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Israel Truths

In my opinion, Israel has implemented more measures to prevent civilian casualties in urban warfare than any other military in the history of war. This includes many measures the US has (or has not) taken in wars and battles but also many measures no military in the world has ever taken.

- Precautions during the initial air campaign to target enemy military capabilities to include using precision guided munitions and strict targeting protocols in both pre-planned and dynamic strikes against only military targets.
- Use of precision guided munitions (PCMs). Despite the ignorance of reporting on ratios of PCMs to non-PCMs, Israel has used many types of PCMs to include lower collateral damage munitions/small diameter bombs and technologies and tactics that increase the accuracy of non-PCMs (dive bombing) limit civilian causalities (satellite imagery, Al, cell phone presence)

The idea that a military must use more PCMs vs non-PCMs in a war is a myth. In the First Gulf War, the US fired 250,000 individual bombs and missiles in just 43 days. A small fraction of those would fit the definition of PCMs.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/inatl/ longterm/fogofwar/analysis.htm

Also myths about choice of munitions and proportionality assessment/value of target/ collateral damage estimate such as saying a 500 lbs bomb would achieve the same military task of a 2,000 lbs bomb with no mention of tunnels that would require greater penetration or availability of types/quantity of munitions.

- Call/text ahead of a strike with (at times) roofknocking (no military has ever implemented in war). In some cases, IDF will call, text, drop small munitions on the roof of a building. While limited in the context of the strike it has been used in this war
- Provide warning and evacuate urban areas/ cities before the full combined air and ground attack begins. While the tactic does alert the enemy defender and provide them the military advantage to prepare further, it is one of the best ways to prevent civilian casualties.

The U.S. did not do this in the invasion of Iraq or attack of Baghdad in 2003. Did not do this in the 2004 1st Battle of Fallujah. But did do this in the 2nd Battle of Fallujah six months later because of the different context

In the 2016-2017 Battle of Mosul, the Iraq government told civilians not to evacuate and to shelter in place during the battle for both Eastern



and Western Mosul, but later changed instructions further into the battle.

https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/24/world/middleeast/iraq-mosul-isis-civilians.html

- Israel provided days and then weeks of warnings and time for civilians to evacuate multiple cities in Northern Gaza before starting the main air-ground attack of urban areas.
- Use of air-dropped flyers to give instruction on evacuations and establishing evacuation corridors (U.S. implemented in 2nd Fallujah and assisted 2016-2017 Mosul). Israel dropped over 520,000 pamphlets, broadcasted over radio and through social media messages to provide instructions for civilians to leave combat areas using corridors.
- Use of real phone calls (19,734) to civilians in the combat areas, SMS texts (64,399) and prerecorded calls (almost 6 million) to civilians to provide instructions on evacuations. No military has never done this in urban warfare history.
- Daily pauses for civilian evacuations. Israel conducted daily 4-hour pauses over multiple consecutive days. While pauses for civilian evacuations after a war or battle have started is not completely new, the frequency and predictability used in Gaza may have been historic.

- The distribution of Israel military maps and urban warfare graphic (GRG - gridded reference graphic) to the civilians to assist with day to day evacuations, alerting civilians and enemy to where the IDF will be operating.
 No military in history has ever done this.
- https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_ entry/biden-aide-israel-taking-steps-toprotect-civilians-that-even-us-might-nothave-done/

There is no modern comparison to Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza. Israel is not fighting a battle, it is fighting a war.

No military in modern history has faced 30,000 defenders embedded in more than more than seven cities, using human shields and hundreds of miles of underground networks purpose-built under civilian sites while holding hundreds of hostages and launching 12,000+ rockets at the attacking military's civilian areas.

Again, Israel has implemented more measures to prevent civilian casualties than any other military in the history of war. While some have argued Israel could have waited longer, used different munitions, or not conducted the war at all - but these all fail to acknowledge the context of Israel's war from the hostages, rockets, tunnels, existential threat of Hamas, and more but also fail to recognize what Israel has done to prevent civilian casualties.



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Antisemitism/Antizionism

What Eisenhower as supreme allied commander did to ensure that the Holocaust would never happen again has relevance in our own day.

At the dawn of 2024, the United States is embroiled in a heated discussion over what constitutes antisemitism. In the wake of the October 7 terrorist attacks launched by Hamas against targets in Israel and the subsequent retaliatory military actions Israel has undertaken, protests in cities, on college campuses, and in the halls of Congress have ranged from peaceful to blatantly antisemitic, with chants, vandalism, and threats of violence.

Perhaps just as troubling, these events come as recent surveys have found that 20 percent of Gen Z Americans believe the Holocaust is a myth (another 30 percent neither agreed nor disagreed). An earlier survey found that over 60 percent of the same generational cohort did not know that 6 million Jews were murdered during World War II. Such reports are both disturbing and are a warning to the American public about deficiencies in remembering a pivotal event of the 20th century.

Concerns that Americans would forget the Holocaust or come to doubt it were first addressed

by the man who led the Allied armies to victory in the Second World War: Dwight Eisenhower. A Midwesterner by birth who made the military his career, Ike was untainted by the early-20th-century antisemitism that was prevalent in the halls of power.

Unlike many of his fellow officers, he did not view Jews, whether immigrants or native born, as fundamentally anti-American. Nor did his Protestantism include religious antisemitism. Indeed, he came to have several Jewish friends, was shocked by Kristallnacht, and warmed instantly to his assignment as supreme allied commander to end the Nazi threat.

In April 1945, Eisenhower came face to face with the Holocaust. While visiting a former salt mine turned depository for items looted by the Germans, Ike learned of a camp nearby that his men had liberated a few days before. Joined by Generals Omar Bradley and George Patton, Ike arrived at Apr, a subcamp of the nearby Buchenwald network. Refusing to leave for several hours, Ike met with former prisoners, toured every building, and soaked in the "hell camp." Though he had known of the Nazi labor-camp system, Eisenhower was shocked after seeing one



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in person and realizing what that system actually was. He recognized that this was what his men were fighting against, that liberation was more than just freeing territory - it was about the very survival of civilization itself against a barbarism that few had thought existed in the heart of modern Europe.

In the wake of Eisenhower's visit, and the subsequent discovery of other camps much larger and deadlier than Ohrdruf, Eisenhower issued a series of orders. The camps were to be documented, photographed, and filmed. Survivors were to be cared for and interviewed. He also instructed all forces under his command to visit liberated camps as they moved to the front and ordered German civilians from nearby communities to help bury the dead, care for the living, and see what had been done in their name.

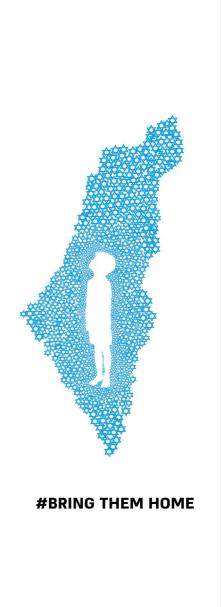
But Ike did even more than that.

He also called for and facilitated delegations comprising members of Congress and the British Parliament, newspaper editors, and other publicopinion and civic leaders to see the camps in person. Eisenhower wanted to show the world that the camps were not some propaganda gimmick but a very real evil. He repeatedly said that such eyewitness accounts were necessary to ensure that in the future, no one would be able to claim such horrors had not existed. He foresaw the very conditions we now encounter today.

Eisenhower's call to bear witness and to never forget the Holocaust is a reminder of the importance of historical knowledge and perspective. To argue that the world today is more complex than it was during Ike's time, as either general or president, is ahistorical. While there are points of policy that necessitate contentious debate at times, there are events and movements that should be seen only as evil. Attempting to dismiss antisemitism endangers not just civility but our common humanity. Ike would want us to remember that, too.

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THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

Restoring the "Genius of Israel" and the Dignity of American Jews: A Common Struggle For the Jewish Future

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The Situation

On October 7, we knew that everything had changed. For Israelis and for American Jews. There was no going back. No turning away from the horror and the implications for Israel, for our own future and the future of our children and grandchildren. But Micah Goodman, Israel's foremost social philosopher, alerted us to the historical resonance of our new reality, in a Times of Israel podcast:

"We just got a text message from Jewish history. Jewish history says hello. Jewish history showed us this is what it looks like, those 12 hours (before the IDF responded), this is how it looks like when Jews don't have a state. We saw how it looks, it looks like a Kishinev. So here. Jewish history called us up and said, hello, this is a reminder."

The podcast triggered two "text messages" for me. The first from 70 AD, the Roman siege of Jerusalem and the Jewish tradition that blamed Sinat Chinam, causeless hatred for the destruction. The second was a personal message from my late father-in-law Henry B. Kranz, political refugee, author and Zionist.

The First Text Message: Death and Destruction are the Cost of Disunity

The message from 70 AD screamed out a warning. Remember what happened to us. Our enemies already surrounding us, building their siege works, and loudly declaring their intention to destroy our nation, obliterate our sanctuary and faith, murder, rape and enslave our people. Sharpening their swords while at the same time we were fighting a civil war, fueled by zealotry and political extremism, destroying our own food stores, starving our own people, weakening our soldiers, heedless of the slaughter to come. In 70 AD all warnings were ignored, civil war continued and the Romans came.

But now, in 2024 Israelis and all of us who love Israel are asking whether we've learned the lesson of 70 AD and the terrible reminder of October 7. The attack took place after nearly a year of political polarization and massive street protests that seemed to put Israel at the brink of civil war. Even the army seemed to be coming apart with pilots and reservists, "Brothers and Sisters in Arms," leading the demonstrations and threatening to boycott essential training exercises. Many analysts

believed that the divisions in Israeli society predated "judicial reform": rich against poor...Ashkenazi vs Mizrachi...religious vs secular....Jerusalem vs Tel Aviv... unbridgeable gaps that were at the root of the debate over judicial reform and that those divisions would inevitably lead to political violence.

But then on October 7, the chaos and polarization of the prior year vanished. Reservists hurried to their units even before they were called up and the reserve pilots were in their planes within hours of the Hamas attack. "Brothers and Sisters in Arms," responding to a breakdown in government services transformed itself from a protest movement to a massive volunteer service organization distributing food and medical supplies, providing activities for evacuated children, supporting the bereaved and raising funds.

As far as I know, no one marched into Gaza debating "judicial reform" or arguing over the proper form of an outdoor Yom Kippur service in Tel Aviv that almost caused a riot only two weeks earlier. They marched into Gaza in their squads and teams and platoons, Ashkenazi and Sephardi and Ethiopian and Druze and Russian publicly supported by many Israeli Arabs who were also murdered and terrorized on October 7. The reservists entered Gaza among friends of many years who depended on each other for their lives.

What happened? How could a nation "at the brink of civil war," divided and polarized by unbridgeable gaps between competing "tribes" find the strength, the resilience to unify, repair itself, and prepare a newly unified military for an existential struggle for Israel's existence?

Finding Hope in the "Genius of Israel"

The answer came in the form of a new book ironically released a month after October 7. The Genius of Israel: The Surprising Resilience of a Divided Nation in a Turbulent World by Dan Senor and Saul Singer was researched and largely written vears before the year of civil unrest. The book was written to investigate a counterintuitive reality... how a country surrounded by enemies...under intermittent rocket attack...riven by political, ethnic and religious differences still be rated as among

the happiest nations on earth by successive UN surveys? The answer they found after years of investigation seemed ridiculous during the year of civil strife but helps answer the mystery of Israel's resilience in response to October 7:

"Why are Israelis happier? Why is there less despair? For all its day-to-day coarseness, divisions, and struggles, Israeli society provides more of what humans really need. At a time when people in many countries suffer from a shriveling sense of connection, belonging, and belief in the future, Israelis seem to have found a way to cultivate these treasures... To embrace rapid technological change and build tight intergenerational families. To be ambitious individualists, achieve prosperity, and cradle a culture that persistently imprints that it's not just about you. That it is about service to the larger circles around you-the hevre, the country, and the world. That is the genius of Israel."

So it turns out that the "terrible unbridgeable deeply rooted divisions" that put Israel "at the brink of civil war" were the exception, not the rule. Of course, there were always deep divisions and even hostility between competing political and ethnic groups but the anger and polarization, the intensity of the argument, the inability of Israelis to talk to each other, the demonization of each side by the other, the passion that divided even families... that was new and it was not inevitable.

It was the result of Israeli leaders who used rhetoric to demonize their rivals and divide Israeli society for political gain. Sebastian Junger, journalist, author and war correspondent, warns against political leaders who "go beyond criticism of their fellow citizens and openly revile them. Reviling people you share a combat outpost with is an incredibly stupid thing to do and public figures who imagine their nation isn't, potentially one huge combat outpost are deluding themselves." On October 7, for Israelis, the delusion ended. Hopefully forever.

The Genius of Israel demonstrated that before the political chaos and polarization Israeli divisions were softened and contained by a society characterized by "belonging, caring and solidarity." As Bret Stephens put it, "We ourselves did not imagine how much love was hidden inside us for the way of life we have managed to create here in Israel." So in the end the powerful message of the first "text message" and The Genius of Israel was a warning to reject the politics of hate and fear and to remember all that Israel had created and all that we almost lost

The Second Text Message: Reasserting Jewish Pride, Fighting for the Honor and Dignity of the Next Generation, Toward a Zionist Reawakening for American Jews

"It is sadly true that one of the most pernicious results of prejudice is when members of a persecuted group accept the ugly stereotypes used to characterize them... "contempt for Jews, when sufficiently widespread, can foster self-contempt among Jews." It can convince Jews that unfounded, inaccurate accusations leveled against them or, by extension, against the Jewish state, are true." Deborah Lipstadt describing the frightening impact of "contempt" on Jewish identity in "Antisemitism: Here and Now."

The second and very personal text message was from my late father-in-law, Henry B. Kranz. It was a message of Jewish resistance, resilience, and courage in the face of humiliating and dehumanizing attacks on Jewish pride and Jewish honor. It was a message about the role Zionism played and must play again in the restoration of Jewish dignity and our right to a dignified place among the community of nations.

Henry B. Kranz was born in Vienna in 1895. He was a loyal citizen of the Austro-Hungarian empire and when World War I broke out he volunteered to fight for the Emperor, Franz Joseph. He was taken prisoner and suffered in a Russian prisoner of war camp in Siberia until the war ended. He returned to Vienna and enrolled at the University of Vienna then dominated by antisemitic military dueling fraternities. This era is pictured in terrifying detail in Leopoldstadt, Tom Stoppard's semiautobiographical play about the destruction of an assimilated Jewish family in Vienna. In the play an Austrian student "Fritz" replies to a Jew who challenges him to a duel with these words:

"In... the German-Austrian students' association... we had a manifesto, which declared, 'every son of a Jewish mother, every human being in whose veins flows Jewish blood, is from the day of his birth without honor and void of all the more refined emotions... He is ethically subhuman... It is impossible to insult a Jew; a Jew cannot therefore demand satisfaction for any suffered insult." (from the Waidhofen Manifesto which governed German-Austrian Nationalist dueling fraternities)

In spite of his service to the empire as a soldier and a fighter he must have heard "Fritz's" words on the lips of many of his fellow students. "A Jew is devoid of honor. He is ethically subhuman..."

For a proud Jew and a war veteran these words were intolerable.

Henry and other Jews who refused to be humiliated fought back by joining Zionist dueling fraternities. Henry joined "Libanonia," fought duels against the "Fritz's" of his time without face armor and with unguarded sabers for his honor and the honor of the Jewish people. He emerged with saber scars on his face, a mark of honor among the students, and his fraternity ring which my mother-in-law gave me when my wife, Ellie and I became engaged. The ring, inscribed with the words "semper primi," "always first," and Henry's story of courage and strength have never left me and have never been more relevant.

We are living at a time of widespread and persistent "contempt for Jews" growing out of "unfounded, inaccurate accusations leveled against them" and "against the Jewish state." The latest, the charge of genocide, what Bret Stephens called a "moral obscenity" will soon be on banners carried through our campuses. And even while we fight against antisemitism and put armed guards in front of our schools and synagogues we must also be fighting for the Jewish identity, the Jewish souls and the honor of our children and grandchildren.

Henry Kranz refused to be humiliated. They told him that "a Jew has no honor," and that therefore "a Jew cannot demand satisfaction for any suffered insult." And now when our children are told that their ancestral homeland is a racist "settler state" that must be obliterated and that their brothers and sisters are genocidal killers, they are also told that as beneficiaries of "white privilege" they cannot "demand satisfaction." They cannot defend themselves.

Antisemitism and hatred of Israel are embedded the "intersectional" world view that has become the "operating system" of much of academia and the intellectual life of our country. In this paradigm the world is divided between the powerful and the powerless between victims and victimizers. It places Israel permanently in the category of powerful victimizers and it is at the heart of the academic absurdity that has come to dominate whole departments in the humanities as loyalty to "progressive" politics became a requirement for hiring and advancement.

But "powerlessness" is not an option for Jews. October 7 reminded us again of the cost of powerlessness for Jews. We've read the book, saw the play and the movie... hated the ending. It always ends the same way... with dead Jews. In the past, the pictures of burning bodies and mass murder

brought longer or shorter periods of sympathy. This time they brought only contempt. It's now clear that we're involved in one struggle... an existential struggle for Israel's right to exist in safety and security as well as an inseparable struggle for the identity, honor and dignity of our own children and grandchildren.

After October 7, it became clear that American logistical, military and diplomatic support was crucial to Israel's survival just as Israeli courage and resilience were essential to inspire courage and maintain the self-respect and dignity of American Jews. The support and courage of the next generation of American Jews in turn will be crucial to continuing American political support for Israel which will continue to be crucial to Israel's ability to defend herself.

It's true that Israel's long and difficult fight for survival against an enemy that uses its own civilian population as human shields may alienate part of the next generation but it will also strengthen the resolve of the best and strongest to resist humiliation, to fight for the honor of our people and to lead the Jewish renewal of their generation. Henry Kranz came to understand that the fight for Jewish dignity in Vienna was tied to Zionism; to the creation of a Jewish State; and to the restoration of the Jewish people to history. He became a Zionist because he believed that only the creation of a Jewish State would allow us to defend our honor and our lives as a people against a brutal and violent world that seemed bent on our annihilation.

Birthright: A Leap From Empathy to Jewish Peoplehood

The late Rabbi David Hartman has written that "Judaism commences with a leap of solidarity, an unmediated empathy with our history. Judaism begins with an identification with a singular community that has a history. It is to say, "I am prepared to go into Egypt and suffer with this people... Jews, without knowing precisely how to define themselves, are a people saying, "For some reason, I cannot be other than with this mishpacha (family.)"

Birthright provides a powerful, measurable experience of peoplehood and love of the Jewish people and Israel - on a massive scale - for hundreds of thousands of young adults. Birthright opens a window of opportunity, a hinge in our history, enabling us to open the door to more meaningful and durable engagement with our people, our nation, our culture, our faith and our unique destiny. At the heart of Birthright is the mifgash, the encounter between young American Jews and the Israeli soldiers that travel with them. No history lesson will enable young Jews to make

sense of the competing narratives between Israelis and Palestinians without an encounter with their brothers and sisters who have lived through the terror of the second intifada and the horror of October 7. The mifgash with Israeli soldiers will be especially powerful as American Jews hear firsthand accounts of combat in Gaza and visits to the killing grounds of the once vibrant kibbutzim, towns and villages of the Gaza envelope.

Birthright and "Onward Israel" have expanded their work after October 7 to include a new "Birthright/ Onward" volunteer service program and thousands of volunteers are already on the ground with thousands more on waiting lists.

Sebastian Junger as quoted in Genius wrote, "Humans don't mind hardship, in fact they thrive on it; what they mind is not feeling necessary. Modern society has perfected the art of making people not feel necessary. The exception to this is modern Israel where Israelis feel necessary. They take ownership of their fate. They feel they have a personal responsibility in building - and now rebuilding - their country."

It's exactly the absence of meaning and purpose, community and common destiny that's at the heart of the challenge facing American Jews. Working together to rebuild Israel will be transformational for American Jews and Israelis, creating a sense of common purpose, meaning and destiny.

We Can't Live and Flourish Without Each Other

"If we were destroyed, and the world with us, due to sinat chinam (baseless hatred) then we shall rebuild ourselves, and the world with us, with ahavat chinam (unconditional love)". Rav Abraham Isaac Kook

We are a small vulnerable people. Fifteen million in a world population of nearly 8 billion. Six million of our people were murdered only 80 years ago in a genocidal war with all doors closed to our people and nowhere to run. The horrors of the past and the terrible dangers we're facing after October 7 reinforce our sense of vulnerability.

We need each other. We don't have to agree on everything, but our vulnerability multiplies if our sense of mutual responsibility, the bonds of love that tie us together are allowed to disintegrate. Ignoring the American Jewish community as a key strategic asset for Israel today and more so in the future borders on insanity. Imagining that our identity, our sense of Jewish community, our Judaism can flourish in the absence of the bonds of love that have always been the essence of Judaism

ignores the reality of our historical experience. Imagining that strengthening our connection to our people will be possible without a strong connection to our brother and sisters in Israel is self-deception.

In fifty years, our grandchildren and greatgrandchildren may ask us what we did when Israel faced destruction in 2023, when the world turned its back on us, and when our own children were being humiliated and their identity as Jews attacked and delegitimized.

If we can't, God forbid, answer these questions future generations will curse us for our failure. If we can answer these questions with pride history will bless us and our children and grandchildren will be able to live lives of Jewish pride, purpose and meaning.

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Portions of Light



Parashat Yitro (Exodus 18:1-20:23) Rabbanit Dr. Adina Sternberg, Faculty of Matan, Efrata, and Bar Ilan Midrasha

Anne Shirley, in Anne of Green Gables, claims that it is better to dream big and be disappointed than not to have any hopes or expectations. Indeed, our aspirations aren't always fulfilled, and even if they are, they may require more time and effort than we originally assumed.

In our parasha, God sets an ambitious goal for the people of Israel - to be a "segula", a treasured possession, and to become a "holy nation" and a "kingdom of priests". I suggest the designation of priesthood relates to the service the people of Israel will do for the world, mediating between humanity and spirituality.

This Divine designation will be repeated throughout the Torah, however only the "segula" and "holy nation" attributes will come back, and the "kingdom of priests" will somehow get lost on the way.

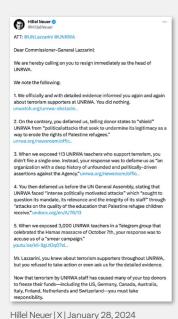
Why is that?

How the people of Israel sinned with the golden calf provides a clue. God can choose the people of Israel to be His prized nation ("segula") and to sanctify them by putting them through the Sinai experience and giving them the Torah. Yet, to mediate between God and the world, the people of Israel need to earn that status. If the people of Israel aren't loyal to God, how can they represent Him to the world, or be worthy of representing the world to Him?

So, the people of Israel will need to go through a process, internalizing their holy status on one hand and practicing it fully in their day to day lives. Only when we learn to embody these expectations can we work our way up to our initial designated role. Indeed, Isaiah promises us that in the future the people of Israel will be considered priests, the worshipers of God.

The times we are in present us with the dual challenge of assuming the unique Jewish identity while trying to transmit important values to the world. I believe that we need to start by strengthening a united Jewish nation with strong Jewish values and practices; only then will we be able to shine bright and bring light to the rest of the world.

Advocacy



Call for Immediate Resignation of UNRWA's Chief, and Reasons Why



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Time for Israel to Request US Permanently Defund UNRWA



🧟 أمجد طه Amjad Taha #Hamas is reportedly amassing \$8 million to \$12 million each month. primarily through online donations from sympathizers in cities such as London, New York, Paris, and Tehran. These donors are not just rotesters or activists; they are pivotal supporters and financiers of the Muslim Brotherhood's contentious activities in #Gaza, Syria, and #Yemen. The time is now for decisive action — either through deportation or arrest — to confront this issue directly. £

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Time to Take Action Against Financiers of Hamas and Muslim Brotherhood



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Dismantle UNRWA, Which Supports Wealthy "Refugees" and Teaches Hate

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Beyond Today's Defunding, Israel Will Need to Work to Ensure UNRWA is Shut

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UN Head is Either Complicit or Incompetent and Must Resign





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Biden Should Stop Pressuring Israel and Start Pressuring Iran



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Anyone Who Worked for Al Jazeera Should Not Work for UK Media



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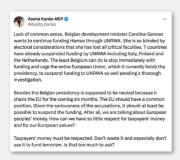
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12-Year-Old Journalist Owns Antisemitic Pro-Palestinian Activist



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Belgian Minister Supports UNRWA, Disrespecting European Values and Taxpayers



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For Palestinians, Hamas and Violence Are Their "Only Path to Freedom"



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South Africa's President Fears Regime Change By Israel. Really?



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Defunding UNRWA is Bipartisan. See Relationship With Terrorists Named Hamas.



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"TikTok's Top Lobbyist in Israel Quits Over Antisemitism on Platform"



Don't bomb tunnels, it damages above the surface. Don't flood tunnels There's no drinking water in Gaza! But Israel is poisoning the drinking water in Gaza. Don't bombs areas where civilians are. But don't ask civilians to move either, as that's displacement! Don't bomb hospitals where terrorists hide, be precise. But don't go into hospitals for precision targeting of terrorists. n't attack UNRWA for a litany of wickedness, celebrate their good bits! We get it, Ken. Israel shouldn't do anything, except keel over and die. Renneth Roth @KenRoth - Jan 31 ege -- ваники поси и веленикоп - зай 31
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Another Antisemitic Store Opens in Jordan

Bring Them Home



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List of Names and Ages of Remaining Hostages. Please Pray for Them.



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Shiekh Salem of Rahat Demonstrates for Return of Israel's Hostages



Rep. Brad Schneider | X | January 31, 2024

Brad Schneider Advocates for Hersh Goldberg-Polin and All Hostages



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Interview With Ex-Hostage Ofir Engel

Mia Regev was kidnapped by Palestinian terrorists on October 7. Today she told UN ambassadors how she was treated in Gaza "They tore off my clothes. They took my identity and my name from me. The terrorist who was watching over me told me every day that if the army came to save me, then he would shoot me immediately and not die They abused her by hitting her injured ankle — which they shot — they laughed at her pain and mocked her.



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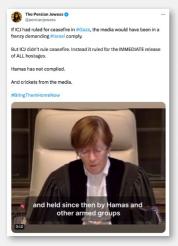
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Black Native Israeli Accused of Settler-Colonialism by Real Settler Colonialist



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ICJ Demand That Hamas Release Hostages Met With Silence. Where is the Outrage?



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Columbia U Group Smears Israelis as "Skunks." Where is the Outrage?



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U Windsor's Jewish Students Verbally Attacked and Threatened With Impunity

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NYPD Chief of Patrol | X | January 27, 2024

NYPD Warns Pro-Palestinians: Flood Our Streets and You'll Flood Our Jails



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Beverly Hills Memorial Honoring Victims of Hamas Murdered on 10/7



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Canadians in Fredericton, New Brunswick Stand With Vandalized Synagogue



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Bruno Teixeira Protects London Jews From Knife Attack

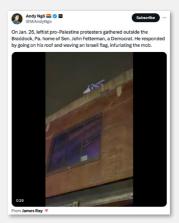


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South Africans Stand With Israel



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John Fetterman Waves Israel Flag and Trolls Pro-Palestinian Mob



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63-Year-Old IDF Reservist in Gaza Hasn't Missed a Day Since 1980s

Hamas Lies



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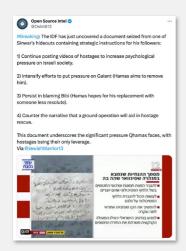
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Qatar PM Does His Best Impression of Mafia Don



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Pallywood: Did IDF Throw Bullets During "Attack" on Gaza Hospital?



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Hamas Official Says Next Target is Jerusalem, Threatens US



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Video Footage of Massive Tunnel Beneath Khan Yunis

International Holocaust Memorial Day 2024



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Is the Day Worth Commemorating, Given How It's Been Hijacked?





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BBC Erases Jews From Holocaust Statement



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Scotland's First Minister Erases Jews From Holocaust Statement

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Irish Foreign Ministry Erases Jews From Holocaust Statement



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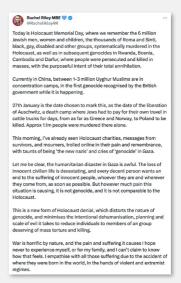
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Daniel Ryan's Power Gay Message to Youth Who Think Terrorism = Freedom Fighting



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If You Think Half of Survivors Should Die, Don't Commemorate Holocaust



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UK's Rachel Riley: "Never Again is Now"

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Nancy Pelosi Commemorates Jews Killed During Holocaust



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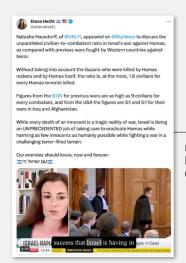
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Disguised IDF Commandos Assassinate Terrorists Hiding in Hospital

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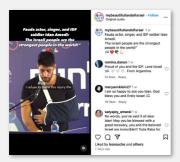
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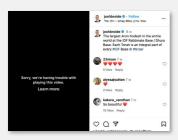


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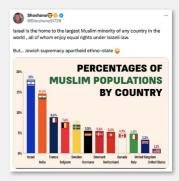
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Israel is 18% Muslim, So How is It an "Ethno-State"?



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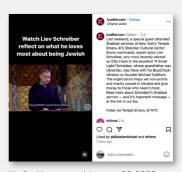
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South Africa Chief Rabbi Warns ANC and Banks About Criminal Ties With Iran



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Hamas and Iran Should Have Been on Trial. Israel Has Right to Defend Itself.



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Why Do South African Officials Care About Palestinians But Not South Africans?

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Israel Must Follow America's Lead and Withdraw Consent From ICJ Jurisdiction

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London's King's College Dark Jewish History. But With Happy Ending

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Jewish Children Descend From Survivors. You're Raising a Miracle.



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Bari Weiss Under Hamas Missile Attack in Tel Aviv



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Ever Wonder What IDF Soldiers Eat During Their Missions?



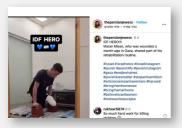
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JVP Activist Doesn't Really Want Ceasefire **But For Hamas Survival**



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IDF Soldier Goes to Wife in Hospital and Meets Newborn Son for First Time



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Amputee IDF Soldier Matan Misen Shares Rehabilitation Routine

Lunatic Fringe



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Chicago Calls for Ceasefire in Gaza, But What About in Chicago?



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US Considering Rewarding Terrorism By Recognizing Palestinian State



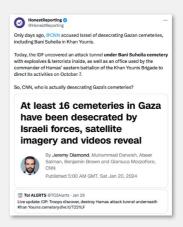
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Canada Claims to Withhold UNRWA Funding But Actually Paid in Full Early



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Question for CNN: Who is Actually Desecrating Gaza's Cemeteries?

Orwell's Intellectuals



Confronting anti-semitism does not mean punishing offensive speech as some suggest. Free speech is sacrosanct in a university

But effective leadership does involve assuring the appropriateness of speech made by the university and its subunits and it means encouraging speech that counters prejudice and balances debate

The executive board of Harvard's Center for Middle East Studies, acting for the Center, not in their individual capacities, has endorsed a statement demonizing Israel.

There is nothing wrong with anyone in the University taking this position or any other position. That is academic freedom.

It should not be possible and would not be possible if race or gender issues were involved, for a center that proudly uses the Harvard name to support research and debate to take a position that so many see as

I note Edward Said's intellectual heir, Rashid Khalidi, who many see as anti-semitic has been invited twice since October 7 to speak at the University. Everyone should be free to speak or invite speakers.

I also note with disappointment, but not actually surprise, that to my knowledge Harvard has not had speakers like Dennis Ross or Bret Stephens who take pro-Israel positions. With all the rhetoric about open dialogue and debate, it is remarkable that in Harvard College there is no vet announced dialogue or debate on any Middle East or diversity related

Nor am I aware, even after the events of last fall, of any new initiatives directed at education on anti-semitism or the Holocaust. There has been no public discussion of Harvard's past collaboration with German Nazi controlled universities, Jewish quotas or the more recent discrimination against Israeli students.

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Harvard Lacks Ability and Will to Confront Antisemitism and Antizionism



Hillel Neuer | X | January 26, 2024

The Year When It's More Respectable to March Against Hamas in Gaza Than Harvard

Palestinian Affairs



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Do Palestinians Know What the Word "Palestine" Means?



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***Thousands protesting against #Hamas in Khan Younis #Gaza today

More proof the #Hamas' downfall is near, as #Gaza residents are no
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Gazans Cheer Today's Hamas Missle Attack on Israel



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No Such Thing as "Irrespective of Hamas"; Give Palestinians Agency



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What Suspension of Funding to UNRWA Will Prevent. Edited for Accuracy.



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The UNRWA Trend: I'm an UNRWA Worker

Sounds of Music



Pick of the Week Israel Hour Radio

Bengia Barabi and Friends From Nova - "Zeh B'seder"

There's been a lot of talk about the victims of October 7. But what about the survivors?

How much attention do we pay to the "lucky" ones at the Nova Festival... the people who ran for their lives, hid for hours, watched friends die all around them, and are likely riddled with "survivors' guilt" that they made it out ali when so many others didn't?

Many songs have been sung about the horrors of that day, but few have addressed the psychological trauma faced by survivors of October 7.

That's part of what makes "Zeh B'seder" (It's OK) by Benaia Barabi so powerful. Even if you don't understand a single word of the song, you can't help but be moved by the music video. It takes us to a reunion of Nova survivors, singing together, embracing one another, crying together, and celebrating life as a community. One can only imagine the range of emotions they are feeling.

The lyrics take the experience to a much deeper level. When you've survived a trauma like this, how are you supposed to move on? The song offers an answer: you can move on any way that works for you.

"It's ok not to be ok," the song begins. "It's ok to sing when you're in pain / it's ok to cry every morning / and despite it all to get up in the end /It's ok not to be normal / it's ok not to say a word / it's ok to dance until morning comes / in darkness full of hope".

The song offers a musical hug to the survivors of that horrific day, reminding us all that healing is complicated and takes time. And no matter how survivors choose to cope with the horrors they've experienced... it's all OK.



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Benaia Barabi and Friends From Nova - "Zeh B'seder"

Sounds of Music



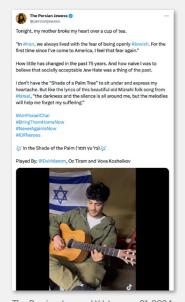
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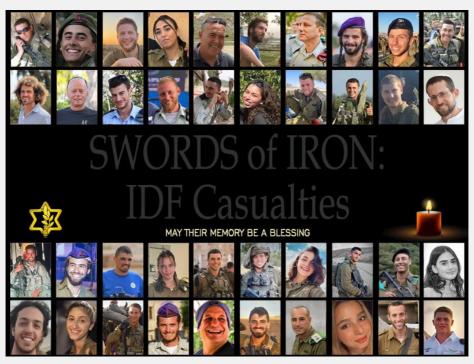
Hillel Neuer Makes Case Against **UNRWA at US Congress**

Bring Them Home Now



Israel's Fallen Soldiers February 01, 2024

Swords of Iron: The names of 561 IDF casualties have been released for publication.



Source: Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Prayer for Israel's Defence Forces

ּמִי שֶׁבֵּרֶךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אַבְּרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב הוּא יְבָרֵךְ אֶת חַיָּלֵי צְבָא הֲגֹנָּה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְאַנְשֵׁי כֹּחוֹת הַבִּשָּׁחוֹן, הָעוֹמְדִים עַל מִשְׁמֵר אַרְצֵנוּ וְעֲרֵי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִגְבוּל הַלְּבָנוֹן וְעַד מִדְבַּר מִצְרַיִם וּמִן הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל עַד לְבוֹא הָעֲרָבָה וּבְכָל מָקוֹם שֶׁהֵם, בַּיַּבָּשָׁה בָּאֲוִיר וּבַיָּם. יִתֵּן מִצְרִים וּמִן הַיָּנוּ הַקָּמִים עַלִינוּ נִגָּפִים לְפְנֵיהֶם. הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא יִשְׁמֹר וְיַצִיל אֶת חַיָלֵינוּ ה' אֶת אוֹיְבֵינוּ הַקָּמִים עַלִינוּ נִגָּפִים לְפְנֵיהֶם. הַקְּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא יִשְׁמֹר וְיִצִיל אֶת חַיָלֵינוּ מְכָּל צָרָה וְצוֹקֹה וּמִכָּל נָגֵע וּמַחְלָה, וְיִשְׁלָח בְּרָכָה וְהַצְלָחָה בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵיהֶם. יִדְיהָם. יִדְבָּר שׂוֹנְאֵה וּבְעֲטֶרֶת נִצְחוֹן וִיקָיַם בְּהֶם הַכָּתוּב: "כִּי ה' שׂוֹנְאֵינוּ הַּחְתֵּיהֶם הַהֹּלֵךְ עִמֶּכֶם לְהִלְּחֵם לְכֶם עִם אֹיְבֵיכֶם לְהוֹשִׁיע אֶתְכֶם":

אֵלֹהֵיכֶם הַהֹּלֵךְ עִמֶּכֶם לְהִלְּחֵם לְכֶם עִם אֹיְבֵיכֶם לְהוֹשִׁיע אֶתְכֶם":

וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

May He who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, bless the members of Israel's Defense Forces and its security services, who stand guard over our land and the cities of our God from the Lebanese border to the Egyptian desert, and from the Mediterranean Sea to the approach of the Arava, and wherever else they are, on land, in air, and at sea. May the Lord make the enemies who rise against us be struck down before them. May the Holy One, blessed be He, protect and deliver them from all trouble and distress, affliction and illness; and send blessing and success to all the work of their hands. May He subdue our enemies under them and crown them with deliverance and victory. And may there be fulfilled in them the verse, "It is the Lord your God who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to deliver you" (Deuteronomy 20:4).

And let us say: Amen.

Psalms are a significant source of Jewish liturgy and are frequently recited during times of distress. Some Psalms traditionally recited for peace in the land of Israel include Psalms 20, 120, 121, and 125. (Source: Sefaria)

Prayer for Those Held In Captivity

מי שַבַּרֶךְ אֲבוֹתִינוּ אֲבַרָהַם יִצְחָק וַיַעַקב, יוֹסָף משה ואָהַרוֹ, דַּוָד ושׁלמה, הוא יָבַרְרְ ווִשׁמֹר ווִנצֹר אֵת נַעִדְרֵי צִבָּא הַגַּנָה לִיִשְׂרָאֵל וּשְׁבוּיָוּ, וְאֵת כָּל אֲחֵינוּ הַנְּתוּנִים בְּצָרָה וּכְ־ שָׁבַיָה, בַּעֲבוּר שֶׁכַּל הַקָּהַל הַקָּדוֹשׁ מָתְפַּלֵל בַּעֲבוּרַם. הַקּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּךְ הוּא יָמֵלֵא רַחֲמִים עליהם, ויוֹצִיאָם מַחשַׁרְ וַצַלְמָוַת, וּמוֹסרוֹתֵיהַם יַנַתַּק, וּממָצוּקוֹתֵיהָם יוֹשִׁיעַם, וישִׁיבַם מָהַרָה לְחֵיק מִשְּפָּחוֹתֵיהֶם. "יוֹדוּ לַה' חַסְדוֹ וְנִפְלָאוֹתַיו לְבָנֵי אַדַם". וִיקִים בָּהֵם מִקְרָא שֶׁכַּתוֹב: "וּפְדוּיִי ה' יִשׁוּבוּן וּבָאוּ צִיוֹן בַּרְנַה וְשָׁמֶחֵת עוֹלֶם עַל רֹאשַם. שַשׁוֹן וְשְׁמֶחֵה "יַשִּׁיגוּ וַנָסוּ יַגוֹן וַאַנַחַה:

ונאמר אמן.

May He who blessed our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Joseph, Moses and Aaron, David and Solomon, bless, protect and guard the members of Israel's Defense Forces missing in action or held captive, and other captives among our brethren, the whole house of Israel, who are in distress or captivity, as we, the members of this holy congregation, pray on their behalf. May the Holy One, blessed be He, have compassion on them and bring them out from darkness and the shadow of death; may He break their bonds, deliver them from their distress, and bring them swiftly back to their families' embrace. "Give thanks to the Lord for His loving-kindness and for the wonders He does for the children of men" (Psalms 107:8); and may there be fulfilled in them the verse: "Those redeemed by the Lord will return; they will enter Zion with singing, and everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away" (Isaiah 35:10). And let us say: Amen.





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