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"Freedom of religion means the right of the individual to choose and to adhere to whichever religious beliefs he may prefer, to join with others in religious associations to express these beliefs, and to incur no civil disabilities because of his choice..." -- Joseph L. Blau (1909-1986) Professor Emeritus of Religion, Columbia University

# Read the Prophets & **PRAY** WITHOUT CEASING!

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Please Remember These Folks In Prayer- Check often They Change!	Pray that the world would WAKE UP! Time for a worldwide repentance!   ALL US soldiers fighting for our freedom around the world   Pray for those in our government to repent of their wicked corrupt ways.   Pray for AS – post knee replacement – some problems and another one scheduled.   Pray for TR – abnormal Mammogram having double biopsy – Mastectomy Scheduled   Pray for ZH - having trouble with PTSD   Pray for Ella – emotionally disturbed abused child and brother with ? heart problem   Pray for MS – Job issues and change   Pray for BB – Severe West Nile Fever –still not mobile- improving!   Pray for SH and family – lady's husband passed away and she is in Nursing home. Not doing well.
	Pray for MP – Very complex problems
	Pray that The Holy One will lead you in Your preparations for handling the world problems. – Have YOU made any preparations?
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Genesis 24:<sup>57</sup>And they said, we will call the girl and ask of her mouth. <sup>58</sup>And they called Rebekah and said to her, Will you go with this man? And she said, I will go. <sup>59</sup>And they sent away their sister Rebekah, and her nurse, and Abraham's slave and his men. <sup>60</sup>And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, Our sister, may you become myriads of thousands, and may your seed possess the gate of *ones* hating them. <sup>61</sup>And Rebekah and her young women rose up, and they rode on the camels and went after the man. And the slave took Rebekah and went.

Interview with Vera Sharav- A holocaust survivor on today's medical situation. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2dmpCH\_Sfg&t=16s</u> This is a bit long but you would do well to listen. She is providing a chilling account of what occurred in Germany and what is going on today. This is a literal OMG of the highest order!

Blast at Natanz was caused by bomb planted near main electric line – Israeli TV Unsourced report says enrichment facility stopped functioning after explosion, estimates attack set back Iran's nuclear program by months By <u>TOI staff</u> Today, 11:24 pm A blast at Iran's Natanz nuclear enrichment facility that has been attributed to Israel was caused by a bomb planted at the site in advance, an Israeli television report said Monday.

According to Channel 13 news, the bomb went off Sunday at 4 a.m., when some 1,000 workers were at Natanz. The facility was reportedly evacuated immediately after the blast over fears of further bombs, but no other explosives were found.

The report, which did not cite a source, said the explosive was placed near the main electricity line at Natanz and that when it detonated, the entire facility stopped functioning, with the program set back by months.

"All the signs point to this being the worst attack that Iran's nuclear program has suffered... at the most important Iranian nuclear facility," said Alon Ben-David, the network's military analyst.

Natanz has previously been targeted, including by an explosion that rocked the facility last summer, in what was also said to have been an Israeli attack aimed at disrupting uranium enrichment and research at the site. In 2010, the United States and Israel allegedly halted Iran's nuclear program with the Stuxnet virus, which caused Iranian centrifuges to tear themselves apart, reportedly destroying a fifth of the country's machines.

Israel is anticipating Iran will respond to the latest attack but not necessarily right away, according to Ben-David. He said such retaliation could come in the form of a cyberattack on civilian infrastructure, an attack on Israeli-owned ships, missile fire from Syria or Yemen, or cruise missile or drone attacks on strategic Israeli targets.

"Yesterday signifies that the faceoff between Israel and Iran has escalated to a higher level," he said.

The network also said Iran may now try to expand its operation at the underground Fordo plant, where it has over 1,000 centrifuges. There were some 6,000 centrifuges at Natanz.

Separately, the Kan public broadcaster reported that advanced centrifuges were damaged in the blast at Natanz. The report, which cited an intelligence source, did not specify which model of centrifuges were targeted. Iran publicly inaugurated the advanced IR-5 and IR-6 centrifuges at the facility on Saturday.

The television reports came after the Iranians downplayed the extent of the attack, with a spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran saying Monday that the blast was caused by a "<u>small explosion</u>" but insisting the damage could be quickly repaired.

**Iran initially reported a power blackout had hit Natanz** on Sunday, a day after it announced it had started up advanced uranium enrichment centrifuges banned under the 2015 deal limiting its nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief.

Iran blamed Israel for the incident at Natanz, which according to The New York Times was caused by a massive blast at the centrifuges' power supply. Israeli and US media quoted unnamed intelligence sources as saying it was believed to have caused significant damage to the centrifuges and set back Iran's uranium enrichment ability by at least nine months.

The Islamic Republic has called the attack an act of "nuclear terrorism" and vowed "revenge on the Zionist regime."

Sunday's incident came as US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin landed in Israel for talks with Prime Minister Benjamin <u>Netanyahu</u> and Defense Minister Benny <u>Gantz</u>. The US, Israel's main security partner, is seeking to reenter the 2015 atomic accord aimed at limiting Tehran's program so that it cannot pursue a nuclear weapon — a move staunchly opposed by Israel, particularly Netanyahu.

The US <u>denied Monday</u> that it was involved in the incident at Natanz. <u>https://www.timesofisrael.com/blast-at-natanz-was-caused-by-bomb-planted-near-main-electric-line-israeli-tv/</u>

#### Ex-national security adviser warns: 'Iran has ability to harm us significantly'

Amid tensions, Yaakov Amidror says Tehran's willingness to use its military capabilities against Israel 'depends on what level they want to produce this encounter'

By TOI staff Today, 10:34 pm

Amid a build-up in tensions, former national security adviser Yaakov Amidor warned on Monday that Tehran has the capability to inflict serious damage on Israel, which he said must work with the new US administration on tackling the threat.

"Yes, Iran has the potential to harm us significantly. It depends on what level they want to produce this encounter," Amidror, who is currently a senior fellow at the Jerusalem Institute for Strategic Studies, told Radio 103 FM.

"They can kidnap, and this will not be the first time; they can harm Israelis and Israeli institutions abroad, and this too will not be the first time; they can try what they are trying to do to Israeli-owned ships, and this too will not be the first time. At the highest level, they can fire missiles at the State of Israel."



Former Israeli national security adviser Yaakov Amidror. (Olivier Fitoussi/Flash90)

His comments come amid indications the Israel-Iran conflict is increasingly being waged at sea, marking a change in the conflict that previously took place primarily via airstrikes, cyberattacks, alleged espionage activities, and on land. Meanwhile, Israel's intelligence agencies warned Monday of Iranian <u>efforts to lure Israelis abroad</u> to kidnap or otherwise harm them.

Speaking days after an apparent attack on the Iranian Natanz nuclear facility, which has been linked to Israel, Amidror rejected claims that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu may be stirring up the tensions with Tehran for his own political benefit.

"I can say from my experience with the prime minister that he was very serious on this issue during the time I worked with him," Amidror said. "I can't see what he will gain in the political sphere from bragging about the Iranian issue."

Earlier Monday, Defense Minister Benny Gantz called for a high-level investigation into recent apparent leaks to the press by Israeli officials regarding the recent attacks, saying they were "damaging to our troops, to our security and to the interests of the State of Israel."

Asked if he harbored any concerns that Netanyahu, whose office directly controls the Mossad, was acting not out of national security considerations but out of his own political interests, raising the specter of war in order to pressure potential allies into joining his government coalition, Gantz said: "I think the prime minister has extensive experience in the political-diplomatic field and I wouldn't belittle that. I think that all other considerations must be removed, and I hope that is what he is doing."

Over the weekend, reports emerged from Iran that its Natanz nuclear site had suffered a total power cut in what was widely assumed to be the result of an Israeli cyberattack. Jerusalem refused to comment on the matter, while Iran has blamed Israel, with its foreign minister vowing on Monday to "take revenge on the Zionists." **MORE** - <u>https://www.timesofisrael.com/ex-national-security-adviser-warns-iran-has-ability-to-harm-us-significantly/</u>

**Iran seeking to lure Israelis abroad, could kidnap or harm them** – **intel agencies** Shin Bet, Mossad say Iranian agents are using fake Instagram accounts to draw Israelis overseas with business offers, romantic propositions





By <u>TOI staff</u> Today, 5:32 pm

Iranian agents have been attempting to lure Israelis abroad to meet, in an effort to kidnap or otherwise harm them, Israeli intelligence agencies warned Monday.

The Iranian intelligence operatives set up fake Instagram profiles, usually of women in the tourism business, and contacted Israelis. They attempted to draw Israelis to meetings abroad with business propositions or offers of romantic rendezvouses, the Shin Bet security service and Mossad intelligence agency said in a joint statement.

*Examples of fictitious profiles used by Iranian operatives to lure Israelis (courtesy of ISA).* 

# They warned Israelis who conduct business abroad to be wary of queries from social media accounts.

"Security officials call on Israeli citizens who maintain business ties abroad to be aware and vigilant about inquiries on social networks from profiles they do not recognize, and to avoid contact with them," the agencies said.

The countries named by the agencies include Arab countries, Turkey, the Gulf states, and countries in the Caucasus, Africa

and Europe.

# The Shin Bet and Mossad also said there was a "real concern" that the Iranian intelligence effort could lead to attempts to hurt or kidnap Israeli citizens overseas.

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— כאן הדשות (@kann\_news) <u>April 12, 2021</u>

Last month, with international travel again picking up amid Israel's rapid vaccination drive, the National Security Council <u>issued a travel advisory</u> warning that Iran may still try to attack Israelis overseas.

The warning from the intelligence agencies followed an apparent act of sabotage Sunday at Iran's Natanz uranium enrichment site. The incident, which reportedly caused massive damage to the facility, came as the Biden administration moves to rejoin the 2015 nuclear deal limiting Iran's nuclear program, with Israel opposing a US return to the original accord.

It also came as Israel and Iran are engaged in a maritime shadow war, with both sides blaming the other for explosions on vessels. **MORE -** <u>https://www.timesofisrael.com/iran-seeking-to-lure-israelis-abroad-could-kidnap-or-harm-them-intel-agencies/</u>

#### PTSD-afflicted IDF veteran sets himself alight, suffers serious burns

A day before annual Memorial Day eve, Itzik Saidyan, 26, self-immolates at entrance to Defense Ministry office for rehabilitation of injured former soldiers

By Judah Ari Gross 12 April 2021, 9:07 pm



IDF veteran Itzik Saidyan, who set himself alight outside a Defense Ministry office on April 12, 2021 (screenshot: Channel 12)

An IDF veteran diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder set himself on fire Monday outside a Defense Ministry office that handles the rehabilitation of injured soldiers in central Israel, the ministry said in a statement.

The man, 26, was seriously injured, sustaining burns all over his body. He was identified by Channel 12 as Itzik Saidyan, who had been

interviewed by the television station two years prior as part of a story on soldiers with post-traumatic stress disorder.

The IDF Veteran's Association said that the man was frustrated at his treatment by authorities. He was recognized by the Defense Ministry as having 25 percent disability from his post-traumatic stress disorder, but had requested 50 percent recognition. The ministry had refused, saying at least a portion of his illness was due to childhood trauma, not his military service.

According to the ministry, the man arrived at the Rehabilitation Department's offices in Petah Tikva with a bottle full of a flammable liquid, doused himself with it, and then set himself on fire in the entryway.

"Defense Ministry security guards acted immediately, using fire extinguishers, in order to give him first aid; and, at the same time, called rescue services," the ministry said.

Magen David Adom paramedics took the man to Sheba Medical Center for treatment in serious condition.

The ministry said it knew the identity of the man, who had been recognized as disabled due to his PTSD following his service in the military during the 2014 Gaza war, but was not releasing the information in order to preserve the man's privacy.

The ministry added that it did not yet know why he lit himself on fire.

Defense Minister Benny Gantz and Defense Ministry Director-General Amir Eshel ordered an investigation of the incident in order to determine what prompted the man's actions and what steps the ministry can take immediately, the ministry said.

The incident came a day before Israel begins marking its annual Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and terror victims, which starts on Tuesday night. MORE - <u>https://www.timesofisrael.com/ptsd-afflicted-idf-veteran-sets-himself-</u> <u>alight-suffers-serious-burns/</u> [Just one more very sad demonstration of the problems that soldiers from all countries face. Even if they have a difficult background as they claim this person had the stresses and traumas that are confronted in war and military situations certainly aggravate those problems. The numbers of chronically debilitated relatively young men and women who have enormous scars from what they have encountered in war situations is really beyond belief. The US has been at war literally for years, even if they want to call it a monitoring or patrol action and not a war. These folks are taken and taught how to kill and then given parameters which are unworkable to make the war "politically correct' and then the mental conflict that ensues literally eats them from inside out. The number of suicides in US vets is atrocious and remains so. Obviously similar situations occur in Israel even though the numbers may not be as big. This is just dreadfully sad. – rdb]

#### Netanyahu to visiting US defense secretary: We won't let Iran obtain nukes

Following attack on Iran's Natanz facility, which has been blamed on Israel, PM says US-Israeli cooperation is 'crucial' to combat threats facing both countries

By <u>TOI staff</u> Today, 5:53 pm



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (R) and US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin at a press conference at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem on April 12, 2021. (Kobi Gideon/GPO)

Hosting US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin at his office in Jerusalem, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that Israel and the US agree on never allowing Iran to obtain nuclear weapons. "As you know, the US-Israel defense partnership has continually expanded over successive administrations and our cooperation is crucial in dealing with the many threats confronting both the United States and Israel," Netanyahu said at a press conference alongside Austin.

"In the Middle East, there is no threat more dangerous, serious and pressing than that posed by the fanatical regime in Iran," said Netanyahu, citing Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons, arming of terror groups, and calls for Israel's annihilation.

"Mr. Secretary, we both know the horrors of war. We both understand the importance of preventing war. And we both agree that Iran must never possess nuclear weapons. My policy as prime minister of Israel is clear — I will never allow Iran to obtain the nuclear capability to carry out its genocidal goal of eliminating Israel.

Speaking days after an apparent attack on the Iranian Natanz nuclear facility, which Tehran has blamed on Israel, Netanyahu concluded by saying that "Israel will continue to defend itself against Iran's aggression and terrorism," the prime minister added.

Austin, speaking after Netanyahu, refrained from explicitly mentioning Iran but said he had decided to travel to Israel to "express our desire for earnest consultations with Israel, as we address shared challenges in the region."

With his two-day visit, the first official visit to the Jewish state by an American secretary of defense since 2017, Austin is the first member of US President Joe Biden's administration to pay an official visit to Israel.

Affirming the Biden administration's support for Israel's security and qualitative military edge in the region, Austin said he and Netanyahu discussed "ways to deepen our longstanding defense

**relationship** in the face of regional threats and other security challenges, and I affirm the department's support for our ongoing diplomatic efforts to normalize relations between Israel and Arab and Muslim-majority nations," he says.

"I am confident that together we can chart a path toward enduring peace in this region and advance open and stable order — now, and in the years ahead," Austin said.

Austin's visit comes amid ongoing talks in Vienna regarding a return to the 2015 nuclear deal by both Iran and the United States, a move that is staunchly opposed by Israel, particularly by Netanyahu. On Wednesday, Netanyahu warned that Israel will not be bound by a revitalized nuclear deal

**betw**een world powers and Iran. Israeli defense analysts have warned that there is a growing rift between Jerusalem and Washington on the issue of Iran and its nuclear program, which may have significant ramifications on Israel's security.

Austin arrived in Israel Sunday as reports emerged from Iran that its Natanz nuclear site had suffered a total power cut in what was widely assumed to be the result of an Israeli cyberattack. Jerusalem refused to comment on the matter, while Iran has blamed Israel, with its foreign minister vowing on Monday to "take revenge on the Zionists." **MORE** - <a href="https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-to-visiting-us-defense-secretary-we-wont-let-iran-obtain-nukes/">https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-to-visiting-us-defense-secretary-we-wont-let-iran-obtain-nukes/</a>

#### Amid leaks, Gantz orders probe into 'chatter' on alleged Israeli strikes on Iran

Defense minister requests attorney general look into intelligence officials quoted by Israeli, foreign press on strike at Iran's Natanz nuclear site

By Judah Ari Gross Today, 5:04 pmUpdated at 6:44 pm



Defense Minister Benny Gantz stands in front of an F-35 fighter jet at the Nevatim air base on April 12, 2021. (Judah Ari Gross/Times of Israel)

Defense Minister Benny Gantz on Monday called for a high-level investigation into recent apparent leaks to the press by Israeli officials regarding recent attacks on Iran that have been widely attributed to Israel's Mossad spy service, saying they were "damaging to our troops, to our security and to the interests of the State of Israel."

Gantz referred specifically to comments regarding Sunday's alleged attack on Iran's Natanz nuclear facility that were attributed to unnamed "intelligence

officials" and "Western officials," whom the defense minister indicated he believed were in fact Israeli officials.

"This 'Western officials' is nonsense," Gantz told reporters on Monday, following meetings with US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, who is visiting Israel this week.

The defense minister's comments also came days after the Haaretz newspaper reported that an Israeli official had accidentally informed a foreign news outlet about an Israeli special forces operation in advance, not aware that the date of the mission had been changed at the last minute. That reportedly prompted a frantic effort to get the outlet to refrain from reporting on the incident in order to avoid putting the soldiers at risk.

"This is damaging to our forces, to our security and to the interests of the State of Israel, and I think that there needs to be a deep investigation," he said.

Gantz was also asked if he harbored any concerns that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose office directly controls the Mossad, was acting not out of national security considerations but out of his own political interests, raising the specter of war in order to pressure potential allies into joining his government coalition.

"I think the prime minister has extensive experience in the political-diplomatic field and I wouldn't belittle that. I think that all other considerations must be removed, and I hope that is what he is doing," Gantz said.

The defense minister said he was calling for a probe "at the highest possible level" by the Shin Bet security service and by Military Intelligence's Information Security Department. Asked who he believed was responsible for the leaks, the defense minister said he "did not specifically where it's coming from, but I know where it's not coming from (Gantz's office), and it has to stop."

"We cannot act when everyone is chattering on with their opinion. We cannot accept these winks and fairytales from 'Western officials," Gantz said.

Later on Monday, the defense minister's office said he had officially filed a request with Attorney General Avichai Mandelblitt, who it said was the appropriate figure to conduct such a probe.

Gantz stressed that he would not comment on the veracity of the claims or discuss any Israeli operations "if there were any, weren't any or will be any."

**Israel officially maintains a policy of ambiguity regarding its activities against Iran,** generally save for those that are in direct retaliation for attacks initiated by Tehran or its proxies.



The morning after the unidentified intelligence officials told the press that the Mossad was responsible for the issues at Natanz, **Iran publicly accused Israel of carrying out the attack** and threatened retaliation.

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif speaks at a conference in Tehran, Iran, Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021. (AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)

"The Zionists want to take revenge on the Iranian people for their success in lifting the oppressive sanctions," Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was quoted by Iranian press as saying, "but we will not allow it and take revenge on the Zionists themselves."

#### Zarif added that older, first-generation centrifuges at the site that were damaged in the alleged Israeli attack would be replaced with newer, more powerful machines, some of which Iran has already been using in breach of the 2015 nuclear deal.

"If they think our hand in the negotiations has weakened, this will happen to strengthen our position... The negotiating parties should know if they faced an enrichment facility with 1st generation centrifuges, now Natanz can be full of advanced centrifuges."

# In addition to an ongoing, largely covert fight on the nuclear front, Tehran and Jerusalem are engaged in a maritime shadow war, with both sides blaming the other for explosions on vessels.

In recent months, at least two Israeli-owned cargo ships have been damaged in alleged Iranian attacks, one in the Gulf of Oman and the other as it was sailing to India.

Apparently in response, last week, Israeli commandos allegedly attacked a suspected Iranian military command ship, the MV Saviz, off the coast of Yemen, damaging it with limpet mines. <u>https://www.timesofisrael.com/amid-leaks-gantz-orders-probe-into-chatter-on-alleged-israeli-strikes-on-iran/</u>

#### Bennett says Likud can count on his party to back a right-wing government

But Yamina leader warns he will do everything to prevent fifth elections, leaving open option of joining anti-Netanyahu bloc if PM fails to set up a coalition

By <u>TOI staff</u> Today, 5:04 pmUpdated at 5:48 pm

Yamina leader Naftali Bennett said Monday his party supports the formation of a right-wing government with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud, but stressed that averting a fifth round of elections in two years was his overarching goal.

Shortly after making the remarks during his party's weekly faction meeting at the Knesset, Bennett met with Netanyahu for further coalition negotiations, which lasted some two hours.

"I told Netanyahu and I will say it here, too — Likud can count on the votes of the Yamina party in favor of forming a right-wing government," Bennett said.

But, he added, "We will work with all our might to prevent the disaster of a fifth round of elections — there are creative ways." It was an apparent hint that if Netanyahu fails to form a coalition he would instead work with the prime minister's rivals to establish a government. [This has to make you wonder if Bibi put some beautiful plumbs on the table so he could get his support. Perhaps a dominance in the premiership? – rdb] Bennett also rejected media reports that his ambitions for a rotation agreement that would see him assume the premiership were keeping Yamina from committing to the Netanyahu-led bloc of parties to form a coalition.

"No position for me is a barrier to establishing a government," he said. "If my goal was to sit in the prime minister's chair I could already have done it."

Yamina, which won seven seats, has been negotiating with Likud over the creation of a government following last month's inconclusive election, the fourth in two years. Even with its support, a coalition remains unlikely, as such a government would need the support of the Islamist Ra'am party, a prospect utterly rejected by Netanyahu's allies in the far-right Religious Zionism party.

Bennett and Netanyahu last sat together on Thursday.

**Channel 12 news reported Friday that Bennett has agreed to rotate the premiership with Netanyahu in a gov**ernment backed by Ra'am, but only if Religious Zionism leader MK Bezalel Smotrich is on board. The network said, however, that Likud sources were denying Yamina's assertion that Netanyahu had made Bennett such an offer.

# It also reported that, despite all the machinations, Netanyahu believes that Bennett is only going through the motions with him and has already decided to join forces with opposition chief Yair Lapid.

Unnamed senior officials from the Likud party told Kan news on Monday that Netanyahu has given up on the possibility of persuading Religious Zionism to join a coalition supported in any way by the Ra'am party.

According to the report, Netanyahu is now convinced that <u>Smotrich has no intention of changing his mind</u> and agreeing to join a government that would have even the outside backing of Ra'am, and the prime minister will instead turn his attentions to persuading New Hope's Gideon Sa'ar to join his government.

The right-wing New Hope has not ruled out Likud as a party, only Netanyahu, giving rise to scenarios in which Netanyahu relinquishes power and becomes either president or alternate prime minister, enabling Sa'ar's party to join and form a right-wing majority coalition headed by another Likud member.

President Reuven Rivlin tasked Netanyahu with forming a government last week, after the premier received more recommendations than any other lawmaker from parties that won representation in the Knesset in the March 23 vote.

Netanyahu, with 52 recommendations, still did not receive a majority of backers in the 120-seat Knesset, however, and neither he nor the bloc of parties opposing his continued rule have a clear path to a governing coalition, leading to fears of a fifth rapid-fire election.

Multiple — and mostly improbable — scenarios have been floated on how to reach the magic number of 61, including relying on outside support from Ra'am, despite the opposition of right-wing lawmakers; trying to recruit "defectors" from other parties; and trying to get Sa'ar's New Hope to join such a coalition. **MORE** - <u>https://www.timesofisrael.com/bennett-says-likud-can-count-on-his-party-to-back-a-right-wing-government/</u>

#### Courted by Likud, Ra'am adamant it will not back away from anti-Zionist charter

Islamist party official says Netanyahu and Abbas have not spoken since election, calls reported overture for fresh Abbas speech to soften up Religious Zionism 'very strange'

By <u>Tal Schneider</u> and <u>Aaron Boxerman</u> Today, 4:17 pm

The Islamist Ra'am political party, positioned as a likely linchpin for any prospective governing coalition, is standing by its foundational charter, which forbids any allegiance to Israel and deems Zionism a "racist, occupying project," a senior party official told The Times of Israel this week.

The faction is being wooed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who needs the support of Ra'am to pass the 61-seat threshold for forming a majority coalition, or the party's outside backing for a minority coalition. The party could also help an anti-Netanyahu bloc led by Yesh Atid head Yair Lapid. But some rightwing politicians, both in the pro- and anti-Netanyahu camps, have ruled out basing a coalition on the party's support, due to what they say is an anti-Zionist stance; others, like the far-right Religious Zionism, have accused Ra'am of supporting terrorists.

Ra'am is the political wing of the Southern Islamic Movement, an organization inspired by the Muslim Brotherhood. Updated in 2018 and reviewed at a 2019 conference in Nazareth which was reportedly chaired by Ra'am leader Mansour Abbas, the Southern Islamic Movement's 80-page charter takes positions considered anathema by most Jewish Israelis.

It calls for the so-called right of return for Palestinian refugees who left or were expelled in 1948, widely seen as a red line by most Zionist Israelis, who view an influx of potentially millions of Palestinians to Israel as spelling the demographic end of the Jewish state. It compares the status quo in Israel and the territories to the short-lived Crusader kingdoms built by European invaders in the Holy Land in the Middle Ages.

"There can be no allegiance to [Israel], nor any identification with its Zionist, racist, occupier thought, nor any acceptance of any of the various forms of 'Israelification,' which would shed us of our identity and particularity and rights," says the charter, provided to The Times of Israel last week by a senior figure in Ra'am.

Ra'am party officials have in recent months avoided discussing the charter or how their movement views controversial final-status issues relating to Israel and the Palestinians as party leader Mansour Abbas has openly broached the possibility of cooperating with Netanyahu in order to win concessions for the Arab community aimed at fighting organized crime and improving quality of life.

Islamic Movement lawmakers campaigned in Arab towns and cities ahead of the March 23 elections on improving quality of life for Arab Israelis, winning four seats for the party, which had previously been part of the Joint List of Arab parties. <u>https://www.timesofisrael.com/courted-by-likud-raam-adamant-it-will-not-back-away-from-anti-zionist-charter/</u>

#### IDF is only 22% protected from drone attacks - comptroller report

IDF intelligence suffering because of the move from North to South. By <u>YONAH JEREMY BOB</u> APRIL 12, 2021 20:05



An Iranian Shahed 171 drone dropping a bomb as part of a military exercise in the Gulf, in Iran (photo credit: REUTERS)

Only 22% of the IDF has any protection from drone attacks, State Comptroller Matanyahu Englman said in a report on Monday.

Covering the time period of October 2019 – June 2020, the report fleshes out in grim numbers and details how poorly defended Israel is from drone strikes, despite an earlier 2017 report sounding the alarm.

In fact, Englman said that as of July 2020, there were 30,000 drones operating in Israel which had undertaken 90,000 flights in the Tel Aviv region alone over the last year.

The vast majority of them are unregistered – and there is no widespread technological solution to follow them or enforce limits on them.

There is anti-drone technology, which has only developed in the last few years. But beyond possibly the IDF, Israel has been slower than the US and some other countries in taking advantage of some of its own native companies' capabilities in this area.

The Israel Prisons Service (IPS) reported that it has had dozens of incidents of its facilities being penetrated or observed by drones.

Out of NIS 150 million allotted to work on technological means to combat the drone threat, the state has only used NIS 87m.

This means that the country's failure to address the threat is both a failure of conception as well as follow-through, even when there is some level of commitment.

Englman wrote that, "broadening the use of drones carries with it many advantages, but the constant advancement in technology and ease of acquiring it carries with it an obligation to deal with the developing security, criminal and safety threat, which includes dangers to the lives of human beings and national security."

AS MUCH as the IDF may be unprepared, the report found that the state has overwhelmingly ignored the needs of the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency), the police and the IPS regarding the drone threat.

Further, the comptroller said that ignoring this issue was a repeat problem, given that it had been raised by a prior report in 2017 and again more recently by the Israeli Air Force's defense arm.

One cause of the slow adjustment of many of Israel's authorities to the drone threat has been continuous unresolved disagreements about lines of authority.

The IDF, the Shin Bet and the police have had disagreements dating back to before the 2017 comptroller report. More recently, the Air Force and Israel's civilian aviation authority have disagreed about dividing up responsibility for the threat. [Sounds like the Israeli political game going on in the security games. – rdb]

Another front where the comptroller found shortcomings in cooperation to combat drones was by the Israel Electric Company.

More specifically, Englman said that the police and the Israel aviation authority must cooperate to establish the real infrastructure for charging individuals for drone-related crimes.

# In fact, the report said that the Police did not even follow through on its own program which it had prepared for addressing the drone threat.

Next, the comptroller expresses some hope that as of September 2020, some of these issues and the registration issues may be on the road to being addressed.

Another problem flagged by the report was a failure from the many authorities involved in the issue to share information.

The comptroller called on all of the authorities involved to quickly jump on handling the threat and cooperating at a much more efficient level.

MEANWHILE, the comptroller also criticized the government for harming the IDF intelligence's capabilities by moving large portions of its units to the Beersheba area without following through on commitments to make the move smoother for IDF intelligence personnel.

For example, the report said that 93% of IDF intelligence staff who are meant to work in the South do not currently live there. This includes thousands of officers, many of whom have families and cannot easily relocate or easily commute all the way to Beersheba.

The problem derives from the fact that many planned out where they would live around the assumption that they would serve in the Tel Aviv corridor, since that is where IDF intelligence has historically been located.

Recent years have seen rampant reports that top IDF intelligence officers are leaving for the private sector in order to avoid having to move to the South, though they would have been happy to continue to serve without the move.

The background for the move has been long-term government efforts to open up popular areas in the Tel Aviv corridor and the middle of the country to public housing in order to bring down housing prices nationwide.

Regarding moving IDF intelligence to the South, as well as its logistics command, the report covers the period from October 2019 until May 2020. **MUCH MORE -** https://www.jpost.com/arab-israeli-conflict/idf-is-only-22-percent-

<u>protected-from-drone-attacks-comptroller-report-664906</u> [This is really disturbing for there to be such a gap in the protection against possible drone attack in multiple areas because the "PA" and Syria and Lebanon could well penetrate Israel with multiple drones and do some serious damage. – rdb]

#### Ministers vote to fully reopen schools, scrapping pods, starting Sunday

Health Ministry plan will end distance learning for 5-9 graders, introduce an 'expansive testing and monitoring system' at educational institutions

By <u>TOI staff</u> Today, 9:51 pmUpdated at 11:44 pm

Cabinet ministers voted Monday night to fully reopen Israeli schools starting next Sunday, ending the requirement that some grades still learn in smaller class sizes. Children in grades 5-9 were the only remaining students required to study in socially distanced "capsules," or pods.

The plan, put forth by the Health Ministry, will include an "expansive testing and monitoring system" at educational institutions.

Under the plan, if a child tests positive for the coronavirus, all students and teaching staff in that grade will be tested before returning to the classroom. They will also be subject to quarantine requirements, according to the Health Ministry.

The ministry said the decision to further reopen schools was due to the low infection rates in the country.

"After two weeks of stability in the morbidity figures... including low morbidity among children, it is possible to move forward with opening the education system more broadly," a ministry statement said.

Education Minister Yoav Gallant hailed the move and said children's "natural place" was in the classroom.

"The health system finally came to its senses and understood the importance of learning in the class for students and their families," Gallant wrote on Twitter. "Better late than never."

Earlier Monday, the Education Ministry reported a 30 percent drop in first- to third-graders' language and reading skills over the past year and a 25% decline in math and language skills among students in grades 4-6. A ministry official quoted by Haaretz said the figures underlined the need to swiftly reopen all schools to identify learning, social and emotional gaps. [What do you expect. If you close the schools and have limited support for parents who aren't trained for it to be their teachers you are pretty likely to fall behind. Couple that with the tremendous financial and emotional problems that the lockdowns created and you are simply on a path to destroying kids ability to stay at grade level. – rdb]

Ministers last week canceled the requirement for fourth graders to study in pods, as well as the requirement for



students to present a health declaration signed by their parents to enter the classroom.

Israelis in Tel Aviv on April 11, 2021. (Miriam Alster/Flash90)

Israel in recent months has significantly rolled back coronavirus restrictions by opening businesses, event venues, and other activities, as morbidity levels have dropped amid the country's rapid vaccination drive. I am not hearing that too much from the information I am seeing from Israel. It seems that there is a concerted effort to establish a major dichotomy in society with the abed and the nonJabbed. I have not heard that has changed much. Those with their passports fare much better than

#### those without. - rdb]

According to the latest Health Ministry figures, released Monday evening, 138 new coronavirus cases were recorded Sunday and another 136 since midnight, with 836,128 total infections confirmed since the pandemic began.

The death toll stood at 6,304.

There were 3,343 active cases, including 250 patients in serious condition, 132 of whom were on ventilators. Of the 38,952 tests performed Sunday, 0.4% came back positive.

The ministry also said 5,325,058 Israelis have received at least one coronavirus vaccine dose and 4,944,397 have received two shots <u>https://www.timesofisrael.com/ministers-set-to-vote-on-fully-reopening-schools-scrapping-pods/</u>

#### Israeli lab 'cures' mice of COVID-style inflammation using yogurt molecules

Researchers say probiotics have antibacterial properties, as well as preventing inflammation, could be used as basis for drugs of the future

By <u>Nathan Jeffay</u> Today, 8:30 pm

An Israeli lab has "cured" mice suffering from an immune reaction like that found in serious coronavirus patients, using molecules from probiotic yoghurt.

The lab triggered a cytokine storm — the immune reaction that causes the extreme inflammations suffered by many serious COVID-19 patients — in dozens of mice.

"We induced aggressive cytokine storms in mice, akin to those of COVID-19 patients who are in very critical condition, **and healed 100 percent of those that received the molecules**," Prof. Raz Jelinek of Ben Gurion University told The Times of Israel. "But the other mice all died within two to three days of the cytokine storm being induced.

"Among those who received the molecules, clinical conditions and clinical markers improved to normal levels, and they lived. If it turns out that this could be given to critical people, and have the same effect, that would be wonderful."

The cytokine storm research is one of a string of experiments conducted by Jelinek, his PhD student Orit Malka, and their colleagues, after they identified two molecules in a fermented milk drink called kefir that they say deliver major therapeutic benefits and could be used to make drugs of the future.

"The research leads us to believe that we can make drugs and therapeutics based on these molecules that are extracted from yoghurt," he said. "They will utilize both the anti-inflammatory qualities of the molecules, that fight the cytokine storm, and antibacterial qualities that we identified."

Microbiome expert Eran Segal, who has expressed skepticism for popular claims promoting probiotics, said the new research is a "step forward" elevating the discussion by providing peer-reviewed scientific insights. [But it isn't a vaccine and Gates and Fauci and friends may not make a bundle off it and it might not depopulate the world. – rdb]

"The fact that they found molecules that are relevant is definitely plausible and could be important," said Segal, a Weizmann Institute computational biologist who was not connected to the study, adding that he takes seriously the claim



that they could form the basis of drugs.

"This could be a source of future therapeutics," he said.

Prof. Raz Jelinek of Ben Gurion University (courtesy of Ben Gurion University)

Probiotics, from yoghurt or in pill form, are often lauded for their health value, but there is <u>limited hard evidence</u> to back up claims, little understanding of how exactly they may work, and <u>conflicting clinical results</u>. So, four years ago Jelinek's lab started to see whether they could document particular benefits. They made their own kefir, ensuring it had very high levels of a particular probiotic yeast, and started analyzing it on a molecular level.

"After years of research we succeeded in identifying two molecules that have very unusual therapeutic qualities," said Jelinek. "This is one of the most concrete cases of scientists outlining a molecular mechanism by which probiotic foods have good health benefits."

He said his findings, and hopes for probiotic-based drugs, are limited at this point to the specific molecules he identified in his kefir. However, he believes they suggest that some of the health claims associated with probiotic foods may be valid.

Some of his experiments focused on the anti-inflammatory qualities of the molecules, which are thought to have caused the improvement in the mice with cytokine storms, while others focused on the question of whether the molecules can help fight bacteria.

The bacterial aspect of the research has just been published in the peer-reviewed journal Microbiome, and a Ben Gurion's business arm BGN Technologies has established a startup to explore the potential for commercializing the molecules.

"We found that there is an antibacterial mechanism, and that the way it works is that the molecules actually block bacteria from communicating with each other. In other words, they block an essential part of how bacteria become virulent inside the human body," said Jelinek.

"This is important because [it] offers new potential for fighting bacteria. and because the mechanism doesn't risk bacteria becoming resistant to it, as they do to many antibiotics," he added.

"While antibiotic resistance is a real problem, these molecules don't directly attack bacteria, but rather block the communication between them, meaning that the bacteria won't have [a] chance to develop resistance mechanisms," Jelinek said.

"In confronting antibiotic resistance, this could prove important." <u>https://www.timesofisrael.com/using-yogurt-molecules-israeli-lab-cures-mice-of-covid-style-inflammation/</u> [This is more amazing technology and another good reason to look and some of the common chemicals available as therapeutics instead of remaking the wheel. – rdb]

#### Ramadan decorations up in Jerusalem as Palestinians prepare for holy month

Although Jerusalem is still without foreign tourists, far more people were roaming the Old City, where shops reported brisk business.

By REUTERS APRIL 12, 2021 15:42

Colourful lanterns and ornate Ramadan decorations filled the streets of Jerusalem on Monday as Palestinians prepared for a holy month freer of COVID-19 restrictions than at the height of the pandemic.

Ahead of Ramadan's expected start on Tuesday, the mood in the Old City was far more joyful than last year when prayers were suspended at the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third holiest site.

Although Jerusalem is still without foreign tourists, far more people were roaming the Old City, where shops reported brisk business.

"Because of coronavirus, the situation has been bad for the merchants and the people. Now with coronavirus vaccination, the situation got better," said one shopper, Mohammad Abu Sbeih.

**Israel has included Palestinians in East Jerusalem in its swift rollout of vaccines**. It annexed the eastern half of the city after capturing it along with the West Bank in the 1967 Middle East war.

But it is unclear if Palestinians from the occupied West Bank will be able to come to Al-Aqsa during Ramadan, as in previous years. An Israeli military official said no decision had been made on holiday permits.

The situation may be complicated by the far slower pace of vaccinations carried out by the **Palestinian autho**rities than in Israel, which has faced international calls to ensure that Palestinians are inoculated.

In the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian Authority said it would allow more shops to open at night and for Ramadan night prayers to be held in mosques, except on the busiest day of the week, Friday,

when they would take place outside.

But it imposed a COVID night-time curfew on movements between cities, villages and refugee camps.

**It also banned restaurants from holding ifthars - the breaking of the fast at sunse**t - and stores selling sweet pastries from opening their doors to customers, saying they could only make deliveries.

In Gaza, shoppers filled markets despite a recent threefold increase in daily infections. That forced the Gaza health authorities to close schools, impose night curfews and ban large gatherings, but fell short of a total lockdown.

"This year, we brought goods from Egypt and China, and there is a massive turnout by people," said storekeeper Hatem El-Helo as loudspeakers echoed with Egyptian songs celebrating Ramadan. "People want to bring joy into their homes." <u>https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/ramadan-decorations-up-in-jerusalem-as-palestinians-prepare-for-holy-month-664915</u>

#### Biden administration says UNRWA commits to 'zero tolerance' for anti-Semitism

US resumed aid to controversial Palestinian refugee agency last week, which Israel accuses of providing education that incites against Jewish state, perpetuates hatred

By <u>Ron Kampeas</u> Today, 1:36 am

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Days after resuming US funding for the troubled UN agency that administers to Palestinian refugees and their descendants, the Biden administration says it has the commitment of UNRWA to "zero tolerance" for anti-Semitism, racism or discrimination.

"UNWRA has made clear their rock-solid commitments to the United States on the issues of transparency, accountability, and neutrality in all its operations," a senior US official said in an interview this weekend, describing the process that led last week to the administration announcing the resumption of funding for the agency. "And what neutrality means in the context of the United Nations is zero tolerance for racism, discrimination, and anti-Semitism." [If sleepy Joe "Bi-dumb" believes that he is dumber and more out to lunch than I thought he was. There is a big bridge in NY you can buy for 'cheap' called the Brooklyn Bridge. UNRWA is ALMOST as crooked and big a liar as the DNC. – rdb]

The official said the resumption of aid was consistent with a Biden administration policy of favoring a two-state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

A UNRWA spokesman did not reply by late Monday afternoon to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency request seeking comment.

UNRWA has been plagued for years by reports of mismanagement and of anti-Semitic content in the textbooks used by the agency in the school it administers. **MORE -** <u>https://www.timesofisrael.com/biden-administration-says-unrwa-commits-to-zero-tolerance-for-anti-semitism/</u>

#### Pentagon scientist unveils new COVID biochip implanted under the skin

By Jack Davis, The Western Journal Published April 12, 2021 at 12:33pm

Technology and medicine could produce an implant that allows a person's health to be tracked. Retired Army Col. Matt Hepburn, who worked for years with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, talked about the project in an interview that aired Sunday on the CBS show "60 Minutes."

# Hepburn -- who still works for the Army as a physician and as "joint product lead," according to his LinkedIn page -- showed off the implant to Bill Whitaker of CBS, who noted how the device could be Used.

"Consider a ship like the USS Theodore Roosevelt -- hobbled last year when 1,271 crew members tested positive for the coronavirus. What if everyone on board had their health monitored with this subdermal implant, now in late-stage testing?" Whitaker said. "It's not some dreaded government microchip to track your every move, but a tissue-like gel engineered to continuously test your blood."

"It's a sensor," Hepburn said, displaying one of the creations. [REALLY? So what else are they potentially put there? Gates and Microsoft have already experimented with implantable microchips to track???? Vaccine status and other demographic data. That was displayed and discussed well over a year or more ago. Put not your trust in princes or mankind or medicine or politics or anything but The GOD that created you. HEALTHY SCEPTICISM is mandatory today. Read the book of Daniel and Revelation. – rdb]

"That tiny green thing in there, you put it underneath your skin and what that tells you is that there are chemical reactions going on inside the body and that signal means you are going to have symptoms tomorrow," he said.

Hepburn likened the sensor to the "check engine" light on a <u>car</u>.

"Sailors would get the signal, then self-administer a blood draw and test themselves on site," he said. Results would be almost instant, he said.

"We can have that information in three to five minutes," Hepburn said.

"As you truncate that time, as you diagnose and treat, what you do is you stop the infection in its tracks."

# The news outlet Defense One outlined how an implanted sensor developed by the company Profusa, which is funded by DARPA, would work.

American technology company Profusa is awating FDA approval of an injectable, permanent under-the-skin biochip sensor made of advanced hydrogel by early next year. The chip is meant to detect COVID infections as soon as the body begins to show symptoms

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— Sizwe sikaMusi (@SizweLo) November 25, 2020

"The sensor has two parts. One is a 3mm string of hydrogel, a material whose network of polymer chains is used in some contact lenses and other implants. Inserted under the skin with a syringe, the string includes a specially engineered molecule that sends a fluorescent signal outside of the body when the body begins to fight an infection," the report said.

"The other part is an electronic component attached to the skin. It sends light through the skin, detects the fluorescent signal and generates another signal that the wearer can send to a doctor, website, etc. It's like a blood lab on the skin that can pick up the body's response to illness before the presence of other symptoms, like coughing."

Last year, many social media users spread claims that Microsoft founder <u>Bill Gates</u> proposed implanting microchips in everyone to stop the coronavirus. <u>Reuters</u> later ruled that claim was false. [Sorry folks I saw Gates discussing the microchips on more that one media outlet. Reuters is lying and they do it often. -r db]

This article appeared originally on <u>The Western Journal</u>. <u>https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/pentagon-scientist-reveals-new-covid-monitoring-device-gets-implanted-skin/</u> [You should have seen some articles I posted last week concerning artificial intelligence (AI). This is simply one more step in that process and again I say run don't walk. – rdb]

#### Fox defends Tucker Carlson after ADL urges his firing for white supremacist view

Network CEO Lachlan Murdoch claims host was actually rejecting the anti-Semitic 'replacement theory;' ADL rejects response, saying Carlson routinely employs racist rhetoric

#### By <u>Ben Sales</u> Today, 3:04 am

# JTA — Lachlan Murdoch, the CEO of the Fox Corporation, wrote in a letter to the Anti-Defamation League that Fox News will not be firing Tucker Carlson for endorsing "replacement theory," a white supremacist conspiracy.

The ADL had called for Carlson to be fired because, in a segment on the right-wing cable news channel last week, Carlson endorsed the idea that there is a coordinated campaign to replace the population of the United States with immigrants from the "third world."

The conspiracy theory that Jews are orchestrating a "great replacement" of white westerners with nonwhite immigrants is popular among white supremacists and fueled the 2018 Pittsburgh synagogue shooting, among other attacks.

In explaining his response, Murdoch cited Carlson's statement, later in the segment, that he wasn't referring to race but to a question of voting rights. "A full review of the guest interview indicates that Mr. Carlson decried and rejected replacement theory," Murdoch wrote in the letter on Sunday to ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt. "As Mr. Carlson himself stated during the guest interview: 'White replacement theory? No, no, this is a voting rights question.""

In a response letter sent Monday, Greenblatt wrote that citing voting rights "does not give [Carlson] free license to invoke a white supremacist trope. MORE - https://www.timesofisrael.com/fox-defends-tucker-carlson-after-adl-urges-his-firing-for-white-supremacist-view/ [If Greenblatt is so stupid that he can't understand the thesis of Carlson's presentation then he has no business being in the ADL.I watched Carlson that night and knew perfectly well what he was talking about and he had more information on it tonight. It had nothing to do with 'white supremacy' and was anything but racist. Obviously Greenblatt is simply an ignorant leftist rabble rouser trying to create problems so he can hold his job. Seems to me Greenblatt is just playing more of the Cancel Culture role to justify his carping. – rdb]

'This shadow government ran the election': City 'gave 2020 to private activist groups'

'Now it is time those involved come clean'

By Bob Unruh Published April 12, 2021 at 8:44pm

Officials in Green Bay, Wisconsin, during the 2020 presidential election turned over some of their operations and responsibilities to "private activist groups," a complaint filed by a national elections watchdog group charges.

"Hundreds of millions of dollars purchased local election offices in 2020 to benefit one political candidate, paying salaries of election officials and literally dictating the manner in which the election should be managed," Phill Kline, director of The Amistad Project, said, according to a <u>report</u> from Wisconsin Spotlight.

"Evidence in Green Bay proves this shadow government ran the election and now it is time those involved come clean."

The complaint, filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission on behalf of five Green Bay residents, charges city officials let "private activist groups to control significant aspects of the 2020 election, including ballot 'curing' and vote counting."

It was the Chicago-based Center for Tech and Civic Life, flush with cash from Facebook chief Mark Zuckerberg's \$350 million payout, that gave more than \$8 million in "election safety and security" grants to Wisconsin's five largest and most heavily Democratic cities — Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha and Racine.

The Spotlight reported it found that the CTCL demanded the Wisconsin cities sign contracts that included provisions to return the grant money if they didn't do want CTCL demanded.

"Local elections officials had to work with the center's partner organizations, like the National Vote at Home Institute. Emails show longtime Democratic operative Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein, Wisconsin lead for the institute, was intricately involved in the administration of Green Bay's and Milwaukee's elections, even offering to 'cure' or correct absentee ballots," the report said.

# "This is about safeguarding future elections and establishing the precedent that private corporations and tech oligarchs should not be calling the shots," said Erick Kaardal, special counsel for The Amistad Project. "Wisconsin law puts city clerks in charge of administering elections at the local level, yet internal emails show that Green Bay's city clerk was boxed out by the mayor's office, which handed over the keys to the counting room to Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein."

Green Bay officials claimed they followed election law, but the Spotlight found emails showing how Green Bay Clerk Kris Teske became so worried about the third-party influence operations and bullying by outsiders that she resigned.

The Spotlight reported, "According to the complaint, Internal emails obtained by The Amistad Project show several other left-leaning political advisors and lawyers involved in deciding Green Bay's internal counting room policy and the city's targeting specific voter demographics favorable to Democrat Party candidates for outreach and voter turnout efforts."

"Private interests dictating how government manages elections ensures public doubt about election outcomes and involves government in playing favorites," Kline explained.

One of the individuals named was James Fitzgerald. He said, "I'm here today for several reasons, but most importantly for integrity, restoring integrity of the elections at the ballot box here in Green Bay."

# Kaardal also confirmed plans to take the allegations to court, especially since the Wisconsin Elections Commission is led by a highly partial chairwoman appointed by Democrats.

Kaardal said the situation "raises serious doubts regarding the objectivity of the commission in conducting an investigation."

In final official results in Wisconsin, Democrat nominee Joe Biden defeated President Donald Trump by 49.6% to 48.9% of the vote, flipping a state that Trump won in 2016.

The CTCL gave about \$6.3 million to the five cities, ostensibly for election administration.

Kaardal said, "What's critical to understand is how legally unauthorized all of this is." https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/shadow-government-ran-election-city-gave-race-private-activist-groups/

#### 100 top executives meet to plot against election-integrity laws

**Pepsi, American Airlines, Starbucks, PayPal, Twitter, Walmart among companies** By <u>Art Moore</u> Published April 12, 2021 at 6:02pm

Building on Democrats' claim that election-integrity laws like Georgia's are intended to suppress the minority vote, more than 100 of the nation's top corporate leaders held a Zoom meeting to organize opposition to similar laws that have been introduced in 47 states.

"The gathering was an enthusiastic voluntary statement of defiance against threats of reprisals for exercising their patriotic voices," said Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, a Yale University management professor who helped organize the event, CBS News reported.

Sonnenfeld said the corporate leaders who met Saturday "recognize that they need to step up to the plate and are not fearful of these reprisals."

"They're showing a disdain for these political attacks. Not only are they fortifying each other, but they see that this spreading of disease of voter restrictions from Georgia to up to possibly 46 other states is based on a false premise and its' anti-democratic," he said.

# Lawmakers in 47 states have introduced 361 bills to bolster election integrity, according to the nonpartisan Brennan Center. Of those, at least 55 are moving through legislatures in 24 states. Georgia's is among five bills that have been signed into law.

Proponents of Georgia's law argue it actually expands ballot access, and other measures are in the U.S. legal mainstream.

Democrats complain that voter ID laws suppress the black vote in particular. But many black leaders consider that notion condescending at best, built on the assumption that blacks lack the ability to obtain a photo ID, which is necessary to function in so many other areas of public life.

Reacting to the corporate confab Saturday, Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., asked on Twitter: "How many of these CEOs that are so concerned that Georgia requires ID to vote are also sponsoring the #GenocideGames in communist China next winter?"

Sonnenfeld said he invited 120 CEOs with about 50 hours notice, "praying" that 25 would show up, CBS reported. But he got 90, along with another 30 invited guests, "including legal experts, technology experts and historians."

Many of the leaders are part of an alliance of more than 1,000 corporations that, in effect, have identified themselves as opponents of election integrity, <u>WND reported last week</u>.

MORE -<u>https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/100-top-executives-meet-plot-election-integrity-laws/</u> [Sounds to me that there are a lot of companies that we who are truly conservative need to avoid if at all possible, particularly Wally's

world and the 'soda jerk' companies(bad for your health anyway). Since most of the airlines demand a mask if you fly, my philosophy is if you can't drive it don't go. – rdb]

#### **Commentary:**

# Forced Masking Is Behavioral Science, Not Medical, And They've Been Playing Us The Whole Time

#### Scott Morefield Posted: Apr 12, 2021 12:01 AM

Most people probably think of epidemiologists as simply doctors who specialize in contagious illness, but that would be only part of the story. Indeed, rather than studying and finding cures for diseases, arguably the most important component of the field is increasingly being viewed as something else entirely - the molding of public behavior. This explains why so many who go into epidemiology hold undergraduate degrees in public health, which focuses on the social and behavioral sciences, instead of the more hard-core sciency stuff studied by their medical doctor peers, like biology or biochemistry.

So when epidemiologists like Dr. Anthony Fauci make pronouncements from on-high, one must always be aware of the motive behind their messaging - to get YOU to do what THEY tell you to do, purportedly in an effort to "stop the spread" of whatever contagion they are fighting. Except, if you do a deep dive into the nature of most of the world's response to today's particular disease du jour, COVID-19, you'll see that little of it ever had to do with actual science or data. Instead, the bulk of it has focused on implementing and forcing the public to comply with certain non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs), like lockdowns and masking, settled upon early on in the pandemic.

While discussing his <u>epic bestseller</u> "Faucian Bargain: The Most Powerful and Dangerous Bureaucrat in American History" with Fox News host Tucker Carlson, radio host Steve Deace <u>described perhaps</u> the most critical 11 days in recent U.S. history:

"On February 28 of last year, Fauci wrote in the New England Journal of Medicine that when he analyzed the data for COVID-19, he thought it would be just about as bad as a pandemic-level flu," said Deace. "And then 11 days later, he went to Congress and told everybody that this was gonna be Captain Trips [the name for the ultra-deadly antigen that exterminates 99.4% of the human population in Stephen King's "The Stand"], and that's what shut the country down."

Citing the known case and infection fatality rates - at around 1.8 percent and .18 percent respectively - Deace described Fauci's "original cautious and modest expectations" as having turned out to be true. "So why did he abandon those for the fear porn we've seen the past year?" he asked. "We must get answers to questions like that ... What changed those 11 days, because it changed the fate of America."

At one point during those 11 days, on March 8, Fauci also gave his now-infamous interview to "60 Minutes" in which he declared that the general public should not "be walking around with a mask." The next month, of course, the CDC did a complete 180-degree reversal, and Fauci later attributed his earlier stand, which was based on sound science and is still provably correct a year later, to a 'noble lie' of sorts, that he was merely saving PPE for healthcare workers. Riiight. As if there wasn't enough T-shirt material, bandanas, and neck gaiters to go around, or something. The 'good' doctor also hilariously <u>claimed</u> that the possibility of asymptomatic spread wasn't "clear" in March, even though the news-following public, including myself, <u>was well aware</u> of the claim as early as January 2020.

No, the man knew the science then, he stated it, and he was right ... then. But, again, something changed. Something happened during February and April/May 2020 that made Anthony Fauci and virtually the entire medical establishment reverse course on how to instruct the public to deal with COVID-19. It wasn't asymptomatic spread. It wasn't 'droplets.' So what was it? Not being privy to any of their discussions, I don't know for sure. But I can render an educated guess, and mine has a lot to do with the last section of this NPR article from April 3, 2020, one of the first major pieces to tout mask use as a way to fight COVID-19:

"And for the others around you, it's a warning. 'It says: Watch out. There's a public health crisis right now, there's a virus going around, we need to be on top guard,' says [Dr. Michael] Klompas. "I think it can actually be a **reinforcer**, **a reminder of the state of crisis that we face in society.**"

Another example comes from this May <u>Health Affairs article</u> about mask use during the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic: "The lessons from the 1918 influenza epidemic for local, state, and federal health officials are clear: Masks must be constructed and worn correctly, wearing masks in public must be part of a comprehensive social distancing strategy, masks are essential for certain care-taking occupations, and the **psychological benefits of seeing everyone wearing masks helps raise awareness about disease transmission**."

By May and most certainly June and beyond, masks had become a tool for compliance, a totem to help 'force' the public to stay afraid and do the things the medical establishment felt would fight the spread of the pandemic. To them, it likely mattered little to nothing whether the masks actually did anything in and of themselves to accomplish this. Sure,

they seized on some bogus one-off hairdresser 'study' and some perceived, cherry-picked correlation in Kansas counties to give a sciency tint to the madness, but the strategy after that was obviously to press on and ignore or dismiss any data to the contrary. Suddenly, in the span of a few weeks, decades of science was tossed aside and "masks work!" became 'settled science' that wasn't to be questioned.

This could explain much of the mixed messaging given over time by the CDC and WHO. In June, when a WHO official <u>said</u> the much-ballyhooed asymptomatic virus spread was "very rare," she was quickly made to backtrack and withdraw her statement. I submit that this wasn't because she was inaccurate, but because the powers-that-be quickly perceived that this information would be a severe blow to those who wanted widespread forced public masking to continue.

More recently, the CDC can't get its <u>own messaging</u> straight. Should vaccinated people travel or should they not? Can they transmit the virus? Hints and statements that they can't are quickly suppressed, and my guess, again, is that the shuffling here has far more to do with their cult-like devotion to masks than anything else. If vaccinated people can travel and aren't transmitting, why should they continue to wear masks? The only conceivable answer is that none of this has ever been about science, only behavior modification.

Viewing it through this lens, you can see the drama play out in stunning detail in the exchanges last month between Sen. Rand Paul, who aptly pointed out the "viral theater" of requiring the vaccinated to continue to mask up, and Fauci, who gets visibly frustrated and increasingly illogical trying to keep the lid on the deception. Weeks later, <u>when asked</u> by MSNBC why states that have lifted mask mandates, like Texas and Mississippi, <u>aren't spiking</u> like New York, Michigan, and other places, Fauci admits, "I'm not really quite sure."

Indeed, from the ridiculous 'masked walk of shame' from the doors of a restaurant past unmasked patrons talking and dining, to the vaccinated being expected to continue masking up indefinitely, to the viral theater of leaders and media figures donning masks for the cameras only to remove them when they think nobody is looking, to the forced muzzling of children despite the fact that they aren't statistically at risk and aren't a major transmission source, all the way to a New Hampshire track coach literally <u>being fired</u> for refusing to force his athletes to wear masks WHILE THEY ARE RUNNING, real science and data have long ago taken a back seat to COVID theater.

Bottom line: Medical science is one thing, behavioral science is quite another. And our overlords, led by epidemiologists like Dr. Anthony Fauci, have been deeply involved in behavioral 'science' for more than a year. Such an approach, however, cannot long coexist with our Constitution or any freedom-loving democracy. It may be a 'noble lie,' but it's still a lie that's being used to manipulate the public on a massive, destructive scale.

(Many thanks to former lobbyist and political consultant Nate Gorman of The Gorman Group for opening my eyes to this paradigm.) <u>https://townhall.com/columnists/scottmorefield/2021/04/12/forced-masking-is-behavioral-science-not-medical-and-theyve-been-playing-us-the-whole-time-n2587746</u>

#### And then...

#### To Save The Republic, Destroy Democrats

#### Derek Hunter Posted: Apr 12, 2021 12:01 AM

One thing enemies of the United States fail to understand is not that we will not be defeated by them, it's that they don't have to waste their time trying. For all the bluster hostile world leaders spew towards us, they've missed the real secret to destroying the United States: they don't have to do anything but wait, Democrats will do it for them.

It's true that many of our enemies would like the bragging rights of being "the one" who did us in, but bragging rights don't really apply when you lose. And they'd lose. Patience is the only tactic that will work for those who'd like to do us harm, and the Democratic Party is their weapon.

There is nothing the Democratic Party is fighting to impose on the country or any tactic they're employing that will actually strengthen our position in the world. Of all the damaging "progressive" ideas they're advancing – profligate spending through the printing of money, taking over of the health care system, destruction of individual liberties, etc. – it is infecting society with critical race theory garbage and identity politics that are doing the most damage.

Democrats have turned victimhood into something to aspire to – it's the Bitcoin of American politics now, the coin of the realm. And who doesn't wish they'd gotten into Bitcoin early?

Now, being a "social justice warrior" can be the fast-track to enormous wealth. One of the co-founders of Black Lives Matter is so oppressed they she picked up a \$1.4 million compound in Los Angeles. So "down with the struggle" that she's moving to an 88 percent white neighborhood. If I had known "helping the poor and oppressed" was so lucrative, I might've tried a different vocation. Meanwhile, every weekend more people are shot in Chicago, including children, they go unremarked upon without even a small piece of that purchase price being broken off as a reward for information to bring those perpetrators to justice.

Sean Combs, known professionally (this week) as "Diddy," is busy painting himself as a victim too. His net worth is \$740 million, and he seems mad that he hasn't achieved the third comma to make him a billionaire. He penned a letter to corporate America demanding they spend more on advertising on "black owned media."

"If you love us, pay us," Combs' letter is titled. He argues that black owned media is owed a bigger slice of what is spent on advertising. "No longer can Corporate America manipulate our community into believing that incremental progress is acceptable action," he whines.

Combs owns "Revolt TV," an awful, wildly unpopular "network," if you can call it that. Without viewers, he feels wronged that companies aren't paying him for ad time like he has an audience. Meanwhile, <u>last July he proudly</u> <u>announced</u>, "THE HONORABLE MINISTER FARRAKHAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE WORLD!!!! TODAY ON" Revolt. If you want to be embraced by corporate America, <u>maybe don't sing the praises of the country's leading</u> <u>racist and anti-Semite</u>?

There are, of course, no downsides to doing so on the left, which means the popular culture now.

Administration officials are chosen for their irrelevant characteristics more than their qualifications. There is no rational explanation for the appointment of someone like <u>Rachel Levine to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human</u> <u>Services</u> other than that she was born Richard Levine, unless you want someone responsible for thousands of deaths in Pennsylvania nursing homes to spread that incompetence nationwide. Unless you want to check a box, virtue signal, and congratulate yourself on how "progressive" you are.

That's what the left is now – the world's longest virtue signal; an emergency flair of wokeness. Reality be damned. And it must be destroyed.

It can't just be beaten, if it's beaten it will be repackaged and be back, it has to be humiliated beyond repair.

Progressivism was dominant at the beginning of the 20th century in both parties – the idea that government, run by elites, knew best how people should live their lives was all the rage. But Germany and Italy's aggression, coupled with the Soviet Union, caused the open embrace of it to recede.

Now it's back, with a vengeance. And it's just as damaging to the cause of liberty as it ever was. What the allies did in World War II, what the United States did in the Cold War, must be done again, domestically this time by voters. Because, make no mistake about it, domestically is from where the greatest threat against this country is coming. https://townhall.com/columnists/derekhunter/2021/04/12/to-save-the-republic-destroy-democrats-n2587737

#### and why not...

#### Why Biden is Erasing America

#### Kevin McCullough | Posted: Apr 11, 2021 1:25 PM

Not even a full four months into office and President\* Biden is desperately attempting to erase America.

This isn't like his former boss' "fundamental transformation" style of change. No President\* Biden is racing at blinding speed to destroy every vestige of our representative republic.

Which in itself is a bit brilliant because those who aren't paying attention believe he is incapable of doing anything faster than eating his lunch time jello.

He's attempting to undo American accountability in elections through his support of HR1. He's attempting to undo our economic foundations with massive printing (read that: devaluing) of our currency. He's attempting to destroy free enterprise and job growth with coming massive tax increases. He's attempting to take away individual liberties with proposed mask mandates, and desired lockdowns. He supports any attempt to end the Senate filibuster—in order to push through horrific laws by the thinnest margins ever attempted. He's attempting to overwhelm our security at our borders by encouraging 100's of 1000's of unverifiable persons of unknown origins to cross our borders without scrutiny nor penalty. He wants the police weakened. He is pledging to take guns away from law abiding owners. And he wants to pervert the justice system so dramatically that the Constitution becomes unrecognizable.

Friday was his latest strategic ploy. By signing what seems as though might be his 500th executive order, he officially commenced a process to attempt to "reform the Supreme Court."

His basis for why?

Because the judicial system is "out of whack."

Which I can only presume is very technical language for, "my executive orders appear to be headed for trouble once they are challenged."

This is a legitimate worry to someone who is illegitimately writing laws as a dictator and expecting the plebs to kneel in obedience. One of his predecessor's most pronounced accomplishments was placing hundreds of originalist jurists at every level of the federal courts.

Shockingly President\* Biden's former boss had left hundreds of vacancies open, and President Trump plugged the

holes in a little over three years.

The left witnessed how quickly the progressive agenda can be stopped in a healthy constitutional republic. It's why they exploited the CoVid19 crisis to change election standards by any means necessary in swing states. And it's why they are calling every election reform attempting to bring transparency and integrity back to the process as "racist."

They literally have nothing else.

They didn't win the state assemblies in 2020. They lost seats in the House of Representatives. They lost Gubernatorial seats. And they only gained the Senate by relying on the same faulty election system in the State of Georgia that had corrupted the Presidential race only a handful of weeks earlier.

President\* Biden and the puppet master who controls him knows it is a short runway to 2022. America has too many checks and balances in the way she was created. Therefore erasing America, by erasing that transparency, accountability, and integrity is the only option to create the top down government controlled dream they've always thirsted for.

Short of a violent overthrow, the removal of the checks and balances is the fastest way forward. And unlike Cuba & Venezuela—Americans own in excess of 300,000,000 firearms.

He may talk slow, genuinely appear confused and dazed, but beneath the Mr. Magoo act is a machine keenly aimed at and doing away with everything we hold dear.

It is time that Americans who truly cherish the God-given freedoms we've always enjoyed engage. Get active. Refuse to roll over. Defend the integrity of the good.

I pray daily that we still have enough will power to turn the tide.

But no one can say they weren't warned.

They are attempting it in plain sight.

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#### Elkin on protesters outside his home: A group of lunatics

New Hope MK furious after Netanyahu supporters demonstrate outside his home.

Hezki Baruch , Apr 13 , 2021 1:58 AM

New Hope MK Ze'ev Elkin on Monday evening responded to a demonstration that was held outside his home calling for him to support the formation of a right-wing government led by Benjamin Netanyahu.

"For the information of the group of lunatics who came tonight to demonstrate near my house on behalf of Netanyahu, who frightened my five-year-old girl, shouted at her that her father was a leftist and a criminal and demanded that my wife go out to them: Thank you for the reminder of what the outture of discourse looks like today in the home to which you are unsing me to return Mr. Prime Minister thank

**culture of discourse looks like today in** the home, to which you are urging me to return. Mr. Prime Minister, thank you for the additional encouragement to work towards a government of change," said Elkin.

Meanwhile, *Channel 12 News* reported on Monday evening that Likud officials approached New Hope chairman Gideon Sa'ar and offered to appoint him as President, in the hope that, as a result, the members of his parties would be scattered everywhere, with some of them joining Netanyahu.

Sa'ar rejected the proposal, according to the report. The Likud denied that such an offer was made. <u>https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/304232</u>

#### Hikind: The ADL should just officially fold into the Democratic Party

Former New York State Assemblyman blasts ADL's hypocrisy in condemning racism and anti-Semitism only when it comes from the right.

Arutz Sheva Staff, Apr 13, 2021 12:08 AM

Former New York State Assemblyman and founder of Americans Against Anti-Semitism, Dov Hikind, on Monday fired back at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) after it called for Fox News host Tucker Carlson to be dismissed over a controversial claim regarding illegal immigration.

"Ever since a member of the Obama administration, Jonathan Greenblatt, took over as leader of the ADL, their stance on racism and anti-Semitism has been politicized," Hikind said in a video posted to social media.

"Yes, there's a White Supremacist conspiracy theory called 'The Great Replacement' but that is about minority races replacing the white race. Tucker Carlson spoke of non-citizens being brought in large numbers to dilute the voting power of all citizens, regardless of color," he added.

"Greenblatt's attack on Carlson is nothing but a politicized witch hunt meant to neutralize another prominent Conservative," continued Hikind. "When the alleged racism or anti-Semitism comes from someone on the left, or a minority, the ADL calls them to get educated."

Noting the incident in which Saturday Night Live host Michael Che joked that Israel only vaccinated "the Jewish half" of its population, Hikind pointed out that in this case, "the ADL didn't come for his job. They didn't even get an apology from NBC. But when the alleged racism comes from someone on the right, 'off with their heads!' Leftists get schooled, rightists get cancelled."

"One can disagree with [Carlson's] position, but he can't be made into a racist because of it. At this point, the ADL should just officially fold into the Democratic Party because they seem to be doing their exclusive bidding," said Hikind. https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/304231

#### Bill: Rivlin to remain President until replacement is elected

Yesh Atid proposes bill to keep Pres. Rivlin in office, even after term ends, until Knesset elects replacement. Tags: <u>President Reuven Rivlin Reuven Rivlin</u>

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The center-left Yesh Atid party is working to ensure that Israeli President Reuven Rivlin will remain in his seat until a new president is elected, Israel Hayom reported. The bill, which will be submitted Tuesday to the Knesset by MK Boaz Toporovsky (Yesh Atid), aims to avoid a situation in which Rivlin's responsibilities will be transferred to Knesset Speaker Yariv Levin (Likud).

"In order to prevent a lacuna in which the Knesset Speaker has the power to prevent a new president from beginning his term...it is proposed that as long as this is the situation, the outgoing President will continue to serve until a new president begins his term," the bill states.

Toporovsky added that the bill was not submitted for personal reasons: "It is not personal, but comes to prevent elected officials from making an embarrassment of the process of electing a president, taking control of his responsibilities, and misusing them against the opinion of the majority." MORE - . <u>https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/304250</u>

#### MK Yakov Asher: 'Knesset paralysis is only due to personal boycotts'

# MK Yakov Asher calls on Knesset members to stop baseless hatred, end Knesset paralysis. 'We've turned hatred into a tool to be used for almost anything.'

Michal Levi, Apr 13, 2021 12:18 P

MK Yakov Asher (United Torah Judaism) spoke in a Knesset session about the political issues which have been paralyzing the Knesset.

"It is all because of personal boycotts and baseless hatred," he said. "During these days of counting the Omer, we need to add in baseless love."

There are seven weeks, or 49 days, between the second day of Passover and Shavuot, the Holiday of Weeks. Jews count each of these days, and on the fiftieth day celebrate Shavuot. This "counting" period is called Sefirat Ha'omer, or the Counting of the Omer.

"We are currently counting the Omer, during which Rabbi Akiva's students died as punishment for a lack of love towards each other," Asher said. "Rabbi Akiva taught us to 'love your fellow as yourself' because that is a major rule in the Torah. But we have reached a situation in which not only do we not add in love for each other, but we have turned the hatred into a tool, so to speak, to be used for almost anything."

Regarding the current situation, in which the Knesset is essentially paralyzed, Asher said: "The Knesset is not functioning, only due to personal boycotts. It is happening because the discourse is not focusing on world views, right or left, a Jewish state or not, it's all personal boycotts and baseless hatred. For this we have paid a very high price, and today the price is that public systems are paralyzed and cannot help the citizen MORE - https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/304264 [Great parallel. Will they learn from the past? – rdb]

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