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MUSINGS

“We have no reasons to think that Middle Eastern politics were any less complicated in the first century than in the twentieth. On the contrary, there is every reason to suppose that there were just as many tensions, problems, anomalies and puzzles then as now— just as much reason for some to throw up their hands in despair, for others to grit their teeth and forge ahead, and for others again to try to forget the whole ‘situation’ in the struggle to survive.”

—N.T. Wright



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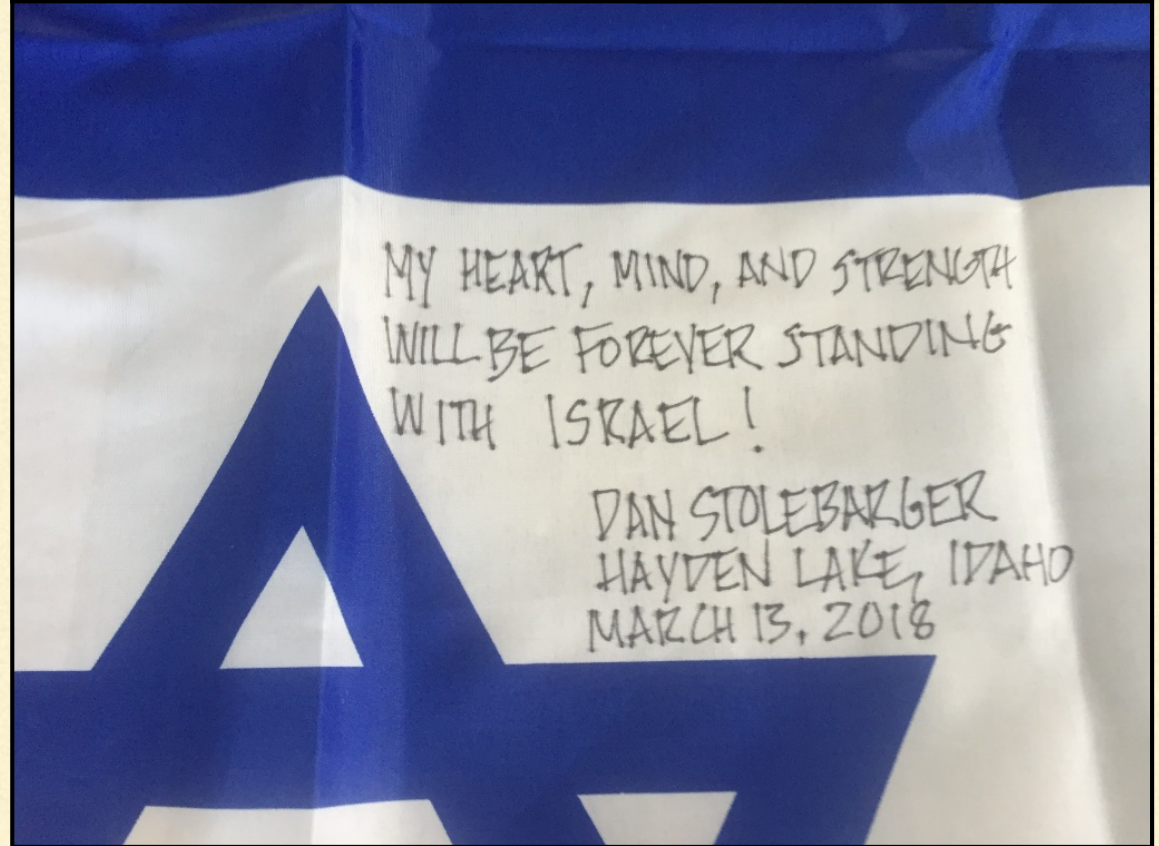
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LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ



World leaders attend Holocaust Forum in Jerusalem
Event marks the highlight of this week's gathering of kings,
princes and prime ministers to mark the 75th anniversary of the
liberation of the Auschwitz death camp.



NEWS BITES

Rightly or wrongly, the first thing that comes to mind when most Americans think of Idaho is potatoes. Yet the northwestern state, which is also known for vast natural beauty and resources, is also home to an emerging pro-Israel leader in Congress. "The people in the state of Idaho are generally very pro-Israel, and that's just part of our culture, part of our conservative nature," Idaho Congressman Russ Fulcher told JNS.

The victim of a Saturday stabbing attack near Hebron has expressed shock that numerous non-Jews just stood by watching without doing anything to help. "We shouted but no one heard. There were many non-Jews who just stood and watched when no one came to help," Moshe Greenblatt told *103FM* on Sunday regarding the attack.

An Iranian lawmaker announced a \$3 million award to "whoever kills Trump." the Islamic republic's semi-official ISNA news agency reported Tuesday. "On behalf of people of Kerman province, we will pay \$3 million award in cash to whoever kills Trump," Ahmad Hamzeh reportedly told parliamentarians in Kerman.



NORTHERN TUNNELS



The IDF began installing tunnel-detecting sensors along the Lebanese border. The first ones are being emplaced near Misgav Am, in the northern Galilee and "will continue over the coming year along the entire border based on intelligence, budget and situational needs."



MORE BALLOONS



On Saturday, the IDF said an attack helicopter struck a Hamas target in the northern Gaza Strip in response to the launch of incendiary balloons into Israeli territory on Friday.

The balloons, carrying an explosive device, touched down in the southern Israeli city of Sderot and a bomb squad was dispatched to the area to neutralize the device.

The Israeli military said its airstrike targeted "infrastructure used for underground activities" by Gaza's ruling Hamas terrorist group. In Gaza, local reports said the airstrike hit an open area. There were no reports of injuries.



ANTI-SEMITISM



Antisemitism is now endemic among Palestinians. According to an ADL Global 100 poll a few years ago, the Palestinians are the most antisemitic people in the entire world. Ninety-three percent of Palestinians believed that at least six of the 11 negative stereotypes tested were “probably true,” higher than Iraq at 92% and Yemen at 88%. For example, 91% of Palestinians believe “Jews have too much power in the business world,” 72% believe “Jews think they are better than other people,” and 88% of Palestinians say “Jews have too much control over global affairs.” Palestinian children are taught the same hate ideology. Children recite poems on official PA TV stating that “our enemy, Zion, is Satan with a tail,” and that Jews were “condemned to humiliation and hardship” and are “the most evil among creations, barbaric monkeys, wretched pigs.” The pervasive Palestinian Antisemitism is the direct result of the PA’s teachings. PA President Mahmoud Abbas’s Fatah movement.



PA / HOLOCAUST



The official newspaper of the Palestinian Authority published an op-ed calling for a terror attack to disrupt this week's Holocaust commemoration at Yad Vashem. Here is Al-Hayat Al-Jadida columnist Yahya Rabah's money quote as called out by Palestinian Media Watch:



“One shot will disrupt the ceremony and one dead body will cancel the ceremony.”

Dignitaries due to arrive in Jerusalem to mark the 75th anniversary of Auschwitz's liberation include Russian President Vladimir Putin, Prince Charles, US Vice President Mike Pence.



PA LIBEL



"The occupation forces yesterday [Jan. 18, 2020] opened the dams gathering rain water in the direction of the civilian lands in eastern Gaza City, which caused the flooding of hundreds of dunams (1 dunam = 1,000 sq. meters) in agricultural areas." [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 19, 2020]

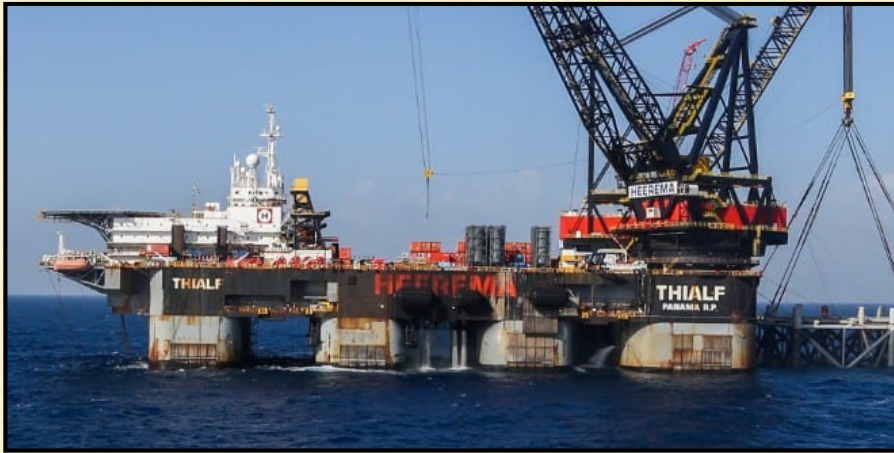


The official PA daily even came up with "an eye witness" who apparently stated that Israel "deliberately opened... rain water dams and gutters, which caused the flooding of hundreds of dunams of wheat, barley, and legume crops, and other crops."

This "eye witness" must have extraordinary vision because Israel has no dams in southern Israel that can be opened!



AN EYE ON JORDAN



Jordan's parliament on Sunday approved a draft law banning the import of Israeli natural gas. The motion was passed unanimously by all 130 lawmakers, but legal obstacles may prevent it from coming into force, Reuters reported.



Earlier this month, Israel began pumping gas to Jordan from its offshore Leviathan gas field. Many Jordanians still view Israel as the enemy, despite a peace treaty between the countries. At least half of Jordan's population is estimated to be Palestinian.



JORDANIAN HATRED



Why Peace Treaties are flimsy ... First, we must understand the depth of Arab hatred for Israel. This is the principal obstacle to peace. Westerners tend to assume that everyone the world over basically wants the same things--peace and prosperity--and therefore, all sides should be happy to make compromises for peace. But in reality, as the Jordanian vote shows, neither peace nor prosperity is a prime motivator for many people in this part of the world, whereas hatred is a very powerful motivator. The Jordanian vote is a reminder that hatred is strong and peace is fragile. If would-be peacemakers don't start confronting this hatred rather than pretending it doesn't exist, long-term prospects for peace are dim. And in the meantime, any treaty will have to include defensible borders.



JORDAN VALLEY



Israeli control of the Jordan Valley is non-negotiable. How wide a swathe of the Jordan Valley must Israel keep to meet its security needs?

According to the IDF's war doctrine, for the purpose of its defense, Israel needs to control the entire area from the actual border on the Jordan River to the Samaritan hills to the west. This doctrine cites the minimum line of defense is the hills immediately overlooking Route 90, which runs north-south along the Jordanian border. Israel must control this line in order to safeguard freedom of movement along the critical route.



The Right's answer to this is clear: The Jordan Valley in its entirety is critical to Israel's security and is not subject to negotiations.

AND THE SURVEY SAYS:



Study: Israeli public favors military action against Iran, even at risk of war

According to a new study by the Institute for National Security Studies: 31% of the Israeli public believes the northern sector poses the greatest threat to national security; 26% think Iran's nuclear program is the central threat; while just 14% view the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as the most serious security problem facing the country.



Additionally, the study found that 82% of the public agrees with the statement that "Israel can rely only on itself" in a war, while 60% of those questioned believe "The people of Israel are the chosen people." Half the people questioned said they do not trust the United States to stand by Israel if it is attacked as Saudi Arabia was recently attacked by Iran.



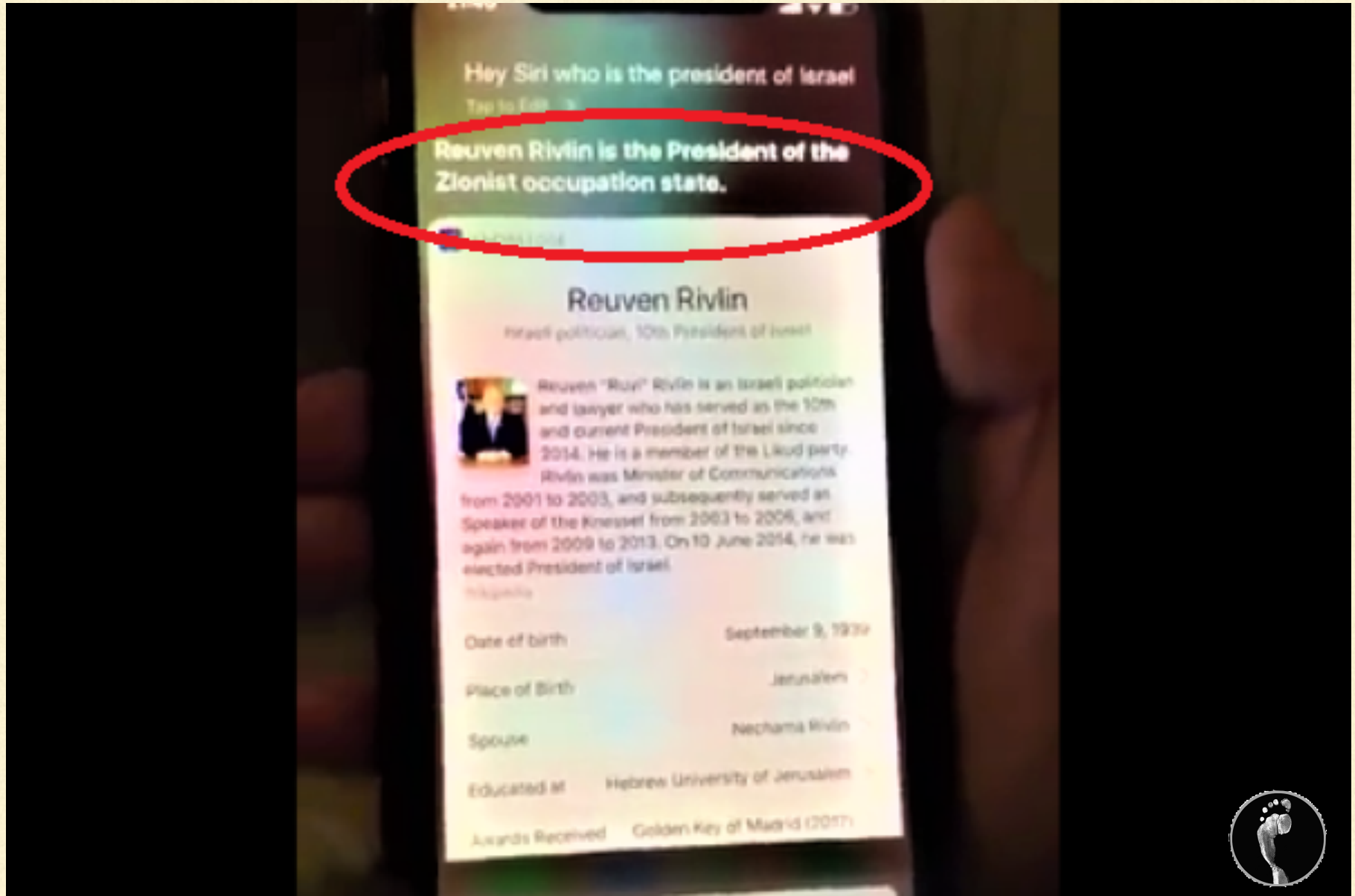
MIRACLE IN HEBRON



An Arab terrorist stabbed a Jewish Israeli between the Judean town of Kiryat Arba and Hebron on Saturday. But before the knife could penetrate his body, it 'miraculously' broke preventing the Terrorist from stabbing anyone else. The victim was moderately injured with a stab wound to his shoulder.



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