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March 26, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 29th Annual Anniversary Gala of the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research (CIJR).



For 29 years, members of the CIJR have dedicated themselves to providing the public with an objective analysis of important international relations issues. This evening's gala, with the theme "Israel's Contributions Biblical and Modern to Western Civilization," is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon your organization's many accomplishments. I am certain that the discussions led by guest speakers Rabbi Abraham Cooper and Ambassador (ret.) Yoram Ettinger will be thought-provoking and inspirational for everyone in attendance.

With great perseverance and faith, the Jewish people have built a vibrant democracy with strong institutions and an advanced economy that stands as a testament to the power of hope and determination. Canada and Israel share an enduring bond of friendship underscored by our strong commitment to peace and democracy. Our special connection will continue to flourish thanks to our shared values and the presence of a dynamic and thriving Jewish Canadian community.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for a memorable evening.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada



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PRIME MINISTER



February 16, 2017

Dear Friends,

I send warm greetings to the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research for its Twenty-Ninth Annual Anniversary Gala.

At times, it might feel like an uphill battle to fight against the rising tide of blatant lies and slander directed against the one and only Jewish state. You know, however, that the truth is our strongest weapon in this fight and our greatest guarantor of success. Since its inception, CIJR has sought to set the record straight and give unbiased information and analysis. By providing historical context to current events, CIJR helps paint a more complete picture of the complex and shifting reality of the Middle East.

I commend CIJR for all it does to combat anti-Semitism, anti-Israel sentiment and Holocaust denial, and I wish you many more years of success.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Netanyahu

## Editorial

# Israel, Biblical-Modern, and Western Civilization

Frederick Krantz

As CIJR recently held its 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on “Israel’s Contributions, Biblical and Modern, to Western Civilization”, and as we currently celebrate the eternal Passover theme of liberation, a survey I did some years ago, of several widely-adopted college and university Western Civilization text-books, came to mind.

I was interested in how they represented Judaism and Israel, and the results—often reflecting sheer ignorance and stereotypes oddly redolent of traditional anti-Hebraic polemic—were concerning, even shocking. Reconsidered today, they put our universities’ often oddly quietistic attitude towards current antisemitic “BDS” campus attacks on Israel into a wider cultural perspective.

Generally, in these books Biblical Israel and early Judaism, far from being seen as foundational for subsequent Christian, and Western, civilization (think of Biblical individualism, and Prophetic “speaking truth to power”) were only briefly and cursorily handled. The momentous Hebraic discovery and development of ethical monotheism was given a pastiche-like treatment, usually subsumed within a chapter on the “Ancient N.E.” and sandwiched between the Sumerian *Gilgamesh Epic* and Egyptian religion (Akhenaton’s worship of the Sun) with “Yahweh” reduced to a “jealous, angry God”, etc.

The books then quickly jumped to extended treatments of ancient Greece’s “key” inventions of democracy and philosophy, and early Christianity’s supposed “universalization” and spiritual “deepening” of Judaism (e.g., “Love thy neighbor as thyself” [not noted as originating in *Leviticus/Vayikra* 19.18], or the Gospel’s “turn the other cheek” injunction contrasted with the supposedly “particularistic” Judaic “eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth”, etc.)

These reductivist formulations were then followed by the triumphal adoption of Christianity by Rome and its spread to dominance in the West. Thereafter, save for a few glancing references—the 1492 Spanish Expulsion, or Spinoza as the “first modern man” in the 17<sup>th</sup> c.—Judaism, Rabbinic or otherwise, and Jewish history were generally not encountered again until the rise of the Nazis, and the Holocaust.

One finds little or nothing in these textbooks on Christian anti-semitism, on medieval Judaism’s creativity (Maimonides), early modern Judaism’s encounters with the Enlightenment, on Herzl and Zionism, on 19<sup>th</sup> c. Jewish contributions to modern science, philosophy, literature. There is little or nothing on the rise of modern Israel, the ingathering of Jewish refugees, Israel’s 1948 War of Liberation against Arab invasion, the Six Day War and its aftermath, or the UN’s “Zionism as Racism” resolution. And nothing on besieged modern Israel’s near-miraculous 21<sup>st</sup> c. emergence as a world-class technological center and leading “start-up” nation.

The textbooks’ serious lacunae also reflect the limits of the often-invoked “Judeo-Christian tradition” concept, a catch-phrase which, however well-intentioned, in fact tends to downplay the unique identity and contributions of Judaism. The phrase conveys little or no sense of the *specificity* of *Tanakh*’s (the Hebrew Bible’s) profound, formative, and on-going role in subsequent Christian and Western thought and values.

This cultural ignorance and amnesia about Judaism and modern Israel, and their key role in the development of Western civilization, brings us to the CIJR *Gala*’s subject, “Israel’s Contributions...to Western Civilization”. Our speakers threw a clear light on the centrality of Judaism’s humane individualism and positive valuing of man’s life in this world, values which have

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## PASSOVER, 2017-5777

Baruch Cohen

*In Loving Memory of  
Malka – ז”ל*

Passover, the greatest of all festivals, brings us close to our history, awakening us to the proud truth of sharing the dreams of our ancestors to be free. Passover, *Pesach*, asks us to remain forever convinced that, despite sacrifice and suffering, justice and freedom for all people will always prevail.

The unique holiday of Passover, celebrated in our homes, has always been the most joyful and exuberant day of our history. At Passover, our table resounds with songs and thanksgivings. As the springtime renewal of nature fills us with joy and hope, so the world remains steadfast in the conviction that justice and freedom for all people will prevail.

The single predominant feeling of Passover is joyful exuberance. Passover’s feast of redemption, filled with songs of joy and hope, promises the great day of liberty to Israel, and to all who still strain under the yolk of oppression.

Today, the legacy of Passover sustains Israel and the Jewish People in their struggle against terrorism and the rise of a new global antisemitism. Passover affirms the great truth that liberty is the undisputed right of every human being.

*Chag Pesach Sameach*, a Happy Passover holiday, to all CIJR’s friends & supporters!

*(Baruch Cohen, who celebrated his 97th birthday last October, is CIJR’s long-time Research Chairman)*

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## WEEKLY QUOTES

**“Israel is committed to working with President Trump to advance peace with the Palestinians and with all our neighbors... I want to thank the President for his strong support of Israel... We confront the same enemies and we defend the same values... These are the things that bring Americans and Israelis together and so does the pursuit of peace. Israel’s hand and my hand is extended to all our neighbors in peace.”** — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. (*Jerusalem Online*, Mar. 27, 2017)

**“The effort to delegitimize the state of Israel being waged on college campuses and the anti-Israel obsession at the UN are one and the same...They both seek to deny Israel’s right to exist. They are both efforts to intimidate her friends and embolden her enemies. They are both extensions of an ancient hatred.”**— U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley, at an “Ambassadors Against BDS” conference. Haley also boasted of having passed anti-BDS legislation in South Carolina — the first bill of its kind in the U.S. — when she was governor. **“Our state would not do business with people who traffic in hate...Love for the Jewish state [in South Carolina] cuts across”** political and religious denominations, she noted. (*Algemeiner*, Mar. 29, 2017)

**“Too many rabbis and other Jewish leaders are linking the threats against JCCs and other Jewish spaces...to President Trump...Yes, we need to take anti-Semitism and threats to our community spaces seriously...But this didn’t begin with Donald Trump, and it won’t end with him. Now is the time to admit this and to stand together in opposition to anti-Semitism. It’s time for Jewish leaders to disentangle their justified concern for the safety of Jews from their desire for a different president. Weakening Jewish unity and politicizing threats to Jews won’t do anyone much good.”** — Karol Markowicz (*New York Post*, Mar. 23, 2017)

**What I would like to see...is a new alliance in the Middle East — a strategic partnership with the leadership of the United States of America, in which we say this is what the battle in the Middle East is about. It’s against extremism, in favor of mutual respect across boundaries, race, faith and culture. And if we want the Middle East to succeed, we need to base this new partnership not just on interests, but on basic human values of dignity, respect and tolerance for all.”** — ex-British Prime Minister Tony Blair. (*Algemeiner*, Mar. 26, 2017)

**“CIJR has done remarkable work in research, analysis, support and advocacy on Israel and the Middle East. Professor Frederick Krantz, National Chair Jack Kincler and community treasure, 97-year-old Research Chair Baruch Cohen have been the driving forces behind this important think tank. Its incisive work has helped de-mystify Middle East politics and has provided essential information and support to Jewish students on campuses across Quebec and the rest of Canada.”** —David Birnbaum, Liberal MNA for D’Arcy-McGee, Mar. 28, 2017



*Nikki Haley, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and a former Governor of South Carolina (R)*

## SHORT TAKES

**UK CHANGES STANCE ON ISRAEL AT UN** (Geneva) — In an unprecedented move, Prime Minister May’s government changed the UK’s vote at the U.N. Human Rights Council on what it called a “perverse” resolution condemning Israel for allegedly maltreating the Druze residents of the Golan Heights. In past votes on the same text — introduced annually by Syria’s Assad regime, and more recently by the Islamic group acting as a surrogate — the UK had abstained, together with EU states. The UK also declared that if the UNHRC doesn’t change its anti-Israel bias, they will vote No on all five of the annual resolutions concerning Israel. (*UNWatch*, Mar. 28, 2017)

**SUIT AGAINST UN FOR ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION IN JERUSALEM** (Jerusalem) — The NGO Regavim, which monitors illegal construction in Israel, filed a petition against the UN to the Supreme Court. The organization accused the UN of carrying out

illegal construction in Jerusalem. Among the illegal construction featured in the petition are the structural changes the UN illegally made to a historic building which dates back to the 1930s, the illegal construction of a multi-story building, and the installation of an illegal petrol station for UN personnel usage. (*Arutz Sheva*, Mar. 27, 2017)

**ATTEMPTED STABBING ATTACK THWARTED IN JERUSALEM** (Jerusalem) — A female terrorist attempted to stab a group of police officers near Damascus Gate near the Old City of Jerusalem on March 29. The terrorist reportedly emerged from the Old

City through the Damascus Gate. When she identified the police officers, she approached them and produced a weapon. The terrorist was shot and subdued. No further injuries were reported. The PA identified the dead terrorist as Siham Nimr, 49, from the Shuafat refugee camp. (*Arutz Sheva*, Mar. 29, 2017)

**BIZARRE STUNT AT AUSCHWITZ CARRIED OUT BY ANTI-WAR ACTIVISTS** (Warsaw) — A Polish prosecutor says that 11 people who slaughtered a sheep at Auschwitz stripped naked and chained themselves together were peace activists protesting wars across the world. The bizarre stunt at the former Nazi death camp, which also involved unfurling a banner with the word “Love,” occurred by the gate with the infamous inscription “*Arbeit Macht Frei*” (Work Will Set You Free). The stunt was carried out by four women and seven men aged 20-43. (*Fox News*, Mar. 29, 2017)

**EGYPT’S MUBARAK RELEASED** (Cairo) — Egypt’s former President Hosni Mubarak returned home following his release from custody after legal proceedings since his 2011 ouster. The 88-year-old Mubarak was acquitted by Egypt’s top appeals court of charges that he ordered the killing of protesters during the 2011 popular uprising that led to his ouster. The order to release Mubarak was the latest in a series of court rulings in Egypt that acquitted some two dozen Mubarak-era cabinet ministers, top police officers and aides charged with graft or in connection with the killing of some 900 protesters during the uprising. (*CBC*, Mar. 24, 2017)



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Chers amis,

Je tiens à féliciter l'Institut canadien de recherches sur le Judaïsme (ICRJ) pour ses 29 ans. Je souhaite également souligner le travail exceptionnel de dévoués universitaires qui ont donné bénévolement de leur temps et qui ont contribué au rayonnement et à la crédibilité de l'organisme. Depuis 29 ans, le ICRJ travaille afin de nous fournir des analyses de qualité, indépendantes et objectives sur Israël, le Moyen-Orient et sur les enjeux liés au judaïsme à travers des publications, des colloques et des séminaires.

Je remercie le rabbin Abraham Cooper, doyen associé du Centre Simon Wiesenthal et l'ex- ambassadeur Yoram Ettinger, directeur exécutif de *Second Thought : A U.S.-Israel Initiative* pour leur précieuse participation à cette soirée. Je remercie aussi toutes les personnes présentes, sans qui l'organisme ne pourrait poursuivre sa mission.

Que cette soirée de gala soit pour tous un événement mémorable!

Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research (CIJR) on its 29th anniversary. I would also like to recognize the outstanding work of the dedicated scholars who have volunteered their time and contributed to the Institute's growth and credibility. For 29 years, the CIJR has worked to provide high-quality, independent and objective analysis on Israel, the Middle East and Jewish issues through publications, colloquia and seminars.

I want to thank Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Dean Associate of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and Yoram Ettinger, Ambassador (ret.) and Executive Director of *Second Thought: A U.S.-Israel Initiative*, for their valuable contribution to this evening. My thanks also go to everyone in attendance. Without your support, the organization could not continue its work.

I hope this gala is a memorable evening for everyone!



## Message from the Consul General of Israel, Mr. Ziv Nevo Kulman

Shalom dear friends,

It gives me great pleasure to extend my most heartfelt congratulations to Prof. Krantz and the Canadian Institute of Jewish Research (CIJR) on the occasion of your institute's Twenty-Ninth Annual Gala.

For almost three decades, CIJR has compiled and circulated invaluable academic literature on Israel and the Middle East, while training the leaders of tomorrow through its impressive Student Israel-Advocacy Seminar Program.



CIJR's many colloquia and conferences, including today's symposium on Israel's High-Tech Miracle, are invaluable in shedding much needed light on Israel and its many facets from its vibrant political scene to its flourishing economy.

Congratulations for all of your efforts and may you know many more years of continued success in all of your noble endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ziv Nevo Kulman  
Consul General of Israel



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March 26, 2017

Message from the Leader of the Official Opposition

*It is my distinct pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all those attending the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research (CIJR) 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala.*

*For three decades, the CIJR has been dedicated to advancing research on Israeli, Middle Eastern and Jewish issues. This year's gala, highlighting Israel's Contributions Biblical and Modern to Western Civilization, is reflective of the Institute's elucidating work. I know attendees will gain a deeper appreciation for Israel's remarkable influence on Western culture. I commend the CIJR and all those participating in these thoughtful discussions.*

*On behalf of my colleagues in Canada's Official Opposition, please accept my best wishes for a memorable evening.*

Yours truly,

The Hon. Rona Ambrose, P.C., M.P.



**Thomas Mulcair**  
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Canada's New Democrats, it is my pleasure to extend heartfelt greetings to everyone gathered at the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research's (CIJR) 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Gala.

CIJR is highly regarded as a key source of information and data—produced by established specialists and scholars—on Israeli, Jewish and Middle Eastern issues. CIJR boasts a wealth of online publications that provide in-depth analysis and information to Jews and non-Jews alike.

As you gather to celebrate the important work and contributions of CIJR, take pride in the knowledge that CIJR's efforts to fight anti-Semitism, to educate and to inform have made a difference to so many here in Canada and around the world.

Again, as Leader of Canada's New Democrats, I wish you a wonderful evening and continued success!

Mazel Tov!

Hon. Thomas Mulcair, P.C., M.P. (Outremont)  
Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada

As a long time CIJR board member, writer, and speaker, I can appreciate from the inside what Fred Krantz and his team have accomplished. They engage important issues, treat them seriously, and have a beneficial impact. I am proud to be associated with CIJR and look forward to its 29th anniversary.

Daniel Pipes  
(Middle East Forum)

## Passover Charity and Israeli Happiness

Lior Lipshitz

According to a recent U.N. report, the state of Israel is the 11th happiest country in the world. Anyone exposed to the media discourse, largely inundated with Israel's problems and crises, would find it hard to believe that Israelis are in fact satisfied with their lives. But it seems the key to Israelis' happiness is their connection to their identity, family, country, language and community. Every one of us is part of a community. The support, the reinforcement and the reliance on one another do not just serve to comfort us in times of difficulty, but also provide a sense of security and peace of mind in our day-to-day lives.

Passover is the most meaningful holiday in the community, as we celebrate the freedom from which the "community" of the Jewish people was created. Out of the enslavement and the exile, a nation, a public, a common dream was born: to return to the land of Israel. Passover is also the most familial holiday: We do not hold the Seder alone, but just as the Jewish people celebrated the first Passover, with their families.

One of the reasons for the increase in Israeli happiness is the Israeli family, which remains steadfast against the winds of Western culture and the modern world. According to an analysis by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Develop-

ment, Israel has the honor of being the OECD country with the sixth-highest number of married couples. The loneliness that now defines so many Europeans is the enemy of happiness. The urban alienation of the city and the time spent living in giant towers where fellowship among neighbors is naturally lower only increase the sense of alienation.

In my opinion, however, this is not the only source of happiness. It turns out that Israelis also like to give. According to data from the Central Bureau of Statistics, the percentage of Israelis who volunteer has gradually increased from 15% in 2002 to 21% in 2015. One in every five of us finds time and energy to volunteer their time and do something for others. In a competitive and modern Western society, where the general impression is that everyone is busy looking out for themselves, it seems Israelis live for the common good and for the elderly or handicapped neighbor. The foundation of a strong community is a large number of families focused on giving, and a large number of such communities can significantly empower Israeli society...

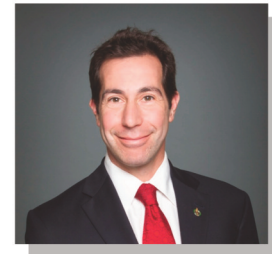
The power of Passover is in the call for freedom. In 2017, a person can find themselves enslaved to any number of things, from the screen on their smartphone to their job. Human connection is the cure for this enslavement. The community is a tool that must be strengthened and nurtured in order to empower Israeli society in its entirety and every one of its citizens.

*(Israel Hayom, Apr. 3, 2017)*



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# Greetings



It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research (CIJR) on its Twenty-Ninth Annual Anniversary Gala. I am sure you can all imagine how much I wanted to be there with you but I am in Washington attending the American Israel Political Action Committee conference and meeting with members of Congress tonight. On a night where we take the time to recognize CIJR's pro-Israel work, it is my honour to congratulate Jack Kincler, Fred Krantz and the entire executive of the CIJR on their tireless contributions to Jewish communities around the world.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the two distinguished keynote speakers Rabbi Abraham Cooper and former Ambassador Yoram Ettinger. I also want to thank all the volunteers who contributed to the success of this annual event.

While we are extraordinarily lucky to live in a country like Canada where the Jewish community has achieved success and acceptance beyond the wildest dreams of our ancestors who crossed the ocean to come here, we still face pockets of antisemitism. I am always conscious of the fact that I am one of only seven Jewish Members of the Canadian Parliament. Of course all MPs represent their entire

riding as well as all Canadians but I do understand that I have a special obligation to be a leader on issues of importance to the Jewish community and I take that responsibility seriously. Part of that work involves working with CIJR on an ongoing basis and it is a pleasure to do so.

CIJR has always advocated for issues that affect the Jewish Community in Canada and by organizing events like these where it unites world-renowned statesmen and academics, with organizational and community leaders, students, journalists, and media representatives, CIJR helps to strengthen our common values and interests and the community bonds between us.

May CIJR go from strength to strength in the years to come.

Anthony Housefather  
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## Balance and Harmony in the Torah

Mordechai Nisan

The Jewish people's historic contribution to civilization and mankind was essentially drawn from the Torah. It related to the domains of theology, philosophy, psychology, morality, and law, which together reflected the spiritual world of man and life. The instrumentalities of life, or proceeding from science to technology, did not pre-occupy the classic and rabbinic Jewish geniuses.

Considering the moral confusion and political acrimony of the times, the rebellions against God, nature, and order – no less the vicious campaigns against the Jewish people and the state of Israel – the Torah offers the way of mending the ills of society and nations.

The Torah's formula for balance and harmony is embodied in its texts and traditions. Let us present a succinct and systematic sketch as a guide for the Jews, and mankind.

### Part 1: a binary model

- God created the heavens and the earth to encompass the universe, the above and the below, the higher and the lower;
- God created the sun and the seasons to service the array of human needs;
- God created man and woman as partners to preserve the human race on the planet earth;
- God fixed six workdays and the Sabbath for a life of productivity and creativity, for rest and renewal.

### Part 2: ethics, sociology, economics

- The Torah in its laws presents a paradigm for balancing the rights and duties of citizens, personal prerogatives and self-fulfillment with public responsibility;
- The Torah teaches balance in the soul and calls for moderate behavior, reflective talk, and congeniality with others;
- The Torah's philosophy of education practices love and patience mixed with discipline.

### Part 3: politics and diplomacy

- The Torah seeks to accommodate and balance *truth and peace* in the world and among peoples, transcending clashes with a higher resolution of harmony between both principles.

### Part 4: contemporary commentary

- In modern Israel there is a healthy balance between the civilian and military domains, each with its own ethos and spirit;
- Israel as a Jewish state in her foremost and essential definition yet grants liberty and dignity for others in a tolerant social ambience;

- Israeli culture and its social space embody a mix of the old and the new, between tradition and modernity, for arriving at a *modus vivendi* for the two features;
- Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people has maintained and cultivated an extraordinary relationship with the Jewish diaspora around the world;
- Israel is neither soft nor brutal in contending with enemies, while assuring security and national welfare;
- The duality and complementarity of nationalism and universalism in the Hebrew Bible is delicately proportioned in the soul and outlook of the Jewish people.

Overall, Judaism rejects extremism and fanaticism; envisages the Jewish people practicing exclusivity balanced by inclusivity; while the Torah creates the platform for morality, honesty, decency, and spirituality in the lives of people.

The Torah created the balance bringing heaven down to earth, and raising to heaven the sights for the people on earth. Judaism neither values otherworldliness alone nor this-worldliness alone. It possesses the formula for balance and harmony.

*(Dr. Mordechai Nisan is retired from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a CIJR Academic Fellow)*

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informed Western secular, as well as religious, thought and practice at their best. And modern Israel's remarkable role as a modern liberal-democratic society, whose advanced technological innovations contribute to humanity was also underlined.

This general societal and institutional ignorance and amnesia concerning Judaism and Israel also nourish, indirectly, the virulent "Boycott/Divest/Sanction" campaign on campuses, which is further reinforced on campus by the loss of even the superficial knowledge formerly purveyed by the "Western Civ" textbooks. Today, our "globalist" universities and colleges reify such ignorance by no longer requiring either Western civilization, or European history, courses and readings in their BA degree programs.

The attack on democratic Jewish Israel, expressed in the revival of antisemitic tropes on campus (and in the media, and the UN), is of course not simply a matter of textbooks or cultural ignorance. But this ignorant "cloud of un-knowing" does provide the *permissive*, and *reinforcing*, context for the widespread and largely unopposed dissemination of anti-Israel "BDS" propaganda (the goal of which, we should recall, is not simply to delegitimize the Jewish state, but to pave the way for its ultimate destruction).

The answer to BDS antisemitic propaganda is knowledge, effectively conveyed, of what Israel and Judaism represent. CIJR, an independent, pro-Israel academic think-tank, has for the past twenty-nine years proudly played its part in defending the democratic Jewish state by educating our students and the public. And in so doing—through a work of knowledge, intellect, and will—we are also defending, on campus and in society, what is best about the Western liberal tradition.

*(Prof. Krantz is Director of the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research, and Editor of its Israfax and Daily Isranet Briefing publications. He is also the founder of Liberal Arts College, a Western Civilization "Great Books" program at Concordia University)*



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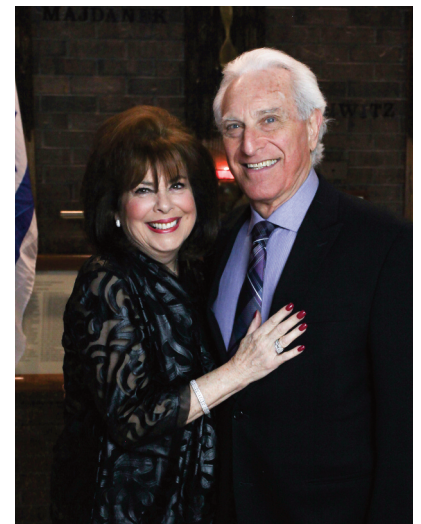
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## Christian Zionism Without Condescension

Paul Merkley

Giving urgency to the debate over the Partition of the Palestine Mandate in November, 1947, was the universal recognition that civilization had just survived by the skin of its teeth. In those days, statesmen used that word “civilization” without embarrassment; some even echoed Winston Churchill, who spoke of “our Christian Civilization.”

Those days are long gone. Today, lecturers in History of this period who let slip the word “civilization” are certain, at least, to be mocked, and at worst to be reported for “cultural supremacism” to the Student Council’s truth squads. Meanwhile, the United Nations has become a league of tyrannies, and Israel’s role has become that of challenging a civilization in moral freefall.

Christian advocacy on behalf of Israel is often dismissed as a form of condescension – or an overcompensation for guilt attaching to the Holocaust. But in truth my advocacy on behalf of Israel is inseparable from my primary obligation to defend what I belong to – Christian faith.

The future of Christianity has now been put in serious jeopardy on account of the Christian anti-Zionism which has won the hearts of mainline church leaders and which stands four-square on the ground of antisemitism. Having lent themselves since 1967 to promotion of the anti-historical claim of an aboriginal Palestinian community, these church leaders have mindlessly allowed the claims of Christianity to be radically separated from the case for Israel, the Jew-

ish state. In doing so, they have cleared the ground for the most astonishing propaganda victory of our time — the passage last April by the United Nations of its Jerusalem Declaration which formally repudiates all association of the Jewish people with any part of the Holy Land.

The hope of the gang of dictators and Muslim absolutists that run UNESCO is that they have damaged Israel by damaging Judaism. However that may be, there can be no doubt that their greater mandate is to cast Christianity out into utter darkness – by decree of the Parliament of Nations... Why are the historic “mainline” churches (the Roman Catholic Church and those belonging to the World Council of Churches) not rejecting this shameless campaign by a United Nations body to deconstruct three thousand years of abundantly documented history? The reality is that these churchmen want Christian identity severed from the story of Judaism. This is the same logic and the same stratagem pursued by the German-Christian scholars of the nineteenth century and effectively implemented when Hitler established his German Christian church.

Likewise, there have been no expressions of solidarity in defense of reason, science and history from university faculties anywhere (to my knowledge). No prestigious voice is speaking in defense of the historicity of the Gospel, the foundation of the Christian faith – and a historical document of unimpeachable provenance.

This capitulation of the Parliament of Mankind to Islam dramatically re-enforces the prospect that most church leaders prefer to deny or to suppress – that the Church of Christ and the Jews will share the same end.

*(Paul Merkley is a retired Professor of History from Carleton University and a CIJR Academic Fellow)*



## High Return on U.S. Investment in Israel

Yoram Ettinger

The annual U.S. investment in Israel – erroneously defined as “foreign aid” – has yielded one of the highest rates of return on U.S. investments overseas. Israel is no longer a supplicant, transforming itself from a national security and economic consumer to a national security and economic producer, generating substantial dividends, which exceed the annual investment by its lead investor, the U.S.

U.S. national and homeland security and commercial interests have derived significant benefits from the special U.S.-Israel cooperative alliance, which has evolved into a unique, mutually-beneficial, two-way-street, win-win relationship, transcending the tension between President Obama and Prime Minister Netanyahu, rising above 68-year-old U.S.-Israel disagreements over the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian issue.

A case in point is the intensified cooperation between the air forces of both countries, as institutionalized by an unprecedented June 2015 strategic agreement, which established twelve teams of officers, codifying a widening range of joint annual agenda: operations, battle tactics, training, maintenance, repairs, airborne medicine, flight safety, etc., in the face of mutual threats, joint interests and constrained budgets.

For example, in 2016, U.S. combat pilots benefit uniquely during joint drills with their Israeli colleagues. The latter always fly in a “do-or-die” state of mind – a result of Israel’s narrow geographic waistline in a violently unpredictable neighborhood – which generates more daring and innovative maneuvers, shared with their U.S. colleagues. Recently, Israel’s air force developed a ground-breaking method of identifying, repairing and preempting cracks in old combat planes, such as the F-16, promptly shared with the U.S. Air Force and manufacturer. Instead of grounding the planes for six months and preoccupying hundreds of mechanics, the Israeli-developed system – based on a baby-viewing ultrasound device – requires two weeks and only a few mechanics, yielding significant economic and national security benefits...

The 1967 and 1973 wars highlighted Israel as a critical outpost, advancing U.S. interests regionally and globally: crushing the military forces of anti-U.S., pro-Soviet Arab regimes (Egypt and Syria) and snatching pro-U.S. Arab regimes (Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States) from the jaws of defeat. In addition, Israel Defense Forces served as a laboratory testing the performance of U.S.-made weaponry against Soviet-made weaponry. Thus, in 1974, some 50 U.S. military experts, headed by General Donn Starry, spent six months, studying Israel’s battle tactics and the captured Soviet military systems, producing eight thick volumes, which enhanced the U.S. defense of Europe during the Cold War and U.S. air and land battle doctrines during the 1991 Gulf War.

For instance, General (ret.) Chuck Krulak, former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, conducted his 1991 battles against Saddam Hussein’s Russian tanks, in accordance with the 1973 Israeli tank battles against Soviet tanks in Sinai. In 2014, General Krulak stated: “The U.S. battle tactic formulation, at Fort Leavenworth, KS, the intellectual Mecca of the U.S. Army, is based on the Israeli book.”

According to General George Keegan, a former U.S. Air Force



*Two Israeli Defense Force Air Force F-15I Ra'am aircraft practice air defense maneuvers mission over the Nevada Test and Training Ranges, at Nellis Airforce Base, Nevada.*

Intelligence Chief, the value of intelligence shared by Israel with the U.S. – exposing adversaries’ Air Force capabilities, new military systems, electronics and jamming devices – “could not be procured with five CIAs.... The ability of the U.S. Air Force in particular, and the Army in general, to defend whatever position it has in NATO, owes more to the Israeli intelligence input than it does to any other single source of intelligence, be it satellite reconnaissance, be it technology intercept, or what have you.” A similar assessment was made by the late Senator Daniel Inouye, who was the Chairman of the Intelligence Committee, the Appropriations Committee and its Defense Subcommittee: “Israel provides the U.S. with more intelligence than all NATO countries combined, especially on adversarial Muslim countries and terrorists targeting Americans abroad and on the mainland.”

In 2016, Israel’s Air Force, which flies U.S.-made aircraft, is the most cost-effective, battle-tested laboratory of the U.S. Air Force and defense industries. It shares with them – real time online – operational, maintenance and repair lessons, which enhance U.S. battle performance and upgrade research and development, global competitiveness, exports and employment base of the U.S. defense industries (e.g., Lockheed-Martin, McDonnell Douglas, Bell Helicopter, Boeing Defense, Northrop Grumman, etc.). Similar lessons – experienced by Israel’s Defense Forces – have been shared with the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps and all related-industries, valued at mega billion dollars, yielding a game-changing contributions to U.S. national and homeland security.

In 2016, against the backdrop of mounting conventional and terrorist threats, the collapse of Europe’s military power projection, the erosion of the Western posture of deterrence, and the growing instability, fragmentation, unpredictability and doubtful reliability of pro-U.S. Arab regimes, Israel stands out as the most stable, predictable, reliable, capable and productive (militarily and commercially), democratic, unconditional ally/beachhead in a critical region, extending the strategic arm of the U.S. military, which has been burdened by draconian cuts.

*(Amb. (ret.) Yoram Ettinger was a Keynote Speaker at CIJR’s 29th Anniversary Gala “Israel’s Contributions Biblical & Modern to Western Civilization” held on April 26, 2017. Israel Hayom, January 15, 2016)*

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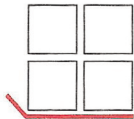
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## Israel's Victory Over Drought

Barbara Kay

I am grateful to have been born in Canada, and for a multitude of reasons, not least because we control most of the world's fresh water. Water shortages can and do lead to wars. Wars create refugees. Drought creates migrants. We've already seen a preview in the Middle East of what could happen on a larger scale. A decade-long drought (reportedly the worst in 900 years) had by 2008 brought Syria to the lip of catastrophe. In the Euphrates River valley, farmers were drilling wells 30, 60 and finally 490 metres down, literally to the bottom. The wells ran dry and huge tracts of farmland were put out of commission...

The situation in Israel was grim as well. The Sea of Galilee, its biggest fresh-water source, had dropped to within centimetres of what is called the "black line" of irreversible salt infiltration. Farmers lost a year's crops. It hadn't helped that Israel had been a leader in water conservation for years, with water treatment systems recapturing 86 per cent of used water for irrigation (the second most efficient country, Spain, recaptures 19 per cent), and numerous desalination plants providing 55 per cent of its domestic-use water. It wasn't enough to stave off a 500-million-cubic metre shortfall.

Meet Sorek, 16 kilometres south of Tel Aviv, Israel's newest and the world's largest reverse-osmosis desalination facility: two sand-filled concrete reservoirs as big as football fields and constantly filtering water pumped from the Mediterranean through them via a gushing pipe big enough for an adult man to stand in. From the reservoirs, the water goes to a vast hangar where it provides enough drinking water for 1.5 million Israelis — and enough extra to export 100 million cubic metres of water to Jordan

a year. Completed in 2013 at a cost of about \$500 million, Sorek has a potable water output capacity of 624,000 cubic metres a day.

Cost/benefit is the big news here. Once an energy hog, desalination costs are down by two-thirds from the 1990s. Sorek produces 1,000 litres of drinking water for 58 cents. Israelis pay about US\$30 a month for their water; compare water-strapped Los Angeles at \$58. (IDE, the Israeli company that builds Israel's plants, recently built one in Southern California, with plans for many more elsewhere.)...

Desalination is a relatively old technology, but one huge obstacle had imposed severe limitations on its usefulness as a panacea, the problem of "biofouling." Desalination works by pushing salt-water through microscopically porous membranes. Micro-organisms in seawater clog up the pores, requiring costly and time-consuming cleaning. Sorek's engineers developed a chemical-free system that uses porous lava stones to capture the micro-organisms before they reach the membranes. Ta da!...

...Water rights have been hotly contested terrain between Israel and its Arab neighbours. With water no longer a finite resource to be squabbled over, Sorek's political ramifications are potentially transformative...When one considers the benefits the victory over biofouling represents — an economically viable end to water shortage, one of humanity's great peace-preventing scourges — why isn't Sorek front page news all over the world? I can think of two explanations: climate-change doomsayers don't like it when man's ingenuity deflates their apocalyptic scenarios; and the breakthrough is a gift from The Country That Must Not be Praised. David Ben Gurion, whose great dream it was to see the desert bloom, should have lived to see this day.

*(Barbara Kay, a CIJR Academic Fellow, was this year's "Lion of Judah" Honouree at CIJR's 29th Anniversary Gala. National Post, Sept. 20, 2016)*

## Killer's Hero Welcome Shows How Hate Thrives in Middle East

Rabbi Abraham Cooper

When a Jordanian Army corporal killed seven Israeli schoolgirls 20 years ago, King Hussein traveled to Israel to kneel before the parents of the victims. In what may have been his finest moment as a leader, he told them: "Your daughter is like my daughter. Your loss is my loss." Hussein's profoundly moving gesture generated a flicker of hope for Jordanians and Israelis. From the public reaction to the recent release of the schoolgirls' killer, Ahmed Daqamseh, however, we learn that the late monarch's humanity is no match for the hatred generated by Muslim clerics...

Before Daqamseh's trial, 200 lawyers and the Jordanian Bar Association competed for the privilege of defending him. Four years later, his mother reflected, "I am proud of my son, and I hold my head high. My son did a heroic deed and has pleased God and his own conscience. My son lifts my head and the head of the entire Arab and Islamic nation. I am proud of any Muslim who does what Ahmad did."

Ahmed Daqamseh had 20 years in prison to reflect on his murder of the seventh- and eighth-grade students as they alighted from a bus at the "Island of Peace," a joint Jordanian-Israeli tourist location under Jordanian control... Daqamseh learned nothing during his incarceration. After walking out of prison, he

said: "They (Jews) are human garbage ... This garbage should be burned or buried." Upon his release, hundreds of enthusiastic supporters traveled to his hometown to welcome their "hero."

...Not surprising, when you consider a 2009 Pew poll that reported that negative attitudes toward Jews in Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinian territories and Lebanon reached 95-98 percent. The percentage plummeted to 35 percent among Israeli Arabs, who actually live among Jews — demonstrating that indoctrination, rather than personal experience, is the key factor in bigotry...

Attitudes in the Middle East are shaped to an outsize degree by mosque and *madrassah*, where Muslim clerics hold the keys...Recently, Mufti Muhammad Hussein, Palestinian President Abbas' appointee as chief religious authority, publicly stated that killing Jews — accepted in Islam as the "people of the Book" — is a Muslim obligation...

One Israeli mother harbors a different message. Nurit Fathi's daughter Sivan was 13 years old when Daqamseh murdered her. Nurit misses "her laughter, her smile, her joy of life," but insists that, "Despite the murder, we are for peace."... In the Middle East, there are people who lost their children to terrorists, yet still yearn for peace. Others embrace the preachers who teach the "holiness" of hate. In 2017, it seems, we are barely halfway there.

*Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, was a Keynote Speaker at CIJR's 29th Anniversary Gala*





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## Caroline B. Glick. *The Israeli Solution: A One-State Plan for Peace in the Middle East.* (New York: Crown Forum, 2014)

Bradley Martin

Historically, the two-state solution has been favored by both Democrats and Republicans in the United States government. Proponents of this plan assume that if a sovereign Palestinian state was founded in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, alongside Israel, then peace between Israel and her neighbors will follow. After more than a dozen negotiating attempts, however, not only has this so-called solution been an abysmal failure, but it has weakened American standing in the region while also rendering Israel more vulnerable. The need for an alternative solution has never been more apparent.



In *The Israeli Solution: A One-State Plan for Peace in the Middle East*, Caroline B. Glick makes a passionate and well-researched case examining the history of the two-state solution and why it will continue to fail. Glick presents her own proposal, called: “The Israeli one-state plan,” in which Israel would immediately dismantle the Palestinian Authority and implement Israeli sovereignty over its biblical heartland of Judea and Samaria.

Glick’s analysis of Israel’s history effectively highlights how Palestinian nationalism is intrinsically tied up with the attempted genocide of Jews. Haj Amin el-Husseini, considered by many to be the father of Palestinian nationalism, played a major role in the introduction of two major modern political streams in the Arab and Muslim world: National Socialism and Islamism.

British restrictions on Jewish immigration and land purchases in Palestine only served to embolden Hussein’s hatred. No matter how harshly the British treated Jews, they could never beat the Nazis. Hussein commissioned the translation and serialization of the anti-Semitic forgery *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* into Arabic, initiating the Islamic embrace of European-style genocidal Jew hatred that dominates Islamic discourse to this day. Hussein was also an early and enthusiastic supporter of Adolf Hitler. In 1937, Nazi Germany began arming and funding the Palestinian Arab terror war against Jews and the British.

The Palestinian rejection of Israel’s right to exist was encouraged further under the reign of Yasser Arafat. Though Israeli leaders made unprecedented concessions for the sake of creating a Palestinian state, Arafat rejected every offer and launched the Second Intifada against Israel. Arafat’s successor, Mahmoud Abbas, continues this legacy.

According to Glick, Israel is left with only one option: the incorporation of Judea and Samaria into Israel. The PA would be disbanded and the Arabs of these areas would be made permanent residents of Israel, with the option of becoming citizens on a case-by-case basis. Past or current involvement in a terrorist or-

ganization, as well as incitement to violence against Israel, would result in automatic disqualification.

A major obstacle to Glick’s plan would be the fear of Palestinians overtaking the Jewish majority by sheer force of numbers and a higher birthrate, thus ending Israel as a Jewish State. Glick highlights the work of Amb. (ret.) Yoram Ettinger, former minister for congressional affairs at the Israeli embassy in Washington. According to the American-Israel Demographic Research Group, of which Ettinger is a member, the 1997 census conducted by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics was a fraud. The Bureau inflated the numbers of Palestinian Arabs by nearly 50 percent. Excluding the Gaza Strip, Jews currently make up a two-thirds majority in the area between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. Coupled with the rise in Jewish immigration to Israel, rising Jewish-Israeli birthrate and desire for many Palestinians to emigrate, this Jewish majority would be expected to increase.

Glick also lists potential negative scenarios her plan may have on Israeli relations with its Middle East neighbors and Europe. However, considering that India and China are emerging as better economic and political alternatives to Europe, and that military and geopolitical realities will most likely prevent Middle Eastern countries from retaliatory actions against Israel. Glick concludes that the benefits of her plan outweigh its risks.

*The Israeli Solution* may likely represent a turning point for future U.S. policy with Israel. Vice-President Mike Pence praised this book, calling it a must-read for “everyone interested in bringing genuine and lasting peace to that troubled region.” Indeed, *The Israeli Solution* is a book that must be considered essential reading for everyone who would like to see true peace flourish in the Middle East.

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## From the Chairman

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With a new Administration in place in Washington D.C., there is a renewed optimism among Israel's supporters about U.S.-Israel relations, Israel's place in the world, and even its standing within the UN. This increasingly positive picture is clear from statements by the new U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, and the new UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres. A sharp change of tone and attitude, an impatience with the delegitimation efforts of Israel's enemies, is taking place. With that said, for organizations such as CIJR and all like-minded groups, students, media and concerned people, the battle will never end. Complacency is not an option—the hard work of pushing back must continue, or else we risk leaving the field open to the Israel bashers.

On 26 March 2017, we had our 29th Anniversary fundraising Gala. From the enthusiastic feedback we received, the full evening program was very successful and well-executed. Joining us for the Gala, as our guests, were about 10 student activists; and Edna Moalem, from Concordia, spoke well about her own experiences there. (CIJR is sponsoring an Israel Advocacy Mentorship program, enabling select students better to oppose hostile campus environments.)

A multitude of events are planned for the coming year in Montreal, Toronto and now in the U.S. (with the help of our new American Institute for Jewish Research academic chairman, Dr. Asaf Romirowski). Stay tuned. Many thanks again to Yunna Shapira, Rob Coles, and the wonderful staff, employees, Interns, Board members and volunteers of CIJR, with a special “Thank you” to Prof. Fred Krantz, who is (together with his dear wife Lenore), the driving force and spirit behind CIJR, since its founding.

N.B.: A wonderful autobiographical memoir, with his poetry, by CIJR's 97-year-old Research Chair, Baruch Cohen, will be published in the next few months. All our best wishes to Baruch and his beloved wife Sonia, for good health and *Ad Meah ve-Esrim*.

Wishing all our readers and their families a Happy Passover and delicious Seder meals,

Jack Kincler, *National Board Chairman*

## From the Toronto Chapter

Alan Herman

Torontonians braved a bitter winter storm in December to hear Geoffrey Clarfield, Executive Director of *Mozuud*, and “anthropologist at large”, tell the little-known story of John Henry Patterson, the Jewish Lawrence of Arabia. He was an Anglo-Irish outsider who believed that the Jews had a right to reconstitute their nation in the land of Israel and was an avid supporter of the Balfour Declaration. Patterson led the Zion Mule Corps and the Jewish Legion under British authority and liberated the land of Israel from the Ottomans. Five thousand Jewish men, trained to fight like seasoned soldiers, fought with Patterson in the Jewish Legion.

Shachar Liran-Hanan, CEO of MY Truth, a new, grassroots, organization comprised of IDF reserve soldiers, spoke in January. Her organization counters the slandering of the IDF by sharing soldiers' eye-witness experiences and illustrating the high moral standards of the army. Her presentation was titled, “IDF Moral Dilemmas from the Battlefield: Soldiers' Testimonies from Combat Fighting”.

The justly-renowned Tammi Rossman-Benjamin gave the Keynote address – “A View from the Trenches: Campus Anti-Semitism and Ways to Combat It”—at CIJR's Anti-BDS Colloquium in February. She was nominated *Jewish Hero of the Year* by the Jewish press for her pro-Israel work on American campuses. Dr. Aurel Braun, Professor of International Relations and Political Science at the U of Toronto, chaired and contributed. Aedan O'Connor, student activist, spoke eloquently about her experiences in the trenches.

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, CIJR had a double presence at the important Hasbara Fellowships *Israel Advocacy Workshop Day*. Dr. Lawrence Hart spoke on 15 years of hard lessons on Israel-advocacy at McMaster University. A full room hung on Dr. Hart's every word and asked many questions. Later CIJR co-sponsored the evening's *Keynote* presentation by Prof. Mordechai Kedar, on the impact of mass Muslim immigration to Europe and its significance for European society.

We look forward to having more to report to you soon!

*Alan Herman and Doris Epstein are CIJR's Toronto Chapter Co-Chairs*

*A heartiest Mazal Tov to CIJR  
for their much needed research  
and actions! Congratulations to  
honoree Barbara Kay for  
challenging and broadening our  
views.*

*Adriana Kotler*