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# MUSINGS

"We have no reasons to think that Middle Eastern politics were any less complicated in the first century that 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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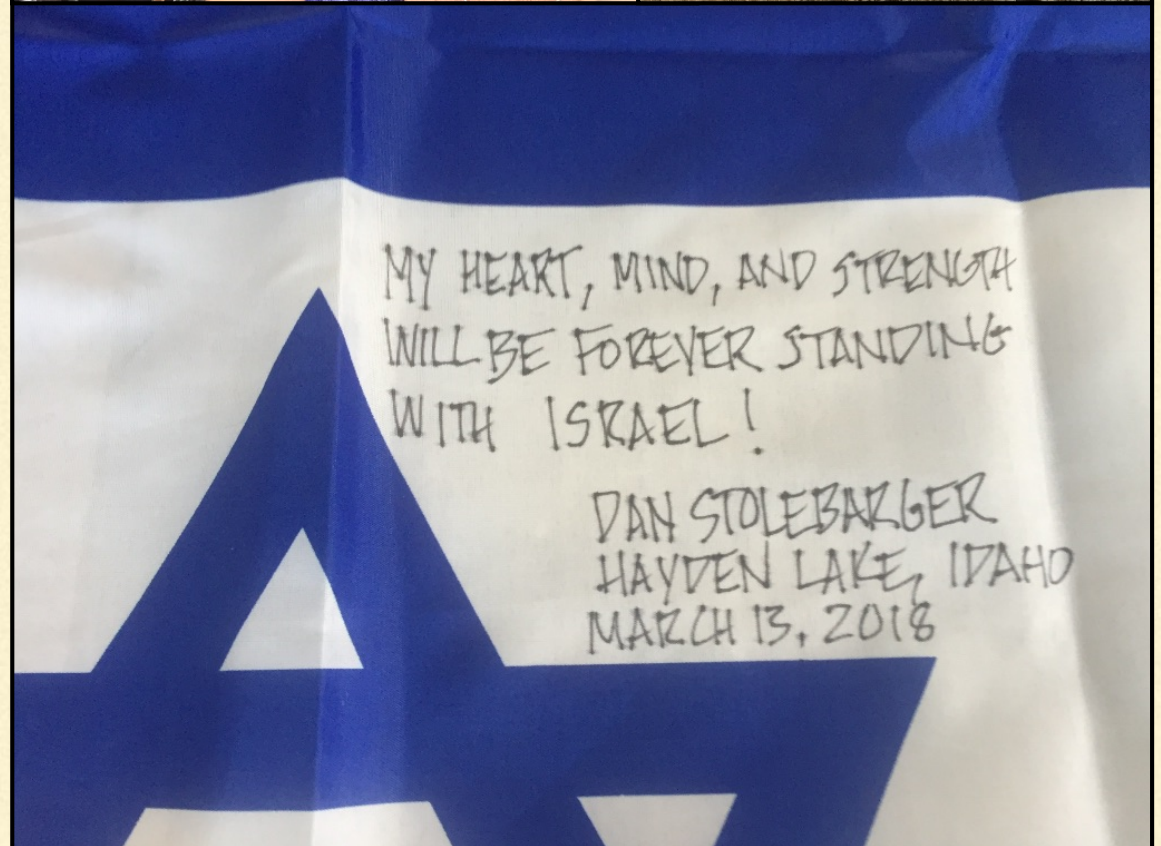
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# BREAKING NEWS



Blue and White chairman Benny Gantz is set to partner with Netanyahu in a unity government, serving initially as foreign minister, but then taking over from Netanyahu as prime minister in September 2021, according to a reported deal taking shape amid immense political drama in Israel. Gantz decision to join forces with Netanyahu immediately led to the collapse of Blue and White, with the party's No.2 Yair Lapid rejecting the move and apparently heading into opposition with others from his Yesh Atid component of Blue and White. "Gantz chose Netanyahu over Lapid!"

Gantz offered himself as the sole candidate for the Knesset speaker's job, which he is set to hold only for a brief period while the terms of the unity coalition are finalized. He will then serve as foreign minister for the first 18 months of the emergency unity government, under the terms of the reported deal, before succeeding Netanyahu as prime minister.



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# NEWS BITES

Netanyahu offers to step down in 2021 to advance unity deal

While Benny Gantz is considering ways to welcome him into his coalition, Head of the Joint Arab List, Ayman Odeh revealed in a tweet that he will “fight for the liberation of Jerusalem until it becomes the capital of Palestine.” Head of Joint Arab List Vows to Turn Jerusalem into Caliphate.

According to the report, the Muslim Brotherhood and ISIS have, through a number of fatwas, called on Muslims to produce "human biological weapons" to attack the enemies of Islam.

Israeli PM Netanyahu: 'We Got Past Pharaoh, We'll Get Past Corona'.

The Israel Defense Forces says it shot down a drone that was flown by the Hezbollah terror group into Israeli airspace from Lebanon this morning.



# ISRAELI GOVERNMENT



CRAZY

The Joint Arab List has been assigned the temporary Knesset Labor, Welfare, and Health Committee – a committee whose responsibilities include a number of security-related matters having to do with the treatment of wounded Israel Defense Forces veterans and victims of terrorism.



In recent years, the committee – in its permanent configuration – has overseen the regulation of compensation for wounded IDF soldiers and veterans; as well as medical and income benefits for IDF soldiers, members of the Israel Police, and the Israeli Prison Service. The committee also oversees pension funds and savings plans for government institutions into which pension money for everyone who serves in the IDF.





# IRAN REFUSES AIDE



Iran's supreme leader Sunday refused US assistance to fight the new coronavirus, citing an unfounded conspiracy theory that the virus could be man-made by America.

Khamenei instead chose to traffic in the same conspiracy theory increasingly used by Chinese officials about the new virus to deflect blame for the pandemic. "Possibly your (offered) medicine is a way to spread the virus more, "Or if you send therapists and doctors, maybe he wants to see the effect of the poison, since it is said that part of the virus is built for Iran."



There is no scientific proof offered anywhere in the world to support Khamenei's comments. However, it comes after Chinese government spokesman Lijian Zhao tweeted earlier this month that it "might be US army who brought the epidemic to Wuhan.





# HEZBOLLAH – CORONA



Gen. Hossain Assadollahi of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards has died of coronavirus reports [Debka](#). According to the report, Assadollahi was in charge supplying missiles to Hezbollah in Syria. He was also in charge of upgrading their arsenal to high precision



Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei prefers sacrificing his people rather than help them after he [refused](#) humanitarian aid from Washington. Khamenei rejected the American offer claiming that U.S. leaders are "charlatans and liars." He also implied that the United States was responsible for "creating this virus."





# HAMAS THREATS –



Hamas has relayed messages to Egypt and Qatar threatening to “put half of the Israelis into shelters and increase the number of corona patients” if Qatari financial aid is not handed over to the Gaza Strip in the near future.





# BIO-TERRORISM



Palestinian health officials have expressed concern that amid a serious outbreak in the Gaza Strip, thousands of Palestinians may try to force their way into Israel and/or Egypt.

In the shadow of the coronavirus pandemic, Israel, Hezbollah, Hamas and the other terrorist groups in the Gaza Strip are in agreement that controlling the spread of the virus is the highest priority. However, the current lull in violence is temporary, and will last only until the virus is defeated. The pandemic is also serving as an object lesson in the risks of biological weapons, which do not distinguish between religions, ideologies and borders. It is possible this may deter groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas from seeking to obtain or use biological weapons in the future.

Regardless, Israel must heed the lessons learned from this pandemic to prepare for a future bioterrorism threat.





# FATAH CELEBRATIONS



In what was probably the largest gathering this week anywhere in the world, since self-isolation is the key to defeating the Coronavirus, Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah Movement organized a celebration with "thousands" of Palestinians crammed together to honor a terrorist released from prison.

Fatah's message to its own people is that honoring a terrorist involved in the murder of 6 Israelis takes priority over their own health.





# IRAN'S ROCKET KITS



Iran's New Guided Rocket Kit Is Certain to Raise Tensions with Israel. Iran has developed a kit that appears to convert unguided surface-to-surface rockets into guided weapons. This development worries Israeli military experts, who note that Hezbollah – Iran's proxy army in Lebanon – has an estimated arsenal of 150,000 rockets aimed at Israel. Currently, most are "dumb" weapons. That the Israelis are worried is no surprise. Already concerned about Hezbollah firing massive volleys across the Lebanese border into Israel, now the IDF must consider the possibility of massive salvos of guided weapons aimed at strategic targets such as oil tanks, chemical refineries and military airfields. If these rockets are maneuverable, then they may be able to avoid interception by Israeli missile defenses such as Iron Dome.





# SEA OF GALILEE



While Israel and the rest of the world have been focusing on battling the coronavirus pandemic, the Sea of Galilee has reached the highest level in years due to the heavy rains we received this past winter.

The water level currently stands at -209.29 meters (687 feet below sea level), only 49 centimeters (19 inches) short of the Upper Red Line, the point at which a dam would have to be opened to prevent flooding, the Israel Water Authority reported Monday.





# CLOSING THOUGHTS



**From a friend in ISRAEL** / The situation in which the world find itself reminds me of the story of Noah's Ark. Noah's Ark was rocked by the flood for forty days before it anchored (and we may well be in our situation for longer than that). It is a story of a crises and how to deal with it. One day - hopefully sooner rather than later - like Noah, this 'flood' will end, we will emerge from our 'Arks' to face the new world, the world that went through this crisis. It is going to be a different world, as Noah faced after the Great Flood. When Noah looked around, on the ground he saw the disaster, he saw what was lost, but when he looked above to heaven, he saw the colors of the rainbow in the blue sky. There he saw the hope for the future. When it will be over, we will have to decide how to renew our life's work, businesses and personal connections. We will have to decide where to look and what to see. Hopefully we will look to heaven to the colors of the rainbow, and that will be what we find and see in our hearts.







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DAILY BIBLE READINGS  
WEEKLY MIDDLE EAST UPDATE  
WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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