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*HA'UMA is dedicated to answering the question:
What is going on with Jewish nation?*

The internet is saturated with information, a kaleidoscope of facts and opinions, making it difficult to get a clear picture of current events. Hauma seeks to cut through the fog and bring lucidity and focus. We do this by curating social media, elevating and amplifying those posts with the most articulate, insightful, compelling, and inspiring voices, and presenting them to you in a way that is informative and accessible. In doing so, we also hope to strengthen the Jewish nation, bringing us closer together as a community as well as with our allies worldwide.

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- **Featured Articles and Posts** – Editors' Picks of the most compelling articles and posts of the week.
- **100 Days** – Posts about the 136 hostages trapped in Gaza for 100 days since Hamas abducted them on October 7, 2023.
- **Advocacy** – Calls for action.
- **Antisemitism/Antizionism** – Instances of antisemitism and antizionism, separate or combined.
- **Bring Them Home** – Posts about the plight of Israel's hostages held by Hamas terrorists.
- **Double Standards** – Instances when Israel and Jews are subject to a double standard. So prevalent it deserves its own category.
- **Hall of Champions** – Famous and not famous, Jewish and non-Jewish, supporters of Israel and Jews from around the world.
- **Hamas Lies** – Exposés of the many instances of Hamas's cruelty and war crimes.
- **Israel Truths** – Posts that express a positive truth about Israel and Israel's actions in the war.
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- **L'Chaim** – Moments in daily life that are enriched by and celebrate Israel and Jewish values and traditions.
- **Life at War** – Vignettes from life in Israel during the current war.
- **Lunatic Fringe** – Inspired by the story behind Canadian rocker Tom Cochrane's eponymous hit, these posts primarily concern international organizations with a mandate to improve some aspect the world but in practice discriminate against Israel and Jews.
- **Orwell's Intellectuals** – For posts about academia that reflect George Orwell's famous observation: "Some ideas are so stupid that only intellectuals believe them."
- **Palestinian Affairs** – Myriad issues connected to the Palestinians and Palestinian society.
- **Portions of Light** – Commentary on the weekly Torah portion, following the Israeli schedule.
- **Satire** – Humor, dark and light, about the situation.
- **Sounds of Music** – Music videos that capture the spirit of the times and from Israel.
- **The Situation** – A catch-all category for posts that don't fit into the other categories.
- **Thousands of Words** – These are evocative graphics and memes, pictures that speak "a thousand words."
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When UN Teachers Praise Hamas Terror

Clemens Wergin | January 19, 2024

[Link to original article here](#)

Unhinged

Chief Foreign Policy Correspondent Wasim Ula is a teacher employed by UNRWA. In a Telegram chat he runs for the UN refugee agency's teachers, Ula celebrates the terrorist organization Hamas, according to research by the non-governmental organization UN Watch.

In the chat, he calls for Israelis to be killed. And distributes Hamas propaganda videos with the line: "May God protect them", only to dryly inform in the next sentence that UNRWA salaries would be paid from Sunday. He then goes on to post a picture of an explosive vest and comments: "Just wait, sons of Judaism."

Critics of the United Nations have been saying for years that UN institutions in Gaza have been infiltrated by Hamas, especially the Palestinian refugee relief organization UNRWA. There is now further serious evidence to support this claim.

UN Watch has discovered and analyzed a Telegram chat group of UNRWA teachers. According to the research, the group's administrators and regular members glorify the terrorist acts of Hamas. The Arabic-language group is said to include 3,000 UNRWA teachers.

UN Watch has made it its mission to expose the infiltration of the United Nations by authoritarian and dictatorial regimes, as well as the anti-Israeli bias of UN institutions. Since 2015, UN Watch has exposed more than 150 UNRWA employees who have expressed sympathy for the terrorist organization Hamas on social media.

However, the latest discovery has a whole new dimension: 3000 UNRWA teachers are no longer just a small minority, but a significant proportion of employees in Gaza and elsewhere.

UN does not react

According to UN Watch, it initially made the material available to the United Nations and asked them to recognize that UN employees were praising acts of terrorism. There was no official response. A spokesperson for UN Secretary-General António Guterres was asked about the chat group at a press conference.

"I think UN Watch has a track record and that speaks for itself, from our perspective," the spokesman said in an attempt to discredit the NGO. "But of course all allegations will be investigated." In an interview with an Israeli TV station, UNRWA representative Adnan Hasna does not want to know anything. "We don't know who is in this Telegram group," he said, and it is also not known whether these people actually work for UNRWA.

In fact, the examples presented by UN Watch from the chat group are deeply disturbing and often easy to attribute. UN Watch head Hillel Neuer published some of the posts - including the UNRWA ID of each person. It is a surreal mixture of normal teacher chats and anti-Semitic hate propaganda.

Memos from the head of UNRWA in Gaza, Thomas White, are posted as well as information about teaching materials, teacher lists and digital courses. And in between, terror attacks are repeatedly praised. UNRWA teachers reacted with enthusiasm immediately after the Hamas massacre of Israeli civilians began. There is Morid Issa, for example, who calls Jews "monkeys" and celebrates the fact that the Hamas massacre on October 7 exceeded expectations.

Others, such as administrator Safaa al-Najar, praise the Hamas terrorists as "holy warriors" and post videos of the massacre.

Another UNRWA teacher, Abdallah Mehjez, says that civilians should not follow the Israeli military's call to leave the combat zones - which at the time of the post reflects the official Hamas position, whose interest is not to lose its human shields in the contested areas.

In light of this research, the question of whether UNRWA and other UN institutions in Gaza have been infiltrated or even co-opted by Hamas is increasingly being raised. UNRWA represents a significant economic factor for Gaza because, according to its statute, refugee status is passed on from generation to generation and UNRWA therefore remains responsible for the descendants of those who were displaced in the first Arab-Israeli war in 1949.

UN employs more people in Gaza than in New York "UNRWA employs more than 12,000 local Palestinians in Gaza and its facilities in the territory include 245 schools with more than 230,000 students, 22 primary health care centers and many centers for women, community outreach and vocational training," writes Claudia Rosett of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

In Gaza alone, the UN employs more people than in New York or Geneva, the organization's headquarters. In total, more than 30,000 people in the region are employed by UNRWA.

The inherited refugee status of the Palestinians and the high birth rates ensure that the organization is responsible for more and more people. The number of Palestinian "refugees" for whom UNRWA claims responsibility has grown from 700,000 at the end of the 1940s to more than 5.4 million today.

In fact, there are significantly more people working for the refugee aid organization created just for the Palestinians than for the UNHCR, which is responsible for all other refugees in the world and only pays around 17,000 employees. UNRWA also spends more than twice as much money per refugee as the UNHCR.

In the past, UNRWA has been criticized, among other things, because its textbooks spread antisemitic content, demonize Israel and praise "martyrdom", i.e. the armed struggle against Israel. And even in the current conflict, UNRWA and other UN institutions have often disseminated unchecked Hamas claims. In fact, the question now arises as to whether UNRWA's proximity to Hamas is to blame for the fact that the interests of the Palestinian population are being ignored where they conflict with Hamas' goals. For example, UNRWA has never clearly condemned the terrorist organization for using Palestinian civilians as human shields or criticized the fact that Hamas has demonstrably misused UNRWA schools as weapons depots, weapons production sites and launching pads for rocket launchers, including schools that are directly co-financed by Germany.

UNRWA also constantly complains that Israel is not doing enough to deliver aid to Gaza - but remains silent about the fact that aid convoys are routinely hijacked by armed Hamas extremists. There are now numerous accusations from Palestinians that Hamas then sells the aid deliveries on to the population - at exorbitant prices.

This is also being deliberately ignored by UNRWA. "In practice, UNRWA is now so deeply involved in affairs

in Gaza that it effectively functions as a support service for Hamas," says FDD expert Rosett. It is also significant that, despite overwhelming evidence, neither UNRWA nor the WHO have yet clearly condemned the misuse of hospitals by Hamas as military operation centers.

Even the children are indoctrinated

And although UNRWA schools play a central role in the education of the young generation in Gaza, the organization has never clearly opposed Hamas' militarization of Palestinian childhood in recent years. For many years, Hamas and other terrorist militias have been running summer camps in which young people are turned into child soldiers. According to experts from the Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center, around 100,000 children took part in Hamas' military summer camps last summer.

In some cases, the militarization of Palestinians begins in kindergarten. In 2018, the Jerusalem Institute of Justice therefore called on the International Criminal Court in a report to initiate investigations against Hamas leader Ismail Haniya for war crimes against Palestinian children.

For experts, it is no surprise that the school system in Gaza, including that of UNRWA, is infiltrated by Hamas. "When Hamas came to power in 2007, it saw a golden opportunity to have open access to funding and the school system to indoctrinate children from a young age," Michael Barak of the Reichman University Counter-Terrorism Center in Herzliya told The Jerusalem Post. The exposed UNRWA teachers are also not just "a few negative individual cases, as UNRWA claims", says Dina Rovner from UN Watch. The Telegram group shows "what UNRWA teachers think when they believe that no one is watching. They openly support Hamas terrorism, they glorify terrorists as 'martyrs' and 'heroes' and they believe it's a wonderful path for Palestinian children to follow."

The strength of Hamas' influence on the UN sub-organization was already apparent in 2021. Back then, Hamas had declared the German UNRWA director in Gaza, Matthias Schmale, persona non grata because he did not toe its line. Schmale was subsequently withdrawn from Gaza by the UN.

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REAL
CLEAR

POLITICS

Leave the Pews

Karol Markowicz | January 22, 2024

Link to original article [here](#)**The Situation**

It seemed like a good idea.

College campuses across the country were erupting in Jew-hating outbursts, and parents were rightly worried about their Jewish college-aged kids caught up in the frenzy of hate. On Facebook, a group called Mothers Against College Antisemitism (M.A.C.A.) was founded and grew quickly to over 50,000 members. They shared information, emailed, called, and signed petitions. They stood united against the oldest hatred rearing its head again.

But just as fast, fissures formed. The cudgel of DEI – that is, “diversity, equity, and inclusion” policies that had been used against Jewish students – was the subject of feverish debate. Sure, the policies were bad for Jews, but weren’t we all good liberals after all? Shouldn’t that take precedence here? People earnestly wondered whether other minority groups would be mad at them if they fought to end DEI instead of simply fighting to get Jews included in the special identity groups recognized by the absurd system.

It wasn’t just DEI, either. When Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis announced a plan to fast-track Jewish students who were feeling unsafe in their own universities who wanted to transfer to Florida colleges where he pledged they would be protected, commenters in the group warned not to accept his kindness as he was on the wrong political side.

What became clear within that Facebook group and in so many other quarters since Oct. 7 is that much of secular Judaism, in both the Reform and Conservative branches, had become overtly political and not really religiously based at all. For many Jews, their religious identity had become so intertwined with leftist politics that they couldn’t force a separation even when they themselves were being targeted with their own bad ideas.

They pledged allyship to other groups in their tent, not to Judaism or Israel. This was evident in 2019 when daily attacks began on Orthodox Jews in Brooklyn. Activist synagogues in places like Park Slope, which would have been at the forefront of marches had any other group come under attack, spent years staying silent about it. The attackers,

often caught on video, were frequently other minorities, not MAGA hat-wearing white people as they would have hoped, so it was awkward to raise a fuss. Progressive politics was the code they followed, and Judaism was an identity umbrella like all the others in their movement. “As a Jew ...” they would begin their lectures. As a Jew, they were rarely interested in Judaism.

The Oct. 7 attacks in Israel woke many in the diaspora from their comfortable slumber. Jews in America and elsewhere, traumatized already from images of Jewish children stolen from their homes and Jewish teenagers mowed down while dancing at a music festival, also had to contend with a huge outpouring of hate in their own countries.

For many liberal Jews, it was hard to ignore that it wasn’t the boogeyman white supremacists that they had been warned about their entire lives. No, it was their professors, their co-workers at the nonprofit, friends of their college-aged kids calling for an end to Israel and celebrating the murder of Jews. And these hateful marches were not happening in rural Alabama, in the places they were taught to fear, but mainly in the bluest of blue cities. The political bedfellows they had slept beside were sharply opposed to Israel doing anything but simply accepting the attacks of Oct. 7.

By Oct. 8, their “allies” had already taken to the streets, some in grotesque glee over the slaughter of Jews in their homes, others tearing down posters of kidnapped children, to say Israel should just sit down and take it.

It made sense within the philosophy they had subscribed to. In the leftism of our current moment, there is only space for “colonizers” and “the colonized,” “oppressor” and the “oppressed,” and, well, too bad for the massacred Jews, the children murdered in front of their parents and the parents killed in front of their kin. The Israelis were cast in the role of the oppressor colonizers, whether or not it makes historical sense.

This sophomoric way of thinking had been percolating for so long that it was a difficult mindset to break, as evidenced by the mom group

unable to accept that a Republican like Gov. Ron DeSantis could be “on their side.” Republican Jews had no such qualms. When Pennsylvania Sen. John Fetterman, a progressive Democrat, turned out to be a sane and forceful voice for Israel, conservative Jews celebrated him. It’s specifically because their religion and politics had not been fused in the same way as their liberal counterparts, and they could see clearly who had their back.

It was also difficult for liberal Jews to find their grounding in the days after the attacks. Some took to their social media to explain details of the existence of Israel that they assumed their celebrating friends didn’t know. But they did know. They just didn’t care. When rape denial was rampant, the liberal Jews sighed in relief when the New York Times finally did a deep dive into the allegations of what happened to women on Oct. 7. Now their fellow leftists will have to believe. But it didn’t happen. Dismissing Jewish pain came easily to them, leaving liberal Jews aghast. Not so aghast that they didn’t continue to post to their social media pleas to their allies to show them humanity. “I still believe in affordable housing,” went one plea. I’m just like you, I promise. Last May, peace activist Judi Weinstein Haggai wrote, “May we all be granted the right to our basic rights of home, food, shelter, and peaceful days.” She was one of the Kibbutzniks slaughtered on Oct. 7.

What these politicized Jews and Jewish institutions should have learned then is that an ally is not necessarily a friend. An ally makes a calculated decision of alignment based on mutual objectives. “Allyship,” a word the left has fetishized, is temporary by design. Political allyship is the most transient. This is why you don’t subsume your entire religion to your politics. This is why you don’t ignore thousands of years of religious thought to conform to the trendy political philosophy of the modern moment. And that is why you don’t pervert your congregation to focus on politics instead of scripture. Yet Conservative and Reform rabbis continue to do just that.

In the last decade, the Conservative Jewish tradition has neared collapse, with Reform Judaism on a similar downward trajectory. According to a Pew poll from last year, some 33% of American Jews identify as Reform, the highest number of any Jewish denomination. As there are about 7.5 million Jews in America, the Reform movement should be rock steady. But a “Re-CHARGING Reform Judaism” conference held in June in New York noted, “there are only 550,000 synagogue-affiliated Reform Jews in the United States.” It’s likely many secular Jews who say they are Reform just mean they’re

unaffiliated or specifically not Orthodox.

The Times of Israel reported in 2022 that “In the past 20 years, more than one-third of Conservative synagogues and one out of five Reform synagogues closed.” The Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, the country’s oldest Reform seminary, is ending its rabbinic degree program due to a decline in enrollment.

Many reasons are offered to explain this phenomenon. Often overlooked is how blatantly political these entities had become. It’s not a coincidence that Chabad, which has become the largest Jewish educational, religious, and social service organization and eschews politics, has grown by nearly 200% in the last two decades. The temple should not be a political organization, but too often, the rabbis move it in that direction anyway.

For a long time, Jews attending Reform or Conservative shuls accepted this trend as part of a package deal when attending services. After the religious part, the rabbi delivers a sermon. It might be on climate change or gun control. Income inequality or abortion rights. They may invent a problem like one South Florida Reform synagogue did when they displayed “banned” books, a shot at the governor of their state, none of which had actually been banned, as evidenced by their presence in the display.

Or they may warp the faith to their leftist concepts, as when a Reform rabbi told my daughter to put an orange on the Seder plate for feminism. It’s akin to getting a lecture from a college freshman, full of poorly thought-out theories but very eager to share their ideas with the world. If you’re uncomfortable with the 7th-grade level presentation on the coming climate catastrophe and how, like a Conservative rabbi from South Florida told his congregation, you should be driving an electric car, perhaps you don’t belong. Don’t ask where his car battery comes from or what happens to it when he’s done with it. The details aren’t important; believing is the most important part. The monologues are less to change minds, since the rabbi assumes we should all be in agreement on these issues in the first place, and more to signal in-group status.

Small-c conservative Jews had heard it loud and clear that they no longer belong. What’s different today is that so many liberal Jews have realized their mistake. Many had their eyes opened on Oct. 7 when they expected their political allies to mourn with them, to fight the hate alongside them. Instead, they’ve realized that the rhetoric they had trumpeted in the past was now used against them.

Worse, the tactics, the angry protests, the rage, had been turned on them.

The rabbis are now caught between the politics they've used to replace the religion and the religion itself. After Oct. 7, Jews hungered for connection to each other. The more normal leftist rabbis, that is, not the ones wearing tallit like a Forever 21 shawl while they skip the parts about Israel when reading from the Torah and call for a ceasefire with people who have said they will never stop trying to kill Jews, tried to deliver but their original commitment is still to their political tribe. These rabbis, in your neighborhood synagogue, couldn't call for a ceasefire, because even the liberal Jews who make up their congregations would be appalled, so they slyly took to calling it "Netanyahu's war." That way, strategic missteps by the IDF weren't the result of a government taking every care to minimize civilian casualties but of a bad man at the top directing an ill-conceived military operation. These rabbis need an enemy, as all political movements do.

To those who sat in the pews for years as their congregation became a shameless political operation, the time has now come to depart. Your synagogue must be a place of worship, not of political activity, and, unfortunately for you, who paid your dues and hoped to align with a community of your peers, the political movement your shul promotes is the one that hates you. You

should have departed years ago, like when your rabbi couldn't condemn constant rockets into Israel for years without also condemning the Israeli response. Or when your rabbi could stand up for every group other than our own.

But now is as good a time as any. Oct. 7 was a pivotal moment that will test Jewish survival. What we did in the aftermath of the horrendous attack will define us as a people for at least a generation. Did we stand together with pride? Or did we allow our spiritual leaders to prioritize some other alliance for their own benefit?

We are called to survive but also to understand what we are preserving and why. If your rabbi cannot do that, it's time for a new rabbi. You cannot support institutions that mix our venerable faith tradition with a transitory and superficial political agenda. In the walls of our temples, we are just Jews. It's long past the time to tell the rabbis: Be whatever else you want to be on your own time.

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Letter From Sergeant Major Elkana Vizel, H'yd, Who Fell in Battle

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[Link to original article here](#)

Life at War

On January 22, 2024, 24 IDF soldiers were tragically killed in Gaza, the deadliest day for Israeli forces since the war began. Among the fallen was Sergeant Major Elkana Vizel, 35, a resident of Bnei Dekalim. Vizel, married to Galit and a father of four, was a rabbi who worked as a teacher at the Naom School in Bnei Dekalim. This is the letter, in the original Hebrew and English translation, that he prepared in case he was killed in battle.

If you are reading these words, apparently something happened to me. First of all, in case I was captured by Hamas, I demand that no deal be made to release any terrorist in order to release me. Our decisive victory is more important than anything, so please – just continue to act with full force so that our victory will be as decisive as possible.

Perhaps I was killed in battle. When a soldier is killed in battle, it is sad. But I ask you to be happy. Don't be sad when you bid farewell from me. Sing a lot, enter peoples' hearts, hold each other's hands, and give strength to one another. We have so much about which to be proud and happy. We are a generation of redemption! We are writing the most meaningful moments in the history of our people and of the entire world. So please be happy, be optimistic. Continue always to choose life – a life of love, hope, purity, and optimism.

I was wounded in Operation Protective Edge. I had the choice to stay behind, but not for a moment do I regret my decision to go back into combat. On the contrary: it's the best decision I ever made.

אם אתם קוראים את המילים האלה כנראה שקרה לי משהו. קודם כל במקרה שנחטפתי לשבי החמאס אני דורש שלא תעשה שום עסקה לשחרור של אף מחבל כדי לשחרר אותי. הניצחון המוחץ שלנו יותר חשוב מהכל, אז אנא פשוט תמשיכו לפעול בכל הכוח כדי שניצחוננו יהיה כמה שיותר מוחץ.

אולי נפלתי בקרב. כשחייל נופל בקרב זה עצוב. אבל אני מבקש מכם שתהיו שמחים. אל תהיו עצובים כשאתם נפרדים ממני. תשירו הרבה, תיטעו בלבבות, תחזיקו אחד לשני את הידיים ותחזקו זה את זה. יש לנו כל כך הרבה על מה להתגאות ולשמח, אנחנו דור של גאולה! אנחנו כותבים את הרגעים הכי משמעותיים בהיסטוריה של העם שלנו, ושל העולם כולו. אז בבקשה מכם תהיו אופטימיים. תמשיכו לבחור בחיים כל הזמן. חיים של אהבה, תקווה, טוהר ואופטימיות.

תסתכלו לאנשים היקרים שלכם בלבן של העיניים ותזכירו להם שכל מה שעובר עליהם בחיים האלה שווה את זה. ושיש להם הרבה בשביל מה לחיות. תחיו! אל תפסיקו לרגע את העוצמות של החיים!

בצוק איתן כבר נפצעתי. הייתה לי את הבחירה להישאר מאחור, אבל אני לרגע לא מתחרט על כך שחזרתי להיות לוחם. להפך, זאת ההחלטה הכי טובה שהחלטתי אי פעם.



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Parashat Beshalach (Exodus 13:17-17:16)

Rabbanit Dr. Adina Sternberg, Faculty of Matan, Efrata, and Bar Ilan Midrasha

If one were to define “Matan Torah” – the giving of the Torah at Sinai – as the people of Israel’s bar or bat mitzvah, we could then say that this week’s parsha describes early childhood. Even after a child has accepted responsibility for carrying out mitzvot, parents still need – sometimes painstakingly so – to educate their adolescent child. Likewise, the child’s “chinuch,” or educational process, begins at a much earlier age. As we see in our parsha, this process began for the people of Israel before they were officially given of the Torah. And it focuses on food.

The parent-child encounter is one of charity and judgement, provision and boundaries. The same goes for God and his firstborn, Israel. After taking Israel away from Egypt with signs and wonders, and through the miraculous splitting of the sea, He births them into a covenant, a new reality of symbiotic connection. And here, before official definitions of right and wrong are delineated, a relationship is built around basic sustenance.

Whenever they feel they are lacking something, the people of Israel cry out. The Divine response this elicits then includes both Him supplying their needs and teaching them a lesson. These lessons are designed to instruct the people in the ways of God. For example, along with receiving water they also receive a “nisayon” – a trial or experience of “law and justice” – learning – according to Ramban – how to correctly ask for water and then to share it among themselves. When God provides for their sustenance with heavenly manna bread, they must also habituate themselves to receiving equal portions of the manna and sufficing with their bare necessities. They are also taught behaviors meant to accustom them to the concepts of Shabbat.

One cannot receive the Torah in one day or embrace new habits all at once. Despite the belief that the Torah embodies eternal truth, internalizing its behaviors and messages is a journey, done through small steps and accompanied by trial and error, experience and practice, together with positive reinforcements of God’s blessing when we succeed.

In these days, we struggle within our community with the need to change our usual disagreements and tendency to embrace controversy; we are called on to reexamine our conceptions and beliefs. But to do this successfully won’t be achieved in one day. It requires a willingness to practice slightly different behaviors, to demonstrate patience, and to be willing to extend ourselves beyond habitual responses. It will take time, but like the people of Israel in the desert, we have the opportunity to begin this journey.

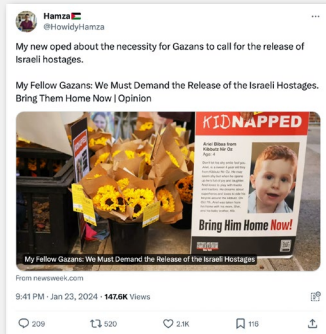


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We are grateful to share the immensely significant collaboration between Sheryl Sandberg and Dr. Cochav Elkayam Levy, Chair of the Civil Commission on Oct. 7th Crimes Committed by Hamas against Women and Children.

Sheryl is using her formidable voice to amplify the voices of those affected by rape and sexual violence. She is igniting hope and determination in the pursuit of accountability. Sheryl Sandberg's alliance signifies a monumental leap towards acknowledging and addressing the profound impact of these crimes. Her involvement reaffirms the urgency of the cause and propels us closer to a future where the voices of the affected are not only heard but are pivotal in achieving justice and redress.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Sheryl Sandberg for her unwavering commitment and leadership. Her collaboration with Dr. Cochav Elkayam Levy paves the way for a more empathetic and just world. Together, we will strive to create a world where accountability prevails, justice is served, and rape is never deemed acceptable as an act of war

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Sheryl Sandberg to Hold Hamas Accountable for Crimes Against Women and Children

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UK prime minister @RishiSunak: "Those people who rip down posters of hostages reveal themselves to have no humanity."

Those who chant "from the river to the sea" are either useful idiots who do not understand what they are saying or worse, people who wish to wipe the Jewish state from the map."

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UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak Stands With Israel

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New Harvard-Harris poll finds American people squarely behind Israel in the war against Hamas and the Iran-led resistance axis:

- 84% think US should increase strikes against Houthis if they keep attacking foreign vessels
- 83% say 10/7 a terrorist attack
- 80% support Israel in Gaza war
- 79% say Hamas cannot be allowed to run Gaza
- 77% say Houthis are a terrorist group
- 76% say Iran is behind Hamas
- 75% say the 10/7 attack was unjustifiable
- 74% believe Hamas aims to commit genocide
- 74% say Iran is behind Houthis
- 69% say Israel is trying to avoid civilian casualties
- 65% say Biden's Iran policy has been unsuccessful

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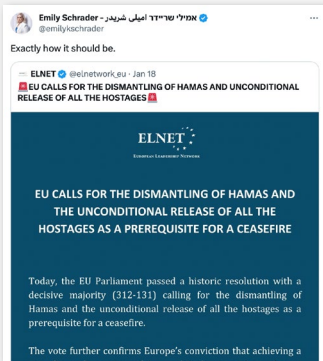
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Argentina Appalled UN Won't Condemn Hamas, Root of Gaza's Humanitarian Crisis

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Friday morning in Gaza's Khan Yunis Sector. An incident that took place with one of the battalions operating under the 4th Brigade:

Before carrying out a raid, the force sent up a drone after spotting a suspicious figure. Through the drone they saw an elderly woman bound to a bed.

The investigator called out to her in Hebrew and Arabic.

The suspicion of a luring event (i.e., an attempt to lure the soldiers into an ambush or a trap) was ruled out. The force went up to the apartment together with the investigator.

They found a 75-year-old woman bound by her arms and in very poor health. Her arms were extremely swollen, and she was severely dehydrated.


The investigator questioned her (the incident has been documented by the IDF) while a doctor treated her on site.

According to the woman, her family fled south. Two Hamas operatives in IDF uniforms arrived, bound her to the bed, and told her to say that the IDF did it. She lay like that for two days.

There are more and more monstrous and insane cases of bound elderly women, boobytrapped elderly men, and other outlandish things.

The time has really come for the IDF Spokesperson to start releasing these materials.

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The @IDF destroyed a terror tunnel just 1,500m from the border. It was 1km long, 20m underground.

The world is still in denial about how much international aid was wasted on Hamas' military infrastructure and the depravity of the Human Shield Strategy.



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ADL chief Jonathan Greenblatt, speaking at Davos, goes after the Qatar officials who attended @wef:

"It's great that the Qataris are here, and they need to be called out for using antisemitism as a tool, as a weapon"

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Qataris at Davos: Call Them Out For Using Antisemitism as Tool, as Weapon

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The @JerusalemPost and various other sources have unveiled a network involving multiple South African organizations and companies, including major banks, deeply implicated in funding #Hamas terrorist activities.

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Israel Truths

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Many years ago, I was very jealous (in a good way) of Am Yisrael. An ancient people who managed to revive their ancient language, preserve their traditions and survive centuries of colonialism and honors, and the most horrific atrocity in living memory, the Holocaust, and still find the courage to extend an olive branch to their neighbours and work towards building a better future for all peoples of the region.

On the other hand, I was awfully resentful of my fellow Egyptians. I lived amongst a people whose ancestors built the pyramids. A people whose civilisation and treasures are found in every single museum I've ever visited. A people with a history like no other.

They dismiss all this and abandon their history, language and identity to embrace the identity of Arab colonisers who robbed us of everything we once held dear. I love history, but I had no bloody idea why I was forced in school to learn about the traditions and history of a bunch of Arab tribes when I could be learning about Egypt's history. The history of Egyptian Jewry was not mentioned once in any school book I ever read. NOT ONCE. In the meantime, I was forced to memorise poems written by Arabs in pre-Islam Arabia - an era referred to by Muslims as the "era of ignorance", although history teaches us that Egypt was in no state of "ignorance".


Then, in 2019, I met Gil Hovav, the great-grandson of Eleizer Ben Yehuda, in London shul. We talked about his family, Mizrahi and Sephardi Jews in Israel, the liberation of Jerusalem, and, of course, his great-grandfather and how he revived Hebrew. There are so many moments in history that show us why we Jews should be very proud of who we are. I

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Israeli protestors are standing on the road near the crossing to Gaza blocking aid trucks.

One protestor explained: "This is insane. The government is feeding, clothing and fueling the enemy, even as it tries to kill our troops and civilians with rockets and tortures our starving hostages."



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The combatant-to-civilian death ratio in this war is unprecedented.

I'll explain. The international media regularly quotes Hamas claims that around 25,000 people have been killed in Gaza. They of course do not differentiate between combatants and civilians.

If we are, for argument's sake, going to accept Hamas numbers then we should also accept IDF numbers that the military has killed around 9,000 combatants (if you accept a terrorist's numbers please have the decency to accept the democracy's claims too).

With those numbers, the combatant-civilian death ratio in Gaza is about 1:1.5 and less than 1:2. In other words, for every combatant killed, around 1.5 civilians are killed.

Every loss of civilian life is tragic, but with this ratio, not only should Israel not be accused of genocide (that's obvious), world leaders should be applauding the IDF's precision-strike capabilities. As a point of reference, according to the UN, civilians usually make up around 90 percent of casualties in war. That's a 1:9 ratio (one combatant for every nine civilians).

What is happening in Gaza is unique - it is a new form of warfare (urban setting, extensive use of human shields and massive tunnel infrastructure) and still the ratio is low.

What the IDF is doing will be studied by other militaries for decades to come. No other military in the world has ever achieved this.

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Rashid Khalidi is the most prominent Palestinian-American. He is friends with Barack Obama and teaches history at Columbia. I've read all his writings since I was in college. I used to subscribe to his position, until I grew up. I'd be happy to debate Khalidi one day, if he thinks an immortal like him should debate a mortal like me.

Until that happens, I watched his most recent interview (90 minutes), and this statement of his caught my eye: "[Jews] who came didn't come to live with the residents of the country [Jkrtoman provinces, then Mandate Palestine]. They didn't come to live with the Arabs. They didn't want to learn Arabic or take the citizenship."

I've always been a proud Arab. One day, during the peak of the Syrian revolution against the Assad tyranny, I was moderating a panel for Syrian opposition speakers. One of them, an Assyrian, said "Syria was designed for the Arabs only and never treated us as citizens with equal rights. The name of the country is the Syrian Arab Republic. The official language is Arabic. The national anthem says that Syria is the Den of Arabism, and from us came the Walid [Islamic conquest general Khalid Ibn Al-Walid] and the Rashid [Baghdad Islamic Caliph Haroun Al-Rashid]."

That was the first time that I noticed that Arabism was neither neutral nor secular. Arabism is cultural heritage. Islam is even a narrower identity than Arabism. Neither can serve as a national identity.

Assyrians are mostly Christians who speak Syriac, a Semitic language older than Arabic (it is believed that Syria is named after their civilization). To them, Arab Islamic conquests decimated their culture

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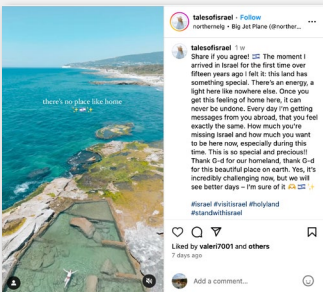
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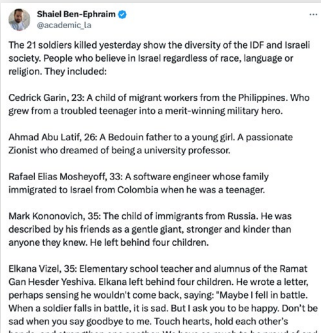
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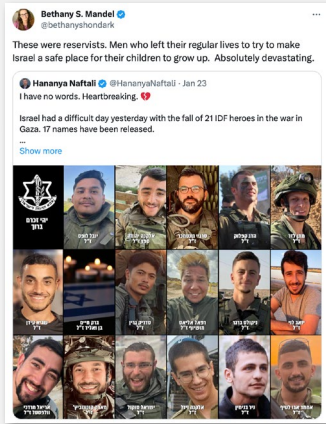
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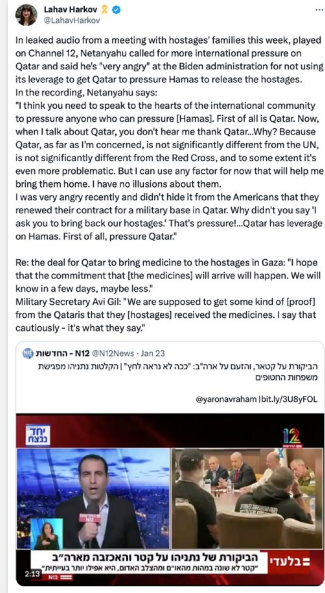
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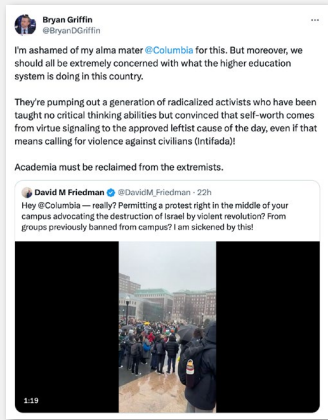
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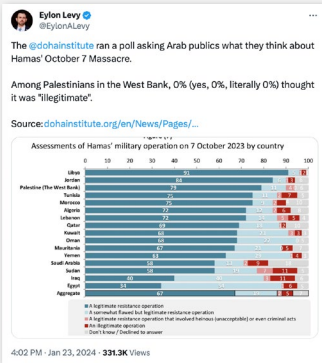
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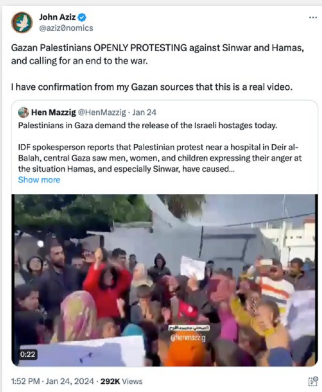
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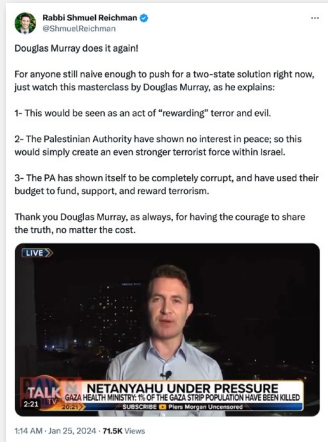
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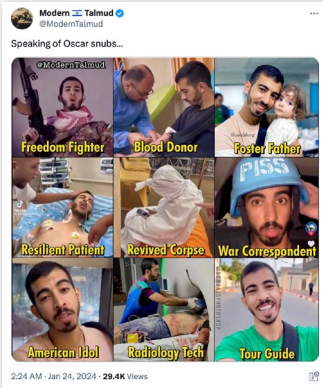
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As a nation, we recently commemorated a sad milestone we never thought we'd achieve: 100 days of Operation Swords of Iron, and 100 days of captivity for our hostages. And it goes without saying that these days of loss, pain, and grief have taken a heavy toll on the nation.

Well, leave it to the IDF to find a powerful way to uplift us, even amid the turmoil of battle.

The Israeli military recently tasked its entertainment divisions with the creation of a song of positivity and optimism, and, boy, did they deliver. Called "Bayit Lehilachem" (A Home to Fight For), this inspirational new track serves as the official song of the war. It will also be played as new recruits enlist in the IDF going forward.

The song reminds us how fortunate we are to have a homeland worth fighting for, and that we all share a responsibility to protect it. "The song was written two days after the start of the war," said Moshe Klughaft, who penned the song's lyrics. "The message it conveys is important and simple: we are just another link in the chain, and it is our job that it does not break."

Klughaft continued: "The most important line for me is 'there is no light that does not overcome darkness' - there is so much darkness in this period, but each of us brings with us a little light that spreads optimism everywhere."

The music video features a number of well-known Israeli pop singers, all of whom are currently serving their country in the IDF Entertainment Troupes. Agam Buchbut (the first singer on the video) became a household name as a contestant on the reality show "Music School" in 2011 at the age of eight. Ella Lee Lahav and Or Amrami Brockman rose to prominence on the reality show "The Next Star" a few years back.

Klughaft believes much better days are ahead.

"It is not certain that this will be the last war," he said, "but it is certain that afterwards we will be a much more united nation, and this is the will of the fallen - because there is a home to fight for."



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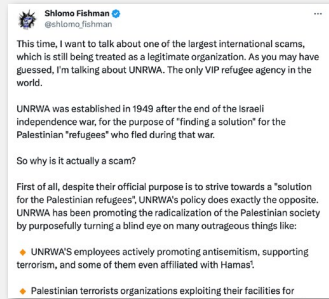
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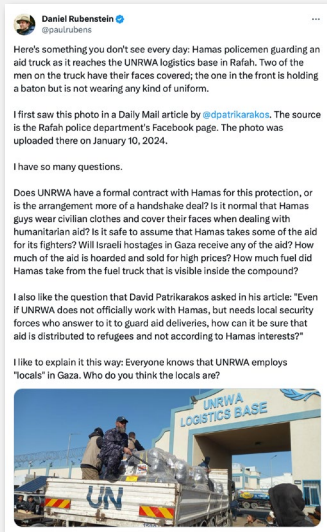
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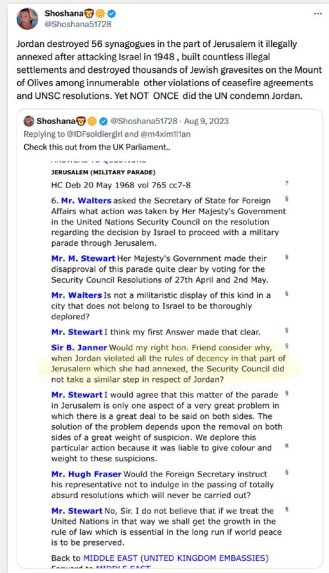
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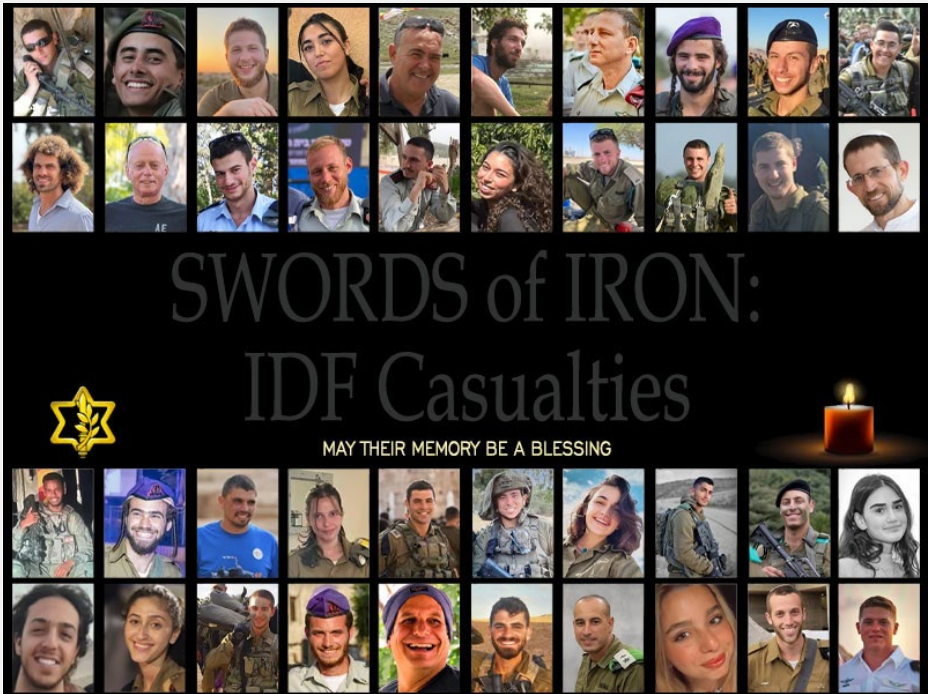
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Israel's Fallen Soldiers January 09, 2024

Swords of Iron: The names of 520 IDF casualties have been released for publication. 186 soldiers have fallen since the start of the ground offensive against Hamas.



Source: Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Prayer for Israel's Defence Forces

מי שברך אבותינו אברהם יצחק ויעקב הוא יברך את חילי צבא הגנה לישראל ואנשי כחות הבטחון, העומדים על משמר ארצנו וערי אלהינו מגבול הלבנון ועד מדבר מצרים ומן הים הגדול עד לבוא הערבה ובכל מקום שהם, ביבשה באויר ובים. יתן ה' את אויבינו הקמים עלינו נגפים לפניהם. הקדוש ברוך הוא ישמר ויציל את חילינו מכל צרה וצוקה ומכל נגע ומחלה, וישלח ברכה והצלחה בכל מעשה ידיהם. ידבר שונאינו תחתיהם ויעטרם בכתר ישועה ובעטרת נצחון ויקים בהם הכתוב: "כי ה' אלהיכם ההלך עמכם להלחם לכם עם איביכם להושיע אתכם".
ונאמר אמן.

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 שברך אבותינו אברהם יצחק ויעקב, יוסף משה ואהרן, דוד ושלמה, הוא יברך וישמר וינצר את נעדרי צבא הגנה לישראל ושבייו, ואת כל אחינו הנתונים בצרה וב־שביה, בעבור שכל הקהל הקדוש מתפלל בעבורם. הקדוש ברוך הוא ימלא רחמים עליהם, ויוציאם מחשך וצלמות, ומסרותיהם ינתק, ומצוקותיהם יושיעם, וישיבם מהרה לחיק משפחותיהם. "יודו לה' חסדו ונפלאותיו לבני אדם". ויקים בהם מקרא שכתוב: "ופדויה' ישובו ובאו ציון ברנה ושמחת עולם על ראשם. ששון ושמחה ישיגו ונסו יגון ואנחה":
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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