MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR FREDERICK KRANTZ

Dear CIJR Friend:

As Pesach approaches, Israel and the Jewish People have just experienced a true *nes gadol,* a great miracle. Despite President Biden's "Don't!", on Saturday-Sunday, April 13-14 over 350 ballistic missiles, rockets, and drones were fired by Islamist Iran at the Jewish State, the largest such barrage in military history. Swatted down by the anti-missile defense system, less than 1% reached their targets, causing not a single fatality A few days later, Israeli missiles, undetected and unopposed, penetrated Iran's defenses at its Isfahan nuclear site, sending a clear warning message and re-establishing deterrence.

In ages to come, this moment will be remembered at our descendants' Passover seder tables. Iran, finally showing its own direct bloody hand, has suffered a grave defeat. Israel can now crush the last Hamas remnants in Rafah, freeing as many of the hostages as remain (let us pray) alive.

All of us at the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research are striving mightily to support Israel and the community in this ongoing crisis, as we have done across our almost 40-year history. As an independent academic think-tank not directly supported by the organized community, your generous individual tax-deductible donation makes possible our pro-Israel work.

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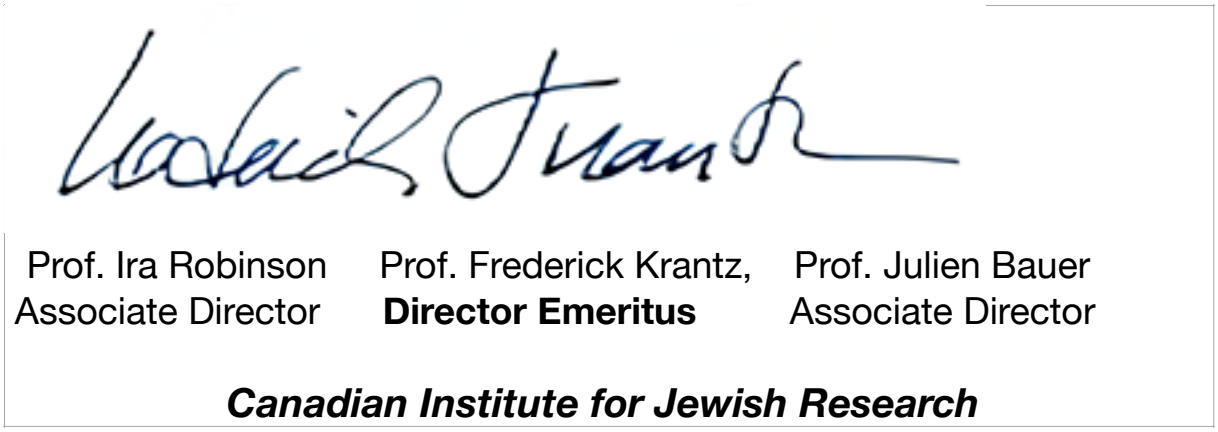
*our creative support, as experienced academics, for besieged students on and off campus and FOR CIJR interns' unique student-written and -produced *Dateline: Middle East* Journal.

*CIJR's proven Baruch Cohen Israel Advocacy Fellows program provides able undergraduate students with the means and will to fight antisemitism on- and off-campus, through advanced, personalized study in Jewish and Israeli history and the history of antisemitism and hands-on experience in research, writing, and speaking.

*The new Graduate Advocacy Scholars Fellowships (GASF) are advanced doctoral-level research and publication preparation directed at leadership employment for B.A.-completed students. The GASF includes an Israel stage (resident research with one of CIJR's institutional associates). (NB: GASF donors can personally sponsor individual Scholars; see the CIJR website.)

*The Institute's rich program of Israel- and Jewish-world-related seminars, colloquia, and Zoom meetings (most recently, "Hamas, Gaza and The 'Two-State Solution' Myth"; upcoming, "Israel, the U.S, and the Middle East After the Passover Missile *Nes Gadol*" (see our website, cijr@isranet.org, for details).

Despite much sorrow after October 7, we have much to be thankful for this Pesach. Nothing, however, comes easy--the struggle for Israel and the Jewish People, like the world-wide spread of antisemitism, is far from over. Please help CIJR play its proven role in the fight against the "three 'antis'": antisemitism, anti-Zionism, and anti-Israelism. As we celebrate the Passover's millennial Jewish struggle against oppression and for freedom, remember Tanakh's great injunction: "Choose life!".



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Joe Biden Needs A 'Come to Jesus' Moment: Frederick Krantz, JNS, Apr. 1, 2024

-- In a recent Foreign Affairs article, veteran U.S. Middle East envoy Dennis Ross effectively presented the Biden administration's "vision" for the resolution of the Gaza crisis in the guise of an objective analysis. The title said it all: "Israel Needs a New Strategy: Total victory is not possible—but demilitarizing Hamas and stabilizing Gaza still are."

In his article, Ross assumes that Hamas cannot be entirely destroyed ("ideologies live on," etc.); that a somehow "reformed" Palestinian Authority has a key role to play in a revived "two-state solution"; and that "humanitarian" relief and a "ceasefire" will facilitate both peace and financial support for reconstruction from the likes of Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Despite several sympathetic references to Hamas-caused suffering, Ross's article by and large assumes that Israel's post-Oct.7 determination to destroy Hamas root and branch is extremist. This dubious claim has already been proclaimed in Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's recent, remarkable demand that Israel hold new elections in the midst of an existential war and depose Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the democratically elected leader of a long-time U.S. ally. ...

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