump declared it "a great day for civilization." **STAY TUNED!**

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# NEWS BITES

Hundreds of Islamic State supporters escape Syria displacement camp. Kurdish fighters are holding about 10,000 IS fighters, including some 2,000 foreigners. It is unclear what will happen to the prisoners should the Kurd forces be pushed back.

Residual US forces will remain inside Syria despite President Donald Trump's Monday announcement that an estimated 1,000 US service members would be withdrawn from the Kurdish-controlled zone, Kurdish sources told Al-Monitor.

The US House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly on Wednesday to condemn US President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw US forces from northeastern Syria, clearing the way for Turkey's offensive against the Kurds. The vote was 354 to 60 for the resolution, as dozens of Trump's fellow Republicans joined the majority Democrats in favor.

Campaign cash: Ilhan Omar raised more than \$1.1 million in the third quarter for her re-election, as a former Obama campaign staffer announced a primary challenge.



# US BROKEN PROMISES



Turkey's military offensive into the overwhelmingly Kurdish northeastern Syria is sending messages on many wavelengths. One consequence is beyond dispute: Turkey is adding further chaos, bloodshed and tears to a region already in turmoil. The U.S. had apparently "assur[ed] Kurdish protection from Turkey." Trump spoke of "economic devastation" if Kurdish forces were attacked. "As I have stated strongly before, and just to reiterate, if Turkey does anything that I, in my great and unmatched wisdom, consider to be off limits, I will totally destroy and obliterate the Economy of Turkey (I've done before!)," So where is this "economic devastation" against Turkey? Or does that make *two* promises that the U.S. has not kept?

# GRAHAM AND TRUMP



South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham (R.) responded to Trump's statements, tweeting "I hope President Trump is right in his belief that Turkey's invasion of Syria is of no concern to us, abandoning the Kurds won't come back to haunt us, ISIS won't reemerge, and Iran will not fill the vacuum created by this decision."

He added "however, I firmly believe that if President Trump continues to make such statements this will be a disaster worse than President Obama's decision to leave Iraq."

Graham is usually a Trump loyalist, but Trump's decision to withdraw troops from Syria has driven a wedge between the two, complicating the normally supportive relationship between them.



# WHY A 3RD ELECTION?



"Blue and White needs to understand that it can't form a government without the Likud or the parties that go with it. That will always be the case, no matter how many rounds of an election are held. The Likud won't leave Netanyahu, and Netanyahu won't leave the parties in the right-wing bloc and they won't leave him," the minister explained.



Will Blue and White dare to bring in the Arab Parties to break up the logjam ...  
OR will Israel be heading toward a third election ... STAY TUNED

# DEM'S LGBTQ AGENDA



## **Democrats Plan To Target Churches Opposed To LGBTQ Rights Laid Bare**

It is not the time or the place to say such a thing. So when Beto blurted out that it was his view that religious institutions and churches who hold to the traditional view of marriage should be punished by losing their tax-exempt status, the Left was furious. Not because they disagree with him, mind you--they just do not think it is a smart thing to say right now. One thing at a time, Beto. One thing at a time.



# LIGHTNING



On the second evening of Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles), thunder and lightning storms hit Israel on Monday night illuminating Jerusalem's skyline. One local man snapped a photograph of a lightning bolt that appeared to have hit the minaret tower of the Al-Aksa Mosque on the Temple Mount.





According to the official, the people in Fatah know that "they'll lose an election, and in this case, Hamas would rush in to seize power in the West Bank. That is a nightmare scenario, not only for Israel but for Jordan, too. It would really pose a danger to Jordan and Israel's national security. Not to mention the ramifications on the day-to-day lives of the average Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza."

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# TEMPLE MOUNT



Likud MK Avi Dichter tells *Israel Hayom* in an published on Friday.

"The Temple Mount is in second place after Mecca and Medina. No one really makes pilgrimages to the Temple Mount. There is no Hajj here. For them, the fact that Israel captured the Temple Mount is outstanding leverage, but their real goal is elsewhere – it's conflict.

Dichter says "the working assumption must be that there are weapons stockpiles on the Mount, and anyone who doesn't work off that assumption is missing an important part of his job."

He says the number of visitors, which can reach hundreds of thousands per day, makes it impossible to prevent weapons from being smuggled in.



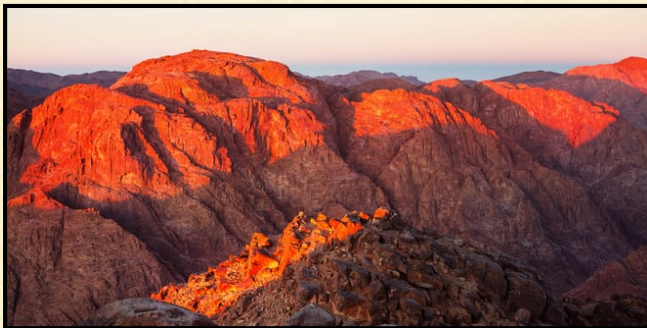
# MOUNT SINAI



Saudi Arabia has been closed for tourism over the past several decades but has decided to provide tourist visas to those interested following their the second delegation of evangelical leaders from United States. The tour was hosted by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman last year and this year as well.

The tour will be led by world-renown writer Joel Richardson, the author of "Mount Sinai in Arabia: The True Location Revealed."

"This portends to be the most significant new archaeological site in modern history," Richardson told Fox News.





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