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Editorial

The Power of Events: Israel's Sudden Election & Increasing Terrorism, Are Complicated by the U.S.'s M.E. Ambivalence

Frederick Krantz

It is an old dictum that sudden, unexpected events change politics. The collapse of Israel's governing coalition means a March election and new uncertainty, and this as terrorism continues, in and around Jerusalem [cf. *this issue's Data-Bank statistics on Palestinian terrorism, pp.6-7*], as well as across the M.E., Iran, and Africa.

Meanwhile, Israel's situation is worsened by the ambivalence, political and military, of its major (indeed, only) ally, the U.S. Led by a lame-duck Democratic Administration, America's Hamlet-like President Barack Obama is first in (Syria), then out, then back (ditto *re* Iraq and Afghanistan); first he's affirming "no boots on the ground", then it's 1,500, now it may be 3,000; first they'll only be "trainers", then, armed, they'll support forward Iraqi echelons; and so on and on.

Yet even as Obama *seems*, however unwillingly, to ramp up US commitments to Iraq and Afghanistan, he continues to downsize ("sequestration") American armed forces. The stated goal? To arrive at a force approximately the size (100,000) of the woefully inadequate Army and Navy of December 7, 1941, at the outbreak of World War II. And this as Russian aggression in Ukraine, and a threatening Chinese naval expansion, continue.

Then, the icing on the disintegrating cake: Obama forces out his hand-picked Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel, a former U.S. Senator and battle-tested U.S. Army veteran, for a more compliant Ashton B. Carter, a neutral Pentagon administrator with absolutely no military background or credibility.

Two recent articles appearing simultaneously in a major newspaper summed up the contradictory, and dangerous, implications of such American ambivalence. One noted that, despite the resumption of American bombing of terrorist Islamic State forces in Iraq and Syria, their expansion seems not have been appreciably slowed. The other article reported on growing concern in the American military that the new campaign was ill-conceived, too little, too late, and that extreme fear of the negative media impact of civilian casualties was rendering much of the bombing ineffective.

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HANUKKAH 5775

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS THAT NEVER DIM

Baruch Cohen

In Loving Memory of Malca z"l

The kindling of lights at *Hannukah* remembers the history of the Jewish People. Their legacy to us is a commitment to share Jewish values. We light candles to recall, and to ensure, our faith in ourselves, in each other, in our people, and in our State of Israel. *Hanukkah* is the festival of *Am Israel*, the festival of a strong and independent Jewish People. Yet as the festival of liberty, *Hanukkah* celebrates more than the independence of our People—it also glorifies the right of all peoples to freedom.

Hanukkah affirms the universal truth that the only effective answer to aggression and oppression is the uninterrupted, positive assertion of the principles and values—Jewish values—that oppression threatens. These values, freedom, justice, righteous resistance, inspired by the Maccabean movement, were not simply an abstract and academic rejection of tyranny and oppression. They expressed a desire to safeguard a strong, independent identity and way of life. *Hannukah* was a fight for Judaism, a military uprising against oppression which went hand-in-hand with a powerful desire for a restoration of the Jewish People, of *Am Israel*.

After the dark nights of the Holocaust, today's Maccabees in Israel and Diaspora must ensure that our flame, the Jewish freedom flame, the light of *Hanukkah*, forever illuminates the way to the future for all generations. We Diaspora Jews are in the front lines, called upon to unite with our sisters and brothers in Israel and the world over to ensure that our fight against darkness, hate, antisemitism and evil will, as ever and forever, prevail.

AM ISRAEL CHAI! The Jewish People Lives!

Hag Urim Sameach

Hag Hanukkah Sameach

Happy Festival of Lights and Joy

(Baruch Cohen, who recently celebrated his 95th birthday, is Research Chairman of CIJR, and a member of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Center)

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WEEKLY QUOTES

“We will never recognize the Jewishness of the state of Israel,” —Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, at an emergency session of the Arab League in Cairo. His remarks came following a week of intense debate among Israeli politicians about a Knesset bill which would enshrine Israel’s status as a Jewish state in law. Abbas added that **“return to negotiations is possible if Israel agrees to a full freeze of settlement [construction], including Jerusalem, release of the fourth group of long-term prisoners, and setting a timetable for negotiations which will begin with setting borders.”** (*Times of Israel*, Nov. 29, 2014)

“Here, in the State of Israel, the Jewish people have achieved their self-determination in a democratic state that guarantees equal rights for all its peoples, all its citizens, regardless of race, religion or sex,” —Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. **“It is indeed a tragedy that so many of our Palestinian neighbors still repudiate the basic facts of history. They deny the more than 3,000-year-old connection between the people of Israel and the Land of Israel,”** he said, adding that **“peace cannot be based on such hypocrisy.”** (*Jerusalem Post*, Dec. 1, 2014)

“Given our vast maritime borders and the enemy’s huge investments in this area, our armed forces should continuously improve their (combat) readiness, irrespective of political calculations,” —Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. **“Peacetime offers great opportunities for our armed forces to ... build up on preemptive capacities,”** said Khamenei. Tehran and six world powers missed a November deadline for a nuclear deal, extending it for another seven months. (*Yahoo News*, Nov. 30, 2014)

“Democracy...is worse than sleeping with your mother,” —Abubakar Shekau, Boko Haram’s apparent leader, in an August video sermon. A wave of attacks across northern Nigeria has shown that the Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram remains able to strike at will in the region, especially against civilian targets. 120 people were killed in a bombing on Nov. 28 at a central mosque in Kano, the principal city of northern Nigeria (*Wall Street Journal*, Nov. 28, 2014)

“Over the last two years the relationship between Chuck Hagel and myself has been open, genuine and very friendly, and characterizes the special relationship between the Israeli and American security establishments,” — Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Ya’alon. Ya’alon reacted to US Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel’s departure by calling him a **“true friend of Israel.”** Ya’alon, who met Hagel in Washington last month during a trip on which he was snubbed by the White House, said that the US was Israel’s greatest friend and a source of **“strategic support.”** (*Jerusalem Post*, Nov. 24, 2014)

SHORT TAKES

KNESSET DISSOLVED, NEW ELECTIONS MARCH 17 (Jerusalem)—Knesset members voted overwhelmingly, 84-0-1, in favor of dissolving the current Knesset in a preliminary vote on Wednesday. Prime Minister Netanyahu on Tuesday, accusing his resistant coalition partners ministers Yair Lapid and Tzipi Livni of attempting a “putsch” to oust him, fired them both, and dissolved his government ahead of early elections. (*Times of Israel*, Dec. 3, 2014)

HAMAS JERUSALEM STADIUM ATTACK THWARTED (Jerusalem)—The Shin Bet and IDF thwarted a large-scale Hamas terrorism network preparing to carry out an array of deadly attacks against Israelis. Hamas had targeted the landmark Teddy soccer stadium and light rail system in Jerusalem, and planned car bombings, and kidnappings of Israelis in the West Bank and overseas. More than thirty Hamas members were arrested and M-16s, ammunition, and bomb-making equipment seized (*Jer. Post*, Nov. 27)

COURT DROPS CHARGES AGAINST MUBARAK (Cairo)— An Egyptian court dismissed murder charges against former President Hosni Mubarak in the killing of hundreds of protesters by police in the 2011 uprising. The ruling caps a nearly four-year

process that led to the former President’s life prison sentence. In Egypt’s first 2013 democratic presidential elections, Muslim Brotherhood leader Mohammed Morsi won, to be ousted by the military in 2013 after street demonstrations. (*Wall St. Journal*, Nov. 30)

UNESCO SEEKS TO SAVE JEWISH SITES FROM ISLAMIC STATE (Paris)— The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization plans to hold a special session in Paris to discuss ways to save Jewish heritage sites in Iraq from being destroyed by IS. UNESCO recently announced an emergency plan to safeguard Iraq’s cultural heritage sites, following media reports that the terrorist group has been systematically destroying ancient sites and plundering ancient sites and selling artifacts on the black market to fund their operations. (*Israel Hayom*, Dec. 1, 2014)

NAZI ALOIS BRUNNER ‘DIED IN SYRIA’ (Jerusalem)—The chief investigator pursuing Alois Brunner, one of the world’s most wanted German Nazi war criminals, is “99% sure” that he died four years ago in Syria. SS Captain Brunner, who would now be 102, is accused of deporting more than 128,000 Jews to death camps in the Second World War. Nazi-hunter Efraim Zuroff said new evidence revealed that Brunner was buried in an unknown location in Damascus where he fled in the 1950s. He reportedly served as an adviser, including on torture tactics, to President Hafez al-Assad. (*BBC*, Dec. 1, 2014)



Former Israeli Finance Minister Yair Lapid (L) and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (R), Oct., 2013

The New Cottage Industry in Jihad

Paul Merkley

A few weeks ago there went out from the website of Islamic State to all the faithful everywhere in the world this ukase from Abu Muhammad al Adnan: “If you are not able to find an IED, a bullet, then single out the disbelieving American, Frenchman or any of their allies. Smash his head with a rock, or slaughter him with a knife, or run him over with your car.” Here we find up-to-date and practical advice for carrying out the mandate that Muhammad left to all the faithful: “Fight and slay the Pagans wherever you find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem ... (Sura 9:5.) ISIS’s hot-off-the-press instructions lack nothing to make them immediately applicable to daily life.

There is no getting around the fact that Islam is becoming more dangerous for everybody. Of course, none of us has the right to deny the sincerity of the individual Muslim as he steps up to respond to the questions of the journalist-polltaker meeting him at the door of the Mosque and as he insists that the Prophet is really and truly a messenger of peace. That’s his story, and he is stuck with it. But our salvation depends on recognizing that it is not and never has been true. Paradoxically, as the Islamist organizations have mutated to meet the challenge of commanding millions of souls in the age of the internet and cell-phone, unlimited possibilities for solitary response have also ramified. In recent weeks here in Canada we have witnessed spectacular episodes of the direct application of the instruction from Abu Muhammad al Adnan to his brothers. These are indeed the instructions of Prophet Muhammad updated to incorporate the blessings of modern technology – objects lying as close to hand today as the knife was in the days of the Prophet, items for which the world owes everything to European invention and nothing to Islam.

As always in the recent history of terrorism, innovation in the cause of mass-murder of civilians is being pioneered in Israel as I write. Thirty years ago or so it was suicide-vests, car-bombs and so on. Today, a civilian pausing to cross any street in Israel knows that he could, in that moment, be a target for the suddenly-fashionable murder-by-automobile. At least two knife attacks upon civilians took place on the day that I

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Terror in Jerusalem

Prof. Harold M. Waller

Terror attacks in Jerusalem during recent months have rattled residents of the city as well as Israelis more generally. After an arduous summer’s war, it is disconcerting for citizens to face personal danger at random locations around the city. The horrific slaughter at a synagogue in the Har Nof neighborhood demonstrated the wanton nature of the threat, the need for the Government to be united in response to the terror offensive, and the difficulty of heading off attacks that are apparently not planned and coordinated by an organized group. Nevertheless there is an address for assigning responsibility: Ramallah. Whether or not the Palestinian Authority is actually coordinating the various attacks, it has surely contributed to an atmosphere fraught with danger. By stressing the purely imaginary threat to the mosques on the Temple Mount, the P.A. deliberately

stirred passions and incited some Arabs in Jerusalem to engage in terrorism.

While the threat that Israel faces is not strategic, it does raise questions about morale. The Palestinians long ago realized that they cannot defeat Israel militarily. Instead they seek to wear down the Israeli authorities and, in addition to the diplomatic games that they play out on the world stage, sap the morale of ordinary Israelis. Therefore it is imperative that the government gain control over terrorist attacks if it wants to maintain a strong and committed

citizenry able to face the external challenges that loom ahead.

Shortly after the 1967 Six Day War Israel annexed the parts of Jerusalem that came under its control during that war. From the government’s perspective, all of Jerusalem is part of sovereign Israel. Consequently Israel must maintain clear control over events throughout the city...For years Israel has pursued policies to increase the Jewish presence in many parts of the city that had been homogeneously Arab. With the passage of time those efforts have become increasingly contentious, which makes it all the more necessary to clearly maintain law and order. Regardless of their personal feelings regarding Israeli rule, publicly the Palestinian Arabs living there oppose being part of Israel. Those attitudes underscore the necessity for Israel to do what is necessary to bring this wave of terrorism under control.

...It is unfortunate that Israel has never known true peace, even after prevailing in armed conflict. Yes, Israel can succeed on the battlefield, as it has so often, but it cannot prevail politically, which is why true peace remains delusive...What Israel has had to demonstrate throughout its history is that terror waves like the present one can be stopped. Unfortunately it must prove that over and over again.

(Harold Waller is a Professor of Political Science at McGill U.)



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View of the scene of a horrific slaughter at a Synagogue in the Har Nof neighborhood of Jerusalem, November 18, 2014. Two Arabs from East Jerusalem murdered four Rabbis, and critically wounded a responding Druze Israeli police officer who later died of his wounds. The two terrorists were then shot dead by police.

TERRORISM COMPROMISES "PEACE PROCESS"

Palestinians' "Car Intifada" and Obama's Peace Process

Khaled Abu Toameh

It began as a "children's intifada" in Jerusalem, where Palestinians aged eight to 18 were encouraged to take to the streets and throw stones and shoot fireworks at vehicles driven by Israelis and policemen. Now, however, Palestinians are referring to it as a "car intifada" after two Palestinian drivers deliberately ran over Israelis in Jerusalem over the past two weeks. The "car intifada," which has claimed the lives of four Israelis, including a three-month-old infant, is being hailed by many Palestinians as a "natural response to Israeli crimes." The "crimes" they are referring to are visits by Jewish groups and individuals to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

The Palestinian Authority [PA], Hamas and Islamic Jihad are using these visits to stir up Palestinians against Israel. The recent terror attacks in Jerusalem are the direct result of this campaign of incitement. The widow of Ibrahim Akkari, the 48-year-old Palestinian who drove his car into a group of Israelis in Jerusalem on November 5, said that her husband was influenced by TV scenes of clashes between Palestinians and Israeli policemen at the Temple Mount...

Recent statements by PA President Mahmoud Abbas may also have convinced Akkari to go out and run over Israelis. Two weeks before the attack, Abbas called on Palestinians to "use all means" to protect the Aqsa Mosque... As if not enough, Abbas indirectly encouraged Palestinians to resort to violence against Israel by praising the Palestinian who shot and severely wounded activist Rabbi Yehuda Glick in Jerusalem on October 29... In a letter to the family of the would-be assassin, Mu'taz Hijazi, Abbas wrote: "With anger, we have received the news of the vicious assassination crime committed by the terrorists of the Israeli occupation army against your son, who will go to heaven as a martyr defending the rights of our people and its holy sites."

The letter of condolences contradicts Abbas's promise to... John Kerry to work toward calming the situation and refrain from fiery rhetoric that leads to more violence and bloodshed. What is more disturbing is the widespread support among Palestinians for the recent terror attacks in Jerusalem. This support is being expressed mostly on social media, where Palestinian activists have launched campaigns that praise the perpetrators and encourage others to follow suit. The most popular campaign is entitled *Daes*, which translates into "run over" in Arabic... The online campaigns feature cartoons that encourage Palestinians to use their vehicles to kill Israelis. One cartoon depicts a child wearing a Hamas headband and driving a car. The caption reads: "O Palestinian, drive, drive forward!"...

The anti-Israel campaign, and the incitement by Abbas, Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other Palestinian groups, coincide with Kerry's renewed effort to revive the stalled peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians. But... while [Kerry and Obama] are trying to find ways to bring the Palestinians back to the negotiating table, Palestinian leaders and organizations are busy inciting their people against Israel... It is hard to see how Abbas can return to the negotiating table while many Palestinians, at his behest, are busy thinking about how to kill more Israelis. The Obama Administration would do well to understand that it is a waste of time to talk about any peace process when Palestinian leaders and activists are openly glorifying those who use their vehicles to kill Israelis...

(Gatestone Institute, Nov. 7, 2014)

The 'Peace Process' That Kills

Charles Bybelezzer

The region was already burning when... John Kerry rolled into town in July 2013, on his fifteenth-odd visit to Jerusalem... Syria was well into its third year of carnage, with sectarian strife beginning to spill over into Lebanon... Libya was in shambles, with Islamist militias carving out spheres of influence following the American-led operation to remove Muammar Gaddafi... Yemen, once a major US ally in the fight against terrorism, was without a stable government after the overthrow of long-time ruler Ali Abdullah Saleh... In the wake of the total US military withdrawal from Iraq, that country was coming apart at the seams under Nuri al-Maliki... Egypt, the pillar of regional stability for decades, was in turmoil...

Yet in his blinding arrogance, Kerry was certain what was needed most: The renewal of a 20-year-long "peace process" that neither Israeli nor Palestinian officialdom had asked for nor wanted. Kerry would, with unsinkable hubris, secure his place in history by succeeding where everyone before him had failed. In any event, the move would deflect attention away from other US foreign policy blunders that had contributed to plunging the Middle East and North Africa into chaos...

The only thing negotiations were ever bound to deliver were more corpses to the morgue. Engagement with the Palestinians has never produced anything other than the weakening of Israel's bargaining positions and the erosion of its legitimate rights...

Just weeks after the breakdown of talks... Hamas dutifully reminded Palestinians of their nationalistic responsibilities. The incorporation of Gaza's rulers into a unity government with... Abbas was near-unanimously hailed as a positive step by the international community, effectively justifying terror against Israelis. The kidnapping and murder of three Jewish teens this past June, accompanied by a surge of rocket fire on civilian population centers, was the outcome...

And while the world was perversely condemning Israel's "disproportionate" response to the terror it helped to unleash, unrest was brewing in the West Bank and especially Jerusalem. Violent demonstrations in Arab-Israeli cities likewise foreshadowed the campaign of murder currently being waged against Jews within the so-called "1967 borders"...

The question of whether or not another Palestinian "uprising" has started is irrelevant – because it is unavoidable. It is the natural consequence of the venomous indoctrination with hate of an entire population based on the total rejection of the Jewish people's right to live within any borders in its one and only state, the recurring result of a phony peace process which holds only one side accountable and deems the construction of schools in disputed territories as a greater sin than the taking of life. In the result, Israel finds itself in a great conundrum, from which it cannot escape without altering dramatically the prevailing, warped paradigm. One needs to look no farther than the media coverage of Tuesday's attack to understand the depths to which the country has fallen. Canada's public news station, the CBC, conjured up this headline: "Police fatally shoot two after apparent synagogue attack"... But nobody should be surprised; the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, after all, described the first terror attack in the recent series – which saw a Palestinian mow down as many bystanders as possible on the streets of Jerusalem – as a "vehicular accident"...

(Charles Bybelezzer is a correspondent for i24News and a former CIJR Publications Chairman. Jerusalem Post, Nov. 24, 2014)

SIGNIFICANT TERRORIST INSIDE ISRAEL AND WORLDWIDE,

I come bearing an olive branch in one hand, and the freedom fighter's gun in the other. Do not let the olive branch fall from my hand.

-Yasser Arafat, *Speech to the United Nations General Assembly*, 13 November, 1974

1920-1939 — Prior to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, Palestinian Arabs were already carrying out organized attacks against Jewish communities in Palestine. In January, 1920, Arab villagers attacked Tel Hai, a Jewish settlement in the Galilee, killing two. Two months later, hundreds of Arabs attacked Tel Hai again, killing six Jews. In 1921, Arab rioters attacked Jews in Jaffa and its environs, killing 27 and wounding 150. The main agitator behind these attacks was Haj Amin al-Husseini, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. In 1929, Jews worshiping at Jerusalem's Western Wall were frequently attacked, culminating in widespread, violent riots across Palestine in August. During the period 1936-39, a campaign of terrorism was launched against Jews, British soldiers, and British officials, orchestrated by the Arab High Command, and led by al-Husseini. This became known as the "Arab Revolt."

May 8, 1972 —Israeli forces storm a hijacked Belgian Sabena airliner at Ben Gurion Airport; fatalities include one passenger, five Israeli soldiers, and all four terrorists.

May 30, 1972 —Ben-Gurion Airport: hijacked airliner, 26 killed (including twenty Puerto Rican passengers), 78 injured in attacks with guns and grenades; two terrorists also killed.

September 5, 1972 —The radical Palestinian group Black September infiltrates Israeli team quarters at the Munich Olympic Games and takes hostages. Two Israeli athletes are killed in the initial attack and nine hostages, as well as five terrorists and a West German policeman, are killed during a subsequent shoot-out at Munich airport.

September 19, 1972 —A Black September letter bomb kills Ami Shehori, an attaché at the Israeli embassy in London.

March 6, 1975 —Tel Aviv attack: eleven killed, twelve injured (seven terrorists also killed). Terrorists land by two boats on a Tel Aviv beach, fire at cars and soldiers, killing two soldiers; they seize a hotel which is stormed by Israeli troops; explosions kill one hostage, one soldier and six terrorists; six hostages and one terrorist are injured.

July 4, 1975 — Jerusalem: thirteen killed (including two children), 72 injured (including two Americans) in bombing at Zion Square; The bomb was in an abandoned refrigerator on a sidewalk surrounded by pre-Sabbath shopping crowds.

May 25, 1976 —Ben-Gurion Airport: one guard killed (plus one terrorist), nine injured by premature explosion of suitcase bomb; second bomb exploded causing no injuries.

July 4, 1976 —Palestinian and leftist West German terrorists hijack an Air France airliner in Europe and divert it to Entebbe, Uganda. Israeli commandos strike and kill the terrorists while rescuing 98 Israeli and Jewish hostages. Three hostages and the head of the commando unit, Yonatan Netanyahu, die in the violence.

March 11, 1978 —Tel Aviv: 43 killed (including one American), 72 injured in shooting attack on Tel Aviv beach: thirteen PLO/Fatah terrorists land by boat and seize a bus, engaging police in gun battle during which the bus explodes (nine terrorists also killed).

May 2, 1980 —Hebron: six killed, sixteen injured in attack on worshippers leaving synagogue.

December 31, 1980 —A bomb blast destroyed the Jewish-owned Norfolk Hotel in Nairobi, killing twenty people and wounding more than eighty.

June 3, 1982 —Israel's Ambassador to Britain, Shlomo Argov, is gravely wounded when terrorists from Abu Nidal's Palestinian Fatah group attempt to assassinate him outside the Dorchester Hotel in central London. Argov dies in 2003 at age 73 from injuries sustained in the attack.

December 27, 1985 —Terrorists from Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council attack El Al counters at Rome and Vienna airports simultaneously, killing nineteen people.

September 6, 1986 —Arab gunman kills 22 worshippers in a raid on Istanbul's Neve Shalom synagogue, an attack blamed on Abu Nidal.

July 6, 1989 —Kiryat Yearim: sixteen killed (including one Israeli teenager, one Canadian teenager, one Canadian adult, one American), 27 injured when a terrorist grabbed the steering wheel of bus and forced it off a road into a ravine

March 7, 1992 —Israeli embassy security chief in Ankara dies in a car bomb attack. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility.

March 17, 1992 —A car bomb smashes the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, killing 29 people. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

April, 1994 — Hamas conducts its first suicide bombing. Five Israelis are killed in the city of Hedera.

July 18, 1994 —At least 96 people are killed when a bomb exploded at a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires.

January 22, 1995 —Netanya: 22 killed (including 20 soldiers), 69 injured by two separate suicide bombers (both terrorists killed) at the Beit Lid junction near Netanya (three of the soldiers killed died after the bombing of injuries, one of whom died on December 16, 1996).

February 25, 1996 —Jerusalem: 26 killed (including nine soldiers and three Americans), 80 injured (including three Americans) by two suicide bombings on buses in Jerusalem; first bombing killed 23 (including three Americans) and injured at least fifty; second bombing thirty minutes later killed three, injured at least 25.

March 4, 1996 —Tel Aviv: thirteen killed (including one soldier and five teenagers), 163 injured (including two Americans) by suicide bombing at Dizengoff Center.

February 14, 2001 —Holon: eight killed, 25 injured when a terrorist drove a bus into a group of people at a bus stop near Holon.

August 9, 2001 —Jerusalem: fifteen killed (including seven children and a pregnant women) and 130 are injured by a suicide bomb detonated by a Palestinian terrorist outside of Sbarro restaurant.

December 1, 2001 —Jerusalem: 11 killed (including five teenagers), 188 injured by two suicide bombings at Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall.

ATTACKS AGAINST JEWS, FROM 1920 UNTIL PRESENT

January 17, 2002 —Hadera: six killed in shooting attack at a bat mitzvah reception.

March 2, 2002 —Jerusalem: ten killed (including six children), over fifty injured by suicide bomber in Orthodox neighborhood of Jerusalem; a terrorist detonated his bomb next to group of women with baby carriages outside a synagogue.

April 11, 2002 —A truck explodes near an ancient Jewish shrine of El Ghriba synagogue on the Tunisian island of Djerba, killing fourteen Germans, five Tunisians and a Frenchman.

June 18, 2002 —Jerusalem: nineteen killed (including one child and one teenager) and 74 injured (including many students) by a suicide bomber (one terrorist also killed) attack on a bus.

July 4, 2002 —An Egyptian kills two people at the El Al counter in Los Angeles airport before El Al guards shoot him dead.

July 31, 2002 —Mount Scopus: seven killed (including four U.S. citizens and one U.S.-French citizen) and 86 injured in explosion of bomb planted in cafeteria at Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus.

November 28, 2002 —Fifteen people are killed in car bomb attack on a hotel frequented by Israeli tourists in the Kenyan port of Mombasa, as two missiles miss an Israeli airliner taking off from the city.

January 5, 2003 —Tel Aviv, 23 killed, 120 injured by two suicide bombers (both terrorists also killed) who detonated bombs about thirty seconds apart near the Central Bus Station. Those killed included fifteen Israelis (one soldier), three Chinese citizens, two Romanian citizens, one Ukrainian, one citizen of Ghana, and one Bulgarian.

June 12, 2003 —A Hamas suicide bomber disguised as an ultra-orthodox Jew detonates a bomb on a Jerusalem bus, killing sixteen Israelis.

August 19, 2003 —Jerusalem: 23 killed, 133 injured in suicide bombing in Jerusalem on a bus filled with Jewish worshippers.

November 15, 2003 —Car bombs explode outside two synagogues in Istanbul, killing 24 people.

March 14, 2004 —Ashdod: ten killed, sixteen injured in twin suicide bombings (five killed immediately by first explosion, second explosion killed three immediately and fatally



Within hours of the heinous attack on a Jerusalem synagogue on November 18, 2014, Palestinian social media featured images glorifying the bloody slaughter of Jews while they worshipped. The caption in Arabic reads: "Jerusalem is thirsty, and this thirst will be quenched with blood." (source: *The Investigative Project on Terrorism*).

injured two) at the port of Ashdod; the terrorists may have intended to reach chemical storage facilities.

July 30, 2004 —A suicide bomber with explosives strapped to his waist strikes the Israeli embassy in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, killing at least two local people.

August 31, 2004 — Hamas claims responsibility for the death of fourteen people in a deadly explosion on two buses in the southern Israeli city of Beer Sheva, wounding more than eighty.

February 1, 2008 —In Mauritania's capital, Nouakchott, unidentified gunmen open fire on the Israeli embassy, injuring three bystanders, including a French woman.

November 26-29, 2008 — Coordinated bombing and shooting attacks by ten gunmen at various sites, including luxury hotels, kills 166 people in Mumbai. India blames the attacks on Pakistan-based terrorists, and the only surviving gunman says they were members of the group Lashkar-e-Taiba. A Jewish center in Mumbai is among the locations targeted, and at least five people are killed there, including a rabbi and his wife who were taken hostage by the gunmen.

February 13, 2012 —Bombers target staff at Israel's embassies in India and Georgia, wounding four people. In New Delhi, the bombers succeed and a car explodes. However, in Tbilisi, a bomb underneath a diplomat's car is found and defused.

July 18, 2012 —A bomb explodes on a bus carrying Israeli tourists in the Bulgarian resort city of Burgas, killing at least six people and wounding around thirty.

June 12 - August 26, 2014 - Three Israeli teenagers are kidnapped and killed in the West Bank. This marked the beginning of "Operation Protective Edge," response to Hamas rockets launched at Israeli cities.

October 22 - November 18, 2014 — On October 25, a Palestinian terrorist drove into and killed a three-month-old baby named Hava Zissel Braun, and 22-year-old Karen Mosquera (from Ecuador) at a Jerusalem light rail station. Only days after, Temple Mount activist Yehuda Glick was shot four times by an Islamic Jihadist outside of the Menachem Begin Heritage Center. Glick made a full recovery and was released from the hospital nearly a month after the attack. On November 5, a Hamas member conducts a vehicular attack killing two Israelis, Jordan Assad, a Druze patrol officer, and a seventeen-year-old student, Shalom Baadani. Lastly, on November 18th, five Israelis are killed after a brutal terrorist attack at a synagogue in Jerusalem during morning prayers. Injured in the attack was Canadian Howie Rothman, expected to recover.

*Original Timeline by Matthew Kendall,
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Obama: Helping Terror Go Nuclear

Noah Beck

Last Tuesday's terror attack on a Jerusalem synagogue killed five people: four rabbis...and a Druze police officer...Congress showed moral clarity when blaming the horrors on Hamas and Palestinian Authority incitement, but Obama's statements were perfunctorily "balanced." Obama warned of a "spiral" of violence – an obtuse refrain of those suggesting moral equivalency between terrorism and the fight against it...Obama's weak reaction is consistent with his mostly impotent response to ISIS terrorists who...grow their Islamist empire by the day. Frighteningly, his approach to Iranian nukes follows the same meek pattern, but the stakes are exponentially higher, because when Iran goes nuclear, so does terrorism. Iran is already the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, without nuclear weapons. Iran-supported Hamas has already tried to commit nuclear terror: last summer, Hamas launched rockets at Israel's Dimona nuclear reactor. How much more dangerous will Iran become when it has nukes? Even if Iran doesn't directly commit nuclear terrorism, an Iranian nuclear umbrella will embolden the regime and the terrorist organizations it sponsors.

Obama has a long record of weakness towards Iran. In 2009, when Iran's Basij paramilitary force brutalized demonstrators protesting Iran's fraudulent presidential election, Obama kept his response irrelevantly mild for the sake of "engaging" Iran. That surely helped Iranian voters understand the risks of protesting the "free" election of 2012 (involving eight regime-picked candidates). It was indeed a very orderly rubberstamp... President Hassan Rouhani's election vastly improved the public face of Iran's nuclear program, and Obama was charmed too. Obama has been unilaterally weakening the sanctions against Iran by not enforcing them. He has threatened to thwart any Congressional attempt to limit his nuclear generosity by simply lifting sanctions without Congressional approval. Yet despite these concessions and Rouhani's smiles, human rights abuses in Iran have actually worsened.

Obama declared in 2012 (while running for reelection) that he doesn't bluff when it comes to stopping Iranian nukes, and that containment was not an option, unlike military force. But the credibility of that statement collapsed after Obama shrunk away from his "red line" against Syrian chemical weapons use. In 2013, Bashar Assad gassed his own people and Obama took no military action. So if Obama cowers against a disintegrating state, what are the chances that he'll militarily prevent Iranian nukes?

And Obama has dangerously undermined the only military threat to Iranian nukes that anyone still takes seriously: Israel. On the Iranian nuclear issue, Obama has isolated Israel on how close Iran is to a nuclear capability with estimates that are far laxer. And as long as Obama continues negotiating...or reaches a

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Christian Persecution

Editorial

[In Mid-October], 4,500 Christians from more than 80 countries converged on Jerusalem to show support for Israel, prominent leaders of Jewish and Christian organizations spoke out against the persecutions Christians face daily throughout the Middle East. World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder told the large Feast of Tabernacles celebration in Jerusalem...that the persecution of Christians must be stopped. "Our enemy has shown its true face with rapes, and with the slaughter of Christian women and children and with beheadings," Lauder said. "There is no safer place in the Middle East for Christians than here in Israel. In Israel, Christians can pray in the open. In Israel, Christian holy sites are protected. In Israel, Christians do not fear for their lives." He said it was time for leaders around the world to speak out against the "anti-Christian terror."...

As if to underline the points made at the event, as the leaders were speaking out against persecution of Christians it was reported that the Islamist terrorist group Nusra Front had released a Catholic priest...and 20 Christian hostages who had been kidnapped in northwestern Syria... The abduction was just the tip of the iceberg of the monstrous assaults carried out against Christians during the Syria conflict. Nusra kidnapped Greek Orthodox nuns in Maaloula last December. An Italian priest named Paolo Dall'Oglio, who had been promoting dialogue with Muslims in the country, disappeared in

July 2013 and is presumed kidnapped...

Holy sites of Christians are ransacked and they are forced to flee. When Syrian rebels captured Homs, more than 66,000 members of the ancient community left. Father Frans van der Lugt, who remained behind, told the Catholic News Agency: "I can't leave my church." He was murdered in April 2014. Christian communities that survived for almost 2,000 years in the country are on the brink of extinction as they are forced to leave their homes. The fate of Christians in Syria mirrors what happened in Iraq in the last decade. Islamists took advantage of the chaos after the US-led invasion to slaughter Christians. The emergence of Islamic State was merely the final cycle of massacre and persecution. In Mosul, more than 95 percent of the Christian community was forced to flee. Mark Arabi...who speaks on behalf of Iraqi Christians from his community, noted, "They are absolutely killing every Christian they see. This is a genocide in every sense of the word. They want everyone to convert and they want Shari'a law to be the law of the land."

"Genocide" is the word now being used among many Christian leaders tuned into this issue... In Libya, gunmen have killed Chris-

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connaissance flights, with each potential target then relayed to the U.S.-based Command Center for approval at the highest level. Such a slow, cumbersome process often results in the target moving on or disappearing. The Islamic State fighters—who of course are unconcerned about civilian casualties—have quickly learned how to disperse, hide, and otherwise evade both the reconnaissance process and the actual postponed follow-on attacks.)

America's continuing foreign policy and military hesitations (confusion?) have emboldened its, and Israel's, enemies. Together with the post-Arab Spring collapse of the M.E. state system, the advance of a new territory-acquiring terrorism, and ongoing Iranian nuclear development (yet another example of American irresolution), this was surely not the most auspicious moment for Israel's governing coalition to collapse.

But events can be turned to advantage. If Netanyahu can win a more stable center-right coalition in March, and (as the 2016 Presidential election looms) the recently returned Republican majority in both Houses of Congress can put consistent foreign-policy pressure on the White House, the balance in 2015 may well turn in Israel's favor. It would be, as we celebrate Passover's message of Jewish freedom, a consummation devoutly to be desired.

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wrote this line. Particularly appalling to all of us is that the call for Muslims to step forward and attack Israeli citizens in this spirit is now being publicly promoted by Secretary Kerry's Partner-for-Peace himself, Mahmoud Abbas. [See Khaled Abu Toameh, "Palestinian 'Car Intifada' and Obama's Peace process, *Gatestone Institute*, November 7, 2014.)

Now cottage-industry jihad has come to Canada. Citizens have been murdered by solitary Muslim zealots in broad light of day because their uniforms identified them as Canadian military. Progressive politicians and commentators are exhausting their deposit of credibility as they argue whether such creatures as Michael Zehah-Bibeau and Martin Rouleau were "solitary agents" or foot-soldiers in the ranks of some Islamist organization, known or yet to be uncovered. (The first murdered Nathan Cirillo, a reservist-soldier standing guard at the National Cenotaph and then ran up Parliament Hill and into the Centre Block intent on murdering parliamentarians; the second used his car to murder soldier Patrice Vincent on a street-curb in Saint Vincent-sur-Richelieu, Quebec. Each left unambiguous testimony to his conviction that he was a soldier for Allah.)

The fact is that the bending of these young minds is being achieved at infinite distance by demonoids speaking from Islamist websites. None one of these individuals needs to have been a card-carrying member of anything in order to win the prize of eternal martyrdom held out by these internet scholars of Islam. Here is the paradox: by acting utterly alone, seeking the purpose of his life in annihilation of himself and others, each of these men is accomplishing everything, all by himself, for which all the Islamist organizations exist. This is not the sort of individualism that Western political philosophers like to celebrate.

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deal allowing Iran to become a threshold nuclear weapons state, an Israeli military option to defang Iranian nukes appears less legitimate. The media's anti-Israel bias is well known... So if Obama accepts Iran's nuclear program and Israel then attacks it, the media will be even harsher on Israel (even though the world will be silently relieved, if Israeli courage succeeds at neutralizing what scared everyone else).

Downgrading U.S.-Israel relations seems to be part of Obama's *détente* with Iran. Iran's Supreme Leader Khamenei recently tweeted his plan for destroying Israel, but Obama grows even more determined to reach an accord that legitimizes Iran's nuclear program... Obama indeed appears desperate to get a nuclear accord with Iran at any price. He has written letters asking for Iran's help against ISIS after they hinted at an ISIS-for-nukes exchange... Obama's top aide, Ben Rhodes, was caught saying how a nuclear accord is as important to Obama as "healthcare"; at least there's a fitting slogan to sell the deal to Americans: "If you like your nukes, you can keep them."

*(Noah Beck is the author of The Last Israelis (2013).
Algemeiner, Nov. 21, 2014)*

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tians, primarily Coptic emigrants from Egypt, by going door to door in attacks in Benghazi. In Pakistan, a suicide bomber killed more than 81 at a church in Peshawar in September 2013. In Turkey, a priest named Andrea Santoro was killed in 2006 and Christians face ongoing harassment. Greek Orthodox priest Father Gabriel Nadaf, an Israeli Arab, has estimated that a Christian is murdered in the Middle East every five minutes. "Israel is the only place where Christians are safe," Nadaf said. "Just as Christians defend Jews against anti-Semitism, just as Christians support Israel, we Jews have an obligation to speak out against the growing persecution of Christians in many parts of the world," Lauder said. It is important for Israel to keep shining a light on persecution in the region and remain a haven for Christians in these difficult times.

(Jerusalem Post, Oct. 18, 2014)

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fairs and former IDF Intelligence officer; Lawrence Solomon, *Financial Post*. Keynote speaker was Professor Richard Landes (Boston U.), who coined the word "Pallywood" for "productions staged by the Palestinians (often with the cooperation of Western camera crews) for the purpose of promoting anti-Israel propaganda by disguising it as news."

This *Colloquium* was dedicated to Sabina Citron, who with a small group and entirely without Jewish leadership support, led the successful fight to deport neo-Nazi Ernst Zundel to Germany, where he was imprisoned.

CIJR is definitely making a marked impression in Toronto, where—through symposia, lectures, programs like the upcoming *Israel Learning Seminar*, and partnerships with like-minded organizations—more and more people, Jewish and not, are aware of our unique academic-public pro-Israel interface.

*Doris Epstein
(CIJR Toronto Chapter)*

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Now Belongs, in Part, to the Memory of One We Know

Father Raymond J. de Souza

I have been to the cenotaph many times to pray for our country and to honour our fallen. Another visit is required now, because it has been consecrated anew. The blood of Corporal Nathan Cirillo has been shed. The tomb of the Unknown Soldier now belongs in part to the memory of one we know.

Cpl. Cirillo was there because the National War Memorial had been desecrated in 2006 on Dominion Day. Some young hooligans relieved themselves on it, and in response a ceremonial guard was placed there, both to honour the dead and to keep vandals away. When shrines or sanctuaries are desecrated, they must be reconsecrated — whether it be the temple of Jerusalem in ancient times or the churches burned this summer in Nigeria.

The cenotaph, desecrated in 2006, was reconsecrated on Wednesday in the most dramatic way possible — set apart once again, made sacred once again. It was Lincoln who gave us the words at Gettysburg: “In a larger sense, we cannot dedicate ... we cannot consecrate ... we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.”

The National War Memorial — titled “The Response” — was dedicated in 1939 by King George VI to commemorate the Great War, just months before a war of even greater carnage would begin. In 1982 it was formally re-dedicated to honour the fallen of the Second World War and Korea, and in 2000 the remains of a soldier from Vimy were interred to make it the Canadian tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After Cpl. Cirillo was killed on site, there will be no need for another ceremony to include here the fallen of the wars against Islamist terror. That has been done in his blood.

Wednesday was intended by the assassin to be rich in symbols — an attack on the soldiers’ memorial, an attack on Parliament. So it was supremely fitting that he was stopped by a figure both symbolic and real, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons, the mace-bearer who marches before the Speaker in the opening ceremonial of the Commons. Kevin Vickers is also the head of security on the Hill, which is why in addition to carrying the mace, he can fire a pistol...

The mace represents the authority of the chamber conferred by the Crown (which is why it is draped in the presence of the sovereign herself). It is a fitting symbol of Parliament itself. In the person of its mace-bearer then, Parliament offered its own “Response” to the attempted attack on its peaceable assembly.

In the coming days I expect that both the cenotaph and Parliament Hill will be closed off to public access. I remember working on the Hill 25 years ago when it was possible to drive up to Parliament buildings freely and enter them with a simple indication of which office you wished to visit... as soon as possible the symbol of our national democracy — and the symbol of the fallen who have sacrificed their lives in its service — should return to being living symbols, signs that are not only signs, but which accomplish what they signify. Keep them open; do not let them become symbols instead of a free people held captive by liberty’s enemies...

(*National Post*, Oct. 24, 2014)

Terrorism and the Ordeal of Civility

Diane Weber Bederman

There are seven billion souls in the world; one billion live in functioning democracies; perhaps two billion more live in struggling civilizations. Freedom doesn’t come effortlessly. We learned that from our own story of the Exodus. *Homo sapiens* is but 40,000 years old. The gift of the Jews, ethical monotheism, is only 3500 years old. It’s that ethic, a blessing and a curse, that moved our ancestors away from tribal cultures based on honour and shame to the democracies that now exist. Acts of terrorism remind us of the fragility of the thin veneer of civility separating us from the uncivilized barbarian within.

I suggest the fear of the disintegration of that thin covering of civility led the media in Canada to declare, almost unequivocally, that the murderers of Corporal Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent were mentally ill, even “clinically insane,” despite the dearth of facts and that the few facts available spoke to lone-wolf terrorists. In Western civilization it is difficult to believe that people do such barbaric things; one to the other. When these attacks take place on our soil we want desperately to separate ourselves from them. We prefer to see them as “the other” the “not me.” Can’t be me. But the truth is it can be me. Too easily.

Civilization is but a blink of an eye in the creation of the world. And the ordeal of civilization comes with great discontent. It forces us to suppress and repress our inner animal instincts that live in the deep recesses of the amygdala, our reptilian brain, where there’s no break between the instinct to kill and the act itself. Humans are commanded to fill the gap between instinct and action with a moral response. And that’s not easy. We fail at honouring the Ten Commandments.

I think members of the media ran away from terrorism toward mental illness, something with which we are familiar, to dampen down their own fear of their own inner barbarian. We know if pushed hard enough, the killer instinct within would be awoken and we could become them; “the other,” the “not me.” Better to pretend it won’t happen to us by throwing the possibility of terrorism as motive away. But there’s great danger in that response because it keeps us from accepting the fact that billions of people don’t share our beliefs, our culture. Our hubris, our arrogance that seven billion people want our way of life blinds us to these acts of terrorism all over the world and now here at home. How ironic it would be if years from now historians wrote that democracy, *sui generis*, was the Achilles heel of Western civilization.

Jean-François Revel wrote in *How Democracies Perish* that “Democracy tends to ignore, even deny, threats to its existence because it loathes doing what is needed to counter them. It awakens only when the danger becomes deadly, imminent, evident. By then, either there is too little time to save itself, or the price of survival has become crushingly high.” We are the light unto the nations. It is a light that requires constant attention or it will flicker and die. As we light the candles of *Hanukkah* let us remember the miracle of freedom, and that we must be ever vigilant in her defense.

(*Diane Weber Bederman is a noted Israel-issues journalist*)

Amid Terrorism and Global Human Rights Crises, a New Winnipeg Museum Offers Hope

Rob Coles

Having followed debates over the recently-opened *Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR)*, I was eager to visit the site on a recent trip to Winnipeg. Many criticisms of the museum focus on the lack of content addressing Canada's human rights abuses (e.g., towards First Nations communities). After visiting the museum I can say that those who believe it excludes key Canadian human rights issues have misunderstood some fundamental aspects of contemporary museums.

At the time of my visit, many of the galleries had yet to open to the public (unfortunately, the Holocaust gallery was among the sections not open). My only criticism of the current exhibitions is the lack of context explaining why the objects relate to human rights issues. For example, a "bentwood" box from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is displayed with a small label mentioning the artist: Coast Salish artist Luke Marston. Only after researching the box did I learn that it contained individual stories of human rights abuses toward First Nations communities (the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was a landmark attempt to expose the history of Canada's residential schools). The stories are unfortunately not exhibited, even though they provide important context to the piece.

With the temporary dearth of open exhibitions, the visitor's attention is instead focused on the *CMHR*'s stunning, Antoine Predock-designed architecture. Rising from the Forks (the meeting of the Red and Assiniboine rivers) the shimmering museum appears on the flat landscape like a glass and stone mountain. The design, symbolizing hope, takes visitors on a journey from "darkness into light." Visits start on the main floor which is purposely devoid of windows and light. It's here where the main First Nations galleries are located. My guide explained this layout symbolizes the roots of Canadian history and its aboriginal foundations. As the visit progresses, viewers journey out of the dark, lower sections into the expansive, light- and glass-filled upper sections of the museum. The symbolic design culminates in the 24-metre-high "Tower of Hope," featuring panoramic views of the prairie landscape. While the base of the museum represents Canada's history, grounded by its First Nations, the view from the Tower is contemplative and universal, symbolizing hope and optimism for the future.

Symbolic, non-object-based museums, such as the *CMHR*, reflect contemporary trends in museology. Many "post-modern" museums, especially Holocaust museums, focus less on collections, and more on symbolic, meaningful architecture. It is important to remember that the late Izzy Asper, who conceived of the idea of a national human rights museum in Winnipeg, originally planned to build a "tolerance" museum examining racism and atrocities, particularly the Holocaust.

The *CMHR* has important similarities with Holocaust museums around the world. The Holocaust History Museum at *Yad Vashem*, Israel's national Holocaust museum in Jerusalem, designed by world-renowned Canadian architect Moshe Safdie, follows a similar darkness-into-light narrative. Lower sections of the building are underground and dimly lit, symbolizing the horrors of the Na-

Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg



Source: Wikimedia Commons

tional Socialist period in Europe. Visits conclude in a light-filled room with sweeping panoramic views of Jerusalem, representing the rebirth of the Jewish people in Israel. Location is a key component of *Yad Vashem*'s symbolic program. With its strategically-placed view of Jerusalem, the museum takes full advantage of its location in the capital of the Jewish State.

Like *Yad Vashem*, the location of the *CMHR* is crucial to its overall symbolism. The museum is similarly built on historically charged ground: the Forks of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, a millennia-old meeting place for First Nations communities. A ca. 800 year-old footprint is preserved on the museum's ground floor to honour the ancient human presence on the site. Human rights are complex and difficult to illustrate through architecture. However, the iconic design of the *CMHR*, and its optimistic message of hope for the future, are a fitting tribute to the legacy of the site.

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Help Us Fight Anti-Israel Misinformation and Boycott Campaigns

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Dear friends and supporters,

Since the end of the summer we have been very busy at CIJR, with lectures, conferences, support for student anti-BDS initiatives, and forging the **Canadian Freedom Alliance (CFA)**, the Pan-Canadian framework organization we founded together with other like-minded organizations.

Among other programs, the **Israel Learning Seminars (ILS)** got under way, with CIJR's in-house academics (**Prof. Frederick Krantz, our founding President, Profs. Harold Waller and Ira Robinson**) and prominent media people such as **Barbara Kay**. Invited speakers such as **Tammi Ross-Benjamin** and **Daniel Pipes** addressed ILS audiences of students and adults at the CIJR head office in Montreal.

In Toronto in the month of Nov. 2014 there was a successful full-day **Sabina Citron Colloquium** on the subject of: "Gaza and the Media Wars", due to the superb speakers and hard work of our Toronto Chapter executive members (see *Doris Epstein's report, infra*).

In October, Montreal CIJR hosted, for the second year, a group of over 20 Israeli students from both **Ben Gurion** and **Tel Aviv Universities** for five days, under the *Generations of Israel* program. While visiting here they were exposed to the anti-Israel BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) vote initiated by the **Student Society of McGill University (SSMU)**, which was defeated 402-337, tabling the motion indefinitely. A BDS vote at the end of Nov. at **Concordia University** was also blocked, by a **decision** to seal the ballots while an independent law firm provides guidance to the University's chief electoral officer. In both instances CIJR provided full behind-the-scenes support to the student anti-BDS activists.

The Institute is also studying ways of adding more tools to the students' arsenal in this difficult battle, including the legal option called "**Lawfare**". In Nov. 2014 we hosted **Mrs. Nitsana Darshan**, a prominent Israeli lawyer who heads **Shurat Hadin**, a successful Israeli "lawfare" organization (www.IsraelLawCenter.org) that "bankrupts terrorists, one lawsuit at a time". To date, **Shurat Hadin** has, of \$1B claimed damages, collected \$120M from terrorist-related groups.

We are also busy growing and establishing the **American Institute of Jewish Research (AIJR)**, headquartered in Washington DC. Our teams of professionals and volunteers, in Montreal and Toronto, are doing a great job. We are grateful to them all, and—on behalf of all of us here at CIJR—I would like to extend our best wishes to you and yours for a Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, and other holidays, and wish everyone a happy New Year!

CIJR's Toronto Chapter: From Strength To Strength!

The themes of CIJR Toronto's three major events, this year, were entirely new to the Greater Toronto Area community.

CIJR's **26th Annual Anniversary Gala** lunch reception, honouring the Israeli Air Force and **Mahal** volunteers who fought alongside Israelis, was held in June at the Moss Park Armory. Joe Warner, a Torontonian who was with the anti-tank group of the Givati Brigade, represented the **Mahalniks**. Keynote speaker was General Eitan Ben Eliyahu, former Commander of the Israel Air Force. Sara Bernamoff, a 2013 University of Calgary graduate, outspoken campus critic of the non-confrontational stance of some Jewish on-campus organizations, was also a featured speaker. Sarah is working with **CIJR** on the newly-formed **Canadian Freedom Alliance**. **CIJR** Director Prof. Frederick Krantz, and National Board Chairman Jack Kincler, also spoke at the *Gala*.

In August, a **CIJR Community Colloquium**, on "*The Media and the Third Gaza War*" was the first event to focus attention on the negative, Orwellian media bias against Israel, and to combat Palestinian propaganda swallowed by the West. Professor Aurel Braun called the reportage "pornography of war". Also speaking were Professors Sally Zerker, Renan Levine and *Financial Post* columnist Lawrence Solomon.

On November 16, an all-day symposium, "*Gaza and the Media Wars Against Israel*" was held with a stellar panel: *National Post* op ed writer Barbara Kay, Prof. Sally Zerker, who chaired the event; Diane Weber Bederman, writer and blogger, Jonathan Halevi, *Jerusalem Centre for Public Af-*

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